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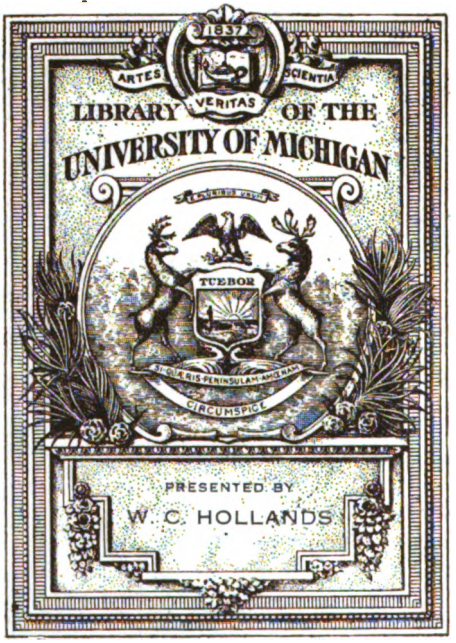

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,



FOR THE YEAR 1867.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry

Of the State of Michigan.

1867.

"A convention will be held in the city of Adrian, Michigan, on the 30th day of October, inst., (1867) for the purpose of organizing an Eastern Star Grand Lodge for the State of Michigan."

A FULL ATTENDANCE IS REQUESTED.

The above call was signed by the officers and some of the members representing the following lodges: Adrian, Jackson, Sturgis, Coldwater, Constantine, Palmyra, Fairfield, Colon, Manchester, Burr Oak, Bronson and Rochester.

CHAPTER ROOM,
ADRIAN, October 30, 1867.

In pursuance of previous call, a convention of Eastern Star Lodges met at 2 o'clock P. M., and, upon motion of J. W. Finch, Bro. W. L. Wood of Bronson, was appointed temporary chairman, and, O. M. Eddy, of Adrian, Secretary *pro tem*, of the Convention.

On motion of Bro. Tatem, a committee of six was appointed to examine Credentials, consisting of Bros. Tatem, of Adrian, Haight, of Manchester, Fuller, of Bronson, and Sisters Lowe, of Hudson, Gillespie, of Jackson, and Smith, of Palmyra.

On motion of Bro. Tatem, a committee of two was appointed to prepare rules for the government of delegates, consisting of Bros. Finch, of Adrain, and Crofoot, of Rochester.

Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

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Convention convened pursuant to adjournment.

The committee to draft rules for the government of the Convention reported as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN—Your committee, appointed to draft rules for the government of this convention, beg leave, to report the following for your consideration:

1. No person, not a delegate, shall be allowed to speak on any subject without the consent of a majority of the delegates present.

2. Any person rising to speak on any subject, shall first address the chair.

3. All delegates shall be seated in a body, as near the chair as possible.

4. In the absence of special provisions, the Convention shall be governed by strictly parlimentary usages.

Your committee would also beg leave to report that this Convention was called to draft work that might be uniform throughout the State, and to prescribe rules for the government of the same, and we believe that all persons participating in its deliberations should be bound by its decisions. We would therefore propose for the consideration of this Convention the following obligation, to be subscribed to by each person, before they be accredited as delegates.

We would also recommend that the following committees be appointed:

Committee on form of Charter and Dispensation.

Committee on Constitution.

Committee on Ways and Means.

Committee on Ritual.

Committee on Grand Lodge Seal.

J. W. FINCH,
E. W. CROFOOT,
Committee.

OBLIGATION TO BE SUBSCRIBED BY DELEGATES.

I, A. B., do solemnly declare, upon my honor as an Adoptive Mason, that I will abide by the proceedings of this Convention, in the formation of a Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masons for the State of Michigan, and, when formed, do bind myself to abide by its Constitution, laws and edicts so long as I remain a member of a Lodge of Adoptive Masons in this State, or, patronize their Assemblies. So help me God.

[The above obligation was signed by sixty of the delegates present.]

The report of the committee above was presented to the Convention, and, after some discussion by several members upon the obligation to be signed, was adopted by sections, separately, as the report of the committee, and the committee discharged.

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On motion, the Committee on Credentials was allowed further time to report.

Convention adjourned until 7½ o'clock P. M.

Convention called to order at 7½ o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates from the different lodges:

ROCHESTER—Bro. Crofoot. No. of members, 50.

ADRIAN—Sisters Kimberly, Eldredge, Knapp, Rice; Bros. Sammons, Eldredge, King, Finch, Tatem, Eddy, Kimball. No. of members, 120.

BRONSON—Sisters Fuller, Waite, Clark; Bros. Wood, Fuller. No. of members, 58.

PALMYRA—Sisters Smith, Crane, Hoxie; Bros. Smith, Freeman, Crane, Hoxie. No. of members, 40.

MEDINA—Sisters Power, Rice; Bros. Power, Higby, Palmer. No. of members, 75.

OSSEO—Sisters Fitch, Rumsey, Hinkle; Bros. Hinkle, Rumsey. No. of members, 70.

FAIRFIELD—Sisters Pierce, Wyman, Nash, Nicholson; Bros. Grandy, Nicholson. No. of members, 90.

JACKSON—Sisters Gillespie, Barker, Dyer, Hulin; Bro. Tomlinson. No. of members, 15.

MANCHESTER—Sisters Haight, A. Case, Albert Case, Albina Case, Crofts, Spencer; Bro. Haight. No. of members, 45.

COLDWATER—Sisters Woodruff, Hill, Purinton, Mansfield; Bros. Purinton, Mansfield. No. of members, 72.

STURGIS—Sisters Peck, Morse. No. of members, 70.

CONSTANTINE—Sisters Lindsly, Thomas, Burrows; Bro. Burrows. No. of members, 41.

BURR OAK—Sister Bordner; Bro. Bordner. No. of members, 40.

JONESVILLE—Sisters Goff, Martin. No. of members, 40.

MORENCI—Sister Todd. No. of members, 50.

On motion of Bro. Tatem, Bro. J. W. Finch, of Adrian, was appointed permanent Chairman of the convention.

On motion of Bro. Fuller, Bro. Ira C. Haight, of Manchester, was appointed permanent Secretary, and by motion of N. B. Eldredge, Sister Waite, of Bronson, was added as permanent Assistant Secretary.

On motion, Sister Mansfield, of Coldwater, was appointed Assistant Chairman.

On motion, Bros. Wood and Eldredge and Sister Morse were appointed a committee to ascertain what standing committees were necessary for the Convention, which Committee reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of appointment of standing committees for the Convention, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report the following:

1. A committee to draft and prepare a constitution for the consideration of the Convention, consisting of three.
2. Committee of three on Ways and Means.
3. Committee of three on Form of Charter and Dispensation.

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4. Committee of one delegate from each lodge represented, on form of Ritual.

5. Committee on Grand Lodge Seal, to consist of three.

W. L. WOOD,
N B. ELDREDGE, } Committee.
EMMA MORSE,

On motion, the above report was accepted and adopted, and the several committees recommended were appointed, as follows:

Committee on Constitution—Bros. N. B. Eldredge, D. B. Purinton; Sister M. G. Peck.

Committee on Ways and Means—Bro. J. C. Palmer; Sisters Hill and Thomas.

Committee on Form of Charter and Dispensation—Bros. J. H. Tatem, W. L. Wood; Sister Haight.

Committee on Ritual—Sister Fitch, of Osseo; Bro. Grandy, of Fairfield; Sister Arthur Case, of Manchester; Sister M. G. Peck, of Sturgis; Sister M. A. Goff, of Jonesville; Sister Purinton, of Coldwater; Sister Lindsly, of Constantine; Bro. Crofoot, of Rochester; Bro. Tatem, of Adrian; Bro. Fuller, of Bronson; Bro. Palmer, of Medina; Sister Smith, of Palmyra; Sister Bordner, of Burr Oak; Sister Gillespie, of Jackson,

Committee on Grand Lodge Seal—Bros. Fuller, Kimball; Sister Burrows.

On motion of Bro. Eldredge, this organization shall be known as "THE GRAND LODGE OF ADOPTIVE MASONRY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN."

On motion of Bro. Eldredge, the names of the officers of the Grand Lodge were adopted as follows:

Grand Worthy President.
Grand Vice President.
Grand Secretary.
Grand Treasurer.
Grand Chaplain.
Grand First Patron.
Grand Second Patron.
Grand Third Patron.
Grand Fourth Patron.
Grand Fifth Patron.
Grand Guard.
Grand Sentinel.
Grand Lecturer.

On motion, it was determined that the sum of ten dollars be charged for each charter, and the sum of five dollars for each dispensation, said five dollars to be applied on charter when granted.

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On motion, a committee of six ladies was appointed to decide on suitable form of regalia for Grand Lodge officers, which committee consisted of Sisters Eldredge, Clark, Smith, Rice, Woodruff and Burrows.

On motion, the dues of subordinate lodges to the Grand Lodge were fixed as follows:

For each initiation - - - - - - - - 25 cents.

For each member - - - - - - - - - 10 cents.

The report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Seal was presented to the Convention with a diagram for the same, which report was accepted and adopted, and, on motion, Bro. R. Kimball was appointed as a committee to procure the same.

On motion, Bro. Mansfield, of Coldwater, was added to the Committee on Constitution.

On motion, it was made the special order for to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, that the different works of Adoptive Masonry be exemplified, but by request on account of the expected absence of some of the parties necessary, the Medina Lodge (with the assistance of other sisters present) exemplified the work used by them this evening.

Convention adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

OCTOBER 31st, 9 A. M.

Convention called to order by Assistant Chairman pursuant to adjournment.

The Adrian Lodge proceeded to exemplify the ritual as compiled and published by J. H. Tatem. First, in the initiatory service, after which the Eastern Star Degree was worked through, which passed off very pleasantly.

On motion, Sisters Goff and Bordner were added to the Committee on Ritual.

On motion, Bros. Tatem, Crofoot and Mansfield were appointed as a committee to draft by-laws.

Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M.

Convention called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. by the Chairman.

The Committee on Constitution made their report, which report was accepted and the committee discharged, and upon second reading, the same was adopted by sections. [See constitution and by-laws as printed.]

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations presented their report, and submitted forms to the Convention, which report was accepted and adopted and committee discharged.

The Committee on By-Laws presented their report, with draft of by-

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laws, which report was accepted and committee discharged, and upon second reading the same was adopted by section. [See constitution and by-laws as printed.]

The Committee on Regalia reported as follows:

For Grand Worthy President—Royal purple silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe, fastened with a star; emblem, gold crossed gavels.

Grand Vice President—Royal purple silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with Gold fringe; emblem, three stars fastened with star.

Grand Secretary—Dark blue silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold crossed pens fastened with star.

Grand Treasurer—Light blue silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold crossed keys fastened with star.

Grand Conductor—Long silk sash, of the five colors, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold crossed rods fastened with star.

Grand First Patron—Blue silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold sword fastened with star.

Grand Second Patron—Yellow silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold sheaf.

Grand Third Patron—White silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold crown and scepter.

Grand Fourth Patron—Green silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold joined hands.

Grand Chaplain—White silk sash, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold open Bible.

Grand Guard—Cherry silk velvet, lined with white silk, trimmed with gold fringe.

Grand Sentinel—Cherry silk velvet, lined with white satin, trimmed with gold fringe; emblem, gold crossed swords.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Regalia was accepted and adopted, and committee discharged.

The Committee on Ritual presented their report, submitting the work as published by J. H. Tatem, with some changes, which report was accepted and adopted, and committee discharged.

Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock P. M.

Convention called to order pursuant to adjournment.

The election of grand officers being the special order, the Chairman appointed Bro. Grandy, of Fairfield, and Sister Bordner, of Burr Oak, as

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tellers, and proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Grand Worthy President—Martha G. Lindsly, Constantine.
Grand Vice President—David Bovee, Coldwater.
Grand Secretary—Ira C. Haight, Manchester.
Grand Treasurer—Mrs. J. H. Tatem, Adrian.
Grand Lecturer—J. H. Tatem, Adrian.
Grand Conductor—M. Arabella Gillespie, Jackson.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. Mr. Corson, Jonesville.
Grand First Patron—Emma Morse, Sturgis.
Grand Second Patron—F. A. Waite, Bronson.
Grand Third Patron—N. B. Pierce, Fairfield.
Grand Fourth Patron—Sister Whitney, Rochester.
Grand Fifth Patron—Sister M. D. Bordner, Burr Oak.
Grand Guard—Mrs. L. L. Todd, Morenci.
Grand Sentinel—O. M. Eddy, Adrian.

The following resolutions were presented, and, on motion, were accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge authorize and empower the Grand Secretary to furnish all the subordinate lodges who have been represented in this Convention with charters, if called for within five months from this date; also Colon and Buchanan lodges, now working under our instructions, by paying the fees required.

Resolved, That the G. W. P. may authorize the Grand Lecturer to confer the degrees of Adoptive Masonry upon two Master Masons and ten ladies, entitled to receive these degrees, in any place where it may be desired previous to forming a new lodge, provided they shall not reside in the same city, village or township, where a lodge already exists.

On motion, the following members of the Coldwater delegation were appointed as a committee to procure regalia: Sisters Purinton, Hill and Mansfield; Bros. Purinton, Mansfield and Bovee.

On motion, the Grand Lodge officers were duly installed, Bro. W. L. Wood acting as Grand Worthy President.

The Grand Lodge then had the pleasure of listening to Bro. N. B. Eldredge, of Adrian, in a few able and instructive remarks, relative to the duties and obligations of Adoptive Masons.

On motion, a vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Finch and Sister Mansfield for the able manner in which they had conducted the Convention, organizing this Grand body.

On motion, the following resolutions were accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge make it incumbent on all members of subordinate lodges to take the obligations as prescribed in the Ritual, and adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That all the subordinate lodges within this jurisdiction be

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requested not to admit any person as a visitor who is not vouched for as a member in good standing in some subordinate lodge.

The Committee on Ways and Means made their report, as follows:

They would recommend that the subordinate lodgesalready organized, be requested to send their money to the Grand Secretary, for charters, as soon as convenent, and that said money be used to pay the expenses of this Convention and Grand Lodge.

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and committee discharged.

On motion, the Committee on Regalia were also to procure a suitable banner for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The lodge was then called off to meet at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

NOVEMBER, 1st., 9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor by the G. W. P.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized to audit the accounts and settle the same, made or incurred in publishing the proceedings, and in organizing this Grand Lodge, and report the same at our next regular meeting.

IRA C. HAIGHT, Grand Secretary.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry.

OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

1868.

MASONIC HALL,
COLDWATER, MICH., Oct. 7th, 1868.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan commenced its annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, at Coldwater, Michigan, on the 7th of October, A. D., 1868, at 12 o'clock, M.

Present—Grand Worthy President, Grand Vice President, J. D. Van Duyn as Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductor, Grand First Patron, Grand Second Patron, Grand Third Patron, Grand Fourth Patron, Sister Selby as Grand Fifth Patron, Grand Guard, Grand Sentinel, Grand Lecturer.

Bro. Finch and Sisters Beebe and Shepard were appointed as committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 1 o'clock P. M., when the officers, delegates and visitors were refreshed by a bountiful supply of edibles, served by the sisters of the Coldwater Lodge, in the banquet rooms adjoining their lodge room.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1 P. M.

The Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by the Grand Worthy President.

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On motion it was resolved that all duly affiliated members of Eastern Star Lodges be invited to attend the session of this Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented, and the following sister and brother members of the Grand Lodge in attendance, to wit:

No. 1—ROCHESTER—Not represented.

No. 2—ADRIAN—Sister Recklau W. P.; J. W. Finch, V. P.; Mrs. J. I. Knapp, delegate.

No. 3—COLDWATER—E. C. McCrea, W. P.; M. Mansfield, proxy for V. P.; Sarah C. Marsh, delegate.

No. 4—BRONSON—M. E. Lloyd, W. P.; D. Monroe, V. P.; M. A. Shepard, delegate.

No. 5—CONSTANTINE—Mary Horton, delegate.

No. 6—STURGIS—E. M. Pendleton, W. P.; Julius A. Bidwell, delegate.

No. 7—MANCHESTER—J. Van Duyn, delegate.

No. 8—JACKSON—M. Arabella Gillespie, delegate.

No. 9—BURR OAK—Mrs. E. D. Stillman, Margaret Selby, delegates.

No. 10—FAIRFIELD—Sarah E. Pierce, W. P.; F. Grandy, V. P.; Mrs. L. Wyman, delegate.

No. 11—PALMYRA—Maria M. Smith, W. P.; A. E. Crane, delegate.

No. 12—Morenci—L. L. Todd, W. P.; W. A. Mace, V. P.; Hattie E. Hill, delegate.

No. 13—BUCHANAN—H. N. Morey W. P.; B. E. Binns, V. P.; J. E. Binns, delegate.

No. 14—OSSEO—L. L. Rumsey, W. P.; Samuel B. Huntington, V. P.

COOPER—Mrs. Mary Snyder, W. P.

COLON—Alvira Beebe, W. P.; Ann Baxter, Payson Whitman, delegates.

LINDEN—Not Represented.

ROMEO—E. A. Teall, V. P.

EAST SAGINAW—W. Fitzgerald, delegate.

SOUTH SAGINAW—J. S. Rouse, V. P.

FOWLERVILLE—M. M. Dundruff, W. P.; G. W. Dundruff, delegate.

OWOSSO—C. E. Shattuck, W. P.; W. A. Osborn, V. P.

PINCKNEY—W. H. Martin, delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. FINCH,
A. A. SHEPARD,
E. A. BEEBE } Committee.

The report of the committee, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Worthy President then presented her annual address to the Lodge, as follows:

Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Lodge:

Another year, with its varied plans, hopes and disappointments, has passed away, and we, by permission of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, in whose hands are the issues of Life aud Death, and to whom our thanksgiving is ever due, are again assembled in general convocation (as required by our constitution), to deliberate upon the order of Adoptive Masonry, and to devise measures for its continued prosperity and usefulness. To this important work we are about to consecrate for a short time our energies, and our talents; and may our minds be so enlightened by heavenly

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wisdom that our labors may be acceptable to God, and conduce to our present and future happiness. I rejoice with you, my sisters and brothers, that during the year that has passed we have not been called upon to clothe our jewels in badges of mourning, or to weep over the loss of any of our number, but through the goodness of God we are permitted at this annual gathering to meet each other and exchange fraternal greetings.

As your chief officer, it becomes my duty to lay before you a brief account of such matters of business as may have fallen under my supervision and direction during the year, and of my action thereon.

At the last meeting of this grand body, charters were granted to the following named lodges: Rochester, No. 1; Adrian, No. 2; Coldwater, No. 3; Bronson, No. 4; Constantine, No. 5; Sturgis, No. 6; Manchester, No. 7; Jackson, No. 8; Burr Oak, No. 9; Fairfield, No. 10; Palmyra, No. 11; Morenci, No. 12; Buchanan, No. 13; Osseo, No. 14. I have granted dispensations to form new lodges in the following named places: Parma and Fowlerville, March 22; East Saginaw, March 28; South Saginaw, April 21; Cooper, Pinckney and Colon, May 23; Linden, August 8; Romeo, Sept. 1. I presume these lodges will bring up their work for your inspection, and will pray for charters for permanent lodges in their respective localities. If they prove themselves worthy, I would recommend that you grant them charters. I would here suggest to you the propriety of extending the dispensation of Pinckney Lodge, as they have not been able to organize, in consequence of smallpox raging in their midst during the summer. I would recommend that their dispensation be extended to the next meeting of this grand body.

On the 29th of March, I received a communication from our Grand Secretary, Bro. Haight, containing his resignation of that office, and recommending Bro. J. D. Van Duyn as a suitable person to fill the vacancy. I accordingly appointed Bro. J. D. Van Duyn to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Bro. Haight, and on the 3d of April I received Bro. Van Duyn's letter of acceptance.

Various questions have been submitted to me for my consideration and decision, all of which I have disposed of to the best of my judgment, being governed in every case by a desire to promote the best interest of our order.

I would recommend for your consideration the necessity of a funeral service for the use of our order; also a badge to be worn on funeral occasions. It appears very important to me that we have uniformity in all our badges in this respect. I would also call your attention to the utility of having a jurisdiction, by which subordinate lodges may be governed in receiving petitions.

Another subject to which I would call your attention is the publication of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. On the 19th of March, I received a communication from our Grand Secretary, Bro. Haight, asking my opinion in regard to having the proceedings of our last meeting printed, saying that previous to that time he had not had funds sufficient to pay for it, but at that time he had funds sufficient to justify him in having it done. It appeared necessary to me that it should be done, and, feeling sure that it would meet the approbation of a majority of this grand body, I instructed him to have it done at once, but, in consequence of his resignation taking place in a very few days after receiving my instructions, he did not have it done. I would here suggest to you the propriety of having the proceedings of our last meeting and this meeting published in one book.

I regret very much that I have not been able to visit as many of the

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Lodges as it would have been my pleasure to do, but I have corresponded with nearly all of them, and I believe they are all in a flourishing condition. When we take into consideration the many difficulties we have had to contend with, as an order, I feel that we have reason to rejoice to-day, in view of our prosperity throughout the State. We still have opposition to contend with, and the only way in which we shall be able to meet it successfully is to exemplify the teachings of our order by an upright walk and conversation, and thereby prove to the world that we are laboring for the glory of God, and the benefit of our fellow creatures.

As an order we are yet in our infancy, and we need skillful workers in every lodge in order that this beautiful institution of Adoptive Masonry may accomplish the end for which it was designed. Let us bear in mind that it is in the quality, not in the numbers, that our value and strength consists, and guard well the outer door, and see that none be permitted to enter but such as are truly worthy to be initiated into the mysteries of our Mystic Family. The whole system of our order is well calculated for the improvement of our minds, the increase of morality and the extension of charity, benevolence and fraternal love. Let us aim in all our conduct to check the evil surmise and stop the voice of slander by which this beautiful order is yet unjustly assailed by those who know not its beauty, its charms or its utility. So will we honor our order and reap its best benefits, and by our example exert a good influence upon the world around us, and at last, under the guidance of Christian faith, we may enter into that rest which is prepared for the people of God.

Before closing this communication, I desire to return my thanks to this Grand Lodge for their kindness to me, and particularly to the officers with whom I have corresponded, for the prompt and courteous manner in which they have answered my inquiries and attended to my requests.

Sisters and brothers of this Grand Lodge, one year ago I was called upon by your votes to preside over this body and guard at its head the best interests of our order. I accepted the trust with great fear of the responsibility attached to it, but with pride at such a mark of your confidence and esteem. In the performance of my official duties I may have committed errors of judgment, but I have conscientiously endeavored to advance the interest of the order, and my heart has ever been faithful and devoted to its holy principles.

The high office I received from you I am about to yield to you again. If my course has been such as to meet your approbation, my highest ambition is achieved, and I trust on the floor, to meet that esteem which elevated me to office, and which is more gratifying to me than the highest official honors.

MARTHA G. LINDSLY, G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. Finch, a committee of three, consisting of J. H. Tatem, D. D. Stillman and Mary A. Horton, were appointed to divide the address of the Grand Worthy President, for reference to appropriate committees.

The committee thus appointed reported as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Worthy President beg leave to report the following:

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So much as relates to the funeral services, is already in the hands of a committee, and we recommend that they report at this session of the Grand Lodge.

So much as relates to funeral badges, we would recommend that a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report at this session; that portion relating to jurisdiction to be referred to a committee of three.

So much as relates to the publication of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge be referred to a committee of one, whose duty it shall be to render the Grand Secretary such assistance as may be necessary in the publication of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. TATEM, }
D. D. STILLMAN, } Committee.
MARY A. HORTON, }

The report of the committee having been accepted and adopted, the Grand Worthy President appointed the following committees in pursuance with the report, and in accordanee with the by-laws:

On Funeral Badge—Sisters Peck, Drew and Horton.

On Jurisdiction—Bro. Monroe, and Sisters Kimberly and Marsh.

On assisting Grand Secretary in Publishing Proceedings—Bro. J. H. Tatem.

On Returns—Bro. Bemis, and Sisters Adams and Clark.

On Ritual—Bros. Grandy, Bovee and Monroe, and Sisters Todd, Smith and Rumsey.

On Charters and Dispensations—Bro. Finch, and Sisters Wyman and Ellis.

On Grievances—Bros. Finch and Bovee, and Sister Smith.

On motion of Bro. Tatem, all representatives having applied for charters, to be entitled to seats and a vote at this session, except on charters and dispensations.

The lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

Lodge called from refreshment to labor by the G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. E. A. Teall, the following resolution was accepted and adopted:

Whereas, New business and questions of greater or less importance will arise during the session, and many of the members having suggestive questions, etc., to lay before the Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed as a Committee of New Business, to whom such matters shall be referred without action of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to revise and report upon the same from time to time, and the Lodge may then adopt or reject its recommendations, as it deems proper.

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The G. W. P. appointed as such committee Bro. Teall and Sisters Stillman and Purinton.

On motion of Bro. Tatem, the matter of a form of prayer for the opening and closing of this and subordinate lodges was referred to the Committee on Rituals.

On motion of Bro. Mansfield, the matter referring to a grip and test oath for subordinate lodges was referred to the Committee on Ritual.

The following amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge was submitted for the action of the Grand Lodge at its next annual meeting:

ARTICLE III, SECTION 5.—To be added thereto the words "who shall be furnished with proper credentials."

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1.—To be amended so as to read in the last sentence, "For initiation and membership, one black ball rejects, but the W. P., to avoid mistakes may permit the ballot to be passed a second time."

ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7.—To be added thereto the words "which shall be submitted to this Grand Lodge for inspection and approval at its first annual meeting after such by-laws have been formed."

The Grand Worthy President then called the Lodge from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 A. M.

The Grand Worthy President called the Lodge from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Regalia made the following report:

To the Worthy President, Matrons and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

The committee appointed at your last annual session to procure regalia for the officers of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report that they have performed that duty, and would present the following account as an exhibit of cost of material for the same:

For silk ribbon, etc.	$64 17
For lace and fringe	21 08
For emblems	56 60
For stars	4 40
Total cost	$146 25
The committee have received from the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge	$86 00
Leaving a balance due the committee of	$60 25

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. B. PURINTON,
D. C. PURINTON,
D. A. HILL,
A. MANSFIELD,
D. BOVEE,
M. MANSFIELD,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Finch, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and a warrant ordered to be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for $60 25, balance due on regalia.

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And on motion of Bro. Tatem, it was ordered that the Committee of those ladies who performed the labor on regalia be allowed a present of five dollars each, either in money or in some kind of present, to be procured by themselves, and paid for by this Grand Lodge, for the prompt execution of their duty.

Bro. Tatem presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we deem it for the best interest of the subordinate lodges that they hold their election of officers annually.

Which resolution, on motion, was accepted and adopted:

The Committee on Ritual made their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy President, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry, State of Michigan:

The Committee on Ritual beg leave to report that they have had the various subjects referred to them under consideration and respectfully submit the following:

The committee think there are several inaccuracies in the ritual, but it could not be perfected by them in the short time allowed them at this session, and would recommend the appointment of a committee of three, to whom all alterations and suggestions be referred, and that said committee be instructed to make a thorough revision of the work and report at the next annual meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The committee would recommend the adoption of a test obligation, to be administered to visitors previous to their examination.

On motion of Bro. Tatem an obligation was adopted.

(A copy of this obligation can be obtained on application of the proper officer of the subordinate lodges, from the Grand Secretary.)

The committee would not recommend the adoption of any grip, believing that we have ample means of recognition without it, and that the interest of the order would not be promoted by it.

The committee would also recommend the adoption of the following forms of prayer for opening and closing subordinate lodges, to be used by Worthy Presidents at their discretion when there is no Chaplain present.

OPENING.

May the Divine blessing attend this meeting, so happily begun. May its deliberations be conducted with harmony and closed in peace. Amen.

CLOSING.

May the blessing of God rest upon us and all Adoptive Masons wheresoever dispersed. May fraternal love prevail and every moral and social virtue unite us in peace and fellowship. Amen.

The committee would also recommend that the funeral service proposed be referred to the Committee on Ritual for revision.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. M. SMITH,
A. L. TODD.
L. L. RUMSEY,
F. GRANDY,
D. BOVEE,
D. MONROE,
} Committee.

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On motion, the report of the Committee on Ritual was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Worthy President appointed as committee recommended in the above report, Bros. Grandy and Bovee and Sister Ellis.

On motion of Bro. Mansfield, Jackson, Michigan, was designated as the place of holding our next annual session.

The Committee on Funeral Badges reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy President, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of Michigan:

The Committee on badge for funeral occasions beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and respectfully submit the following:

The badge to be a rosette made of black and white crape, box plated and in alternate rows, the outside one being white; the rosette to be worn upon the left breast.

M. J. PECK,
MARY A. DREW,
MARY A. HORTON, } Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

The committee on examination of returns have examined the same and find them correct as follows:

Rochester Lodge	$ 5 85
Cooper Star Lodge	8 55
Saginaw Lodge	6 75
Palmyra Lodge	6 40
Romeo Lodge	4 80
Morenci Lodge	10 55
Buchanan Lodge	6 80
Osseo Lodge	6 60
South Saginaw Lodge	6 75
Adrian Lodge	13 05
Coldwater Lodge	17 65
Bronson Lodge	11 35
Constantine Lodge	11 12
Linden Lodge	1 30
Fowlerville Lodge	4 50
Sturgis Lodge	10 75
Manchester Lodge	8 95
Jackson Lodge	6 90
Burr Oak Lodge	5 85
Fairfield Lodge	17 30
Colon Lodge	7 70
Owosso Lodge	4 20
Total	$182 67

Your committee further recommend that there be a committee of three appointed as Finance Committee, to ascertain the distance (as near as possible) from each subordinate lodge to this place in order to determine the amount due each representative of the subordinate lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. BINNS,
SISTER CLARK,
SISTER ADAMS } Committee.

The report of the committee having been accepted and adopted, Bro. Mansfield and Sisters Knapp and Snyder were appointed as a committee recommended in the above report.

On motion of Bro. Grandy, that part of the report of the Committee on Ritual relating to funeral service was re-considered, and on motion was left

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in the hands of the Coldwater Lodge to perfect and cause the same to be printed.

The reports of Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer were submitted as follows, and referred to the Finance Committee:

Grand Lodge A. M. of Michigan, in account with Ira C. Haight, G. S. April 1st, 1868—

By receipts from charters to the following Lodges:

Rochester, Adrian, Coldwater, Bronson, Constantine, Sturgis, Manchester, Jackson, Burr Oak, Fairfield, Palmyra, Morenci, Buchanan, Osseo, $10 each....	$140 00
Fowlerville and East Saginaw Lodges.....	15 00
	$155 00
To paid O. M Eddy, as per bill rendered.....	$ 17 62
To printing constitution and by-laws.....	15 00
To express charges on same	25
To printing charters and dispensations.....	18 00
To express on same.....	25
To three blank books for G. L.....	17 55
To postage and stationery.....	5 98
To four days at Adrian on printing business.....	8 00
To railroad fare to Adrian four times.....	6 40
To Grand Lodge Seal	15 00
To cash paid J. D. Van Duyn, G. S. *pro tem*.....	51 00
	$155 00

Grand Lodge A. M. of Michigan, in account with J. D. Van Duyn G. S. Sept. 22, 1868.

To paid Grand Treasurer.....	$86 00
To postage and stationary	2 62
	$ 88 62

CONTRA.

Sept 23, 1868.	
By cash from I. C. Haight, G. S.....	$ 51 00
By cash for six dispensations.....	30 00
By cash for charter, Romeo.....	5 00
By balance due G. S.....	2 62
	$ 88 62

Respectfully submitted,
J. D. VAN DUYN, Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge A. M. of Michigan, in account with E. J. Tatem, G. T.

June 19—To paid Committee on Regalia.....	$ 50 00
Sept. 1— " " " "	39 00
	$ 89 00

CONTRA.

June 18—By cash from G. S.....	$ 50 00
July 10— "	5 00
Aug. 31— "	31 00
	$ 86 00

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. TATEM, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, when the Coldwater Lodge filled the chairs vacated by the Grand Lodge officers, and proceeded to exemplify the unwritten work of the order, which was creditably performed by them, and watched with evident interest by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and visitors.

The G. W. P. called the Lodge from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Finance made report as follows:

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the respective accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, together with the vouchers, and find them correct, showing that instead of there being any money in the treasury, the

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Grand Secretary has paid out in excess of his receipts two dollars and sixty-two cents.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. MANSFIELD,
MARY SNYDER, } Committee.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock P. M.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7 P. M.

Lodge called from refreshment to labor by G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. Rouse, it was resolved that in the absence of the W. P. and V. P., no subordinate lodge shall be opened for the dispatch of business.

On motion of Bro. Mansfield, the other business of the session having been accomplished, resolved that we now proceed to the election of Grand Lodge officers, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and by-laws of this Lodge.

The G. W. P. appointed Bro. Finch and Sister Rumsey as tellers, and the election proceeded as follows:

Grand Worthy President—Martha G. Lindsly, Constantine.
Grand Vice President—C. Jacobs, Sturgis.
Grand Secretary—O. M. Eddy, Adrian.
Grand Treasurer—Mrs. C. E. Crane, Palmyra.
Grand Lecturer—D. Fovee, Coldwater.
Grand Conductor—Mrs. P. V. M. Botsford, South Saginaw.
Grand Chaplain—Rev. Mr. Corson, Jonesville.
Grand First Patron—L. Read, Fowlerville.
Grand Second Patron—Mrs. D. Drew, Adrian.
Grand Third Patron—M. Arabella Gillespie, Jackson.
Grand Fourth Patron—Martha J. Mussey, Romeo.
Grand Fifth Patron—C. E. McCrea. Coldwater.
Grand Guard—E. H. Glen, Cooper.
Grand Sentinel—Wm. Landon, Parma.

Bro. Mansfield was then appointed Grand Marshal, and the Grand Lodge officers were duly installed as above.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was directed to furnish each subordinate Lodge and each Grand Lodge officer with two copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. A. Teall, of Romeo offered the following resolutions which were unanimously accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the citizens of Coldwater for the able and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates and officers of this grand body during its session; that a copy of this resolution be published in the proceedings, and a copy furnished the papers of the city of Coldwater for publication.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to our Grand Worthy President, Martha G. Lindsly, for the able and dignified manner in which she has presided over this Grand Lodge during her term of office, the past year; also to the remainder of the Grand Lodge officers for their efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

Grand Lodge then closed in due form and harmony, to meet at Jackson, Michigan, on the first Wednesday of October, A. D., 1869.

J. D. VAN DUYN, Secretary *pro tem.*

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MRS. E. L. PENDLETON.

Worthy Grand Matron, 1869–70–71.

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1869.

MASONIC HALL,
JACKSON, Michigan, Oct. 6, 1869.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan convened its annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge, at Jackson, Michigan, on the 6th of October, A. D., 1869, at 1 o'clock P. M.

PRESENT—Grand Worthy President, Grand Vice President, E. H. Crofut, as Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Sister Ellis as Grand First Patron, Sister Snyder as Grand Second Patron, Sister Pendleton as Grand Third Patron, Sister Mansfield as Fourth Patron, Grand Fifth Patron, Sister Howes as Grand Conductor, Grand Guard, Grand Sentinel, Grand Lecturer.

Bro. Hastings and Sister Beebe and Smith were appointed as Committee on Credentials.

On motion the Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, to resume labor at 7 o'clock P. M. at Adrian.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor in Masonic Temple, Adrian by the Grand Worthy President.

A resolution was offered to permit all duly affiliated members of Eastern Star Lodges to visit this Grand Lodge during its session. Carried.

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As the Committee on Credentials was not prepared to make their report, no business was transacted; and, after an hour spent in social conversation, the Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 8 o'clock, A. M., Oct. 7th.

MORNING SESSION—9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by the Grand Worthy President, who then presented her annual address, as follows:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—Under the guidance of the great I Am, whose we are, and in whom we live and have our being, we are permitted to meet upon this our second annual communication, to consult upon and regulate all such matters as may come before us touching our honored institution and its members. And it becomes us, as the recipients of the many blessings which have been bestowed upon us, with grateful hearts and with deep humility to bow at the throne of grace, and return our sincere thanks to God, our Heavenly Father, for the preservation of our lives and for the privilege of again meeting around our mystic altar and to implore a continuance of His blessings upon us in all our laudable business and undertakings. It is no less my pleasure than my duty to congratulate you, my sisters and brothers, on this return of our grand convocation, and to rejoice with you that, after a year's separation, we meet again in peace, and the voice of sorrow and mourning is not mingled with our congratulations. May we duly appreciate those blessings and profit by them.

In accordance with the rules of our Order, I will now lay before you a brief account of our business transactions for the year. At our last annual session, held in Coldwater, charters were granted to the following named Lodges: Fowlerville, No. 15; East Saginaw, No. 16; Colon, No. 17; Linden, No. 18; Romeo, No. 19; South Saginaw, No. 20; Cooper, No. 21; Owosso, No. 22. Pinkney was continued under dispensation, and I would recommend them to your favorable consideration.

During the year I have granted dispensations to open new Lodges in the following named places: Camden, Nov. 6; Deerfield, Dec. 9; Lyons, March 10; Orangeville, April 3; Mendon, June 1. These dispensations, and the proceedings under their authority, will be submitted for your consideration and action, with the request on the part of the petitioners for charters at your hands. If their work is such as to meet your approbation, I would recommend that you grant them charters.

On the 9th of November, I visited Osseo Lodge, No. 14, in the village of Osseo. I found them laboring under difficulties such as I knew not how to obviate; but, after mature deliberation, and full consultation with a number of members of this Grand Lodge, I very reluctantly came to the conclusion that I would promote the best interest of the Order by recalling their charter, which I did. The charter is now in the hands of our Worthy Grand Secretary, to be disposed of as you may see proper.

Soon after taking the charter from Osseo Lodge, No. 14, I received a petition from a constitutional number of sisters and brothers of the original Lodge of Osseo, praying for dispensation to open a Lodge of Adoptive Masons in the town of Jefferson, to be known as Jefferson Lodge, No. 14,

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which petition was duly considered; but, for a number of reasons which I thought would justify me in doing so, I did not grant the prayer of the petitioners. And on the 4th of January, I received another petition, signed by a constitutional number of members of the original Lodge of Osseo, praying for dispensation to open a new Lodge of Adoptive Masons in Osseo, to be known as Osseo Lodge, No. 14, which petition was duly considered, and I was satisfied the petitioners were worthy of dispensation; but, in accordance with Masonic laws and usages, I could not grant them a dispensation until their case was brought before this Grand Body for a hearing and decision.

On the 30th of August, I received the resignation of our Grand Secretary, Bro. O. M. Eddy (he having removed to Kansas), and the same day I appointed Bro. E. H. Crofut, of Adrian, Grand Secretary pro tem., to fill the unexpired term of Bro. O. M. Eddy, resigned.

I would most respectfully call your attention to the utility of adopting some form of regalia to be worn by our members. I have long felt that we were deficient in this respect as a Masonic body. I think every member should be clothed in proper regalia before entering the Lodge-room. I would also call your attention to our funeral service, which was placed in the hands of our sisters and brothers of Coldwater Lodge to be completed and published. They have failed to do so, but I presume they are prepared to account satisfactorily for their deficiency in that respect, and to present a service for your consideration which will be worthy of your approbation, and which, I trust, you will have printed at an early day. I would also direct your attention to our funeral badge. The badge adopted at our last session does not meet the approbation of our Order, and I would recommend that you adopt some more appropriate badge for funeral occasions.

Another subject which I would present for your consideration is that of by-laws for subordinate Lodges. I would suggest that this Grand Lodge adopt and have printed a system of by-laws leaving blank the time and place of meeting, the name of the Lodge and the amount of fees for the degrees and Lodge dues, and by its edicts require all subordinate Lodges to be governed by them. This system would secure a uniformity in our government which otherwise could not be obtained; and I would also suggest that this Grand Lodge pass an edict requiring the Worthy President of each subordinate Lodge to cause the proceedings of this Grand Lodge to be read befor their Lodge, at the first regular meeting after they shall receive a printed copy of the same.

I would present another subject for your consideration, which I trust will receive a deliberate and harmonious discussion by this Grand Body. You are aware that a committee of three was appointed at our last session to revise our ritual. That committee have had that subject under consideration, and their report will come before you for your examination and decision, and I have no doubt will meet, as its great importance demands, your earnest and fullest consideration; and I trust that whatever conclusion this Grand Lodge may arrive at, after due reflection, that conclusion will be cheerfully sustained by every Adoptive Mason within our jurisdiction.

My sisters and brothers, it affords me no little pleasure to be able to say to you that, as an Order, peace and prosperity prevails throughout our borders, and the advance and general prosperity attending our subordinate Lodges should lead us to enquire whether we, as members of the Lodges to which we severally belong, have made a corresponding advance in the knowledge of Adoptive Masonry. If the increase in the observance of the teachings of our Order has been commensurate with the increase of numbers, then, indeed, have we good cause for rejoicing; for these teachings are

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based upon the inspired Word of God, and upon this foundation the superstructure of our beloved Order is erected, and upon which it will safely rest throughout all time. Let, then its pure and lofty principles be inculcated, its sublime moral lessons be impressed upon our minds, and reduced to practice in our daily lives, and it will need no tongue of eloquence to protect it from the assaults of the wicked and ignorant. If it is our desire that its great mission be fulfilled,—that the clouds which threaten temporarily to obscure it be dispelled,—let it be known that it requires a morality to appreciate and an intellect to comprehend it, and it will stand before the world with the virtuous and the honorable as its supporters, and the ignorant and unworthy will not be permitted to pass our temple door. The welfare of our Order depends upon the character of those who are its adherents, and it behooves us to guard against the admission of those who cannot appreciate or understand the beautiful lessons we teach them. The success and perpetuity of our institution depends more upon the observance of its principles than upon any increase of the number of its members, and we cannot learn and act our duty as Adoptive Masons without being morally and socially benefitted thereby; and in attempting to do so ourselves, we assuredly secure the good resulting from our actions to our companions with whom we associate, and upon the community to which we belong. The principles of Adoptive Masonry are most impressively presented to the mind of every initiate on their admission to the Lodge, and their duty is at the same time so particularly defined that none need mistake its meaning. And if any of our members persistently indulge in any course that would bring reproach upon our Order, they are guilty of violating their obligation, and should be dealt with accordingly.

My sisters and brothers of this Grand Lodge, you have twice honored me with the highest office in your gift, and I have zealously endeavored to honor that high position by the prompt and faithful performance of my duties. And in the discharge of all my official duties, I have always had the best interest of the Order at heart; still, I may have erred. If so, your disapproval will guard my successor aginst its repetition. And now, in conclusion, permit me to express to you my grateful feelings for the uniform courtesy and fraternal regard manifested toward me by the members of this Grand Lodge, and by the fraternity throughout our jurisdiction; the remberance of which will ever be to me a source of exceeding pleasure. And let me assure you that, wherever my lot may be cast, my heart will ever beat in unison with yours in disseminating a knowledge of the principles of our Order.

MARTHA G. LINDSLY, G. W. P.

On motion, a committee of three, consisting of Bro. Grandy and Sisters Lampman and Packard, were appointed to divide the address of the Grand Worthy President, for reference, to appropriate committees.

The Lodge was them called from labor to refreshment, to resume labor at the at the sound of the gavel. After fifteen minutes for refreshment, the Lodge was again called to labor by the Grand Worthy President.

The Committee on Address report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Worthy President beg leave to report the following:

That so much as relates to Osseo Lodge, be referred to a special committee of three.

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That so much as relates to charters and dispensations, be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to regalia and funeral badges, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much relates to by-laws, be referred to a special committe of three.

BRO. F. GRANDY,
SISTER S. M. LAMPMAN,
SISTER L. A. PACKARD
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted, and committee discharged.

The Committee on Credentials report the following Lodges represented, and the following sisters and brothers members of the Grand Lodge:

No. 1—ROCHESTER—Not represented.
No. 2—ADRIAN—Sister Kimberly, W. P.; R. Stewart, V. P.; Sister Howes, delegate.
No. 3—COLDWATER—Sister Mansfield, W. P.; Sister Rose, delegate; Sister McCrea, G. 5th P.; Bro. Bovee, Grand Lecturer.
No. 4—BRONSON—Bro. W. E. Hastings, V. P.
No. 5—CONSTANTINE—Sister Lindsly, W. P.
No. 6—STURGIS—Sister Pendleton, W. P.; Bro. Jacobs, G. V. P.; Bro. Pendleton and Sister Packard, delegates.
No. 7—MANCHESTER—Not represented.
No. 8—JACKSON—Not represented.
No. 9—BURR OAK—Not represented.
No. 10—FAIRFIELD—Sister Pierce, W. P.; Bro. Grandy, V. P.; Sister Marshal, delegate.
No. 11—PALMYRA—Sister Smith, W. P.; Sister Crane, delegate.
No. 12—MOKENCI—Not represented.
No. 13—BUCHANAN—Sister Michel, W. P.
No. 14—OSSEO—Not represented.
No. 15—FOWLERVILLE—Not represented.
No. 16—EAST SAGINAW—Sister Stewart, W. P.; Bro. Fitzgerald, V. P.; Sister Downing, delegate.
No. 17—COLON—Sister Beebe, W. P.; Sister Lampman, delegate.
No. 18—LINDEN—Sister Murry, delegate.
No. 19—ROMEO—Not represented.
No. 20—SOUTH SAGINAW—Sister Martindale, W. P.; Bro. King, V. P.; N. M. Fry, delegate.
No. 21—COOPER—Sister Snyder, W. P.; Sister Glen, delegate.
No. 22—OWOSSO—Not represented.
No. 23—PINKNEY—Sister Hinchey, W. P.; Bro. Hinchey, V. P.
No. 24—CAMDEN—Not represented.
No. 25—DEERFIELD—Sister Burnham, W. P.
No. 26—ORANGEVILLE—Not represented.
No. 27—MENDON—Not represented.
LYONS—Not represented.

The Grand Worthy President then appointed the following committees, in pursuance of the report of the Committee on the address:

COMMITTEE ON OSSEO LODGE—F. Grandy, D. Bovee and Sister Mansfield.

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COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—H. King, Delia J. Hinchey, Mary Snyder, M. M. Smith, J. E. A. Beebe.

COMMITTEE ON REGALIA AND FUNERAL BADGE—F. R. Michel, M. Marshal and Bro. Rumsey.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—E. W. Pendleton, N. A. Ellis, A. E. Crane.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to resume labor again at the sound of the gavel. After twenty minutes for refreshment, Grand Lodge was called to labor, and the Committee on Ritual reported as follows:

The committee appointed at the last session of the Grand Lodge to revise the ritual respectfully report:

That they met in the city of Adrian on the 15th day of June last, and made a revision of the work, which is hereunto attached, and which they would recommend the Grand Lodge to adopt.

The committee would acknowledge the kind advice and assistance of the Grand Worthy President and others, in their deliberations, for which they would return their sincere thanks.

The committee would further say that they have arrangements to have the work exemplified before the Grand Lodge, and would recommend that it be done here before action be had on its adoption.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. GRANDY,
D. BOVEE,
N. A. ELLIS,

Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and laid on the table.

On motion, exemplifying the work was made the first order of business of the evening session.

On motion, of Bro. Jacobs, Bro. J. H. Tatem was made a member of the Grand Lodge during its present session.

The Committee on funeral service reported as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a funeral service for the use of Adoptive Masons of the State of Michigan, would respectfully submit the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

The service was then read before the Lodge, and, on motion, was accepted and adopted.

A vote of thanks was tendered to the Committee.

The Committee on By-laws reports as follows,

The committee to whom was referred the drafting of by-laws for the government of subordinate Lodges would respectfully recommend the adoption of the by-laws of Adrian Lodge, with some alterations, which we have noted.

On motion, the report was laid on the table for further consideration.

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The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called to labor by the Grand Worthy President.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported as follows:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully recommend that the following Lodges, working under dispensations, be granted charters: Camden, Deerfield, Orangeville, Mendon, Pinkney.

And the Committee further recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to ascertain if Lyons Lodge be worthy, and, if found so, that they, also, be granted a charter. All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. H. KING,
SISTER BEEBE,
SISTER HINCHEY,
SISTER SNYDER,
SISTER SMITH, *Committee.*

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Regalia made the following report:

The committee to whom was referred the regalia to be worn by members of subordinate Lodges, and badge for funeral occasions, would respectfully recommend that the regalia consist of a star of the five colors, with tinsel star in the center, to be worn on the left breast, and for funeral badge, a bow and streamers of crape attached to the star.

F. R. MICHEL,
M. MARSHAL,
G. RUMSEY, *Committee.*

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Osseo Lodge made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of Grand Lodge of A. M.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of Osseo Lodge, respectfully ask leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend that the whole matter be referred to a special committee of three to investigate the same, and report at our next annual meeting. And we would further report that, in the opinion of committee, the Grand Worthy President was justified in arresting the charter of said Osseo Lodge.

F. GRANDY,
H. MANSFIELD,
D. BOVEE, *Committee.*

A motion of Bro. Jocobs, to adopt the report was amended to refer it back to the committee, and carried as amended.

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The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment; in a few minutes called to labor again, and the Committee on Osseo Lodge made a second report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy President and Grand Lodge of A. M.:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of Osseo Lodge beg leave to report that they have had the subject under consideration, and would recommend that the charter of said Osseo Lodge be revoked. All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. GRANDY,
A. MANSFIELD,
D. BOVEE,
Committee.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

Bro. Fitzgerald offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED. That no subordinate Lodge shall open for the transaction of business unless there be at least ten members, one of whom shall be a M. M.

A motion was made to amend the resolution so as to read five members instead of ten, and it was carried as amended.

Bro. J. H. Tatem offered the following resolutions, which were accepted and laid on the table for further consideration:

WHEREAS, The duties of the office of Grand Lecturer have become so laborious that we cannot reasonably expect them to be performed by one man, and the fact that we see more and more each year the need of instruction in our old Lodges, and especially in the formation of new ones; therefore,

RESOLVED, That the territory within this Grand Lodge jurisdiction be divided into separate and distinct districts, as follows: District No. 1, to consist of the counties of Wayne, Monroe and Washtenaw; District No. 2, Lenawee, Jackson and Hillsdale; District No. 3, Branch, Calhoun, Eaton and Barry; District No. 4, St. Joseph, Kalamazoo and Allegan; District No. 5, Cass, Berrien and VanBuren; District No. 6, Ottawa, Kent, Ionia and Clinton; District No. 7, Shiawassee, Saginaw and Genesee; District No. 8, Ingham, Livingston and Oakland; District No. 9, Macomb, St. Clair and Lapeer counties.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge appoint in each of the said districts a suitable person to act under the control, and with the advice, of the Grand Lecturer; said persons to be known as Deputy Grand Lecturers. And it shall be the duty of said Deputies to superintend the Lodges already organized, within their jurisdiction, and organize and instruct new ones whenever organized. It shall be the further duty of the said officers to report to the Grand Lecturer, once in three months from the date of his appointment, the condition of the Lodges within his jurisdiction, their wants, if any, and the amount of labor performed by him.

RESOLVED, That each and every new Lodge organized by the assistance of the Grand Lecturer or his Deputies shall pay for his or their services the sum of $15, five of which shall be paid to Grand Lecturer, when not present at the organization of the Lodge; the remaining $10 to the Deputy. But when the Grand Lecturer is present at the organization of said Lodge, he shall be entitled to the full amount paid by said Lodge.

The G. W. P. appointed, as Committee on Returns, Bros. H. King,

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D. J. Hinchey and Sister J. A. Rose. Committee on Grievances—Bro. Fitzgerald, Sister M. Marshal and M. M. Smith.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment till 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by the G. W. P. and the Committee on Ritual proceeded to exemplify the work, as revised by them; after which Bro. Tatem was called upon to exemplify the signs of the Order.

A motion of Bro. Hinchey to adopt the report of the Committee on Ritual was withdrawn, and a motion to accept the report was carried, and the committee was discharged.

On motion of sister Kimberly, a committee of three, consisting of Sister Kimberly and Bros. Crofut and Tatem, was appointed to confer with the Grand Secretary, O. M. Eddy, in relation to books, papers and funds of the Grand Lodge now in his hands.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment till 8 o'clock, A. M.

MORNING SESSION—9 A. M.

On motion of Bro. Bovee, the whole proceedings in regard to the report of the Committee on Ritual was rescinded, throwing the work again into the hands of that committee.

The committee then made a second verbal report, to the effect that they had again changed the work so as to make it conform to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge; which report was accepted, and the work, as explained by them, then adopted.

On motion of Bro. Jacobs, the report of the Committee on By-laws was accepted, and the by-laws of Adrian Lodge, as amended by them, were adopted for the government of subordinate Lodges.

A motion of Bro. Bovee that the Grand Secretary send a copy of the by-laws to each Lodge, was amended that he get them printed with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, and carried as amended.

On motion, the resolution of Bro. Tatem, relative the appointing Deputy Grand Lecturers, was taken from the table, and adopted, and the Grand Lecturer was empowered to make such appointments.

On motion, the by-laws adopted for subordinate Lodges were ordered to take effect January 1st, 1870.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to have the proceedings of the Grand Lodge printed and distributed to the several Lodges throughout

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the State. He was also instructed to have the funeral service printed with the proceedings.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLVED, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet in Sturgis the first Wednesday in October, A. D., 1870.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the delegates to the Grand Lodge.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the sisters and brothers of Adrian for the courteous and hospitable manner in which the delegates were received by them after their retreat from Jackson.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

RESOLVED, That a copy of the Ritual, as revised by the committee, be sent to the Grand Secretary, and by him to each subordinate Lodge, and that it then be returned to him and kept in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment till 1 o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor by the Grand Worthy President.

On motion, the Grand Secretary was instructed to pay for the gas consumed during the session from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

The Committee on Examination of Returns have examined the same, and find them as follows:

East Saginaw	$ 6.15	Owosso	$ 5.00
Cooper	10.60	Fowlerville	9.65
Colon	5.40	South Saginaw	7.00
Palmyra	5.70	Morenci	8.00
Fairfield	13.40	Buchanan	4.05
Pinkney	13.70	Camden	10.00
Burr Oak	6.20	Deerfield	15.25
Adrian	15.35	Linden	4.50
Coldwater	18.55	Orangeville	7.40
Bronson	11.35	Romeo	2.40
Olive Branch	9.90		
Total			$189.55

The Grand Lodge officers and delegates were paid, as per instructions, as follows:

Officers	*Mileage*	*Delegates*	*Mileage*
Grand Worthy Pres't	$	Olive Branch	$ 9.90
Grand Vice President	13.50	Palmyra	4.20
Grand Secretary	12.60	Colon	5.40
Grand Treasurer	4.20	Linden	4.50

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Grand Second Patron	$ 10.60
Grand Third Patron	13.50
Grand Fourth Patron	11.10
Grand Fifth Patron	11.10
Grand Sentinel	7.10
Grand Chaplain	9.60
Grand Guard	7.30
Grand Lecturer	11.10
Delegates.	
Coldwater	11.10
Bronson	11.05
South Saginaw	$ 7.00
East Saginaw	3.00
Orangeville	2.40
Morenci	6.00
	$177.15
Bro. Heath, care of room	5 00
Gas bill	4.88
Total	$187.03

All other business of the session having been accomplished, we now proceed to the election of Grand Lodge Officers, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Worthy President appointed Bro. Pendleton and Sisters Hinchey and Ellis as tellers, and the election proceeded with the following results:

Grand Worthy President—Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.
Grand Vice President—J. H. Tatem, Adrian.
Grand Secretary—E. H. Crofut, Adrian.
Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Snyder, Cooper.
Grand Conductor—Mrs. J. W. Stewart, East Saginaw.
Grand First Patron—Mrs. A. E. Crane, Palmyra.
Grand Second Patron—Mrs. M. J. Murry, Linden.
Grand Third Patron—Mrs. M. Loyd, Bronson.
Grand Fourth Patron—Mrs. E. J. Pierce, Fairfield.
Grand Fifth Patron—Mrs. E. A. Beebe, Colon.
Grand Guard—Mrs. J. Vandyne, Manchester.
Grand Sentinel—W. A. Osborn, Owosso,
Grand Chaplain—W. Fitzgerald, East Saginaw.

Sister Mansfield was then appointed Grand Marshal, and the grand officers were duly installed as above:

On motion, the Grand Secretaty was instructed to furnish each subordinate Lodge with five copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The following resolutions were then offered, and unaminously accepted and adopted:

RESOLVED, The thanks of the Grand Lodge are herby tendered to the citizens of Adrian for the kindly manner in which they have entertained the delegates and officers of this grand body, so unexpectedly thrown upon their hospitality.

RESOLVED, That we extend our thanks to our Grand Worthy President, Martha G. Lindsly, for the able and dignified manner in which she has presided over this Grand Lodge during her term of office; also, to the remainder of the Grand Lodge officers for their efficiency in the discharge of the duties of their several offices.

Grand Lodge then closed in due form and harmony, to meet at Sturgis, Michigan, on the first Wednesday of October, A. D., 1870.

E. H. CROFUT, Grand Secretary, pro tem.

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EASTERN STAR

FUNERAL SERVICE AT THE GRAVE.

The members form a circle round the grave; the officers at the head, inside the circle, and the mourners at the foot.

[PRAYER BY THE CHAPLAIN OR WORTHY PRESIDENT.]

O Merciful and loving Father, who hath made our present life but temporary, and thus decreed that the sorrows we endure shall not be perpetual, we thank Thee for the conciousness which thou hast implanted in us that Thou dost exist, and that the grave is not the end of life. Pity and forgive the errors of the living, so that the evil consequences of sin may not follow them into the other world. May we endure the crosses of life patiently, as resting in hope of a blissful reward. And may we so labor upon the instructive designs of our Order that Charity, Friendship, Good Counsel and Morality may animate all our doings, and render us well pleasing in Thy sight. Amen.

[After prayer, the Worthy President gives the following address:]

My Sisters and Brothers: The brevity and uncertainty of human life now afford us subjects for contemplation. Our beloved sister has fallen in life's battle, acknowledged the supremacy of death, grounded her arms before a victor whom none can resist, and entered upon the sleep that knows no waking. Her star is set on this world, and she has passed into the light that is beyond the valley of the shadow of death. We shall no more hear her voice until we, also, have awakened in another world. She who now slumbers in that last, long, unbroken sleep of death, was our sister. With her have we traveled the pilgrimage of life, and sympathized in its vicissitudes and trials. She is now removed beyond the effects of our praise or censure. That we loved her, our presence here evinces. That she had faults and fobiles is but to repeat what her mortality demonstrates; that she had a human nature, not divine. Over those errors, whatever they may have been, while living, we cast the mantle of charity. It should with much more reason enshroud her in death. As she in her life exemplified the virtues of those chosen servants of God (the Patrons of our Order), so no doubt has been her reward. The memory of her virtues lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining luster beyond the portals of the tomb.

Sisters and Brothers, this melancholy scene reminds us that we, too, are mortal, and that sooner or later we shall be enshrouded in death, and deposited in the silent tomb. Let this dispensation of divine providence

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admonish us of the uncertainty of human life, and the vanity of all earthly pursuits. May we all improve the remaining span of life, and be prepared to obey our Master's call, and go from our labors on earth to everlasting happiness in the world to come.

[After the above address, the members will join in singing the following, or some other appropriate hymn:]

[HYMN.]

1 I would not live always; I ask not to stay
Where storm after storm rises dark o'er the way.
The few lurid mornings that dawn on us here
Are enough for life's woes, full enough for its cheer.

2 Who, who would live always, away from his God?
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?

3 Where the saints of all ages in harmony meet,
Their Savior and brethern transported to meet;
While the anthems of rapture unceasingly roll,
And the smile of the Lord is the feast of the soul.

[After singing, the Vice President takes a Floral Star from the coffin (which should be prepared for the occasion, made five-pointed, and of five appropriate colors, to wit: blue, yellow, white, green and red; the center or crown of the star of evergreen). The coffin is then lowered into the grave, after which the Vice President proceeds as follows:]

This floral emblem of the Eastern Star, wrought in Nature's own hues and from her own materials, instructs us with an eloquence only known to stars and flowers and gems. Who does not love flowers? They not only please the eye and gratify the sense, but they are the monitors of truth and righteousness. Flowers are the smiles of Nature, and earth would be a desert without them.

In the ritual of our Society, flowers bear an important part. They suggest, through their colors and fragrance and matchless forms, the brave lessons and womanly graces of the five heroines of the Eastern Star.

It is proper, therefore, that in this, our most solemn ceremonial, we should introduce our traditional flowers, with their appropriate lessons; and I shall call upon the immediate representatives of those heroines to evolve the lessons they contain.

Sister Adah, draw from these mute monitors of truth that portion of the floral star which suggests your particular place, and impart to us its signification.

[He hands her the Floral Star, she plucks blue star from it, and says:]

Its lesson, my friends, is undying love. In the belief that true love is undying, I deposit this flower in the grave.

[She does so, and returns the Floral Star to the Vice President]

V. P. Sister Ruth, select that portion of the Floral Star which suggests your particular place, and impart to us its signification.

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[He hands her the Star, she plucks the yellow flower, and says:]

Its lesson, my friends, is unending possession in the belief that true love is unending, I deposit this in the grave.

[She does so, and hands the Star to the Vice President.]

V. P. Sister Esther, select that portion of the Floral Star which suggests your particular place, and imparts to us its signification.

[He hands her the Star, and she plucks from it the white Star, and says:]

Its lesson, my friends, is heart purity. In the belief that no word of God can be lost, I deposit this flower in the grave.

[She does so, and returns the Star to the Vice President.]

V. P. Sister Martha, select that portion of the Floral Star which suggests your place, and impart to us its signification.

[He hands her the Floral Star, she plucks the green point, and says:]

Its lesson, my friends, is undeviating sincerity, in the belief that true love is ever sincere, I deposit this flower in the grave.

[She does so, and returns the Floral Star to the Vice President.]

V. P. Sister Electa, select that portoin of the Floral Star which suggests your particular place, and impart to us its signification.

[He hands her the Floral Star, she plucks the remaining red point, and says:]

Its lesson, my friends, is unfading beauty. In the belief that true love is eternally beautiful, I deposit this flower in the grave.

[She does so, and returns the Floral Star, having only the central portion, to the Vice President.

V. P. How instructive are these lessons! Love undying and unending, animating hearts that are pure and sincere, will inherit the unfading beauty of which the Holy Spirit hath spoken. In this belief, I deposit what remains of the Floral Star in the grave of our deceased sister. The duty we owe to the dead is performed. It remains that we who are living should so live and by our actions attend the coming of the day of fate, that we may neither be surprised nor leave our duties imperfect, nor our sins uncancelled, nor God unappeased; but that when our bodies, in their turn, descend to their graves, our souls may ascend to the regions of eternal light. Whatever fate is to befall us in this world, let the motto of our lives be: For the past, Charity; for the present, Hope, and for the future, Faith.

[After the above is concluded, the benediction may be pronounced by the acting clergy, or the following prayer by the Chaplain:]

[PRAYER.]

Almighty and merciful God, infinite in wisdom and goodness, extend to us the riches of Thy everlasting favor, make us grateful for the benefits we enjoy, and crown us with immortal life and honor. Thou hast decreed that we shall die and come to dust. Thou hast also decreed that we shall rise from death to everlasting life. In such a faith may we live, ever remembering that here we have no abiding place. In such a faith may we die, ever believing that when our earthly house is dissolved, we may be welcomed to that glorious mansion not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Aid these mourning friends to feel that the ties of kindred, affec-

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tion and friendship are not broken by the power of death, and that the family in heaven and on earth are the same. Forgive our transgressions, aid us in our duties, comfort us in our sorrows, and take us at last unto Thyself in heaven. Amen.

[Response by the members:]

Amen and Amen.

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BY-LAWS OF

EASTERN STAR LODGE

OF ADOPTIVE MASONS,

....., MICHIGAN.

ARTICLE I.

The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worthy President, Vice President, Conductor, Five Patrons, Secretary, Treasurer, Guard, Sentinel and Chaplain.

ARTICLE II.

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on——or preceding the full moon of each month, the hour of meeting shall be from October, 1st to April 1st at 7 o'clock, P. M. and from April 1st to October 1 at 7½ o'clock, P.M.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of this Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot, at the next regular meeting preceding the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election; which officers shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are elected and installed in their stead.

ARTICLE IV.

All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, addressed to the Worthy President, Vice President and Patrons signed by the petitioner, specifying his or her age and residence, and recommended by two members of this Lodge.

Petitions for initation or membership may be received at any regular meeting, and it shall be the duty of the of the Worthy President to refer the same to a committee of three, at least one of whom shall be a Master Mason whose duty it shall be to investigate the charter of the applicant, and report the same to the Lodge at the next regular meeting; providing the

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petition shall remain in the hands of the comittee at least seven days.

ARTICLE V.

The fees for conferring the Eastern Star Degree or for membership in this Lodge shall be: For females.....and for males ....., which fee must be paid before the candidate is initiated or admitted. A unanimous vote must be had in favor of the applicant for initiation. If only one black ball appear, a second ballot may be taken to avoid mistakes, which second ballot must be on the same evening of the first ballot. No person shall be denied admittance to membership on dimit unless three black balls appear.

ARTICLE VI.

Each member shall pay annually into the funds of the Lodge as follows:.....to be paid at or before the first regular meeting for the election of officers in each year, and any who shall be in arrears for one year's dues, shall not be entitled to a vote, and may be suspended if a majority of the members present shall so determine. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify members of their arrearage of dues on or before the regular meeting preceding the election of officers.

ARTICLE VII.

The Worthy President shall, at the first regular meeting after her election, appoint the following standing committees: Finance Committee and Conference Committee, consisting of three persons each; a Grievance Committee, consisting of three ladies and three gentlemen. It shall be the duty of the Grievance Committee to take cognizance of the conduct of the members of the Lodge, reconcile difficulties that may arise, and when proper, prefer charges and specifications for the action of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VIII.

No sister or brother shall be expelled from this Lodge unless it be upon written charges and specifications, signed by the accuser and filed with the Secretary, whose duty it shall be to present the same to the Lodge at any regular meeting, and if, by a two-thirds vote they shall see fit to entertain the same, it shall be the duty of the Worthy President to appoint a Committee of Investigation, whose duty it shall be to investigate the same and report their action to the Lodge for consideration; but in no case shall a member be expelled without sufficient opportunity be given for their defence.

ARTICLE IX.

In voting upon any subject, every member present shall be required to vote, unless excused by the Worthy President.

ARTICLE X.

SEC 1.—Any member of this Lodge who shall, in any manner whatever,

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make known the transactions of this Lodge, or the result of any ballot taken in this Lodge, either for initation or for membership, except to those who have been initated in or are members of a regular constituted Eastern Star Lodge, shall for such offence be tried as in article eight of these by-laws, and, if found guilty, be suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present shall determine.

SEC. 2.—It shall be the duty of every member of the Lodge to aid and and assist their sisters and brothers in sickness at any and all times when requested, provided it will not cause great inconvenience to themselves.

SEC. 3.—The Worthy President may, at her discretion, reprimand in open Lodge any sister or brother who shall, during the transaction of business, entertain any private discourse, or in any way disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

Any brother or sister becoming a member of this Lodge shall express his or her assent to these by-laws by subscribing their names thereto.

ARTICLE XII.

No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made unless the same be proposed in writing, at a regular meeting, when it shall be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next regular meeting, when it shall require the sanction of three-fourths of the members present for its adoption.

ARTICLE XIII.

The following shall be the order of business to be observed at the regular communications of this Lodge:

1. Calling roll of officers.
2. Reading the minutes of preceding meeting, and disposal of the same:
3. Receiving and referring petitions.
4. Receiving reports of committees on applications.
5. Balloting on applications.
6. Reports of special committees.
7. Reports of standing committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Conferring degrees.
11. Closing.

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MASONIC HALL,
STURGIS, Michigan, October 5th, 1870.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution of the Grand Lodge, at Sturgis, on Monday, 5th of October, A. D., 1870, at 12 o'clock, M.

PRESENT—G. W. P., G. Vice P., G. Sec., G. 1st, 2d, and 5th Patrons, Sisters and Brothers.

On motion of Bro. Tatem, a committee of three, consisting of Bro. JACOBS, and Sisters RICHARDS and MURRY, were appointed to examine credentials of delegates.

The Lodge was then called from labor till 3 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—4 P. M.

Grand Lodge called from refreshments to labor.

PRESENT.—G. W. P., G. V. P., G. Sec., G. Treas., G. Lecturer, G. 1st, 2d, 4th, and 5th Patrons, Grand Guard, and G. Chaplain.

Sister M. A. DOWNING, East Saginaw, was appointed G. Conductor; Sister M. MANSFIELD, Coldwater, G. 3d P.; Bro. S. L. HUNTINGTON, Osseo, G. Sentinel, *pro tem.*

The Committee on Credentials report the following Lodges repre-

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sented, and the following named persons entitled to seats as delegates in this G. Lodge:

No. 1—*Rochester*—Not represented.

No. 2—*Adrian*—Sister H. C. VAN SALISBURY, W. P.; Sister H. R. REHKLAW, Delegate.

No. 3.—*Coldwater*—Sister D. C. PURINTON, W. P.; Sister D. BOVEE, Delegate; Bro. M. MANSFIELD, V. P.

No. 4—*Bronson*—Sister L. HASTINGS, W. P.; Bro. W. E. HASTINGS, V. P.; Sister B. P. TAGGART, Delegate.

No. 5—*Constantine*—Sister M. G. LINDSLEY, W. P.; Sister M. A. HORTON, Delegate.

No. 6—*Sturgis*—Sister LIZZIE PACKARD, Sister M. J. Peck, and Bro. A. H. CHURCH.

No. 7—*Manchester*—Sister A. M. CRAFTS, W. P.

No. 8—*Jackson*—Not represented.

No. 9—*Burr Oak*—Sister M. E. ALLEN, W. P.; Sister D. D. STILLMAN, Delegate.

No. 10—*Fairfield*—Sister S. E. PIERCE, W. P.; Sister M. L. BENNETT, Delegate; Bro. S. W. BENNETT, V. P.

No. 11—*Palmyra*—Sister L. HUTCHINSON, Delegate.

No. 12—*Morenci*—Sister G. HILL, W. P.

No. 13—*Buchanan*—Not represented.

No. 14—*Osseo*—Sister L. L. RUMSEY, W. P.; Bro. S. L. HUNTINGTON, V. P.

No. 15—*Fowlerville*—Not represented.

No. 16—*East Saginaw*—Sister M. A. DOWNING, W. P.; Sister DOUGHLIB, Delegate; Bro. W. FITZGERALD, V. P.

No. 17—*Colon*—Sister E. A. BEEBE, W. P.; Sister H. E. RICHARDS.

No. 18—*Linden*—Sister H. J. MOSHER, W. P.; Sister M. J. MURRY, Delegate.

No. 19—*Romeo*—Not represented.

No. 20—*South Saginaw*—Not represented.

No. 21—*Cooper*—Sister VIOLA SHERWOOD, Delegate; Sister M. SNYDER.

No. 22—*Owosso*—Not represented.

No. 23—*Pinkney*—Bro. J. W. HINCHEY, Delegate,

No. 24—*Camden*—Suspended.

No. 25—*Deerfield*—Sister B. SWIFT, W. P.

No. 26—*Orangeville*—Not represented.

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No. 27—*Mendon*—Sister RANSOM, Delegate.

No. 28—*Lyons*—Bro. D. C. SPAULDING, Delegate.

Leslie—Sister G. L. CRUMB, Delegate; Sister M. A. VAUGHN, Delegate.

Ransom—Bro. H. W. GIER, V. P.

Hastings—Sister W. K. BARBER, W. P.

On motion of Bro. TATEM, all duly affiliated Adoptive Masons were allowed a seat in this Grand Lodge during its present session.

On motion of Bro. JACOBS, the Grand Secretary was authorized to select such assistance as he needed in his labor during the session. Sister EMMA MORSE was selected as his assistant.

The G. W. P. then presented her annual address, which, on motion of Bro. JACOBS, was referred to a committee of five, consisting of Bros. MANSFIELD and JACOBS, and Sisters PURINTON, PACKARD and CRAFTS, to be divided for reference to appropriate Committees.

Address.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS, OF THE GRAND LODGE OF A. M., OF MICHIGAN:—In consonance with the favoring providence of the Being in whom we live, and from whom we have derived all our powers and sources of happiness, we are permitted to assemble on this, our third annual communication, to consult the best interests of the Order to which we belong.

During the past year, though one of unusual sickness, none of our number have been called from the scenes of earth. We have been preserved, and are here to acknowledge the mercy of our Heavenly Father, and to congratulate each other on the auspicious return of this convocation. May we be deeply thankful for the past, cherish the best feelings and desires in the present, and strive after greater excellence in the future.

In accordance with the rules of the Order, I now present a summary of the business which has been transacted during the past year. At our last annual session, held at Adrian, charters were granted to the following named Lodges: Deerfield, No. 25; Orangeville, No. 26; Mendon, No. 27, and Lyons, No. 28.

During the year, I have granted dispensations to open new Lodges in the following named places: Osseo, Dec. 22; Leslie, Feb. 3;

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Ransom Center, March 14; Hastings, March 31; Capac, July 14; to be known as the Forest Lodge; Lowell, Aug. 8; to be known as the White Cross Lodge.

On the 27th of December, appointed Sister A. M. CRAFTS, of Manchester, Grand Guard in the place of Mrs. J. VANDYNE; she not being a member of our order.

On the 18th of July, I suspended the charter of Camden Lodge, in consequence of difficulties there existing, and placed the charter and all the property of the Lodge in the hands of Bro. C. D. CHESTER, to be delivered to this Grand Lodge at its present annual meeting.

On the 25th of September, I received the resignation of Sister A. E. CRANE, as 1st Patron of this Grand Lodge, and appointed Sister RUPERT, of Sturgis, in her place.

I have received a communication from ROB'T MCCOY, Grand Sec. of New York, claiming that this Grand Lodge have appropriated his Ritual and Burial Service, in whole or in part, without his permission. I will lay this matter before the Lodge, for its consideration, and would recommend the appointment of a committee to confer with the Grand Lodges of the different State, for the purpose of adopting a uniform Ritual.

My Sisters and Brothers, it affords me satisfaction to be able to announce to you that peace and prosperity pervade our borders. Though, as an organization, we are young, yet we have the freshness and vigor of youth, and hence are in a favorable condition for healthy and vigorous growth. In accordance with this view—as might be expected—our numbers, during the past year, have been on the increase, and Lodges have multiplied.

The teachings of our Order are replete with noble examples of fidelity, fortitude and piety. What a heroine was Adah, the daughter of Jepthah! and what devotion in the modest and loving Ruth! Esther, the Jewess damsel and queen, saved her nation by her fortitude in going unto the King, unbidden, saying, "If I perish, I perish." Martha loved and believed in Jesus; and Electa showed her patience, submission and adhesion to her Christian faith by her martyrdom. These are examples worthy of imitation. They teach us principles of character which we should be always most willing and solicitous to follow,

In the admission of members to our Lodge, the greatest care should be exercised, for the character of a Lodge depends upon the

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character of its individual members. If those who are initiated are above reproach, there is hope that they will remain bright stars among their brothers and sisters.

In conclusion, I desire to return thanks to this Order for the honor it has conferred upon me; and for the patience with which it has borne with me in the imperfect discharge of my official duty. Your confidence has been more than I could ask, and long will it be pleasantly remembered.

As I highly esteem this Order, so shall my interest be always directed to its prosperity and advancement.

MRS. E. L. PENDLETON.

On motion of Bro. TATEM, the reading of the proceedings of the last session was dispensed with.

On motion of Sister REHKLAW, the by-laws of the G. Lodge were read by the G. Sec.

The G. Lodge was then called from labor to refreshments, till 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The G. Lodge was called from refreshment to labor, and the following committee appointed:

Committee on Grievances—Bro. FITZGERALD, Sisters BEEBE and BOVE.

Committee on Finances—Bro. BENNETT, Sisters REHKLAW and HORTON.

Committee on Charter and Dispensation.—Bro. JACOBS, Sisters DOWNING and MOSIER.

The committee on the address then reported as follows:

Your committee on address of G. W. P. respectfully report,

1st. That so much as related to Camden Lodge be referred to a committee of three.

2d. That so much as relates to uniform work be referred to a special committee of five.

3d. That so much as relates to complaint of Brother McCOY be referred to a committee of three.

On motion of Bro. MANSFIELD, report was accepted and adopted, and committee discharged.

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The G. W. P. then appointed the committees, as follows:

Committee on Camden—Bro. MANSFIELD, Sisters PECK and VAN-SALISBURY.

Committee on Uniform Work—Bros. FITZGERALD and HINCHEY; Sisters PURINGTON, PACKARD and LINDSLEY.

Committee on Complaint of McCoy—Bro. TATEM, Sisters SNYDER and BENNETT.

Committee on Returns.—Bro. FITZGERALD, Sisters SHERWOOD and RICHARDS.

Committee on Mileage.—Bro. CHURCH, Sisters ALLEN and HUTCHINSON.

The committee appointed at our last session, to confer with O. M. EDDY, former G. Sec., in regard to accounts of the Grand Lodge, reported that they had settled with Bro. EDDY, and received returns from him satisfactory, with the exception of $5.00, no account being made of dispensation of Mendon Lodge,

On motion of Bro. CHURCH, the report was accepted and adopted, and the committee discharged.

The following question was brought before the Grand Lodge by Sister BEEBE, of Colon Lodge: If a W. P. being elected, but not installed, find herself unable, through sickness or other cause, to attend to the duties, can the Lodge have another election for W. P?

On motion of Bro. TATEM, the Grand Lodge decided that in the case of Colon Lodge, they should be permitted to hold another election for W. P., or other offices which might be vacant, after giving one month's notice in open lodge.

On motion of Bro. CHURCH, the by-laws adopted at the last session of the Grand Lodge, for the use of subordinate lodges, were read by the G. Sec.

Question by Sister HILL, of Morenci: If the husband of a lady in good standing, in an E. S. Lodge, be expelled from the M. M. Lodge; also from the E. S. Lodge, does it deprive her of the privilege of A. M.?

Decided by the Grand Lodge that it did not.

Question by Bro. TATEM, G. V. P.: Is the sister, or daughter of a M. M., after marrying a man not a M. M., entitled to the E. S. degree?

Decided she is.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations report as follows:

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To the G. W. P., G. V. P., Brothers and Sisters of the Grand Lodge, of A. M., of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the several applications for Charters from Lodges working under dispensation, and finding their work substantially correct and in accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, would recommend that charters be granted them, as follows:

Leslie, Ingham County.
Capac; St. Clair County.
Ransom, Hillsdale County.
Osseo, Hillsdale County.
Hastings, Barry County.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. JACOBS,
M. A. DOWNING,
H. J. MOSIER, } Committee.

On motion of Bro. MANSFIELD, the charters were granted.

Question by Bro. MANSFIELD: Has a Subordinate lodge, in this State, a right to receive the petition and confer the E. S. degree upon the wife, sister or daughter of a M. M., residing in another State?

Referred to a committee of three, consisting of Bro. CHURCH, Sisters PACKARD and CRAFTS.

Question by Bro. TATEM: If the widow of a M. M. marry a man not a M. M., is she still entitled to the rights and privileges of A. M.?

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment till 8 o'clock A. M., Thursday, Oct. 6.

THURSDAY—9 A. M.

Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor, and minutes of previous day read and, with slight corrections, approved.

The Committee on Camdem Lodge reported as follows:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of Camden Lodge of A. M., would respectfully submit the following report:

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1. That they find the G. W. P. warranted in arresting their charter.

2. They would recommend that the Camden Lodge be arraigned and tried upon the accompanying charges and specifications.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. M. MANSFIELD,
SISTER H. C. VAN SALISBURY. } Committee.

On motion of Bro. HINCHEY, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Motion by Bro. MANSFIELD that Camden Lodge be arraigned and tried on charges and specifications contained in report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. MANSFIELD, a committee of three, consisting of Bro. MANSFIELD, Sisters REHKLAW, and RANSOM, were appointed to investigate the case of Camden Lodge, and report the result to this Grand Lodge.

Bro. MANSFIELD offered the following resolution, which, on a vote of the Grand Lodge, was lost:

Resolved, That all lodges, hereafter chartered by this Grand Lodge be authorized to elect officers at their next regular meeting after the session of the Grand Lodge.

A motion of Bro. HINCHEY that the G. W. P. have authority to appoint the time for the first election of officers after Lodges receive their charter, was lost.

On motion of Bro. JACOBS, the question of Bro. TATEM, which was not disposed of at the last evening session, was called up and discussed at some length.

Bro. MANSFIELD offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the widow of a worthy M. M. does not forfeit her right to the degree of A. M. by marrying again, although the person she marries is not a M. M.

A motion of Bro. JACOBS, to lay the matter on the table, was lost.

A vote was then taken on the resolution and carried.

The Grand Lodge adjourned till 1½ o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor at 2 o'clock.

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On motion of Bro. JACOBS, exemplifying the work of the E. S. degree was made the special order of business for the evening session.

On motion of Bro. JACOBS, election of Grand officers was made the special order of business for 8 o'clock Friday morning.

On motion of Bro. TATEM, Deerfield Lodge was authorized to hold an election of officers at their first regular meeting after this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Jurisdiction made the following report:

To the G. W. P., G. V. P., Sisters and Brothers:

Your committee to whom was referred the question "Has a subordinate Lodge of this State a right to confer the E. S. degree upon an applicant, residing in another State?" would respectfully report That no laws, rules or regulations having been adopted by this Grand Lodge, governing this question, all such work heretofore done is lawful. But to avoid confusion which may arise in the future, all such applications shall be referred to the G. W. P., who may grant a dispensation for such work, (provided it conflicts with the jurisdiction of no other Grand Lodge.) Such application shall be accompanied with a fee of ——, which fee shall be a part of the Grand Lodge fund.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. A. H. CHASE,
SISTER L. A. PACKARD,
SISTER A. M. CRAFTS,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro. MANSFIELD the report was accepted, the blank filled with $5.00, and report adopted.

The Committee on the trial of Camden Lodge then made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred the charges and specifications against Camden Lodge of A. M., at Camden, Hillsdale County, Michigan, would respectfully report that they have investigated the same, and that they are satisfied that the charges and specifications are sustained, and your committee would recommend that the charter of said Camden Lodge be revoked.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. M. MANSFIELD,
SISTER K. R. REHKLAW,
SISTER MATTIE RANSOM,
} Committee.

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On motion of Bro. TATEM, the report was accepted and adopted

The Committee on Uniform Work made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Uniformity of Work, after having the same under consideration, would most respectfully report:

1. That they find the present work as adopted by the Grand Lodge applicable to the wants of the Adoptive Masonry, and would recommend its continued use.

2. That there be a committee appointed to confer with ROBERT MCCOY in regard to the propriety of adopting our system of work, and report at the next session of the Grand Lodge.

3. That there be an invitation sent to Bro. MCCOY, under seal of this Grand Lodge, to attend the next session of our Grand Lodge, for the purpose of arranging a system of uniform work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. W. FITZGERALD,
BRO. J. W. HINCHEY,
SISTER D. C. PURINTON.
SISTER L. A. RICHARDS,
SISTER M. G. LINDSLEY,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro. MANSFIELD the report was accepted.

Bro. MANSFIELD then made a motion to adopt the report.

Bro. TATEM then read the report of the Committee on Complaint of Bro. MCCOY.

Bro. MANSFIELD withdrew his motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Work.

Bro. JACOBS then made a motion to adopt it by sections, which was carried.

The first section was then presented and adopted.

The second and third sections were presented and rejected.

The Committee on Complaint of ROBERT MCCOY presented the following report:

To the G. W. P., and Members of the Grand Lodge:

The committee to whom was referred the matter of grievance on the part of ROBERT MCCOY, of New York, would most respectfully report, that they have had the matter under consideration, and reviewed all the correspondence within our control, and from the knowledge obtained, from this and other sources, together with a careful examination of the late work of Bro. MCCOY, date of copyright, publication, &c., your committee consider that he has no just

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cause of complaint, with the exception, perhaps, of the adoption or use of the Funeral Service; while we have not the means of knowing that it is his property; yet, inasmuch as our worthy brother objects to its use at the grave of a deceased sister in Michigan, we would recommend that it be striken from our report, and that we rely, in the future, on our own talents for the adoption of a funeral service.

Your committee conclude that the Committee on Ritual, last year, who adopted said service and submitted it for your approval, not only wronged Bro. McCoy, but have thereby induced this Grand body to take action upon a matter entirely beyond their control.

Bro. J. H. Tatem,
Sister Mary Snyder,
Sister Mary L. Bennett,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro. Hinchey the report was accepted.

On motion of Bro. Jacobs the first section was adopted.

A motion to lay the second section on the table was lost.

On motion the second section was adopted.

Lodge called from labor till 7 o'clock, P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Lodge called from refreshment to labor at 8 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Bro. Jacobs, a committee of one was appointed to submit a test oath for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

A motion of Bro. Tatem, that Rochester Lodge, No. 1, be commanded to surrender their charter to the Grand Sec., prevailed, and it was so ordered.

Bro. Mansfield made a motion that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in Manchester, October, 1871. Carried.

The Grand Officers then proceeded to exemplify the work of the E. S. degree.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor till 8 o'clock, A. M., Friday, Oct. 7th.

MORNING SESSION—8½ A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to Labor by the W. G. P.

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Bro. JACOBS offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That Article 3d, Sec. 1st, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended so as to read, for each membership of each Subordinate Lodge twenty cents per annum, instead of ten cents per annum, as it now reads.

The Committee on Returns reported the following Lodges returned:

Lyons	$ 13.40
Manchester	7.40
Palmyra	3.50
Linden	3.85
Leslie	16.00
Fairfield	8.25
Colon	8.00
Adrian	14.20
Constantine	2.60
Deerfield	5.95
Pinkney	13.24
Bronson	8.80
South Saginaw	5.19
Capac	4.40
East Saginaw	7.20
Cooper	9.75
Burr Oak	5.40
Coldwater	21.45
Morenci	8.75
Sturgis	12.75
Fowlerville	7.80
Osseo	3.55
Ransom	4.00
Mendon	4.70
Hastings	7.15
	$208.19

There being no Financial Committee appoint at the last session, there was no report on finances.

The Grand Lodge officers and delegates were then paid as per report of Committee on Mileage as follows:

G. W. P.—Mrs. E. D. Pendleton	
G. V. P.—J. H. Tatem,	$12.90
G. Sec.—E. H. Crofut,	12.00
G. Treas.—Mrs. Mary Snyder,	5.20
G. Con'd.—M. A. Downing,	23.10

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G. Lect.—J. W. Hinchey..... 10.00
G. 1st P.—Mrs. Rupert,.....
G. 2d P.—Mrs. M. J. Murray,..... 18.60
G. 3d P.—Mrs. M. Mansfield,.....
G. 4th P.—Mrs. E. J. Pierce,..... 8.60
G. 5th P.—Mrs. E. A. Beebe,..... 1.20
G. Guard—Mrs. A. M. Crafts,..... 10.20
G. Sentinel—S. Huntington,.....
G. Chaplin—W. Fitzgerald.....

DELEGATES.

No. 2 Sister H. K. Rehklaw,.....$ 8.00
No. 3—Sister D. Bovee,..... 2.40
No. 4—Sister B. P. Taggart,..... 1.20
No. 5—Sister M. A. Horton,..... 1.60
No. 6—Sister L. A. Packard,.....
No. 7—Sister A. M. Crafts,.....
No. 9—Sister D. D. Stillman.....
No. 10—Sister M. L. Bennett,..... 8.60
No. 11—Sister Lucy Hutchinson,..... 8.60
No. 12—Sister Gerty Hill,..... 8.00
No. 14—Sister L. L. Rumsey,..... 4.80
No. 16—Sister Doughty,..... 7.90
No. 17—Sister H. E. Richardson,..... 1.20
No. 18—Sister H. J. Mosier,..... 10.50
No. 21—Sister Viola Sherwood,..... 5.20
No. 23—Bro. J. W. Hinchey,.....
No. 25—Sister R. Swift,..... 9.40
No. 27—Sister Mattie Ransom.....
No. 28—Bro. D. C. Spaulding,..... 12.60
Leslie—Sister G. L. Crumb,..... 8.50
Ransom—Bro. H. W. Geer,..... 5.00
Hastings—Sister W. H. Barber..... 7.15

$209.75

The Grand Lodge officers were elected as follows:

G. W. P.—Sister E. L. Pendleton,.....Sturgis.
G. V. P.—Bro. D. B. Purinton,.....Coldwater.
G. Sec.—Bro. E. H. Crofut,.....Greenville.
G. Treas.—Sister M. A. Horton,.....Constantine.
G. Lec.—Bro. J. H. Tatem,.....Greenville.

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G. Cond.—Sister H. C. Van Salsbury,.....Adrian.
G. 1st P.—Sister A. M. Crafts,.....Manchester.
G. 2d P.—Sister M. A. Downing,.....East Saginaw.
G. 3d P.—Sister G. L. Crumb,.....Leslie.
G. 4th P.—Sister W. K. Barber,.....Hastings.
G. 5th P.—Sister S. E. Pierce,.....Fairfield.
G. Guard—Sister J. W. Hinchey,.....Pinkney.
G. Sentinel—Bro. S. Huntington.....Osseo.
G. Chaplin—Bro. W. Fitzgerald,.....East Saginaw.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Sisters and Brothers of Sturgis Lodge, for their kindness and hospitality to the members of the Grand Lodge during its session, and the Grand Lodge then closed in due form and harmony, to meet in Manchester the first Wednesday in October, A. D., 1871, at 12 o'clock, M.

E. H. CROFUT, G. Sec.

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Grand Worthy President, 1871.

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MASONIC HALL,
MANCHESTER MICH., Oct. 4, 1871.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its annual session pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, at Manchester, on Wednesday, the 4th day of October, A. D. 1871, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present—G. Vice P., G. 1st Patron, G. 5th Patron, and Sisters and Brothers.

On motion of Bro. PURINTON, a committee of three, consisting of Bro. LEROY and Sisters REHKLAW and SNYDER were appointed to examine credentials of delegates.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock P. M.

ANNUAL SESSION- 4 P. M.

Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Secretary being absent, on motion of Sister SNYDER, Brother E. N. PALMER was appointed Grand Secretary, pro tem.

Sister H. R. REHKLAW was appointed G. Conductor, Sister M. M. SMITH G. Treasurer, Sister M. SNYDER G. 2d Patron, Sister N. J. BROWN G. 5th Patron, Sister H. J. MOSHER G. Guard, Sister T. CASE G. Chaplain, pro tem.

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The Committee on Credentials report the following Lodges represented, and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

No. 1.—Rochester—Not represented.

No. 2.—Adrian—Bro. A. P. SECORD, V. P.; Sister R. R. REHKLAW, Delegate.

No. 3.—Coldwater—Sister D. C. PURINTON, W. P.; Sister E. WOODRUFF, Delegate.

No. 4.—Bronson—Sister N. S. CORY, Delegate.

No. 5.—Constantine—Sister LINDSLEY, W. P.

No. 6.—Sturgis—Not represented.

No. 7.—Manchester—Sister A. M. CRAFTS, W. P.

No. 8.—Jackson—Not represented.

No. 9.—Burr Oak—Not represented.

No. 10.—Fairfield—Sister E. M. COLVIN, Delegate.

No. 11.—Palmyra—Sister M. L. PATTERSON, W. P.; Sister M. M. SMITH, Delegate.

No. 12.—Morenci—Sister G. HILL, W. P.; Sister L. SWEENEY, Delegate.

No. 13.—Buchanan Sister H. N. MOWRY, Delegate.

No. 14.—Osseo—Sister L. L. RUMSEY, W. P.

No. 15.—Fowlerville—Not represented.

No. 16.—East Saginaw—Not represented.

No. 17.—Colon—Sister S. M. THOMPSON, W. P.; Sister H. E. RICHARDS, Delegate.

No. 18.—Linden—Sister H. J. MOSHER, W. P.

No. 19.—Romeo—Not represented.

No. 20.—South Saginaw—Not represented.

No. 21.—Cooper—Sister M. SNYDER, W. P.; Sister DELIA DELANO, Delegate.

No. 22.—Owosso—Not represented.

No. 23.—Pinckney—Not represented.

No. 24.—Camden—Not represented.

No. 25.—Deerfield—Sister B. S. HILTON, W. P.

No. 26.—Orangeville—Not represented.

No. 27.—Mendon—Not represented.

No. 28.—Lyons—Not represented.

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No. 29.—Leslie—Sister OLDMAN, W. P.

No. 30.—Hastings—Sister W. R. BARBER, W. P.; Sister J. M. HADLEY, Delegate.

The G. Vice P. appointed the following Committees:

Committee on Grievances—Sisters M. G. LINDSLEY, A. M. CRAFTS and Brother HUNTINGTON.

On Finance—Sisters BARBER, CORY and Brother THOMAS BLOSSER.

Committee on Charter and Dispensation—Sisters RUMSEY, MOSHER and Brother SECORD.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, till 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The G. Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Brother WOODWORTH of Morenci Lodge No. 12 offered the following resolution.

Resolved, That all Lodges of A. M. bordering on the State of Ohio have the privilege of conferring the E. S. degree upon worthy applicants residing within the above named State until there is a G. Lodge organized there, the fees to be the same as for residents of the State of Michigan and to belong to the subordinate Lodge conferring the said degree; which resolution on motion of Brother WOODWORTH, was referred to the Grievance Committee with instructions to report on the same at the morning session, Oct. 5th.

Moved by Bro. SECORD, that the minutes of the last session of the G. L. be read by the G. Secretary. There being no objections, the Secretary, by order of the G. W. P., read the same.

Moved by Bro. SECORD that the resolution offered by Bro. JACOBS at the last session, which reads as follows, viz.:

Resolved, That Art. III., Sec. 1, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge shall read twenty (20) cents instead of ten (10) cents per annum be taken up. Carried.

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Moved, by Bro. Secord, that the above resolution be adopted. Carried.

Bro. Secord asked the Grand Lodge to grant Adrian Lodge, No. 2, the power to elect a W. P., the one elected refusing to serve; which, on motion of Bro. Woodworth, was granted, by Adrian Lodge, No. 2, giving one month's notice in open Lodge.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock A. M., Oct. 5, 1871.

MORNING SESSION—9 A. M., Oct. 5th, 1871.

Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Moved by Bro. TATEM that a Committee of three be appointed on returns. Carried.

Sister RUMSEY, Sister LAMPMAN and Bro. MOWRY were appointed such Committee.

Moved that the G. Sect. have the power to appoint such assistance as he may require. Carried.

The Grand Secretary then appointed Bro. J. D. VANDUYN Assistant Sect.

The Committee on Grievances reported on the case of Morenci Lodge as follows, viz.:

That Morenci Lodge have the privilege of conferring the degrees of the A. M. on eligible persons in the State of Ohio. Which report was amended by Bro. WOODWORTH so as to admit members only from the jurisdiction of Gorham and Regulation Lodges.

Moved that the report of the Committee on Grievances in the case of Morenci Lodge be accepted, with the amendment of Bro. WOODWORTH. Carried.

Moved by Bro. SECORD that all persons entitled to seats in the G. Lodge have the privilege of speaking in this Grand body. Carried.

Moved that all members of Manchester Lodge No. 7 be entitled to seats in the G. Lodge, and have the privilege of speaking. Carried.

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Moved that that portion of the Constitution of the G. Lodge appertaining to fees be read. Carried.

Moved by Bro. TATEM that this G. Lodge grant Constantine Lodge a new charter, in place of the one destroyed by fire, and that the date should be the same as the old charter. Carried.

Moved by Bro. TATEM that the resolution in reference to changing of Art. IV of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of A. M. be received. Carried.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 1½ P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1½ P. M.

The Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer was offered by the G. Chaplain.

Moved by the G. Secretary, that a committee on mileage be appointed, who shall report as soon as possible. Carried.

Sisters FULLER, SMITH and CORY were appointed.

Moved by Bro. SECORD, that Lodges sending incorrect accounts may amend the same. Carried.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. SECORD, and received by the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in case of the absence of the W. P. and V. P., the Conductor will have the power to open the Lodge for the dispatch of business, at the request of the W. P. or the V. P.

Amended so as to read a P. W. P. or V. P., instead of Conductor. Which Resolution as amended was carried and recorded.

Moved by Bro. PURINTON that Artcle IV of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the words, "after reading the proceedings of the last meeting." Carried.

Moved that the G. Lodge adopt the following Resolution:

Resolved, That when a candidate has been balloted for and elected, that if they do not present themselves for initiation within six months from the time of election, they forfeit their right of admission without another ballot. Carried.

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Moved that the report of the Committee on Returns be received and adopted. Carried.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment for fifteen minutes.

After which the Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Moved by Bro. PURINTON that the G. Sect. be instructed to draw orders upon the G. Treasurer in favor of the Grand Officers of this Session and one representative from each Lodge in attendance, for the amount due them in accordance with report of Committee on Mileage and the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Body. Carried.

Bro. PURINTON offered a Resolution in reference to assessing the subordinate Lodges for indebtedness of the Grand Lodge, which was referred to the following Committee:

Sisters RUMSEY, WOODRUFF, CRAFTS, and Bro. HUNTINGTON.

The Lodge then listened to the Lecture of the G. L., Bro. TATEM.

Committee on Mileage report the following:

	MILES.	DUES.
No. 2—Adrian	26	$2.60
No. 3—Coldwater	55	5.50
No. 4—Bronson	65	6.50
No. 6—Sturgis	80	8.00
No. 7—Manchester	00	0.00
No. 9—Burr Oak	72	7.20
No. 10—Fairfield	34	3.40
No. 11—Palmyra	20	2.00
No. 12—Morenci	47	4.70
No. 13—Buchanan	125	12.50
No. 14—Osseo	50	5.00
No. 17—Colon	83	7.30
No. 18—Linden	64	6.40
No. 21—Cooper	92	9.20

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No. 25—Deerfield	24	2.40
G. V. P	55	5.50
G. L	111	11.10
G. 1st Patron	35	3.50
G. 3d Patron	..	....
G. 4th Patron	82	8.20
G. Sentinel	50	5.00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CYNTHIA FULLER,
MARIA M. SMITH, } Committee.
NELLIE S. CORY,

Moved, by Bro. PALMER, that the report be accepted and adopted. Carried.

Moved, by Bro. TATEM, that the Lodge suspend the By-Law in reference to the election of officers, and that we proceed to the election of officers at 7 P. M. Carried.

Moved, by Bro. PALMER, that when this Lodge adjourn, we adjourn to Greenville, in October, 1872.

Moved, by Bro. TATEM, that the resolution be laid upon the table for the present. Carried.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment, until 7½ o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION 7½ P. M.

Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by Bro. J. B. GILMAN.

On motion of Bro. TATEM the Lodge proceeded to the election of officers, with the following results:

Sister SNYDER and LAMPMAN were appointed Tellers.

G. W. P.—Sister D. C. Purinton.....Coldwater.
G. V. P.—Bro. A. P. Secord.....Adrian.
G Sect.—Bro. J. D. VanDuyn.....Manchester.
G. Treas.—Sister M. G. Lindsley.....Constantine.
G. Lec.—Bro. J. S. Hooker.....Lowell.
G. Cond.—Sister C. A. Fuller.....Greenville.

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G. 1st P.—Sister G. Hill.....Morenci.
G. 2nd P.—Sister S. M. Lampman.....Colon.
G. 3rd P.—Sister N. Cory.....Bronson.
G. 4th P.—Sister L. L. Rumsey.....Osseo.
G. 5th P.—Sister A. Delano.....Cooper.
G. Guard—Sister H. J. Mosher.....Linden.
G. Sentinel—Bro. S. M. Huntington.....Osseo.
G. Chaplain—Bro. J. B. Gilman.....Manchester.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 8 o'clock Friday morning.

MORNING SESSION—8 A. M., Oct. 6th, 1871.

Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by Sister CASE, G. Chaplain.

The Committee on Bro. PURINTON'S Resolution made the following report:

To the G. W. P., G. V. P., and Members of the G. Lodge:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the Resolution of Bro. PURINTON, would most respectfully report, "That in making this assessment we shall incur a further indebtedness, and may cause dissention in some subordinate Lodges; and that inasmuch as the Grand Lodge is at present short of funds, on account of Lodges not reporting, and as measures have been taken to increase the funds, and at some future time intend to pay all its indebtedness. We therefore recommend that all orders be drawn in full for all services, and paid as far as the money will pay after paying for printing the G. Lodge Proceedings."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. L. RUMSEY,
E. WOODRUFF,
A. M. CRAFTS,
S. M. HUNTINGTON,
} Committee.

On motion of Bro. PALMER, the report of the above Committee was accepted and adopted.

Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

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To the G. W. P., G. V. P., and Sisters and Brothers of the G. Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have carefully examined the applications for Charters from Lodges working under Dispensations, and find their work correct and in accordance with the Constitution of the G. Lodge, and would recommend that Charters be granted the following Lodges, viz.: Eureka Lodge, Greenville, and White Cross Lodge. Lowell

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. P. SECORD,
L. L. RUMSEY,
H. J. MOSHER,
} Committee.

Which report, upon motion, was accepted and adopted.

The following amendment to the Constitution was accepted:

Resolved, That Art. IV of the Constitution be so amended as to read "first Wednesday in November," instead of the "first Wednesday of October."

Bro. PALMER offered the following Resolution:

Resolved, That adopted or step-daughters do not come within the meaning of Art. VI, Sec. 1, of the Constitution of the G. Lodge of A. M.

Which Resolution was adopted.

On motion of Sister REHKLAW, a new Committee on Returns was appointed, consisting of Sister RUMSEY, Sister LAMPMAN, and Bro. MOWRY.

Moved, by Bro. PALMER, that the exemplification of the work take place at 11 o'clock A. M., and the Installation of Officers at 2 o'clock P. M. Carried.

Moved, by Bro. HUNTINGTON, that the G. Lodge of 1872 be held at Coldwater. Carried.

Moved, by Sister BARBER, that the G. Sect. be instructed to furnish each subordinate Lodge with the test obligation. Carried.

Moved, by Bro. HUNTINGTON, that the Proceedings of the G. Lodge be published, and that three copies be sent to each subordinate Lodge. Carried.

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Moved, by Sister BARBER, that the funeral service prepared by Sister REHKLAW be read. Carried.

Moved, by Sister PURINTON, that the funeral service as read, be referred to a committee of three. Carried.

Sisters REHKLAW, WOODRUFF and SMITH were appointed said committee.

The Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 1 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION -1 P. M.

The Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the G. Chaplain, Sister CASE.

The report of the Finance Committee was accepted and adopted, as per the following:

	DUES.	FEES.
No. 2—Adrian	$11.10	$2.60
No. 3—Coldwater	20.85	5.50
No. 4—Bronson	9.00	6.50
No. 6 Olive Branch	10.10	8.00
No. 7 Manchester	7.70	....
No. 10 Fairfield	7.50	3.40
No. 12—Morenci	8.00	4.40
No. 14—Osseo	3.00	3.00
No. 17—Colon	6.65	6.65
No. 18—Linden	4.60	4.60
No. 21—Cooper	4.35	4.35
No. 29—Leslie	15.90	3.50
No. 31—Hastings	5.20	5.20
No. 13—Buchanan	10.75	10.75
No. 9—Burr Oak	4.60	4.60
U. D. —Greenville	9.25	9.25

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U. D.—White Cross	....	....
G. W. President	....	5.50
G. Lecturer	....	11.10
G. 3d Patron	....	3.50
G. 4th Patron	....	8.20
G. Sentinel	....	5.00
	$138.55	$115.60

The report of Committee on Funeral Service was, on motion, accepted and adopted, as follows:

To the G. W. P. and Officers of the G. L.:

Your Committee appointed to review the burial service, beg leave to report that they have the same under consideration, and find no chance to materially shorten the same, and with a few corrections and the omission of one prayer, would respectfully recommend its adoption, until something better is offered.

H. R. REHKLAW,
E. WOODRUFF,
M. M. SMITH,
} Committee.

On motion, Bro. TATEM introduced the following Resolution:

Resolved, That Art. III, Sec. 1, of the G. L. Constitution be amended so as to read (commencing after the word granted,) "for each and every membership of each sub. Lodge, 40 cents per annum, and for each initiation during the year 50 cents."

On motion of Sister REHKLAW, the G. Sect. was instructed to furnish each subordinate Lodge a copy of the funeral service, and return the original to Adrian.

Moved, by Bro. TATEM, that the G. Sect. employ some person to make a record of omitted proceedings in Record Book, and pay for the same out of moneys belonging to the Grand Lodge. Carried.

Moved, by Bro. HUNTINGTON, that this G. Lodge tender their thanks to the Masonic Fraternity of Manchester for their kindness and hospitality. Carried.

The hour now having arrived for the Installation of Officers for the G. Lodge, Sister BARBER was appointed G. Marshal, and

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the Installation of Officers took place in due form.

No further business appearing before the Grand Lodge, it was closed in "due form," to meet at the city of Coldwater, on the first Wednesday in October, 1872, at 12 M.

E. N. PALMER, G. Sect. pro tem.

J. D. VAN DUYN, Assistant Sect.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

1872.

MASONIC HALL,

COLDWATER, MICHIGAN, OCT. 2, 1872.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, at Coldwater, Mich., on Wednesday, October 2d, A. D. 1872, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—Sister D. C. Purinton, G. W. P.
" Bro. A. P. Secord, G. V. P.
" Sister A. Mansfield, Con., pro tem.

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Present—Sister Mary Snyder, Treas.
" Bro. D. B. Purinton, Sec., pro tem.
" Sister Gertie Hill, 1st Pat.
" " S. M. Lampman, 2d Pat.
" " N. Corey, 3d Pat.
" " M. C. Drake, 4th Pat., pro tem.
" " H. A. Howes, 5th Pat., pro tem.
" " H. J. Mosher, Guard.
" Bro. Martin Hawley, Sen., pro tem.
" Sister M. Woodworth, Chaplain, pro tem.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form.

The G. W. P. appointed Sister S. E. Beebe, M. Woodworth, and M. C. Drake a Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 4 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—4 P. M.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshment.

The Committee on Credentials report the following Lodges represented, and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister D. C. Purinton, G. W. P.
Bro. A. P. Secord, G. V. P.
" J. D. Van Duyn, G. Sec.
Sister Mary Snyder, G. Treas.
Bro. J. S. Hooker, G. Lec.
Sister C. A. Fuller, G. Con.
" Gertie Hill, G. 1st Pat.
" S. Lampman, G. 2d Pat.
" N. Corey, G. 3d Pat.
" L. L. Rumsey, G. 4th Pat.
" A. Delano, G. 5th Pat.
" H. J. Mosher, G. Guard.
Bro. S. M. Huntington, G. Sentinel.

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Bro. J. B. Gilman, G. Chaplain.
Sister Martha G. Lindsey, P. G. W. P.
" E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. P.
Bro. D. Bovee, P. G. V. P.
" C. Jacobs, P. G. V. P.
" J. H. Tatem, P. G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P.

No. 2.—Adrian—Sister H. A. Howes, W. P., Sister K. R. Rehklaw, delegate, Bro. A. P. Secord, V. P.

No. 3.—Coldwater—Sister H. A. Rose proxy for W. P., Sister C. A. Bovee, delegate, Bro. D. Bovee, V. P.

No. 4.—Bronson—Sister Nellie S. Corey, W. P., Sister Paulina Potts, delegate, Bro. Smith Rudd, V. P.

No. 6.—Sturgis—Sister M. Hawley, W. P. and delegate, Bro. E. W. Pendleton, V. P.

No. 7.—Manchester—Sister A. M. Crofts, W. P. and delegate, Bro. Thomas Blosser, V. P.

No. 12.—Morenci—Sister Gertie S. Hill, W. P., Geo. Woodworth, V. P., Bro. D. M. Blair, delegate.

No. 13.—Buchanan—Sister F. R. Michael, W. P., Bro. H. N. Mowry, V. P. and delegate.

No. 14.—Osseo—Mary King, W. P., Chancey Leonard, V. P. and delegate.

No. 17.—Colon—Sister L. P. Foote, W. P., Sister H. E. Richards, delegate, Bro. C. M. Lampman, V. P.

No. 18.—Linden—Alwylda Sutherland, W. P., Bro. L. D. Sweat, V. P.

No. 21.—Cooper—Sister Mary Snyder, W. P., Bro. George Delano, V. P.

No. 23.—Pinckney—Sister Delia J. Hinchey, W. P., Sister Nancy M. Beebe, delegate, Bro. W. A. Sprout, V. P.

No. 28.—Lyons—Sister W. S. Burrows, W. P., Bro. James Sweeny, V. P., Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, delegate.

No. 29.—Leslie—Sister M. A. Oldmar, W. P., Sister M. S. Woodworth, delegate, Bro. H. B. Hawley, V. P.

No. 30.—Hastings—Sister Marion C. Drake, W. P. and delegate, Bro. Eli B. Throop, V. P.

Report accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. D. Bovee all members of subordinate

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lodges, in good standing, were invited to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The G. W. P. then appointed the following Committees:

GRIEVANCE.—Sisters K. R. Rehklaw and H. E. Richards and Bro. C. Leonard.

FINANCE.—Sisters L. P. Foote and M. A. Oldmar and Bro. D. Bovee.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.—Sisters A. M. Crafts and M. Hawley and Bro. A. P. Secord.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION—7½ P. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor. Prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The G. W. P. then read the following

ADDRESS.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS—REPRESENTATIVES OF ADOPTIVE MASONRY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN:—

By the providence of God we have been spared through another year, and permitted to meet again on this fifth Anniversary of our beloved order.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge charters were granted to the following lodges working under dispensation:

Greenville, No. 32, and White Cross, No. 33; and a new charter was also granted Constantine Lodge in place of their old one, which was destroyed by fire. On the 15th day of August last I received the resignation of Sister Martha G. Lindsley as Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, and have appointed Sister Mary Snyder to act as Grand Treasurer for this session. By the provision of Section 9, Article 6 of the Consti-

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tution all lodges neglecting to make returns for two years forfeit their charter, and are required to return the same to the Grand Secretary.

The following lodges have failed to make returns since the year 1868:

Jackson, No. 8; Fowlerville, No. 15; Romeo, No. 19; South Saginaw, No. 20; Owosso, No. 22, and Orangeville, No. 26. You will take such action towards them as shall to you seem proper and necessary—in justice to the subordinate lodges and a strict compliance with our Constitution.

I regret that I am not permitted to report an increase in the number of our lodges during the past year.

On page 10 in Proceedings of 1869 will be found a series of resolutions providing for the appointment of District Deputy Grand Lecturers. I believe the spirit of those resolutions has not been carried out, and am not aware that any such Deputies have been appointed. The appointment of Deputies, well skilled in our mysteries, and having the good of our order at heart, would have a tendency to enlarge our borders, and extend to a greater number the advantages of our unrivalled social institution. As Adoptive Masons we should ever bear in mind our duties to each other and to our lodge. As officers we should not only be skillful in the work, and able to guide impressively and successfully the candidate through the various requisitions of the ritual, but ever have in view the advancement of those fundamentel principles of our institution—Affection, Fidelity, Purity, Faith, and Patience.

May the same spirit of Affection that filled the heart of Jepthah's daughter, and made her jealous of her father's honor, make us careful to guard the honor of a worthy Brother or Sister, thereby making the name of Adoptive Masonry honorable among all.

May that spirit of Fidelity that caused Ruth to leave home and kindred that she might dwell with the people of God, keep us true and faithful to our order, willing to forsake place and position and become one of the humblest to advance its interests.

May that Purity of character that made Esther noble and

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exalted her people be found in all our membership. May we keep our hearts pure, thereby guarding against slandering any member of this order, or doing one of them any manner of wrong, for we read, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

May that Faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, that assured Martha that her brother should live again cheer our hearts in all troubles, and assist us in our endeavors to imitate and practice upon the example of Christ; and may the Patience that supported Electa under all her trials be ever with us, while we patiently wait to be called to the Grand Lodge on high. Actuated by such a spirit you will suffer nothing to be heard within the sacred walls of your lodge but the heavenly sounds of truth, peace and concord. Then shall we see our beloved order truly prosperous and honorable. Guard well the avenues of approach; let none be made acquainted with our mysteries unless prepared to adopt in their heart the vital principles of our order. The character of our institution is made up of the character of its individual members; if that is pure, then, indeed, shall we be able to make our institution a blessing to the world.

Thanking you for the high honor you have conferred upon me by electing me your chief officer, and for the patience with which you have borne the imperfect discharge of its duties, permit me to say that I shall be happy to relinquish the honor to a more worthy successor, and devote my abilities to the prosperity of the order in a more humble station.

MRS. D. C. PURINTON.

On motion of Bro. Leonard the address of the G. W. P. was referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee Sisters H. A. Rose and L. P. Foote and Bro. C. Leonard.

On motion of Bro. Hutchinson the G. W. P. was instructed to appoint a committee upon Returns and a committee upon Mileage.

The G. W. P. then appointed the following committees:

RETURNS.—Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, Sisters Mary Snyder and M. S. Woodworth.

MILEAGE.—Bro. E. W. Pendleton, Sisters A. M. Crofts and S. E. Beebe.

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Report of Bro. J. D. Van Duyn, G. Sec., received and referred to Finance Committee.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference, made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Worthy President would respectfully submit the following report:

1st—That that part of the address which alludes to the forfeiture of charters be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

2nd—That that part alluding to the appointment of District Deputy Grand Lecturers be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. A. ROSE,
MISS L. P. FOOTE,
C. LEONARD, } Com.

Report accepted and adopted and committee discharged.

The G. W. P. then appointed as Special Committee upon District Deputy Grand Lecturers Sisters M. C. Drake and Paulina Potts and Bro. A. P. Secord.

The work was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Special Committee upon Mileage submitted the following report:

Your Committee upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

	MILES.
No. 2, Adrian,	56
No. 4, Bronson,	12
No. 6, Sturgis,	24
No. 7, Manchester,	55
No. 12, Morenci,	54
No. 13, Buchanan,	80
No. 14, Osseo,	28
No. 17, Colon,	27
No. 18, Linden,	158
No. 21, Cooper,	85
No. 23, Pinckney,	105
No. 28, Lyons,	115

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No. 29, Leslie,..... 70
No. 30, Hastings,..... 125

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. W. PENDLETON,
A. M. CRAFTS, } Com.
S. E. BEEBE,

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, October 3d, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION—9 O'CLOCK A. M., October 3, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Returns made the following report:

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the returns of the subordinate lodges, would respectively report that they have examined the same and find

No. 2, Adrian,..... Correct
No 3, Coldwater,..... "
No. 4, Bronson,..... "
No. 6, Sturgis,..... "
No. 7, Manchester,..... "
No. 12, Morenci,..... "
No 17, Colon,..... "
No. 18, Linden,..... "
No. 21, Cooper,..... "
No. 23, Pinckney,..... "
No. 28, Lyons,..... "
No. 29, Leslie,..... "
No. 13, Buchanan,..... "
No. 14, Osseo,..... "
No. 30, Hastings,..... "
No. 28, Lyons, for the year 1871,..... "

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. HUTCHINSON,
MARY SNYDER, } Com.
M. S. WOODWORTH,

On motion of Bro. Hutchinson the proposed amendment to the Constitution, on page 11 Proceedings of 1871, was taken from the table.

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Resolved, That Art. 4 of the Constitution be so amended as to read "First Wednesday in November," instead of "First Wednesday in October."

The question being upon its adoption it was declared lost.

Bro. Leonard offered the following amendment to the By-Laws—that Article 5 be so amended as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. The Standing Committees to be appointed at each Annual Meeting of this Grand Lodge are as follows:

A committee of three on Grievances.

A committee of three on Finance and Accounts.

A committee of three on Adoptive Law and Usage.

A committee of three on Charters and Dispensations.

Their powers and duties shall be defined by the By-Laws, Resolutions or Edicts of this Grand Lodge.

Two-thirds of all the members present voting in favor of the above amendment it was adopted.

The Committee on Grievances made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Grievance would respectfully submit the following report:

There has been nothing referred to your committee for their action and they have no report to make, but would respectfully make the following suggestion: That on careful examination of the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge we find nothing therein concerning the duties of said Committee, and would respectfully request that this Grand body will at its earliest convenience point out the powers and duties of said committee.

K. R. REHKLAW,
C. LEONARD, } Com.

On motion of Bro. D. Bovee the election of officers was made the special order for three o'clock this afternoon.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have had the matter of the petition of members asking for a charter at Crystal Lake under con-

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sideration, and would recommend that the petition be granted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. CRAFTS,
M. HAWLEY, } Com.
A. P. SECORD,

On motion a charter was granted to Brothers and Sisters at Crystal Lake to be known as Crystal Lodge A. M., No. 34.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the ritual of Adoptive Masonry be so amended that at the opening and closing of a lodge the signs of all the five Patrons shall be given.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 O'CLOCK P. M.
October 7, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

On motion of Bro. Bovee the proposed amendment to the Constitution, on page 13 of Proceedings of 1871, was taken from the table, and the question being upon its adoption it was lost.

The Secretary, pro tem, was instructed to have the proceedings of this Annual Session printed, and to furnish three copies to each subordinate lodge and one copy to each Grand and Past Grand officer.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers Bro. H. N. Mowry and Sisters Mary Snyder and H. A. Rose were appointed Tellers.

The following persons were elected:

G. W. P., Sister D. C. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. V. P., Bro. A. P. Secord, Adrian.
G. Sec., Bro. W. H. Rice, Leslie.
G. Treas., Sister Sarah E. Beebe, Colon.
G. Lec., Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.
G. Cond., Sister Eliza Crofoot, Pinckney.
G. 1st P., " E. A. Church, Sturgis.
G. 2d P., " Marion C. Drake, Hastings.
G. 3d P., " A. M. Crafts, Manchester.
G. 4th P., " Gertie Hill, Morenci.
G. 5th P., " Mary Snyder, Cooper.
G. Guard, " H. J. Mosher, Linden.

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G. Sentinel, Bro. H. N. Mowry, Buchanan.

G. Chaplain, Rev. E. A. Gay, Bronson.

The G. Secretary was instructed to draw orders upon the G. Treasurer for the mileage due Grand officers and delegates.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION—7 O'CLOCK P. M., October 3, 1872.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

On motion it was

Resolved, That D. B. Purinton be requested to record the proceedings of this Grand Lodge not upon the Secretary's book, and that we pay him fifteen dollars for the services thus rendered.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that part of the address of the G. W. P. that relates to the appointment of District Deputy G. Lecturers made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on that part of the address of the G. W. P. that relates to the appointment of Deputy G. Lecturers have had the same under consideration, and recommend that the G. W. P. be empowered to appoint as many suitable persons as this Grand Lodge may determine, to be distributed throughout the State, as to her may seem proper.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. C. DRAKE,
PAULINA POTTS, } Com.
A. P. SECORD,

On motion the report of the committee was accepted, and the recommendation therein contained adopted.

On motion of Bro. B. M. Hutchinson

Resolved, That when we adjourn we adjourn to meet in Leslie the first Wednesday in October, 1878.

On motion of Bro. C. Leonard

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge is hereby tendered to the Masonic Fraternity, and the Eastern Star Lodge of Coldwater, for the kind and fraternal courtesies in which the delegates and visitors to this Grand Lodge have been welcomed and entertained during the session of this Grand Lodge. Also, that the thanks of this Grand Body be tendered our Grand Worthy President for the able and dignified manner in which she has discharged the important duties of her office during the present year.

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The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations beg leave to report that according to Section 9 of Article 6 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan we find the following named lodges have forfeited their charters, viz.:

Jackson, No. 8; Fowlerville, No. 15; Romeo, No. 19; South Saginaw, No. 20; Owosso, No. 22; Orangeville, No. 26; and recommend that their charters be demanded.

A. M. CRAFTS,
M. HAWLEY,
A. P. SECORD,
Com.

On motion the report was accepted, and the Grand Lecturer requested to visit the lodges named in the report, and, if in his opinion for the good of the order, to obtain their charters.

The Finance Committee submitted the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, would respectfully submit the following report:

That they have examined said accounts and find them correct. Your committee further report that they find that there has been received by the Grand Secretary two hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-one cents, ($212.81) all of which has been paid to the Grand Treasurer. Also that they find that the Grand Treasurer has received two hundred and twelve dollars and eighty-one cents, and that she has paid orders as per vouchers, one hundred and nineteen dollars and fifteen cents, leaving a balance of ninety-three dollars and sixty-six cents in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

Your committee would further report that they find due J.

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D. Van Duyn, G. Sec., the sum of eighteen dollars and ten cents, and would recommend its payment.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. P. FOOTE,
M. A. OLDMAR, } Com.
D. BOVEE,

REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

J. D. Van Duyn in account with Grand Lodge A. M., Michigan.

		Cr.
1871—Oct. 6,	To cash received of G. Treas.,	$21 00
" " 10,	Palmyra Lodge, dues 1871,	2 50
" " 10,	Deerfield Lodge, dues 1871,	3 40
		$26 90
		Dr.
1872—Sept. 20,	To 150 copies printed Proceedings,	$30 00
" " 20,	To 100 funeral service,	6 00
" " 20,	To 200 blank returns,	8 00
" " 20,	To postage and stationery,	1 00
		$45 00

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REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY, PRO TEM.

Received of	Morenci Lodge, No. 12, dues,	$10 35
"	" Osseo Lodge, No. 14, dues,	8 05
"	" Linden Lodge, No. 18, dues,	7 90
"	" Hastings Lodge, No. 31, dues,	11 55
"	" Cooper Lodge, No. 21, dues,	6 10
"	" Colon Lodge, No. 17, dues	12 15
"	" Bronson Lodge, No. 4, dues,	12 80
"	" Coldwater Lodge, No. 3, dues,	42 71
"	" Adrian Lodge, No. 2, dues,	15 65
"	" Lyons Lodge, No. 28, dues,	16 10
"	" Manchester Lodge, No. 7, dues,	13 00
"	" Buchanan Lodge, No. 13, dues,	8 15
"	" Sturgis Lodge, No. 6, dues,	12 25
"	" Leslie Lodge, No. 29, dues,	24 25
"	" Pinckney Lodge, No. 23, dues,	11 80
Total received,		$212 81
Paid Grand Treasurer,		212 81

REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

Received from Grand Secretary,			$212 81
Paid Grand V. P.		$ 5 60	
"	" Treasurer	8 50	
"	" 1st Patron	5 40	
"	" 2d Patron	2 70	
"	" 3d Patron	1 20	
"	" 4th Patron,	11 65	

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Paid Grand 5th Patron,	5 60	
" " Guard,	15 80	
" Delegate Adrian, No. 2,	5 60	
" " Bronson, No. 4,	1 20	
" " Sturgis, No. 6,	2 40	
" " Manchester, No. 7,	5 50	
" " Morenci, No. 12,	5 40	
" " Buchanan, No. 13,	8 00	
" " Osseo, No. 14,	2 80	
" " Colon, No. 17,	2 70	
" " Pinckney, No. 23,	10 50	
" " Lyons, No. 28,	11 50	
" " Leslie, No. 29,	7 00	$119 15
Balance on hand,		93 66

On motion of Bro. D. Bovee the account of J. D. Van Duyn, G. Sec., was allowed and an order ordered drawn.

The Grand Officers were then installed, Sister Richards, of Colon, acting as Marshal.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge then closed in due form to meet in the village of Leslie on the first Wednesday in October, 1872, at 12 M.

D. B. PURINTON,
Secretary, pro tem.

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NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	W. PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	INITIATED.	DEMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
Adrian, No. 2,	H. A. Howes	M. A. Flatt	1			11		1		78	$15 65
Coldwater, No. 3,	D. C. Purinton	E. M. Culver	19				4	1		200	42 71
Bronson, No. 4,	N. S. Cory	L. Hastings	4	5		22				63	12 80
Constantine, No. 5,	No Returns										
Sturgis, No. 6,	M. Hawley	L. A. Packard	5	8		30	2	1		55	12 25
Manchester, No. 7,	A. M. Crafts	E. P. Crafts								6	13 00
Burr Oak, No 9,	No Returns										
Fairfield, No. 10,	No Returns										
Palmyra, No. 11,	No Returns										
Morenci, No. 12,	Gertie Hill	F. A. Wells	3			22		1	3	51	10 35
Buchanan, No. 13,	F. R. Michael	R. E. Binns	3							40	8 15
Osseo, No. 14,	Mary King	T. Porter	7						7	34	8 05
East Saginaw, No. 16,	No Returns										
Colon, No. 17,	L. P. Foote	C. Clement	7							59	12 15
Linden, No. 18,	A. Sutherland	H. J. Mosher	6				1	2		38	7 90
Cooper, No. 21,	M. Snyder	A. Delano	2				2	2		28	6 10
Pinckney, No. 23,	D. J. Hinchey	M. L. Sprout	4						5	58	11 80
Deerfield, No. 25,	No Returns										
Mendon, No 27,	No Returns										
Lyons, No. 28,	M. S. Burrows	E. A. Roof	16	12		6	3	1	1	50	10 80
Leslie, No. 29,	M. A. Oldmar	M. A. Vaughn	10	1		7	5		1	109	24 25
Ransom, No. 30,	No Returns										
Hastings, No. 31,	M. C. Drake	Clara Allen	11						1	55	11 55
			98	21		98	17	9	18	983	$207 51

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G. W. P.—D. C. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. V. P.—A. P. Secord, Adrian.
G. Sec.—W. H. Rice, Leslie.
G. Treas.—Sarah E. Beebe, Colon.
G. Lec.—Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.
G. Cond.—Eliza Crofoot, Pinckney.
G. 1st Pat.—E. A. Church, Sturgis.
G. 2d Pat.—Marion C. Drake, Hastings.
G. 3d Pat.—A. M. Crafts, Manchester.
G. 4th Pat.—Gertie Hill, Morenci.
G. 5th Pat.—Mary Snyder, Cooper.
G. Guard.—H. J. Mosher, Linden.
G. Sentinel.—H. N. Mowry, Buchanan.
G. Chaplain.—Rev. E. A. Gay, Bronson.

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry will meet in Leslie, Wednesday, Oct. 1st, 1873, at 12 M.

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MRS. MARY C. SNYDER,
Grand Worthy President, 1873.

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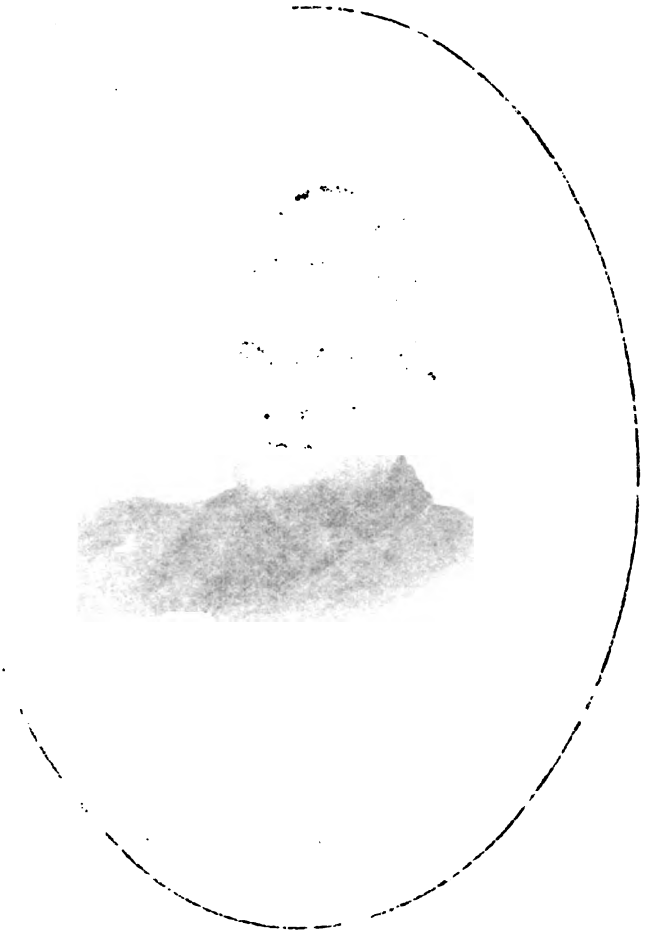

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MASONIC HALL,
LESLIE, MICHIGAN, OCT. 1, 1873.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its annual session, pursuant to provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, at Leslie, Mich., on Wednesday, Oct. 1st, A. D., 1873, at 12 o'clock, m.

PRESENT—Sister D. C. Purinton, G. W. P.; Bro. A. P. Secord, G. V. P.; Bro. W. H. Rice, G. Sec.; Sister Julia DeLano, G. Treas., pro tem; Sister E. L. Pendleton, G. 1st Pat.; Sister, M. C. Drake, G. 2nd Pat.; Sister J. M. Hadley, G. 3rd Pat., pro tem.; Sister M. Rupert, G. 4th Pat., pro tem.; Sister Mary Snyder, G. 5th Pat.; Sister L. Nichols, G. Guard, pro tem.; Sister M. Woodworth, G. S., pro tem.

The Grand Lodge was opened in due form.

The G. W. P. appointed Sisters Julia DeLano, Macary and Bro. B. E. Binns a Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshments until 2 o'clock p. m.

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AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor.

The Committee on Credentials report the following lodges represented, and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister D. C. Purinton, G. W. P.
Bro. A. P. Secord, G. V. P.
Bro. W. H. Rice, G. Sec.
Sister S. E. Beebe, G. Treas.
Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, G. Sec.
Sister Julia Crumb, G. Con., pro tem.
Sister E. L. Pendleton, G. 1st Pat., pro tem.
Sister M. C. Drake, G. 2nd Pat.
Sister J. M. Hadley, G. 3d Pat., pro tem.
Sister M. Rupert, G. 4th Pat., pro tem.
Sister Mary Snyder, G. 5th Pat.
Sister L. Nichols, G. Guard, pro tem.
Bro. H. N. Mowrey, G. Sentinel.

No. 2—Adrian—Sister Jenetta G. Kelly, W. P.; Bro. A. P. Secord, V. P.; Sister A. Secord, delegate.

No. 3—Coldwater—Sister D. Hall, W. P.; Bro. M. Mansfield, V. P.; Sister M. Macary, delegate; Sister L. Nichols, proxy.

No. 4—Bronson—Sister N. S. Corey, W. P.; Bro. Smith Budd, V. P.; Sister M. E. Fuller, delegate.

No. 6—Sturgis—Sister Amelia Willetts, W. P.; Bro. Loren G. Blanchard, V. P.; Sister Dr. Rupert, delegate.

No. 9—Burr Oak—Sister Mary E. Allen, W. P.; Bro. James R. Sales, V. P.

No. 10—Fairfield—Bro. N. B. Pierce, V. P.

No. 11—Palmyra—Sister Maria M. Smith, W. P.; Bro. J. H. Reynolds, V. P.; Sister Pattison, delegate.

No. 12—Morenci—Sister Gurtie Hill, W. P.; Bro. G. W. Woodworth, V. P., and delegate.

No. 13—Buchanan—Sister L. A. Mowrey, W. P.; Bro. Noah Michael, V. P.; Bro. B. E. Binns, delegate.

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No. 21—Cooper—Sister Nancy A. Glen, W. P.; Bro. Geo. DeLano, V. P.; Adelia DeLano, delegate.

No. 23—Pinckney—Sister Delia J. Hinchey, W. P.; Bro. W. A. Sprout, V. P.; Orancy Haze, delegate.

No. 28—Lyons—Sister E. R. Hicks, W. P.; Bro. A. H. Wilmont, V. P.; Sister Florence M. Hutchinson, delegate.

No. 31—Hastings—Sister O. S. Hadley, W. P.; Bro. Geo. E. Altoft, V. P.; Sister J. M. Hadley, delegate.

No. 34—Crystal—Sister R. S. Smith, W. P., and delegate; Bro. A. L. Smith, V. P.

Palo Lodge, U. D.—Sister B. Dunn, W. P.; Bro. T. E. Dunn, V. P.; Bro. G. W. Collins, delegate.

Summer Lodge, U. D.—Sister M. L. Douglass, W. P.; Bro. S. J. Bailey, delegate.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

SISTER ADELIA DELANO,
SISTER M. MACARY,
BROTHER B. E. BINNS,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. A. P. Secord, all members of Subordinate Lodges, in good standing, are invited to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The G. W. P. appointed the following committees:

GRIEVANCE—Sister Macary, Sister Fuller and Bro. Binns.

FINANCE—Sister Snyder, Sister Secord and Bro. Secord.

ADOPTIVE LAW USAGE—Sister Nichols, Sister Crumb and Bro. Hutchinson.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS—Sister Rupert, Sister Haze and Bro. Smith.

The G. W. P. then read the following address:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS—Again have we assembled in our annual communication for the purpose of deliberating for the good of Adoptive Masonry, exchange "fraternal greetings," form new friendships and cement old ones.

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The opportunity thus offered is one of the pleasant privileges of our yearly meetings. Coming together as we do with hearts filled with love for our Order, and expanded by those principles which our institution inculcates, it is not strange that we should while here, form friendships which shall become lasting sources of enjoyment during the remainder of our lives.

As we come with our offerings for the good of Adoptive Masonry, let us remember to render grateful praise to our Divine Preserver for His kind care over us during another year, that He has permitted us to labor "to increase our own happiness and promote that of others," and for the peace and prosperity He has seen fit to bless us with.

Having been honored by you by being made your chief officer, it becomes my duty to render to you an account of the manner in which those duties have been discharged.

At our last annual session a Charter was granted to Brothers and Sisters at Crystal Lake, to be known as Crystal Lodge of Adoptive Masons, No. 34.

During the year I have granted dispensations to open new lodges to Brothers and Sisters at Elm Hall, to be known as Summer Lodge, February 18th. To Brothers and Sisters at Palo to be called Palo Lodge, February 19th. These dispensations and the proceedings had under their authority will be submitted for your consideration and approval; if satisfactory, I would recommend that charters be granted them.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at the last session of this Grand Body, I appointed Brother C. Leonard of Osseo Lodge, No. 14, Deputy Grand Lecturer.

On the 1st day of January, 1873, I granted a special dispensation to Ransom Lodge, No. 30, giving them authority to hold a meeting for the election of officers, they having failed to meet at the time of the annual meeting, and authorized Deputy Grand Lecturer, Bro. C. Leonard, to install its officers.

At the request of Hastings Lodge, No. 31 (and deeming it to be for the best interest of our Order) I granted them a special dispensation to hold their annual

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meeting for election of officers at an earlier date than the stated time, upon proper notice to its members.

The account of the Subordinate Lodges with the Grand Lodge has not been kept as it should be. I would recommend that the Committee and Secretary be authorized to examine the Secretary's books, and report to this Grand Body at this session, how the account stands with each Subordinate Lodge.

Several questions have been submitted to me touching our unwritten work. A strict attention by all to the exemplification of our work at the annual session of this Grand Body will fit and prepare you as chief officers of the Subordinate Lodges, to give them proper instructions in the mysteries of Adoptive Masonry.

I regret to say that some of our Lodges are laboring under difficulties and discouragements, caused by a want of interest among their members. All such need your forebearance and encouragement.

Not all who have received the Covenant of Adoption, been instructed in the faith and principles of our beloved Order, are willing to participate in our endeavors to imitate Christ, and practice upon His example.

When burdened by the carelessness, indifference or apostacy of our members, let us remember that when Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Redeemer of the world, and Almighty Saviour, was upon earth teaching lessons that relate to Him, there were many who believed on Him, nevertheless, because of the Pharisees, did not confess Him, for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God. Yet this same Jesus, who was scorned and rejected by the proud and haughty of earth, after having suffered the pains of death, descended into the grave, and in due time ascended with glorious majesty to the right hand of our "Heavenly Father," where he now sits as an Intercepter for all those who have faith in Him.

If we are kindly affectioned one toward another, filial to the noble principles of our Order, pure in our efforts to promote the happiness of others, faithful in the performance of our duties, patiently doing good, exercising charity and forbearance, we shall convince all of the goodness of our institution and make it a blessing to the world,

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"and the honor, glory and reputation of the Eastern Star will be firmly established."

Permit me to express my grateful acknowledgements for the valuable assistance rendered me in advancing the interests of Adoptive Masonry, by our Grand Lecturer, Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, and Deputy Grand Lecturer, Bro. C. Leonard. To their zealous efforts we are greatly indebted for the advance made during the past year.

Sisters and Brothers, you have twice conferred upon me the honor of being your chief officer. For this token of your confidence I return my sincere thanks. I have endeavored to perform the duties with fidelity and to preserve a conscience void of offence toward God and my Brothers and Sisters. Wherein I have failed, whatever my error may have been, I implore you to cast over them the "mantle of charity."

I also beg for my successor a large share of your sympathy and encouragement. My love and attachment for this institution will, I trust, ever prompt me to continue as a co-worker with you, to use my best endeavors to advance the cause of Adoptive Masonry.

D. C. PURINGTON, G. W. P.

On motion of Bro. Hutchinson the address of the G. W. P. was referred to a special committee for division and reference.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee Sisters Pendleton and Haze and Bro. Secord.

COMMITTEE ON MILEAGE—Bros. Secord and Mowry and Sister Macary.

COMMITTEE ON RETURNS—Sisters Vaughn and Hadley and Bro. Hutchinson.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshments for ten minutes.

Grand Lodge called from refreshments to labor.

Grand Lodge called from labor to refreshments until 7 o'clock p. m.

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EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

Grand Lodge called from refreshments to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Bro. B. M. Hutchinson the Grand Lodge proceeded to exemplify the work.

The committee, to whom was referred the G. W. P. address, reported. Report accepted and committee discharged.

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masons:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P., would respectfully submit the following report:

First. That so much as alludes to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

Second. That that part that relates to the accounts with Subordinate Lodges be referred to a special committee of three.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER E. L. PENDLETON,
SISTER ORACY W. HAZE,
BRO. A. P. SECORD,
Committee.

The Grievance Committee made the following report, which was accepted:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masons:

Your Committee, to whom was referred any grievance that might properly come before this body, beg leave to state that upon due enquiry into the state of feelings in the Subordinate Lodges, find they are working together in harmony and fraternal love, and do most cordially recommend a continuance of the same feelings.

Respectfully submitted,
SISTER MACARY,
SISTER FULLER,
BRO. BINNS,
Committee.

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The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensation would respectfully report that they have the matter of the petitions of Sisters and Brothers, asking for a Charter at Elm Hall, also at Palo, under consideration, and would recommend that the petitions be granted. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER M. RUPERT,
SISTER O. W. HAZE,
BRO. A. L. SMITH,
Committee...

On motion of Bro. Hutchinson, Elm Hall Lodge and Palo Lodge were granted a Charter.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

No. 2.	Adrian	61
No. 3.	Coldwater	57
No. 4.	Bronson	69
No. 6.	Sturgis	81
No. 9.	Burr Oak	75
No. 10.	Fairfield	63
No. 11.	Palmyra	69
No. 12.	Morenci	80
No. 13.	Buchanan	136
No. 14.	Osseo	88
No. 21.	Cooper	83
No. 23.	Pinckney	64
No. 28.	Lyons	63
No. 31.	Hastings	56
No. 34.	Crystal	88
Palo, U. D.		78
Sumner, U. D.		88

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. H. N. MOWREY,
BRO. A. P. SECORD,
Committee.

The G. W. P. appointed a special committee on accounts with Subordinate Lodges, consisting of Sisters Beebe and King and Bro. Grand, secretary.

A motion prevailed that Colon Lodge be allowed to elect a Worthy President.

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The committee, to whom was referred the returns of Subordinate Lodges, report that they find:

No. 2.	Adrian	Correct
No. 3.	Coldwater	"
No. 4.	Bronson	"
No. 6.	Sturgis	"
No. 9.	Burr Oak	"
No. 10.	Fairfield	"
No. 11.	Palmyra	"
No. 12.	Morenci	"
No. 13.	Buchanan	"
No. 14.	Osseo	"
No. 21.	Cooper	"
No. 23.	Pinckney	"
No. 28.	Lyons	"
No. 29.	Leslie	"
No. 31.	Hastings	"
No. 34.	Crystal	"
Elm Hall, U. D.		"
Palo, U. D.		"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER VAUGHN,
SISTER HADLEY,
BRO. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

A motion was made and supported that Article III. Section I. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be amended so as to read for each membership of six months of Subordinate Lodges, 20c.

Motion was made that the delegates be paid this evening.

Motion lost.

Motion was lost to adjourn until Thursday evening.

Motion prevailed to adjourn until Thursday morning, 7:30 o'clock.

The Committee on Finances made the following report, which was accepted:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of this Grand Body:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the accounts of the Subordinate Lodges, find that, ac-

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cording to the several reports, they have paid to the Grand Secretary the sum of $239.90.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BRO. A. P. SECORD,
SISTER M. SNYDER,
SISTER A. SECORD,
Committee.

The Grand Treasurer reported that she had received from the Grand Secretary $93.66; paid order to J. D. Van Dyne, $18.10; order of D. B. Purinton, $30; leaving balance on hand, $45.56.

S. E. BEEBE,
Grand Treasurer.

A motion prevailed that it be the special order of business to elect Grand Officers at 8 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION—7:30 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by the Grand Lecturer.

On motion of Bro. B. M. Hutchison it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the sisters and brothers of Leslie for the kind and generous hospitality which has been extended to us during the session of the Grand Lodge; also thanks of this Grand body be tendered to our Grand Worthy Patron for the faithful and able manner in which she has discharged the duties of her office during the past year.

Resolved, That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at Hastings, the first Wednesday in October, 1874.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers the G. W. P. appointed as tellers Bro. Binns and Sister Hadley.

The following named Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected:

G. W. P., Sister Mary Snyder, Cooper.
V. P., Bro. Allen Church, Sturgis.
G. Sec., Bro. D. B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas., Sister Mary Woodworth, Leslie.
G. Sec., Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.
G. Cond., Sister H. A. House, Adrian.

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G. 1st P., Sister F. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.
G. 2nd P., Sister R. S. Smith, Crystal.
G. 3rd P., Sister B. Dunn, Palo.
G. 4th P., F. R. Michael, Buchanan.
G. 5th P., J. Herrick, Hastings.
G. G., Sister C. M. Lampman, Colon.
G. S., Bro. P. Potts Bronson.

Motion prevailed that the Grand Secretary get the proceedings of this session printed and distribute the same.

Account allowed to Bro. D. B. Purinton of $7.82.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshments until this evening.

EVENING SESSION—8 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshments to labor.

Motion prevailed that we receive Bro. Pierce as delegate from Fairfield Lodge, No. 10.

On motion of Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, it was

Resolved, That Brother D. B. Purinton, Brother Totem and W. H. Rice be appointed a committee to revise and cause to be republished a revision of our Monitors, adapting them to the changes that have been made in the work of Adoptive Masonry. Also, that they cause to be provided a suitable supply of signets to meet the wants of the Order. Also, that they cause to be published, or provided, a suitable supply of the By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges.

Motion prevailed that the By-Laws of Subordinate Lodges be printed with the proceedings.

The G. W. P. then installed the Grand Officers elect.

On motion of Bro. D. B. Purinton the deficiency in dues on returns from Fairfield Lodge and East Saginaw Lodge be remitted.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge was closed in due form to meet at Hastings on the first Wednesday in October, 1874, at 12 o'clock m.

W. H. RICE,
Grand Secretary.

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1874.

MASONIC HALL,
HASTINGS, MICH., WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1874.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its Annual Session pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at Hastings, on Wednesday, October 7, A. D. 1874, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—Sister Mary Snyder, G. W. P.
" Brother J. W. Dunn. as G. V. P.
" " D. B. Purinton, G. Sec.
" Sister Mary Woodworth, G. Treas.

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Present—Brother B. M. Hutchinson, G. Lec,
" Sister S. A. Sitts, as G. Con.
" " F. M. Hutchinson, G. 1st Pat.
" " R. S. Smith, G. 2d Pat.
" " B. Dunn, G. 3d Pat.
" " F. R. Michael, G. 4th Pat.
" " J. Herrick, G. 5th Pat.
" " E. H. Glenn, as G. Guard.
" Brother P. Potts, G. Sen.

And brothers and sisters.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form, and prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The G. W. P. appointed Sisters M. C. Drake, S. A. Sitts and Brother J. W. Dunn as Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

The following resolutions of Hastings Lodge, No. 52 of F. and A. M., were received and read:

MASONIC HALL,
HASTINGS, MICH., SEPTEMBER 23, A. L. 5874.

To the Worthy President and Patrons of Hastings Eastern Star Lodge No. 31 of Adoptive Masonry:

You are hereby notified that at a Regular Communication of Hastings Lodge No. 52 F. and A. M., held in their Hall as above, the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan at its last Annual Communication adjourned to meet at this place on the first Wednesday of October of the present year; therefore,

Resolved, That we tender to this Grand Body the free use of this Hall, together with the necessary furniture to enable them to comfortably perform their duties while here assembled.

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master be requested to ask of Barry Lodge U. D. to waive their right to this Hall on Thursday following the first Wednesday of October next to accommodate the meeting of said Grand Body.

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Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to furnish the Worthy Prdsident of Hastings Eastern Star Lodge No. 31 of Adoptive Masons a copy of the above resolutions under the seal of the lodge, properly attested by the Worshipful Master.

JOHN M. NEVINS, W. M.

W. O. HEDRICK, Secretary.

SEAL.

And on motion of Bro B. M. Hutchinson the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body be and is hereby tendered to Hastings Lodge No 52 F. and A. M. for the kind and fraternal manner in which they have favored us with the use of their elegant Hall, and their manifest solicitude for our comfort and happiness.

The Committee on Credentials report the following Lodges represented, and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister Mary Snyder, G. W. P.
Brother Allen Church, G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, G. Sec.
Sister Mary Woodworth, G. Treas.
Brother B. M. Hutchinson, G. Lec.
Sister H. A. Howse, G. Con.
" F. M. Hutchinson, G. 1st Pat.
" R. S. Smith, G. 2d Pat.
" B. Dunn, G. 3d Pat.
" F. R. Michael, G. 4th Pat.
" J. Herrick, G. 5th Pat.
" C. M. Lampman, G. Guard.
Brother P. Potts, G. Sen.
" Rev. E. D. Young, G. Chap.
Sister E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. P.
" D. C. Purinton, P. G. W. P.
Brother D. Bovee, P. G. V. P.
" C. Jacobs, P. G. V. P.
" J. H. Tatem, P. G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P.
" A. P. Secord, P. G. V. P.

No. 2, Adrian, not represented.

No. 3, Coldwater, Sister E. E. Hall, W. P., Brother A. J. Foster, V. P., Sister A. Mansfield, delegate.

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No. 4, Bronson, Paulina Potts, W. P., Brother W. E. Hastings, V. P., Brother P. Potts, delegate.

No. 6, Sturgis, Sister C. E. Hill, W. P., Dr. Ira F. Packard, V. P.

No. 7, Manchester, not represented.

No. 9, Burr Oak, Sister Diana D. Stillman, W. P., Brother Jas. Sayler, V. P.

No. 10, Fairfield, not represented.

No. 11, Palmyra, Sister M. M. Smith, W. P., Brother Cornelius Van Way, V. P.

No. 12, Morenci, Sister Gerty Hill, W. P., Brother Geo. W. Woodworth, V. P.

No. 13, Buchanan, Sister F. R. Michael, W. P., Brother J. C. Briggs, V. P., Bro. H. Mowry, delegate.

No. 14, Osseo, Sister Mary J. King, W. P., Brother John Burghduff, V. P., Sister Laura L. Rumsey, delegate.

No. 16, East Saginaw, not represented.

No. 17, Colon, not represented.

No. 18, Linden, not represented.

No. 21, Cooper, Sister E. H. Glenn, as proxy for W. P., Brother Geo. Delano, V. P., Sister A. Delano, delegate.

No. 23, Pinckney, not represented.

No. 25, Deerfield, not represented.

No. 27, Mendon, not represented.

No. 28, Lyons, Sister A. R. Hicks, W. P., Brother E. Hicks, V. P., Brother B. M. Hutchinson, delegate.

No. 29, Leslie, Sister M. A. Vaughn, W. P., Brother E. Oldman, V. P., Sister S. A. Sitts, delegate.

No. 30, White Cross, not represented.

No. 31, Hastings, Sister M. C. Drake, W. P., Brother George Altoft, V. P.

No. 32, Greenville, not represented.

No. 33, Ransom, Sister E. Hartson, W. P., Brother H. L. Hartson, V. P.

No. 34, Crystal, Sister A. L. Smith, W. P., Brother Sylvester Arinty, V. P., Sister Lucenda Miner, delegate.

No. 35, Sumner, Sister Malvina L. Douglass, W. P., Brother Samuel J. Bailey, V. P., Brother M. Douglass, delegate.

No. 36, Palo, Sister Betsey Dunn, W. P., Brother Thomas Dunn, V. P., Brother John W. Dunn, delegate.

The G. W. P. then read the following

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ADDRESS.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—In accordance with the custom established by my worthy and highly esteemed predecessors in office, whose good example I hope may be perpetuated, the following thoughts and official acts are offered for your consideration.

After a year's separation from each other we meet again in peace, harmony, and health. In this circumstance alone we may find abundant reasons for mutual congratulations, but when we come to consider that we meet in a land of abundance and a country at peace with the world, our sense of gratitude can find no expression in language. Let us then be thankful that we live to see the bright and happy breaking of this auspicious day, which brings together in beautiful harmony our beloved order.

Again have we assembled for the purpose of deliberating at our Annual Communication. Let us return our adoration to the Supreme Architect of the universe that we have not been called to clothe our jewels in mourning, but are again permitted, through a kind Providence, to meet together for fraternal greetings. As your chief officer it becomes my duty to give an account of the matters of business that may have fallen under my supervision during the past year. A communication was sent me by the Grand Secretary from Palmyra Lodge, No. 11, about the first of October, which, owing to my absence from home, did not come to my knowledge until the first of January, when the request was immediately granted. Also a request from Morenci Lodge, No. 12, asking permission to elect a new Secretary, which was granted. Also a request from the Grand Lecturer to have me appoint Brother James Sweeney Deputy Grand Lecturer, to discharge such duties as he might require at his hands, which was granted Nov. 19th through the Grand Lecturer, as he had not given me Brother Sweeney's address. I also received a communication from the Grand Secretary, Brother D. B. Purinton, Nov. 8th, stating that the surrendered charter of Fowlerville Lodge, No. 15, had been received. Various questions have been communicated to me, which I have answered to

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the best of my ability. In taking a retrospective glance of the year just past we find from courses beyond our control that the financial pressure has been such as to cripple our energies, and our order has not been in as flourishing a condition as we could wish. Yet let us not however sit idly down, folding our hands, content that the institution is flourishing, and will wholly protect itself. No! there is danger in idleness. We must work, and our industry will be manifest by imperishable results. Among the duties imposed upon our Order is that of the dissemination of its beautiful truths and its principles of eternal peace and good will among us. Our Order, therefore, is not exclusive but universal in its true spirit and genius. In the discharge of this duty the one great precautionary question, "Are They Worthy?" is the only one that ought to give us any concern. The design of Adoptive Masonry is that all are entitled to eat of the hidden manna who are worthy; provided they seek through its legitimate channels to be admitted to its sacred place. That all are not worthy is not the fault of our institution. Neither is it the fault of our institution that the unworthy have found their way into its sanctuary. We, with the rest of the human race, have to lament that we cannot, any more than other human institutions, correctly prejudge human nature. Let us, therefore, keep an eye on the bright Star of Bethlehem, the beacon-light of the Order. As our Order is pure, is beautiful, is grand, we must labor to keep it so. Let us emulate the Divine Master, whose life was one of purity and harmony; and, like the poet, I would exclaim,

"I live to hail the seasons
By gifted minds foretold,
When man shall rule by reason,
And not alone by gold.
When man to man united,
And every wrong thing righted,
And the whole world shall be lighted
As Eden was of old."

We must, therefore, be ever watchful, patient, and laborious, that through us justice and knowledge may ever triumph.

And now, Sisters and Brothers, it only remains for me, in closing this brief address, to thank you for the honors conferred upon me. If I have discharged them with any degree of satisfaction to this honorable Order it has been owing not more to the conscious determination which I have brought to your service than to the generous assistance with which I have been supported by my companions and colleagues in office. Of one thing I am certain, that in whatever degree I may have fallen short of meeting your expectations in the discharge of my official duties, the deficiency must be attributed to errors of the head and not of the heart. For all

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the imperfections of my official career I crave the mantle of your charity; and, as I retire to give place to another more worthy, be assured that wherever my lot may be cast my heart will ever beat in unison with yours for the good of the Order, and to maintain that peace and harmony which should charterize all our proceedings.

MARY SNYDER, G. W. P.

On motion of Brother B. M. Hutchinson the address of the Grand Worthy President was referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee Brother B. M. Hutchinson and Sisters A. Delano and M. L. Douglass.

Brother B. M. Hutchinson, Grand Lecturer, made a very interesting verbal report of his labors for the benefit of the Order during the past year.

The G. W. P. then announced the following Standing Committees:

On Grievance—Sisters Laura L. Rumsey and C. E. Hill, and Brother M. Douglass.

On Finance—Sisters M. A. Vaughn and A. Mansfield, and Brother H. L. Hartson.

On Adoptive Law and Usage—Sisters D. C. Purinton and D. D. Stillman, and Brother B. M. Hutchinson.

On Charters and Dispensations—Sisters M. C. Drake and M. L. Douglass, and Brother George W. Woodworth.

On Mileage—Sisters F. R. Michael and B. Dunn, and Brother George Altoft.

On Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Sisters R. S. Smith and Mary J. King, and Brother John W. Dunn.

The petition of brothers and sisters at Traverse City for a charter or dispensation was received and referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensation.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock in the evening.

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EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and references, made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Worthy President for division and reference, beg leave to report recommending that the same be referred to the Committee on Adoptive Law and Usage for their suggestions and recommendations.

B. M. HUTCHINSON,
M. L. DOUGLASS,
ADELIA DELANO, } Com.

Report accepted and adopted and the committee discharged.

The work was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

Brother B. M. Hutchinson offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee to whom was referred the revision of the ritual at our last session be granted further time, with instructions to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, October 8th, at nine o'clock A. M.

MORNING SESSION—9 A. M.

SECOND DAY.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

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The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the petition of brothers and sisters at Traverse City, would respectfully recommend that a charter be granted to the brothers and sisters at Traverse City, to be known as Traverse City Lodge, No. 37, Adoptive Masonry.

M. C. DRAKE,
M. L. DOUGLASS, } Com.

On motion the report was accepted and a charter granted brothers and sisters at Traverse City, to be called Traverse City Lodge, No. 37, A. M.

The Committee upon Mileage submitted the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

	LODGE.	MILES.
No.	3, Coldwater,	98
"	4, Bronson,	110
"	6, Sturgis,	122
"	9, Burr Oak,	116
"	13, Buchanan,	129
"	14, Osseo,	90
"	21, Cooper,	74
"	28, Lyons,	74
"	29, Leslie,	58
"	31, Hastings,	—
"	33, Ransom,	96
"	34, Crystal,	94
"	35, Sumner,	104
"	36, Palo,	82

F. R. MICHAEL,
B. DUNN, } Com.

The Committee upon Returns of Subordinate Lodges made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Returns of Subordinate Lodges would respect-

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fully report that they have examined the returns of the following named Lodges, and find them as follows:

No. 3, Coldwater,..... Correct
" 4, Bronson,..... Due 40 Cts
" 6, Sturgis,..... " 25 "
" 9, Burr Oak,..... Due $1.80
" 11, Palmyra,..... Overpaid 20 Cts
" 12, Morenci,..... Correct
" 13, Buchanan,..... Due 20 Cts
" 14, Osseo,..... Correct
" 21, Cooper,..... "
" 28, Lyons,..... "
" 29, Leslie,..... "
" 31, Hastings,..... Overpaid 60 Cts
" 33, Ransom,..... Correct
" 34, Crystal,..... Overpaid 20 Cts.
" 35, Sumner,..... Due 20 Cts
" 36, Palo,..... Correct

R. S. SMITH,
M. J. KING, } Com.
J. W. DUNN,

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Grievance made the following report:

To the Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan:

Your Committee, to whom was referred any grievance that might properly come before this body, beg leave to state upon due enquiry into the state of feeling in the subordinate lodges, first, that they are working together in harmony and fraternal love, except in one instance, where a sister W. P. complains that a few of her lodge elected a candidate (in her absence) who she deems unworthy and refuses to initiate; which action is likely to make trouble between her and certain members of her lodge. We would, therefore, recommend that she be sustained in her action, and receive instruction from this Grand Body as may seem proper and just. All of which is respectfully submitted.

LAURA L. RUMSEY,
MRS. C. E. HILL, } Com.
M. DOUGLASS,

The report of the committee was accepted and adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to write to the Subordinate Lodge, informing them that the action of the W. P. in refusing to initiate the person elected was sustained by this Grand Body.

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The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The account of D. B. Purinton, Grand Secretary, for postage and stationery, of $1.88, was allowed, and an order ordered drawn.

Brother B. M. Hutchinson offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to the brothers and sisters of Hastings for their kind reception of us, for the refined, delicate, and boundless hospitality which has been extended to us, and we pray the blessings of our Divine Master to protect and bless them in all their labors of love.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body he tendered our G. W. P. for the faithful and earnest manner in which she has discharged the arduous duties of her office.

The Secretary was instructed to have the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the By-Laws for Subordinate Lodges printed with the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary stated that it did not appear upon the books of the Grand Lodge that the money paid by Crystal Lodge, No. 4, for their charter had ever been paid to the Secretary.

Upon motion of the Grand Lecturer Brother John W. Dunn was appointed a committee to ascertain the facts, and report at our next session.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers.

Brother D. B. Purinton and Sisters Mary Woodworth and F. M. Hutchinson were appointed Tellers:

The following named Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected:

G. W. P., Sister Mary Snyder, Cooper.

G. V. P., Brother Travers Phillips, Hastings.

G. Sec., Brother David B. Purinton, Coldwater.

G. Treas., Sister Laura L. Rumsey, Osseo.

G. Lec., Brother B. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.

Sisters D. C. Purinton and F. R. Michael, and Brother H. L. Hartson were appointed a committee to nominate suitable persons for Patrons, Guard, and Sentinel.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until one o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—1 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was then called from refreshment to labor.

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The Committee appointed to nominate suitable persons for Patrons, Guard, and Sentinel reported, recommending the following named persons:

For 1st Patron, Sister M. L. Douglass.
For 2d Patron, Sister C. E. Hill.
For 3d Patron, Sister Clara A. Ramsdell.
For 4th Patron, Sister F. R. Michael.
For 5th Patron, Sister D. D. Stillman.
For Guard, Sister Gerty Hill.
For Sentinel, Brother H. L. Hartson.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded with the election of officers, and the following named persons were declared duly elected:

G. Cond., Sister Sarah Sitts, Leslie.
G. 1st Patron, Sister Malvina L. Douglass, Sumner.
G. 2d Patron, Sister Catherine E. Hill, Sturgis.
G. 3d Patron, Sister Clara A. Ramsdell, Traverse City.
G. 4th Patron, Sister F. R. Michael, Buchanan.
G. 5th Patron, Sister Diana D. Stillman, Burr Oak.
G. Guard, Sister Gerty Hill, Morenci.
G. Sentinel, Brother Hiram L. Hartson, Ransom.
G. Chap., Brother A. R. Hicks, Lyons.

The G. W. P. appointed the following persons as Deputy Grand Lecturers:

Sister Alma Mansfield, Coldwater.
Sister J. M. Hadley, Hastings.
Brother C. Leonard, Osseo.
Brother A. Snyder, Cooper.
Brother Dr. J. D. Woodworth, Leslie.

The Financial Committee submitted the following report:

To the Grand Worthy President, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and found them correct, as follows:

Received by the G. Sec. from				Coldwater Lodge, No. 3, dues,	$41 65
"	"	"	"	Bronson Lodge, No. 4, dues,	7 90
"	"	"	"	Sturgis Lodge, No. 6, dues,	13 75
"	"	"	"	Burr Oak Lodge, No. 9, dues,	8 45
"	"	"	"	Burr Oak Lodge, No. 9, 1873,	6 60

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Received by the G. Sec. from				Palmyra Lodge, No. 11, dues,	4 40
"	"	"	"	Buchanan Lodge, No. 13, dues,	5 25
"	"	"	"	Osseo Lodge, No. 14, dues,	8 20
"	"	"	"	Cooper Lodge, No. 21, dues,	5 60
"	"	"	"	Lyons Lodge, No. 28, dues,	9 30
"	"	"	"	Leslie Lodge, No. 29, dues,	28 00
"	"	"	"	Hastings Lodge, No. 31, dues,	19 35
"	"	"	"	Ransom Lodge, No. 33, dues,	7 25
"	"	"	"	Crystal Lodge, No. 34, dues,	12 80
"	"	"	"	Sumner Lodge, No. 35, dues,	11 25
"	"	"	"	Palo Lodge, No. 36, dues,	17 35

Total amount received by Grand Sehretary,	$207 10
Paid Grand Treasure by Grand Secretary,	207 10
Received by Grand Treasurer:	
Balance on hand,	$ 56 01
Received from Grand Secretary,	207 10
Due from Lodges,	2 05
Total amount received,	$265 16
Paid orders of G. Lodge,	205 03
Balance on hand,	$60 13

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. VAUGHN,
A. MANSFIELD, } Com.
H. L. HARTSON,

The G. Sec. was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to pay for the printing of the proceedings of this annual session.

On motion of Sister Delano,

Resolved, That the next annual session be held in the city of Coldwater on the first Wednesday in October, 1875.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed, Sister Mansfield, of Coldwater, acting as Marshal.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge then closed in due form, to meet in the city of Coldwater on the first Wednesday in October, 1875, at 12 M.

D. B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name and Number of Lodge.	W. President.	Secretary.	Initiated.	Demitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted to Membership	Number of Members.	Dues.
Coldwater, No. 3,.....	E. E. Hall.	D. C. Purinton.	9	2	...	...	2	1	.....	197	$41 65
Bronson, No. 4,.....	Paulina Potts.	I. D. Hull.	2	...	...	28	...	1	.....	39	7 90
Sturgis, No. 6,.....	C. E. Hill.	H. E. Wallace.	4	2	...	...	...	3	.....	65	13 75
Burr Oak, No. 9,.....	D. D. Stillman.	Emma Moore.	9	...	...	2	...	1	.....	40	8 45
Palmyra, No. 11,.....	Maria M. Smith.	Frank A. Smith.	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	22	4 40
Morenci, No. 12,.....	Gerty Hill.	Nettie Macomber	1	2	...	10	...	1	1	54	11 05
Buchanan, No. 13.....	L. A. Mowry.	S. B. Strong.	1	5	...	8	...	2	.....	26	5 25
Osseo, No. 14,.....	Mary J. King.	Isiah Straw.	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	41	3 20
Cooper, No. 21,.....	Mary Snyder.	Adelia Delano.	...	...	...	12	...	...	.....	28	5 60
Lyons, No. 28,.....	E. A. Roof.	A. P. Fannce.	2	...	...	16	4	...	.....	44	9 30
Leslie, No. 29, ...	M. A. Vaughn.	M. A. Oldman.	20	...	...	11	5	...	.....	115	28 00
Hastings, No. 31, ...	M. C. Drake.	Louisa A. Phillips.	15	...	...	4	1	1	.....	78	19 36
Ransom, No. 33,.....	Evalyn Hartson.	Wealthy Andridge.	5	2	...	3	...	1	.....	30	5 30
Crystal, No. 34,.....	R. S. Smith.	Lucinda Miner.	12	5	...	...	5	...	.....	47	12 80
Sumner, No. 35, ...	M. L. Douglass.	M. Douglass.	5	...	...	...	5	...	.....	51	12 25
Palo, No. 36,.....	Betsey Dunn.	Sarah E. Collins.	19	...	...	...	4	...	1	63	17 34
Traverse, No. 37, ...	Clara A. Ramsdell.	Julia Barlow.	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	15	.....
			104	18	...	89	26	11	3	955	210 70

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The name of the Grand Lodge shall be the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 2. Its officers shall consist of one Grand Worthy President, one Grand Vice President, one Grand Secretary, one Grand Treasurer, one Grand Lecturer and Visitor, one Grand Conductor, five Grand Patrons,

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(to be designated 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th,) one Grand Guard, and one Grand Chaplain.

Sec. 3. Any brother or sister who is a member in good standing of any subordinate Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be eligible to any office of this Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. This Grand Lodge shall meet annually at 12 o'clock M. on the first Wednesday in October in each year, at such place as shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 5. The Grand Worthy President shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, appoint all committees not otherwise directed, shall sign all warrants and Charters, and do all such things as are necessary and usual for a presiding officer to do in similar bodies.

Sec. 6. In the absence of the Grand Worthy President the Grand Vice President shall perform the duties in all particulars, and shall be clothed with all powers which the Grand Worthy President would have.

Sec. 7. The Grand Secretary shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge; shall issue warrants and Charters to subordinate Lodges when directed so to do by the Grand Worthy President, or Grand Lodge, and shall do all such things as shall be directed by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Worthy President.

Sec. 8. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Grand Lodge, and pay the same out by order of the Grand Worthy President, or as directed by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 9. The Grand Treasurer shall give such security as shall be required and approved by the Grand Worthy President for the faithful discharge of the duties of said office, which shall be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 10. The other Grand Officers shall perform and discharge such duties belonging to their respective stations, as may be required.

ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. All Grand Officers of this Lodge shall be elected by ballot.

Sec. 2. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice in the election of the Grand Officers.

Sec. 3. All Grand Officers shall hold their office for the term of one year, or until others are elected and duly installed.

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ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be as follows:—For all Charters to subordinate Lodges, ten dollars ($10); for all warrants to subordinate Lodges, five dollars ($5), to be deducted if charter be afterwards granted; for each membership of each subordinate Lodge, twenty cents (20 cents) per annum; for each initiation during the year twenty-five cents (25 cents).

Sec. 2. No Lodge shall be represented in this Grand Lodge until its dues to this Grand Lodge are fully paid.

Sec. 3. Each subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to three votes in this Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. A subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Worthy President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductor, 5 Patrons, Guard, Sentinel, and Chaplain, and as many members as may be convenient; and said Lodge shall have a seal.

Sec. 5. The Worthy President, Vice President, and such other persons as the Lodge shall elect, shall be entitled to represent their respective Lodges.

Sec. 6. Each subordinate Lodge may elect a representative for either for either of the persons who are entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 7. All Past Grand Worthy Presidents and Grand Vice Presidents who are members in good standing in some subordinate Lodge, shall be honorary members of this Grand Lodge and entitled to a vote.

ARTICLE IV.

SECTION 1. All Lodges in the State of Michigan who do not, within five months, obtain a Charter from this Grand Lodge, shall be considered and treated as clandestine.

Sec. 2. No new Lodge shall hereafter be instituted until the Grand Worthy President or the Grand Lecturer and Visitor shall be satisfied that the proposed officers are thoroughly qualified for the proper discharge of their respective duties.

Sec. 3. All applications for warrants shall be made to the Grand Worthy President, Grand Lecturer and Visitor, or Grand Secretary, and shall be granted only by consent of the Grand Worthy President.

Sec. 4. Each Subordinate Lodge shall make out and forward to the Grand Secretary at least two weeks previous to the annual meeting of the

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Grand Lodge, an abstract of its proceedings for the year previous. This report shall include the names of its officers, the number initiated, the number of its members, the number who have been demitted, and the number who have died, and the amount due the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge will pay but one representative from each Subordinate Lodge entitled to be represented.

Sec. 2. The pay for each representative shall be two dollars a day, and ten cents per mile travel, one way only, but in no case shall the representative receive more pay than the dues from the Lodge which they represent for the preceding year.

Sec. 3. The Grand Officers shall receive the same compensation per day and mileage for attending the Grand Lodge as the representatives from Subordinate Lodges.

Sec. 4. The Grand Lecturer and Visitor shall receive no compensation for his services (except as provided for in Sec. 3 of this article) from this Grand Lodge, but may receive compensation from such Subordinate Lodges as may require his services.

ARTICLE VI.

SECTION 1. No person shall be admitted as a member of any Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, by initiation or application, but affiliated Master Masons in good standing, their wives, widows, sisters and daughters who shall have attained to the age of eighteen years, and shall have been regularly proposed and balloted for at a regular meeting of the Subordinate Lodge. For initiation one black ball rejects for membership.

Sec. 2. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Adoptive Masonry for any less sum than one dollar.

Sec. 3. No Adoptive Mason can be a member of more than one lodge at the same time, nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a Lodge until all dues to the same are paid or remitted.

Sec. 4. Subordinate Lodges shall have disciplinary control over non-affiliated Adoptive Masons residing within their respective jurisdiction.

Sec. 5. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have power to hear and determine all matters of difference between its own members, and suspend or

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expel, with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present; in case of suspension two-thirds may restore; in case of expulsion a unanimous vote shall be required.

Sec. 6. Any member deeming themselves aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge may appeal in writing within one year to the Grand Lodge, by whom such order shall be taken relating thereto as the nature of the case may require.

Sec. 7. Every Lodge within this jurisdiction shall have and enjoy full power to regulate its internal policies, by the adoption of a constitution, by-laws and other regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

Sec. 8. No Lodge can surrender its Charter to the Grand Lodge without first taking the same steps at a regular meeting thereof, which by its constitution or by-laws would have required for amendments to said instrument, and in all cases written notice of the intention to surrender a Charter shall be given to every member of said Lodge within its jurisdiction at least one week preceding the regular meeting at which action is proposed to be had.

Sec. 9. Any Lodge neglecting to assemble for one year, or to make returns and pay its dues for two years, shall forfeit its warrant and surrender the same to the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 10. No Lodge or assembly of Adoptive Masons which shall hereafter be formed within the State of Michigan shall be deemed legal without the sanction of this Grand Lodge being first obtained.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments and Revisions.

SECTION 1. All amendments and additions to this Constitution must be submitted and approved at a previous meeting to that in which they are acted upon.

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1. At every communication of this Grand Lodge previous to the transaction of business the Lodge shall be opened in proper form.

Art. 2. The Lodge to be opened within half an hour of the time appointed in the Constitution or in the notification in the case of extra meeting, or as soon thereafter as a sufficient number shall appear.

Art. 3. No person shall be admitted in the Grand Lodge before his or her name shall be announced and leave given by the presiding officer, nor shall any one be admitted into the Grand Lodge but such as are members, representatives or members of a Subordinate Lodge, or admitted as a witness, petitioner, or by a vote of this Grand Lodge.

Art. 4. The appointment of committees shall be first in order, then presenting and hearing petitions, the reports of committees previously appointed, and the unfinished business, and no new motion or other business shall be received, without first obtaining leave of the Grand Lodge, until the former is disposed of.

Art. 5. The Standing Committees to be appointed at each annual meeting of this Grand Lodge are as follows:

A committee of three on Grievances.

A committee of three on Finance and Accounts.

A committee of three on Adoptive Law and Usage.

A committee of three on Charters and Dispensations.

Their powers and duties shall be defined by the by-laws, resolutions or edicts of this Grand Lodge.

Art. 6. All committees shall be appointed by the Grand Worthy President unless otherwise specially directed by the Grand Lodge. In case of a ballot a majority of votes shall be necessary to a choice.

Art. 7. No motion for reconsideration shall be in order unless made within twenty-four hours after the question shall have been decided.

Art. 8. All reports of committees shall be made in writing and signed by at least a majority of the committee.

Art. 9. Any of the above by-laws may be amended, or, when necessary, postponed for the time being, by the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, or a majority of the Lodges.

Art. 10. The election and installation of officers of the Grand Lodge shall be the last order of business of the session.

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BY-LAWS

OF

EASTERN STAR LODGE

OF

ADOPTIVE MASONS,

.....*Michigan.*

ARTICLE 1. The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worthy President, Vice President, Conductor, Five Patrons, Secretary, Treasurer, Guard, Sentinel and Chaplain.

Art. 2. The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on..... .....on or preceding the full moon of each month. The hour of meeting shall be from October 1st to April 1st at 7 o'clock P. M., and from April 1st to October 1st at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Art. 3. The officers of this Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the next regular meeting preceding the annual meeting of the Grand

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Lodge, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election; which officers shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are elected and installed in their stead.

Art. 4. All applications for initiation or membership shall be made in writing, addressed to the Worthy President, Vice President, and Patrons, signed by the petitioner, specifying his or her age and residence, and recommended by two members of this Lodge.

Petitions for initiation or membership may be received at any regular meeting, and it shall be the duty of the Worthy President to refer the same to a committee of three, at least one of whom shall be a Masser Mason, whose duty it shall be to investigate the character of the applicant, and report the same to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, provided the petition remain in the hands of the committee at least seven days.

Art. 5. The fees for conferring the Eastern Star Degree, or for membership in this Lodge. shall be: for females..... and for males....., which fee must be paid before the candidate is initiated or admitted. A unanimous vote must be had in favor of the applicant for initiation. If only one black ball appear, a second ballot may be taken to avoid mistakes, which second ballot must be on the same evening of the first ballot. No person shall be denied admittance to membership on demit unless three black balls appear.

Art. 6. Each member shall pay annually into the funds of the Lodge as follows:..... to be paid at or before the first regular meeting for the election of officers in each year, and any who shall be in arrears for one year's dues shall not be entitled to a vote, and may be suspended if a majority of the members present shall so determine. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify members of their arrearages of dues on or before the regular meeting preceding the election of officers.

Art. 7. The Worthy President shall, at the first regular meeting after her election, appoint the following standing committees: Finance Committee and Conference Committee, consisting of three persons each; a Grievance Committee, consisting of three ladies and three gentlemen. It shall be the duty of the Grievance Committee to take cognizance of the conduct of the members of the Lodge, reconcile difficulties that may arise, and when proper prefer charges and specifications for the action of the Lodge.

Art. 8. No Sister or Brother shall be expelled from this Lodge unless

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it be upon written charges and specifications, signed by the accuser and filed with the Secretary, whose duty it shall be to present the same to the Lodge at any regular meeting, and if, by a two-thirds vote, they shall see fit to entertain the same, it shall be the duty of the Worthy President to appoint a Committee of Investigation, whose duty it shall be to investigate the same and report their action to the Lodge for consideration; but in no case shall a member be expelled without sufficient opportunity be given for their defense.

Art. 9. In voting upon any subject, every member present shall be required to vote, unless excused by the Worthy President.

Art. 10. Any member of this Lodge who shall, in any manner whatever, make known the transactions of this Lodge, or the result of any ballot taken in this Lodge, either for initiation or membership, except to those who have been initiated in or are members of a regular constituted Eastern Star Lodge, shall for such offense be tried as in article eight of these by-laws, and, if found guilty, be suspended or expelled, as two-thirds of the members present shall determine.

It shall be the duty of every member of the Lodge to aid and assist their Sisters and Brothers in sickness at any and all times when requested, provided it will not cause great inconvenience to themselves.

The Worthy President may, at her discretion, reprimand in open Lodge any Sister or Brother who shall, during the transaction of business, entertain any private discourse, or in any way disturb the peace and harmony of the Lodge.

Art. 11. Any Brother or Sister becoming a member of this Lodge shall express his or her assent to these by-laws by subscribing their names thereto.

Art. 12. No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made unless the same be proposed in writing, at a regular meeting, when it shall be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next regular meeting, when it shall require the sanction of three-fourths of the members present for its adoption.

Art. 13. The following shall be the order of business to be observed at the regular communications of this Lodge:

1. Calling roll of officers.

2. Reading the minutes of preceding meeting, and disposal of the same.

3. Receiving and referring petitions.

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4. Receiving reports of committees on applications.
5. Balloting on applications.
6. Reports of special committees.
7. Reports of standing committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business.
10. Conferring degrees.
11. Closing.



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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. P., MARY SNYDER, Cooper.
G. V. P., TRAVERS PHILLIPS, Hastings.
G. Sec., D. B. PURINTON, Coldwater.
G. Treas., LAURA L. RUMSEY, Osseo.
G. Lec., DR. B. M. HUTCHINSON, Lyons.
G. Con., SARAH SITTS, Leslie.
G. 1st Pat., MALVINA L. DOUGLAS, Sumner.
G. 2d Pat., CATHERINE E. HILL, Sturgis.
G. 3d Pat., CLARA A. RAMSDELL, Traverse City.
G. 4th Pat., F. R. MICHAEL, Buchanan.
G. 5th Pat., DIANA D. STILLMAN, Burr Oak.
G. Guard, GERTY HILL, Morenci.
G. Sen., HIRAM L. HARTSON, Ransom.
G. Chap., A. R. HICKS, Lyons.

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry will meet in Coldwater on the first Wednesday in October, 1875, at 12 o'clock M.

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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry.

MASONIC HALL,
COLDWATER, MICH., WEDNESDAY, OCT. 6, 1875.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its Annual Session pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at Coldwater, Michigan, Wednesday, October 6, 1875, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—Sister Mary Snyder, G. W. P.
" Brother Travers Phillips, G. V. P.
" " D. B. Purinton, G. Sec.
" Sister L. L. Rumsey, G. Treas.
" " S. A. Sitts, G. Con.
" " M. L. Douglass, G. 1st Pat.
" " E. J. Barber, as G. 2d Pat.
" " B. Dunn, as G. 3d Pat.
" " Mary Bogardus, as G. 4th Pat.
" " Frances A. Clark, as G. 5th Pat.
" " Gerty Hill, G. Guard.
" Brother Rev. A. R. Hicks, G. Chap.
" " Hiram L. Hartson, G. Sen.

and brothers and sisters.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form and prayer by the G. Chaplain.

The G. W. P. appointed sisters E. E. Hall, F. A. Clark, and Bro. A. R. Hicks as Committee on Credentials.

An invitation was extended the Grand Lodge by the G. Sec. from Hon. H. C. Lewis to visit his Art Gallery at some time during the session.

On motion the invitation was accepted, and Thursday morning at 9 o'clock A. M. selected as the time to visit the Art Gallery.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION—3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following Lodges represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister Mary Snyder, G. W. P.
Brother Travers Phillips, G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, G. Sec.
Sister Laura L. Rumsey, G. Treas.
Brother Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, G. Lec.
Sister Sarah A. Sitts, G. Con.
" Malvina L. Douglass, G. 1st Pat.
" Catherine E. Hill, G. 2d Pat.
" Clara A. Ramsdell, G. 3d Pat.
" F. R. Michael, G. 4th Pat.
" Diana D. Stillman, G. 5th Pat.
" Gerty Hill, G. Guard.
Brother Hiram L. Hartson, G. Sen.
" Rev. A. R. Hicks, G. Chap.
Sister Martha G. Lindsley, P. G. W. P.
" E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. P.
" D. C. Purinton, P. G. W. P.
Brother D. Bovee, P. G. V. P.
" C. Jacobs, P. G. V. P.
" J. H. Tatem, P. G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P.
" A. P. Secord, P. G. V. P.
" Allen Church, P. G. V. P.

No. 2, Adrian. Not represented.

No. 3, Coldwater, sister E. E. Hall, W. P., brother A. J. Foster, V. P., sister H. Rosenbaum, delegate.

No. 4, Bronson, sister Nellie S. Corey, W. P., brother Wallace Hastings, V. P., sister Mary Shepard, delegate.

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No. 6, Olive Branch, Sturgis, sister Catherine E. Hill, W. P. and delegate, Dr. Allen F. Patch, V. P.

No. 7, Manchester. Not represented.

No. 9, Burr Oak, sister Diana D. Stillman, W. P., brother James Sayles, V. P.

No. 10, Fairfield. Not represented.

No. 11, Palmyra, sister Maria M. Smith, W. P., brother Cornelius Van Wey, V. P.

No. 12, Morenci, sister Libbie Sweeney, W. P., brother Benj. Hornbeck, V. P., sister Hattie Rothrock delegate.

No. 13, Buchanan. Not represented.

No. 14, Osseo, sister Mary J. King, W. P. and delegate, brother Jno. Burghduff, V. P.

No. 16, East Saginaw. Not represented.

No. 17, Colon. Not represented.

No. 18, Linden. Not represented.

No. 21, Cooper, sister Mary Snyder, W. P., brother E. H. Glenn, V. P., sister Rocena C. Holmes, delegate.

No. 23, Pinckney. Not represented.

No. 25, Deerfield. Not represented.

No. 27, Mendon. Not represented.

No. 28, Lyons, sister Nellie Roof, W. P., brother A. R. Hicks, V. P. and delegate.

No. 29, Leslie, sister Francis A. Clark, W. P., brother H. B. Hawley, V. P., sister Mary Woodworth, delegate.

No. 30, White Cross. Not represented.

No. 31, Hastings, sister Eliza J. Barber, W. P., brother F. Steinhoff, V. P., sister Rose Altoft, delegate.

No. 32, Greenville. Not represented.

No. 33, Ransom, sister Lucinda Palmer, W. P., brother Ferris Hill, V. P., sister Anna E. Doty, delegate.

No. 34, Crystal, sister Rosetta Smith, W. P. and delegate, brother Perry Bailey, V. P.

No. 35, Sumner, sister Malvina L. Douglass, W. P., brother S. J. Daley, V. P., brother Micajah Douglass, delegate.

No. 36, Palo, sister Betsey Dunn, W. P., brother Thomas Dunn, V. P., sister Sarah E. Collins, delegate.

No. 37, Traverse City, sister Adah K. Pratt, W. P., brother John Broadfoot, V. P., sister Clara A. Ramsdell, delegate.

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U. D., Quincy, sister Sarah Marsh, W. P., brother Dan W. Sawyer, V. P., sister Sarah Lampman, delegate.

U. D., Carson City, sister Helen Lee, W. P., brother M. J. Miner, V. P., sister S. O. Cressenger, delegate.

U. D., Portland, sister Edith Kennedy, W. P., brother G. A. Dorr, V. P., brother A. R. Hicks, delegate.

U. D., Grand Ledge, sister E. L. Parsons, W. P., brother S. S. Messinger, V. P., brother A. B. Schumaker, delegate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. E. HALL,
F. A. CLARK, } Com.
A. R. HICKS,

On motion the report was accepted and adopted. The G. W. P. then read the following

ADDRESS.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—While ever restless time has hurried us through the events of another year the goodness of an all-wise Providence has continued our lives, and we are once more permitted to meet on this annual occasion—to turn back the pages of our year's history, review our labors, and take sweet council together for the future. As this is the time which marks the close of our masonic year, and the commencement of a new one, you cannot be unmindful of the solemn truth, that the hand which marks this period upon the dial of time also points with unerring certainty to the fact that another cycle has been taken from our lives and gathered to that tomb from whence it will never again return. We meet at this time to take a retrospective glance at our labors of the past year, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of our society, and what it has accomplished; to ascertain wheth-

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er, as one of the auxiliaries for the promotion of happiness and the advancement of the grand principles of morality, it is succeeding in the purpose for which it was formed and instituted. I congratulate you on the return of this happy occasion; it is indeed pleasant to again clasp hands so warmly extended, and to earnestly echo each other's hearty greetings. I congratulate you upon the continued increase of lodges, and I trust healthful prosperity of the order throughout this grand jurisdiction. I congratulate you upon the peace and harmony which prevail throughout our borders. With one or two trivial exceptions, nothing has come to my knowledge of aught to disturb the pleasant relations which should ever exist among those who are bound together by fraternal ties. Since last we met a good Providence has kindly stayed the hand of the "fell destroyer," and we are permitted to congregate with unbroken ranks. Truly the incense of grateful hearts ought to ascend from our altars both day and night for God's tender mercy and loving kindness towards us. While many of our sisters and brothers in other jurisdictions have met with disaster in having their crops destroyed by pest and flood we have escaped, and have been blessed with a bountiful harvest. The earth has yielded plentiously to the labors of the husbandman, and health, happiness, peace, and prosperity abound. If amid all these blessings our cherished society has not grown and prospered beyond former years, I trust with confidence, that you will discover no cause for it in the action or inaction of your Grand Worthy President. While I am conscious of the fact that I have but very imperfectly discharged the important trusts reposed in me, I am also conscious of the fact that any errors I may have committed have been more from a lack of ability than from disposition. Relying on your charitable criticism of my official acts, I will proceed to lay before you in the briefest manner possible a few matters which will require your action. During the year I have granted dispensations for the formation of four new lodges, as follows:

Carson City, June 29th, Quincy, Dec. 11th, Portland, March 26th, Grand Ledge, June 21st. In each case the necessary prerequsites for the formation of new lodges were complied with, and the dispensations not granted until after careful consideration. Of the subsequent doings of these new lodges I know but little. From their prospects of success at the time they were launched forth I have no doubt they will come to this meeting and ask of you charters, and thereby become permanently established.

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On the 16th day of March a trial was commenced at Palo Lodge, No. 36, which caused some dissatisfaction among the members, and from which an appeal has been taken to this Grand body. All the facts and the necessary evidence in the case will probably be brought before you for adjudication. I trust the case may receive such care and attention at your hands as its importance demands.

At our last annual session a charter was granted Traverse City Lodge, No. 37.

On the 9th of November I appointed sister Gertie Hill, of Morenci, Deputy Grand Lecturer.

At our last annual meeting eleven out of thirty-seven lodges in our jurisdiction were not represented; while this bare statement does not indicate a very flourishing condition of our society in this State it does not correctly indicate its true *status*. It has afforded me much relief to learn, and it gives me equal pleasure to convey to you the fact, that several of the failures in being properly represented were caused more on account of misunderstanding than from neglect or indifference. To avoid such a contingency in future I would suggest that our lodges be particularly careful in their selection of officers. It is not enough that they should be simply proficient in the work and ritual, but they must also be earnest and zealous in the cause. While capability for any place or position is an excellent recommendation, it is not all that is necessary to insure *success*. Added to capability *disposition* is a good characteristic, but *work, work, work*, is superior to these, and will accomplish what the former cannot.

To confer our beautiful degrees in a manner attractive to members, and impressive and instructive to candidates, requires time and attention; to excite and sustain an interest that will call the members together at every meeting requires constant work on the part of those entrusted with the care of a lodge. The more there are who take a deep and lively interest in its affairs the more easily and perfect will it run. If at times everything does not move to satisfy us all, let us bear the offence with moderation; remembering there is no sunshine without shadow. Although we may be in the shadow now, when the sun moves a little farther along in the heavens the shadow changes its place and will leave us in clear light, and perhaps in the brightest spot of all.

When we shall next assemble in annual communication it will be amidst the reverberating and undying echoes of a nation's rejoicing. This is an auspicious time; we stand to-day upon the very threshold

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which marks a century in the history of our country. The stupendous preparations already being made to celebrate in a manner beyond precedent this important epoch is preparing the minds and hearts of the American people for a year of jubilee. How interesting and instructive it would be for us at this time to turn back to the infant days of our Republic and note the progress which has been made and the great results achieved by the labors of those who have gone before us; and what lessons of wisdom, virtue and patriotism we might evoke by presenting a sketch of the lives of those whose record sheds a brilliant and imperishable lustre upon the annals of those early days. But however pleasant and profitable this might be the task is not for me nor the occasion. I might with propriety at this time review the history of masonry during all these years, more particularly our beloved scion of that great, noble, and flourishing institution. But with the history of our branch of masonry you are familiar; nothing therefore remains for me now but to surrender into your hands that power and authority with which you have for the second time invested me. In reviewing my administration as your chief officer I can lay no claim to superiority of judgment or ability over the worthy officers who have preceded me, and I ask as a reward but one favor—that you will concede I have been faithful.

While I thank you from my heart for the honors you have bestowed upon me I shall relinquish the office with a consciousness of having performed the duties incumbent upon it to the best of my ability. Although enthusiastic in my devotion to the order and its pure principles, I would not, if I could, again wear the high honors and perform the responsible duties of your chief officer.

During the time I have served you my relations, both official and personal, have been most pleasant and agreeable. With a heart too full to measure out its thanks for your many kindnesses I now surrender the trusts confided to me. "May that peace which passeth all understanding" be yours through life, and when the final summons comes may you be translated from the fading honors of an earthly lodge to the mansions prepared for the faithful in another world.

MARY SNYDER, G. W. P.

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On motion of brother A. R. Hicks the address of the Grand Worthy President was referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. P. appointed brother A. R. Hicks and sisters E. E. Hall and C. A. Ramsdell as such committee.

The G. Chap., Rev. A. R. Hicks, and the G. Lec., B. M. Hutchinson, made some very interesting remarks in regard to their work for the benefit of the order during the past year.

The G. W. P. then announced the following Standing Committees:

On Grievance, sisters L. L. Rumsey, C. E. Hill and brother D. Bovee.

On Finance, sisters M. L. Douglass, L. Sweeney and brother Geo. Altoft.

On Adoptive Law and Usage, sisters D. C. Purinton, Mary Bogardus and brother T. Phillips.

On Charters and Dispensations, sisters S. Sitts, R. C. Holmes and brother B. M. Hutchinson.

On Mileage, sisters B. Dunn, M. J. King and brother J. W. Dunn.

On Returns of Subordinate Lodges, sisters N. S. Cory, H. Rosenbaum and brother H. L. Hartson.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The appeal of brother Solomon Slanker from the action of Palo Lodge was referred to a special committee consisting of sisters Clara A. Ramsdell, Eliza J. Barber, Gerty Hill and brothers A. J. Foster and H. L. Hartson.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference made the following report:

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To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference, respectfully submit the following report, recommending—

That so much of the address as refers to the appeal from Palo Lodge be referred to a special committee of five.

That so much of the address as refers to charters and dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

And that so much as refers to lodges not represented be referred to a special committee to correspond with such lodges, and report at the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

And that the address as a whole be published in the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge.

A. R. HICKS,
E. E. HALL,
C. A. RAMSDELL, } Com.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of brother D. Bovee all members of subordinate lodges in good standing were invited to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The G. W. P. appointed as special committee to correspond with lodges not represented brother A. R. Hicks, sisters D. C. Purinton and N. S. Corey.

The Committee upon Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee upon charters and dispensations beg leave to report—

That upon investigation of the claims of the petitioners we would recommend that charters be granted the following lodges working under dispensations, to be known and designated as follows:

Quincy Lodge, No. 38.

Carson City Lodge, No. 39.

Portland Lodge, No. 40.

Grand Ledge Lodge, No. 41.

Also that a charter be granted to brothers and sisters at Cambria Mills, to be designated as Cambria Mills Lodge, No. 42.

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We further recommend that a dispensation be granted to brothers and sisters at Hubbardston, empowering them to work. Harriet F. Robbins to be their first W. P., brother Wm. Patrick, V. P., and sister Ann Patrick, Sec.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. M. HUTCHINSON,
ROCENA C. HOLMES,
SARAH SITTS,
} Com.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the representatives of the lodges granted charters were admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed at the last session to investigate the account of Crystal Lodge, No. 34, with the Grand Lodge made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of missing money for Crystal Lodge charter would respectfully report—

I have found that brother James Sweeney, Deputy Grand Lecturer, gave to brother Hutchinson the annual report of Crystal Lodge, and saw him enclose the $5.00 and send it to the Grand Secretary; since which nothing can be found, save that the report arrived safe and is filed in the archives of this Grand Lodge, with a seeming oversight to give the proper credit. JOHN W. DUNN, Com.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Several questions were presented, and on motion referred to the Committee upon Adoptive Law and Usage.

Brother B. M. Hutchinson, of Committee on Ritual, made a verbal report, which was accepted, and, on motion of brother A. R. Hicks, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we feel it our imperative duty to revise and print a new ritual for the use of subordinate lodges.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to draft plans and specifications of the same, to report before the closing of this Grand Body, and finish the work of revision and printing, according to plans and specifications adopted by the Grand Lodge at this session.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee brothers A. R. Hicks and D. Bovee.

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The work was then exemplified by the grand officers.

The Committee upon Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, to whom was referred the question whether lodges working under dispensation should pay dues to this Grand Lodge, would respectfully report—

That in our opinion lodges should not be required to pay any dues while working under dispensation until from and after the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

B. M. HUTCHINSON,
S. A. SITTS,
ROCENA C. HOLMES,
} Com.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

On motion the election of officers was made the special order for three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until to-morrow morning, October 7th, at 10 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY. MORNING SESSION—10 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The following resolutions were offered by brother Dr. B. M. Hutchinson and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the brothers and sisters of Coldwater for their kind hospitality—for the fervent love and sympathy which we have enjoyed during our sojourn among them.

Resolved, That we thank our Grand Worthy President for the exemplary manner in which she has discharged the duties of her office during the past year.

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Resolved, That we tender our grateful acknowledgements to Hon. H. C. Lewis who has so kindly opened for our investigation his magnificent Gallery of Art. The gratification and pleasure afforded us will be held in perpetual remembrance.

Communication from brothers and sisters, members of Burr Oak Lodge, No. 9, received, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Grievance.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grievance Committee made the following report, which was on motion accepted and adopted:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Grievance, to whom was referred the matter existing in Burr Oak Lodge, No. 9, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that a committee of five be appointed by the G. W. P. to visit said lodge and investigate the matter, using all proper means to harmonize the existing difficulties.

So far as relates to the prayer of said lodge asking the G. W. P. to empower the V. P. to call a meeting of said lodge and confer the degree on a candidate whom the W. P. refuses to initiate, would report that a matter properly belonging to the Committee on Adoptive Law and Usage, and would recommend that the same be referred to said committee.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

LAURA L. RUMSEY,
C. E. HILL,
D. BOVEE,
} Com.

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The Committee upon Returns of Subordinate Lodges made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Returns of Subordinate Lodges would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following named lodges and find them as follows:

No. 3, Coldwater, correct.
No. 4, Bronson, correct.
No. 6, Sturgis, correct.
No. 11, Palmyra, due 60 cents.
No. 12, Morenci, correct.
No. 14, Osseo, correct.
No. 21, Cooper, correct.
No. 28, Lyons, correct.
No. 29, Leslie, correct.
No. 31, Hastings, correct.
No. 33, Ransom, correct.
No. 34, Crystal, due 37 cents.
No. 35, Elm Hall, due 75 cents.
No. 36, Palo, due 10 cents.
No. 37, Traverse City, correct.

NELLIE S. COREY,
H. ROSENBAUM, } Com.
H. L. HARTSON,

The report was accepted and adopted.

The special committee to whom was referred the appeal of brother Solomon Sanker from the action of Palo Lodge, No. 36, made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your special committee, appointed to investigate the charge and evidence submitted by Palo Lodge, No. 36, in the case of the expulsion of brother Slanker, respectfully submit the following report:

We find, in making a careful examination of the testimony, that there seems to be some irregularities in the proceedings. That the lodge voted on the penalty of brother Slanker without finding him guilty of the charge preferred.

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Therefore, the committee recommend that the matter be referred back to Palo Lodge for a new trial immediately on the return of the summons, and that a new commission be appointed.

CLARA A. RAMSDELL,
ELIZA J. BARBER,
GERTY HILL,
ALFRED J. FOSTER,
HIRAM L. HARTSON, } Com.

A motion to accept and adopt the report of the committee was lost.

Brother M. Douglass moved that the action of Palo Lodge be sustained, which motion was laid upon the table.

The report of the Secretary was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The account of A. J. Aldrich & Co., of ten dollars for printing blank returns, was allowed and an order ordered drawn.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following named sisters and brothers were declared duly elected:

G. W. P., Eliza J. Barber, Hastings.
G. V. P., Micajah Douglass, ~~Hastings~~.
G. Sec., David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas., Eudora E. Hall, Coldwater.
G. Lec., Rev. A. R. Hicks, Lyons.
G. Con., Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
G. 1st Pat., Sarah E. Collins, Palo.
G. 2d Pat., Catherine E. Hill, Sturgis.
G. 3d Pat., Clara A. Ramsdell, Traverse City.
G. 4th Pat., Hattie Rathrock, Morenci.
G. 5th Pat., Frances A. Clark, Leslie.
G. Guard, Sarah Marsh, Quincy.
G. Sen., John Holmes, Cooper.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

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EVENING SESSION—7. P. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Adoptive Law and Usage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Adoptive Laws and Usage, to whom was submitted several questions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Ques. 1st. If the V. P. should be absent could a sister take his place in opening the lodge should there be a master mason present?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 2d. If a visitor asks for admittance to a lodge who is the proper officer to ascertain if they are entitled to a seat in the lodge?

Ans. Any officer or member whom the W. P. shall designate.

Ques. 3d. Will the G. W. P. explain how the pass should be collected?

Ans. [Will send the answer to the W. Presidents of the different lodges.—*G. Sec.*]

Ques. 4th. May a master mason's wife, not yet eighteen years of age, be lawfully received as a candidate and initiated as an adoptive mason?

Ans. No. See Article VI, Section 1, Grand Lodge Constitution.

Ques. 5th. Does a master mason's daughter or sister lose her eligibility to be made an adoptive mason by marrying a man who is not a master mason?

Ans. No. See Article VI, Section 1, Grand Lodge Constitution.

Ques. 6th. How does the suspension or expulsion of a master mason effect his standing in our order?

Ans. It deprives him of all the rights and privileges of adoptive masonry.

Ques. 7th. Application for amendment to constitution, Article VI, Section 1, to read wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of master masons.

[NOTE.—The amendment will admit mothers of master masons.]

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Ans. We recommend that no change be made.

Ques. Is a member who resides within the jurisdiction of a subordinate lodge entitled to a demit?

Ans. Yes.

As to the petition of sisters and brothers of Burr Oak Lodge, No. 9, asking the Grand Worthy President to authorize the V. P. of said lodge to initiate a candidate who the W. P., sister D. D. Stillman, refuses to initiate, it is the opinion of your committee that the G. W. P. has no power to grant the prayer of the petitioners, and that the W. P. of a subordinate lodge, or any member of the lodge, have the right to object to the initiation of any candidate who they may deem unworthy, and no member has the right to question it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. PURINTON,
M. A. BOGARDUS, } Com.
T. PHILLIPS.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee upon mileage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

LODGE.	MILES.
No. 4, Bronson,	12
No. 6, Sturgis,	23
No. 9, Burr Oak,	18
No. 14, Osseo,	26
No. 12, Morenci,	120
No. 21, Cooper,	88
No. 28, Lyons,	113
No. 29, Leslie,	58
No. 31, Hastings,	99
No. 33, Ransom,	36
No. 34, Crystal,	129
No. 35, Sumner,	146
No. 36, Palo,	125

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No. 37, Traverse City,..... 253

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. DUNN,
MARY J. KING, } Com.
B. DUNN,

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to pay mileage only.

Brother A. R. Hicks offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, B. M. Hutchinson, who has so faithfully performed the duties of Grand Lecturer, has, by his own request, been succeeded by another,

Resolved, That we extend to him our thanks for his untiring efforts to promote the welfare of our order, and we commend him to the affectionate remembrance of all good members of our order, and to the Father of mercies for preserving grace to meet us many times in our annual communications.

The Special Committee upon Monitor and Ritual made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Special Committee on Ritual and Monitor beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that the ritual adopted by this Grand Lodge October 7th, 1869, now used by subordinate lodges in this Grand jurisdiction, be continued as the standard work without change. They would further report and recommend the publication of a new monitor, embracing the following, to wit: All from page 5 to 15, inclusive, in monitor published by J. H. Tatem; also all approved work in said monitor from page 38 to 88, inclusive, and such forms as are necessary for the use of the order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. R. HICKS,
D. BOVEE, } Com.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The G. W. P. appointed as a committee to revise the ritual and prepare it for publication, and to superintend the publishing of the same, brothers D. Bovee and A. J. Foster.

The G. W. P. appointed as a committee to visit Burr Oak lodge, in

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pursuance of a resolution heretofore adopted, brothers D. Bovee, A. J. Foster, and sisters Nellie S. Corey, E. E. Hall, and D. C. Purinton.

On motion the Committee on Ritual were instructed to publish the revised work for the benefit of the Grand Lodge.

On motion the different lodges were requested to report to the G. Secretary the number of rituals required, and for which they are willing to pay.

On motion the report of the committee upon the appeal of brother Slanker from Palo Lodge, No. 36, was accepted, and on motion adopted.

The Grand Treasurer made her report. On motion it was received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The G. W. P. appointed brother A. R. Hicks Grand Chaplain, and the following Deputy Grand Lecturers:

Sister Malvina L. Douglass, Sumner.

Brother Hiram L. Hortson, Ransom.

Brother Elvin L. Sprague, Traverse City.

Sister Alma Mansfield, Coldwater.

Brother Dr. B. M. Clark, Leslie.

On motion it was voted to pay the Grand Secretary $15 for his services during the past year.

On motion of brother David Bovee it was voted that the next annual session be held at the Masonic Hall in the village of Lyons, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1876.

The signs of the order were then exemplified by the Grand Lecturers.

On motion the Grand Treasurer was allowed twenty-five cents for money expended for postal order.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. P., officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct as follows: That the Grand Secretary has received from

Traverse City, charter No. 37,	$10 00
Morenci Lodge, No. 72, dues 1874,	11 05
Quincy, dispensation,	5 00
Carson City, dispensation,	5 00
Portland, dispensation,	5 00
Grand Ledge, dispensation,	5 00

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Coldwater, No. 3, dues,	36 35
Bronson, No. 4, dues,	7 80
Olive Branch, Sturgis, No. 6, dues,	14 40
Palmyra, No. 11, dues,	4 95
Morenci, No. 12, dues,	14 20
Osseo, No. 14, dues,	9 05
Cooper, No. 21, dues,	4 00
Lyons, No. 28, dues,	17 30
Leslie, No. 29, dues,	24 45
Hastings, No. 31, dues,	17 40
Ransom, No. 33, dues,	6 25
Crystal, No. 34, dues,	10 50
Sumner, No. 35, dues,	11 45
Palo, No. 36, dues,	13 00
Traverse City, No. 37, dues,	11 10
Cambria Mills, for charter,	10 00
B. M. Hutchinson, for charter Crystal Lodge, No. 34,	5 00
Quincy, for charter	5 00
Carson City, for charter,	5 00
Grand Ledge, for charter,	5 00
Hubbardston, for dispensation,	5 00
Total amount received by Grand Secretary,	$278 25
Paid Grand Treasurer by Grand Secretary,	278 25

RECEIVED BY GRAND TREASURER.

Balance on hand,	$ 60 12	
Received from Grand Secretary,	278 25	
Due from lodges,	85	
Total amount received,	$339 23	
Paid order of Grand Lodge,	228 92	
Balance on hand,		$110 31

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MALVINA L. DOUGLASS, } Com.
GEORGE E. ALTOFT, }

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The G. Sec. was instructed to draw an order on the Treasurer for

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the amount necessary to pay for the printing of the proceedings of this annual session.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed, sister D. C. Purinton, of Coldwater, acting as Marshal.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge closed in due form to meet in Lyons, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1875, at 12 M.

D. B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	W. PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	INITIATED.	DIMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NO. OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
Coldwater, No. 3	E. E. Hall	D. C. Purinton	11	4	...	31	4	1	...	168	$ 36 35
Bronson, No. 4	Nellie S. Corey	I. D. Hall	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39	7 80
Sturgis, No. 6	C. E. Hill	Mrs. M. A. Vial	4	1	...	...	...	1	...	67	14 40
Burr Oak, No. 9	D. D. Stillman	Emma Moore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	...
Palmyra, No. 11	Maria M. Smith	Frank A. Smith	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	24	4 95
Morenci, No. 12	Libbie Sweeney	S. Gerty Hill	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	62	14 80
Buchanan, No. 13	L. A. Mowry	S. B. Strong	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26	...
Union, No. 14	Mary King	James B. Leonard	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	43	9 05
Ceresco, No. 21	Mary Snyder	N. A. Glenn	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	20	4 00
Lyons, No. 28	Nellie Roof	Harriet Toan	18	8	...	...	2	1	...	64	17 30
Leslie, No. 29	F. A. Clark	E. Clark	9	1	...	16	3	...	...	111	24 45
Hastings, No. 31	Mrs. W. K. Barber	T. Phillips	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	82	17 40
Ransom, No. 33	Lucinda Palmer	Wealthy A. Andridge	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	30	6 25
Crystal, No. 34	Rosetta Smith	Mrs. M. J. Miner	9	6	...	1	...	...	...	48	10 50
Sumner, No. 35	M. L. Douglass	Nettie A. Chlappi	13	6	...	5	...	...	...	54	11 45
Palo, No. 36	Betsey Dunn	Sarah E. Collins	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	64	13 00
Traverse City, No. 37	Ada K. Pratt	Myrtle Haskell	6	...	...	...	1	1	...	48	11 10
Quincy, No. 38	Sarah Marsh	Mary Skinner	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	48	...
Carson City, No. 39	Mrs. Wilson Lee	S. E. Burgderfer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...
Portland, No. 40	Edith Kennedy	W. E. Loomis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...
Grand Ledge, No. 41	Emogene Parsons	A. B. Schumaker	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...
Cambria Mills, No. 42	Mrs. H. J. Fink	—— Meade	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...
Total			84	29	1	67	12	5	8	1135	$202 80

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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. P., ELIZA J. BARBER, Hastings.
G. V. P., MICAJAH DOUGLASS, Sumner.
G. Sec., D. B. PURINTON, Coldwater.
G. Treas., EUDORA E. HALL, Coldwater.
G. Lec., A. R. HICKS, Lyons.
G. Con., NELLIE S. COREY, Bronson.
G. 1st Pat., SARAH E. COLLINS, Palo.
G. 2d Pat., CATHERINE E. HILL, Sturgis.
G. 3d Pat., CLARA A. RAMSDELL, Traverse City.
G. 4th Pat, HATTIE BATHROCK, Morenci.
G. 5th Pat., FRANCES A. CLARK, Leslie.
G. Guard, SARAH MARSH, Quincy.
G. Sen., JOHN HOLMES, Cooper.
G. Chap., A. R. HICKS, Lyons.

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry will meet in Lyons on the first Wednesday in October, 1876, at 12 o'clock M.

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Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry.

MASONIC HALL, LYONS, MICH.,
Wednesday, October 4, 1876.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and vote of the Grand Lodge at its last Session at Lyons, Michigan, Wednesday, October 4, 1876, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—

Sister ELIZA J. BARBER,—G. W. P.
Brother MICAJAH DOUGLAS,—G. V. P.
" D. B. PURINTON,—G. Secy.
Sister D. C. PURINTON,—as G. Treas.
Brother A. R. HICKS,—G. Lec.
Sister NELLIE S. COREY,—G. Con.
" SARAH E. COLLINS,—G. 1st Pat.
" Mrs. T. PHILLIPS,—as G. 2d Pat.
" M. A. VAUGHN,—as G. 3d Pat.
" HATTIE ROTHROCK,—G. 4th Pat.
" FRANCES A. CLARK,—G. 5th Pat.
" NELLIE ROOF,—as G. Guard.
Brother JOHN HOLMES,—G. Sen., and brothers and sisters.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Bro. B. M. Hutchinson, of Lyons Lodge, No. 29, on behalf of the Lodge, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Lyons, and extended to them the hospitalities of their homes.

The G. W. P. appointed Sisters Nellie S. Corey, Frances A. Clark and Bro. A. R. Hicks as Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION—3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Lodges represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister Eliza J. Barber, G. W. P.
Brother Micajah Douglass, G. V. P.
" David B. Purinton, G. Secy.
Sister D. C. Purinton, as G. Treas.
Brother A. R. Hicks, G. Lec.
Sister Nellie S. Corey, G. Con.
" Sarah E. Collins, G. 1st Pat.
" Catharine E. Hill, G. 2d Pat.
" Clara A. Ramsdell, G. 3d Pat.
" Hattie Rothrock, G. 4th Pat.
" Frances A. Clark, G. 5th Pat.
" Sarah L. Marsh, G. Guard.
Brother John Holmes, G. Sen.
" A. R. Hicks, G. Chap.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. P.
" D. C. Purinton, P. G. W. P.
" Mary Sdyder, P. G. W. P.
Brother David Bovee, P. G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P.
" T. Phillips, P. G. V. P.

No. 2, Adrian—Not represented.

No. 3, Coldwater—Alma Mansfield, W. P., Nathan Rosenbaum, V. P., Mrs. D. A. Merrill, delegate.

No. 4, Bronson—Nellie S. Corey, W. P., S. Rudd, V. P.

No. 6, Olive Branch, Sturgis—Catherine E. Hill, W. P., Dr. A. F. Patch, V. P., Eliza B. Ayres, delegate.

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No. 7, Manchester—Not represented.
No. 9, Burr Oak—Not represented.
No. 10, Fairfield—Not represented.
No. 11, Palmyra—Maria M. Smith, W. P., Cornelius Von Wey, V. P.
No. 12, Morenci—Libbie Sweeney, W. P., Henry S. Wyman, V. P., Gerty Hill, delegate.
No. 13, Buchanan—Not represented.
No. 14, Osseo—Not represented.
No. 16, East Saginaw—Not represented.
No. 17, Colon—Not represented.
No. 18, Linden—Not represented.
No. 21, Cooper—Mary Snyder, W. P.; E. H. Glenn, V. P., Bro. P. A. Ware, delegate.
No. 22, Pinckney—Not represented.
No. 25, Deerfield—Not represented.
No. 27, Mendon—Not represented.
No. 28, Lyons—A. M. Burrows, W. P., W. S. Burrows, V. P., Nellie Roof, delegate.
No. 29, Leslie—Sarah A. Sitts, W. P., H. B. Hawley, V. P., Sister E. Gibbs, delegate.
No. 30, White Cross—Not represented.
No. 31, Hastings—Mrs. T. Phillips, W. P., B. F. Rose, V. P., Mrs. W. Bentley, delegate.
No. 32, Greenville—Not represented.
No. 32, Ransom—Eunice Hill, proxy for W. P., C. G. Palmer, V. P., Ferris Hill, delegate.
No. 34, Crystal—Mary Steffy, W. P., Perry S. Bailey, V. P., Rosetta S. Smith, delegate.
No. 35, Sumner—Esther A. Bailey, W. P., Micajah Douglass, V. P., S. J. Bailey, delegate.
No. 36, Palo—Sarah E. Collins, W. P., Fred Orth, V. P., Thomas Dunn, delegate.
No. 37, Traverse City—Not represented.
No. 38, Quincy—Sarah L. Marsh, W. P., Dan W. Sawyer, V. P., Mary R. King, delegate.
No. 39, Carson City—Helen T. Lee, W. P., Charles J. Annis, V. P., Wilson Lee, delegate.
No. 40, Portland—Edith Kennedy, W. P., Geo. A. Dow, V. P., Caroline S. Dow, delegate.
No. 41, Grand Ledge—N. B. Blood, W. P., Henry O'Neal, V. P.
No. 42, Cambria Mills—Harriet J. Fink, W. P., A. B. Fink, V. P.
U. D., Hubbardston—Mrs. H. F. Robbins, W. P., W. Patrick, V. P., O. Wadell, delegate.
U. D., Middleville—Mrs. A. Halsted Ellis, W. P., Geo. W. Matteson, V. P., Mrs. I. A. Morgan, delegate.
U. D., Bangor—Alice M. Cross, W. P., John M. Burch, V. P., J. S. Cross, delegate.

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

NELLIE S. COREY,
FRANCES A. CLARK,
A. R. HICKS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Sister D. C. Purinton all members of subordinate Lodges in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Lodge.

The G. W. P. then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers: By permission of a kind providence and the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Body, we are again assembled in annual communication. We have performed our first duty, that of looking up to the Divine Architect of the Universe, imploring his blessing upon us and adoring the mercy that has spared us and brought us face to face again around one common Altar. We are assembled here as the representatives of Adoptive Masonry in Michigan from the different Lodges, sent by them to consider the condition of our order, and a wise legislation, and to carefully promote the welfare of every interest in this entire jurisdiction, to mature plans and specifications for a more active and progressive campaign to extend our boundaries and enlarge our sphere of usefulness.

The year already passed has been an active one, fraught with interests and employments that have given the American people some little idea of the growth and products of a century. And it would be passing strange if a Centennial Jubilee, occupying the minds, calling out the energies and enlarging the national heart, should not for the time being bring a lull to many an important enterprise. While the nation has been celebrating its birthday our order has not been utterly fruitless, its charities, its meetings and growth have been commensurate with the labor and faith of its adherents. New disciples have been made, new lodges have been organized, and experience has been given to our workers; the burden-bearers have not slacked their zeal, and, upon the whole, we have reason to thank God and take courage.

During all this year the mercies of the Lord, in whom Martha believed and trusted, has preserved our lives, and the death-messenger has been stayed so that most of the representative lights of our order

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are still able to approach the East, the source of all light, and with reverent devotion bow to Him whom, on our banner, we call the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and of Him implore strength for all our conflicts with the powers of darkness—whether that darkness be of our ignorance or our moral nature. True there has been changes. Our locks are nearer the silvery hue, our hearts riper for life's responsibilities and more mellowed for the Grand Lodge above. May we not hope and expect you have all become more kindly affectioned one to another in brotherly love.

Some new faces are among us, to whom we give hearty welcome; and some old familiar ones with whom we conversed together at our last communication are absent. Such is life—labor to-day, refreshment to-morrow; soon we too shall be called off; the places that know us to-day shall know us no more. Then let us work while it is day, so that when we have passed to where we are only remembered by what we have done that our mantle of zeal may fall on some one who shall, by following after us, continue to bless the world.

Let me speak of our possibilities.

I have already hinted at the cause of so small growth in the past year. But the national jubilee will soon be closed; then comes another century of work, and others besides us will read the record of your work and mine, and there are possibilities before us far beyond our present, and upon us individually depend the future of Adoptive Masonry. Shall we be recreant in such a noble cause? Shall the second centennial history of our land record a dying out of the order to-day represented by so much intelligence for want of zeal on our part? *God forbid.* We should not be satisfied to assemble in our annual communication to go through a routine of business and disperse without tho't or profit, but should lay plans, make sacrifices, if needs be, to extend our borders until all the good material for Adoptive Masonry is wrought into comely, living stones in our great masonic temple.

Sisters and brothers, the lodges of Michigan should be doubled in numbers, leaving no lodge of Ancient Craft Masonry devoid of the softening influences of the Amerieaan Adoptive rite, and as a body, if we shall create a new enthusiasm, fill with new zeal these representatives, so that going to our several fields of labor the spirit of progression shall fill our hearts, our meeting shall not have been in vain.

A mighty mission is ours, and we have only as yet begun the opening pages of our book of usefulness. To complete the pages of this volume for the coming year we have some pressing needs.

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1st. We need a traveling Grand Lecturer, who shall be able to visit and encourage the lodges already organized, and who shall be able to awake among all good masons an interest in the movement we represent, and wake up within them an interest before unknown, and a love for our work. There is a large amount of good material unwrought in this State, and a stirring up of the fraternity by an efficient traveling lecturer would secure it to ns. I have no plans to propose to secure this service, but do believe there is liberality and self-sacrifice enough among our fraternity to accomplish this work, and I would recommend that this Grand Body shall consider this matter at their earliest convenience.

2d. We need a periodical to be published in the interest of our order, as a channel of communication between the different lodges, and a means of interchange of thought between officers and members of the Grand Lodge. No body, religious or otherwise, but have a periodical. I am informed that one will be started provided it has the sanction of this Grand Body, thus furnishing the means of knowing the progress of our work. I commend it to your careful consideration.

3d. We need a complete key to our ritual and unwritten work, and that each subordinate lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the same I would recommend that a committee be appointed for this work.

Sisters and brothers, having been charged with the executive functions of this Grand Body during its recess it is eminently proper I should give you a report of my doings concerning the same, that you may be able to judge how well or otherwise I have discharged my trust. During the year I have granted dispensations for the formation of three new lodges as follows:

Bedford, January 28, 1876.

Middleville, February 21, 1876.

Bangor, March 24, 1876.

In each case they have complied with the necessary requirements, and if their work should meet your approval I would recommend that you grant them charters.

At our last session a committee was appointed to visit Burr Oak Lodge to ascertain the difficulty existing in their lodge, and report the same to me. That committee have made no report, therefore, I would call your attention to this matter.

I have also received a communication from Palo Lodge No. 36, stating that their difficulty with S. Slanker was settled by his expulsion from the blue lodge.

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The committee appointed at your last annual session to revise and print a new ritual have printed and distributed those small books, but they do not give good satisfaction. I would recommend them to your earnest consideration.

I received a communication from Bro. H. L. Hartson, D. G. Lec., saying that on October 18, 1875, he organized Cambria Mills lodge, No. 42, chartered at your last annual session.

Sisters and brothers, the high position you have honored me with has come to me unsought, or even desired by me. During the year I have performed the duties of my office with a heartfelt and honest conviction of having done my duty to promote the best interests of the order, and I assure you that my failures have been of the head and not of the heart. All the relations between my associates in office and the lodges have been of the happiest kind, and with a heart too full for utterance I bid you God-speed in your glorious work of Adoptive Masonry. With no slacking in my interest for our order I now cheerfully resign the high honors conferred upon me to my successor in office. May the love of the Master, the fellowship of kindred spirits, the joy of heavenly acceptance and the peace of God be with you all until the final summons home shall bring us assembled around the Grand Lodge triumphant, is the wish and prayer of your Past Grand Worthy President.

ELIZA J. BARBER.

On motion of Bro. A. R. Hicks the address of the Grand Worthy President was referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. P. then appointed Bro. P. A. Ware, Sisters B. M. Merrill and Nellie Roof as such committee.

Bro. D. B. Purinton offered the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, Adoptive Masonry in the State of Michigan is largely indebted for its present prosperity and permanent organization to the wise and efficient labors of our worthy brother, Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, and

WHEREAS, We believe that his counsel and advice would be of great value in the meetings of our Grand Body; therefore,

Resolved, That Bro. B. M. Hutchinson is hereby made an honorary member of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan, and entitled to a seat and vote at its meetings.

Which was unanimously adopted.

The G. W. P. then announced the following standing committees:

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On Grievance, Sisters M. A. Vaughn and M. L. Douglass, and Bro. Thomas Dunn.

On Finance, Sisters C. E. Hill, Mrs. T. Phillips, and Bro. W. S. Burrows.

On Adoptive Law and Usage, Sisters Gerty Hill and D. C. Purinton, and Bro. B. M. Hutchinson.

On Charity and Dispensations, Sisters Sarah E. Collins and Mary A. Oldman, and Bro. A. B. Fink.

On Mileage, Bro. A. B. Fink, Sisters C. S. Dow and Frances A. Clark.

On Returns of Subordinate Lodges, Bro. M. Douglass, Sisters Hattie Rothrock and M. A. Vaughn.

The Grand Lec. then made a verbal report of his doings during the past year.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock in the evening.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The committee to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference, respectfully submit the following report, recommending

That so much of the address as refers to a traveling Grand Lecturer be referred to the committee on Adoptive Law and Usage.

That so much of the address as refers to a periodical be referred to a special committee of three.

Feeling as we do the necessity of a revision and complete edition of a key and monitor we recommend that the Grand Body take especial and prompt action upon this matter in such a way as shall bring about the desired result in the shortest possible time.

As touching the Burr Oak lodge we recommend that a committee be appointed who will do something in the matter.

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We recommend the publication of the address in full in the proceedings of this Grand Body.

P. A. WARE,
R. W. MERRILL,
NELLIE ROOF,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. B. M. Hutchinson the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Worthy President appointed as special committee upon a periodical Sisters Nellie S. Corey and Sarah L. Marsh, and Bro. Ferris Hill.

The committee upon Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee upon Charters and Dispensations would respectfully submit the following report:

That upon investigation of the claims of the petitioners we would recommend that charters be granted to the following lodges, working under dispensations, to be known and designated as follows:

Hubbardston lodge, No. 43.
Middleville lodge, No. 44.
Bangor lodge, No. 45.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SARAH E. COLLINS,
MARY A. OLDMAN,
ALVERON FINK,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the representatives of the lodges granted charters were admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The work was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until tomorrow morning, October 5, 1876, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION—9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

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Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received from the Publishing Committee appointed at the last session 492 monitors. That the cost of publishing the same was $75. That he had sold 182 volumes, for which he received $45.50. Paid postage on books sold $2.54. Books on hand 310.

On motion the G. Sec. was instructed to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for $32.04, balance due for publishing the monitors.

On motion of Bro. D. B. Purinton the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of one be appointed to prepare a perfect and complete monitor and ritual combined of all our work, written and unwritten, and report the same at the next annual session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion it was voted to pay the Grand Secretary $15 for his services during the past year.

The Grand Secretary's account of $4,67, for postage and stationery, was allowed, and an order ordered drawn.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

Bro. A. R. Hicks offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge permit the subordinate lodges to so amend their by-laws that the annual election of officers may be held on the last regular meeting but one before the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The Special Committee upon a periodical made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Periodical would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and believing that the benefits arising from the publication of such a paper would greatly increase the interests of the order would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we feel deeply the need of a channel of intercourse

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between the lodges, and as our Brother, A. R. Hicks, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, has offered to supply this want in the publication of a monthly devoted to the interests of Adoptive Masonry, we cheerfully endorse the movement, and pledge it our hearty support.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. S. COREY,
S. L. MARSH,
F. HILL,
Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and adopted.

The report of the Secretary was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to pay mileage only.

On motion the by-law of the Grand Lodge in regard to the election of officers was suspended, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Sisters Ellis and Merrill, and Bro. Burrows were appointed tellers.

The following named Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected:

G. W. P., Eliza J. Barber, Hastings.
G. V. P., William S. Burrows, Lyons.
G. Sec., D. B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas., Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
G. Lec., Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.
G. Con., Sarah L. Marsh, Quincy.
G. 1st Pat., Mary A. Oldman, Leslie.
G. 2d Pat., Helen T. Lee, Carson City.
G. 3d. Pat., Mrs. A. Halsted Ellis, Middleville.
G. 4th Pat., Catherine E. Hill, Sturgis.
G. 5th Pat., Rosetta S. Smith, Crystal Lake.
G. Guard, Harriet J. Fink, Cambria Mills.
G. Sen. Ferris Hill, Ransom.
G. Chap., A. R. Hicks, Lyons.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

Lodge No. 3, Coldwater, 113 miles.
" " 4, Bronson, 124, miles.
" " 6, Sturgis, 136 miles.
" " 12, Morenci, 136 miles.
" " 21, Cooper, 83 miles.
" " 29, Leslie, 55 miles.
" " 31, Hastings, 72 miles.
" " 33, Ransom, 110 miles.
" " 34, Crystal, 22 miles.
" " 35, Sumner, 33 miles.

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" " 36, Palo, 11 miles.
" " 38, Quincy, 107 miles.
" " 39, Carson City, 15 miles.
" " 40, Portland, 10 miles.
" " 42, Cambria Mills, 108.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. FINK,
F. A. CLARK,
C. S. DOW,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The G. W. P. appointed Bro. B. M. Hutchinson as a committee to prepare copy of ritual and report at our next meeting.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock P. M.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Adoptive Law and Usage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Adoptive Laws and Usage, to whom was submitted several questions, beg leave to submit the following report:

Ques. 1. When the Patrons are collecting the pass, and come to any one they do not know to be an Adoptive Mason—a stranger—should they receive the pass, or immediately report to the V. P., not taking the pass until vouched for; or should they collect the pass, and when they come to the V. P. to make their final report of such an one, say, "Bro. V. P., such an one is unknown to me to be an A. M.?"

Ans. The Patrons should receive the pass, and when they come to the V. P. to make their final report should say, "Bro. V. P., such an one is unknown to me to be an A. M."

Ques. 2. Can a petition be withdrawn when in the hands of a committee, said committee ready to report?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 3. Should an individual who is received upon proper appli-

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cation, and who has neglected to come forward and receive the degree, be required to renew his or her petition?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 4. If a member should be suspended for a year or more for non-payment of dues, and still persists in not paying them, what should be done?

Ans. Expulsion.

Ques. 5. Is it necessary to obtain the G. W. President's permission in the removal of a charter from one hall to another?

Ans. No.

Ques. 6. Does the expulsion of a man from a Master Mason's lodge affect the standing of his wife in the lodge of Adoptive Masonry?

Ans. No.

Ques. 7. In the absence of the W. P. the Secretary is called upon to assume the W. President's duties, she being the Past W. President; how should the minutes be signed, by the Secretary pro tem or by the Secretary of the lodge?

Ans. Secretary pro tem.

Ques. 8. Shall the Guard report an alarm while the lodge is being opened, while the minutes are being read, or the degree conferred?

Ans. The lodge should not be interrupted while opening. While the minutes are being read the Guard may hold an alarm and report to the W. P. when the reading of the minutes are concluded. An alarm during the conferring of a degree may be reported by the Guard to the V. P. if the W. P. is engaged; also members may be admitted by the V. P.

Ques. 9. May any Sister or Brother pass from one part of the lodge room to another under the circumstances above named without permission?

Ans. No Sister or Brother can leave their seats in any case without permission.

Ques. 10. Is it necessary for the petition of a candidate to lay in the hands of the committee seven (7) days or can it be acted upon forthwith?

Ans. Should lay over until their next regular.

Ques. 11. How long must candidates be within the jurisdiction of a lodge to be eligible?

Ans. The moment they are residents in the jurisdiction of the lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GERTY HILL,
D. C. PURINTON,
B. M. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee upon the Returns of Subordinate Lodges made the following report:

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To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon the Returns of Subordinate Lodges would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following named lodges and find them as follows:

No. 3, Coldwater, correct.
" 4, Bronson, due 5 cents.
" 6, Sturgis, overpaid 80 cents.
" 12, Morenci, correct.
" 21, Cooper, overpaid 95 cents.
" 28, Lyons, correct.
" 31, Hastings, correct.
" 33, Ransom, correct.
" 34, Crystal, correct.
" 35, Sumner, correct.
" 36, Palo, correct.
" 38, Quincy, due $1.60.
" 39, Carson City, correct.
" 40, Portland, due 20 cents.
" 41, Grand Ledge, due $3.20.
" 42, Cambria Mills, correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MICAJAH DOUGLASS,
MARY A. VAUGHN,
HATTIE ROTHROCK,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Dr. B. M. Hutchinson it was voted that the next annual session be held at the Masonic Hall in the village of Quincy, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1877.

Sister D. C. Purinton offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we tender the thanks of this Grand Lodge to the Brothers and Sisters of Lyons for their hospitality during our sojourn with them.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered our Grand Worthy President for the kind and exemplary manner in which she has discharged the arduous duties of her office during the year.

The G. Treasurer's report was received, read, and referred to the Finance Committee.

The committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to correspond with lodges not represented made a verbal report.

On motion of Bro. A. R. Hicks the G. W. P. was requested to appoint a new committee to visit Burr Oak lodge No. 9.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee Sisters D. C. Purinton, E. L. Pendleton and C. E. Hill.

Bro. B. M. Hutchinson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

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Resolved, That the G. Secretary be requested to demand the charters of the following lodges, who have ceased to work, and have not been represented at the two last meetings of this Grand Lodge:

Adrian, No. 2; Manchester, No. 7; Fairfield, No. 10; Buchanan, No. 13; East Saginaw, No. 16; Colon, No. 17; Linden, No. 18; Pinckney, No. 23; Deerfield, No. 25; Mendon, No. 27; White Cross, No. 30, and Greenville, No. 32.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year from

Bedford, dispensation,	$ 5 00
Middleville, dispensation,	5 00
Bangor, dispensation,	5 00
Coldwater, No. 3, dues,	33 75
Bronson, No. 4, dues,	7 65
Sturgis, No. 6, dues,	9 00
Palmyra, No. 11, dues,	4 50
Morenci, No. 12, dues,	13 40
Cooper, No. 21, dues,	4 75
Lyons, No. 28, dues,	12 65
Leslie, No. 29, dues,	18 82
Hastings, No. 31, dues,	23 00
Ransom, No. 33, dues,	5 85
Crystal, No. 34, dues,	10 55
Sumner, No. 35 dues,	11 75
Palo, No. 36, dues,	10 75
Quincy, No. 38, dues,	11 50
Carson City, No. 39, dues,	15 75
Portland, No. 40, dues,	5 65
Grand Ledge, No. 41, dues,	8 45
Cambria Mills, No. 42, dues,	16 65
Hubbardston, charter,	5 00
Middleville, charter,	5 00
Total received by G. Sec.,	$245 42
Paid G. Treasurer,	245 42

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year:

Balance on hand,	$110 31
From G. Sec.,	245 42
Dues from lodges,	1 10
Total amount received,	$356 83

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The Grand Treasurer has paid orders of the Grand Lodge as follows:

G. Secretary's services 1875,	$15 00
A. J. Aldrich & Co., printing,	35 00
Printing monitors,	32 04
G. Secretary's services 1876,	15 00
G. Secretary, postage and stationery,	4 67
G. W. P., mileage,	7 20
G. V. P., mileage,	3 30
G. Sec., mileage,	11 30
G. Treas., mileage,	11 30
G. Con., mileage,	12 60
G. 1st Pat., mileage,	1 10
G. 2d Pat., mileage,	13 70
G. 3d Pat., mileage,	5 50
G. 4th Pat., mileage,	13 70
G. 5th Pat., mileage,	5 50
G. Guard, mileage,	10 70
G. Sen., mileage,	8 30
No. 3, Coldwater, delegate, mileage,	11 30
" 12, Morenci, delegate, mileage,	13 40
" 21, Cooper, delegate, mileage,	3 80
" 28, Leslie, delegate, mileage,	5 50
" 31, Hastings, delegate, mileage,	7 20
" 33, Ransom, delegate, mileage,	5 85
" 34, Crystal, delegate, mileage,	2 20
" 35, Sumner, delegate, mileage,	3 30
" 36, Palo, delegate, mileage,	1 10
" 38, Quincy, delegate, mileage,	10 70
" 39, Carson City, delegate, mileage,	1 50
" 40, Portland, delegate, mileage,	1 00
" 42, Cambria Mills, delegate, mileage,	10 80
Total amount paid out by G. Treas.,	$283 56
Balance on hand,	73 27

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. HILL,
L. A. PHILLIPS,
W. S. BURROWS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The G. Sec. was instructed to draw an order on the G. Treas. for the amount necessary to pay for the printing of the proceedings of this annual session.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed, Sister D. C. Purinton, of Coldwater, acting as Marshal.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge closed in due form

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to meet in Quincy, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1877, at 12 o'clock, M.

D. B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.



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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name and Number of Lodge.	W. President.	Secretary.	Initiated.	Dimitted.	Expelled.	Suspended.	Rejected.	Died.	Admitted to Membership.	Number of Members.	Dues.
Coldwater, No. 3	Alma Mansfield.	D. C. Purington.	7	...	...	12	2	3	....	160	$33 75
Bronson No 4	Nellie S. Corey.	I. D. Hull.	1	1	...	...	...	1	....	37	7 60
Sturgis, No. 6	Catherine E. Hill.	Mrs. M. A. Viall.	4	1	...	17	...	...	.....	36	9 00
Burr Oak, No. 9	D. D. Stillman.	Emma Moore.	.....	...	...	...		...	.....	40	.....
Palmyra, No. 11	Maria M. Smith.	Frank A. Smith.	2	...	1	...	...	...	.....	22	4 50
Morenci, No. 12	Libbie Sweeny.	Gerty Hill.	8	2	...	10	...	...	.....	59	13 40
Buchanan, No. 13	L. A. Mowry.	S. B. Strong.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	26	.....
Osseo, No. 14	Mary King.	James B. Leonard.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	43	.....
Cooper, No. 21	Mary Snyder.	N. A. Glenn.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	19	3 80
Lyons, No. 28	Mrs A. M Burrows.	John Hale.	1	2	...	..	1	...	.....	62	12 45
Leslie, No. 29	Sarah A Sitts.	Mary A. Oldman.	4	4	...	25	4	2	...	90	18 82
Hastings, No. 31	Mrs T. Phillips.	T. G. Kayes.	13	1	...	...	3	...	.....	95	23 00
Ransom, No. 33	Lydia Gier.	P. Powers.	1	2	...	...	...	...	.....	29	5 80
Crystal, No. 34	Mary Steffy.	Sarah Lewis.	4	6	2	1	2	...	.....	46	9 80
Sumner, No. 35	Esther A. Bailey.	J. L. Pelton.	4	1	...	...	2	...	.....	56	11 00
Palo, No. 36	Sarah E Collins.	Hattie Miner.	11	5	...	...	...	...	....	70	16 75
Traverse City, No. 37	Ada K. Pratt.	Myron Haskell.	.....	...	.	...	...	...	.....	48	.....
Quincy, No. 38	Sarah L. Marsh.	Clara E. Hedge.	10	2	...	...	4	...	.....	53	13 10
Carson City	Mrs. W. Lee.	L. W. Burgderfer.	19	...	...	1	2	1	1	45	15 75
Portland, No. 40	Edith Kennedy.	Caroline Dow.	1	...	...	...	...	...	.....	28	5 05
Grand Ledge, No. 41	N. B. Blood.	A. B. Schumaker.	9	...	...	...	...	...	.....	40	8 45
Cambria Mills, No. 42	Harriet J Fink.	Mrs. P. Vail.	37	...	...	...	...	...	.....	37	16 65
Hubbardston, No. 43	Mrs. H. F. Robbins.	Diantha Marlett.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	26	.....
Middleville, No. 44	Mrs A. H. Ellis.	Mrs. I. A. Morgan.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	55	.....
Bangor, No. 46	Alice M. Cross.	Janet Harvey.	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....		
Total,			139	27	3	66	20	7	1	1222	$228 67

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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. P., Mrs. W. K. Barber, Hastings.
G. V. P., William S. Burrows, Lyons.
G. Sec., David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas., Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
G. Lec., Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Lyons.
G. Con., Sarah L. Marsh, Quincy.
G. 1st Pat., Mary A. Oldman, Leslie.
G. 2d Pat., Helen T. Lee, Carson City.
G. 3d Pat., Mrs. A. Halstead Ellis, Middleville.
G. 4th Pat., Catherine E. Hill, Sturgis.
G. 5th Pat., Rosetta S. Smith, Crystal.
G. Guard, Harriet J. Fink, Cambria Mills.
G. Sen., Ferris Hill, Ransom.
G. Chap., Rev. A. R. Hicks, Lyons.

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry for the State of Michigan will meet in Quincy, Mich., on the first Wednesday in October, 1877, at 12 o'clock, M.

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PROCEEDINGS OF GRAND LODGE OF ADOPTIVE MASONRY.

MASONIC HALL, QUINCY, MICHIGAN,
Wednesday, October 3d, 1877.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened in its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the vote of the Grand Lodge at its last session, at Quincy, Michigan, Wednesday, October 3d, 1877, at 12 o'clock, M.

Present—

ELIZA J. BARBER—G. W. P.
J. S. CROSS—as G. V. P.
DAVID B. PURINTON—G. Sec.
D. C. PURINTON—as G. Treas.
DR. B. M. HUTCHINSON—G. Lec.
S. L. MARSH—G. Con.
MARY A. OLDMAN—G. 1st Pat.
HELEN T. LEE—G. 2d Pat.
MRS. A. HALSTED ELLIS—G. 3d Pat.
MRS. G. W. SEARLES—as G. 4th Pat.
ROSETTA S. SMITH—G. 5th Pat.
MARY A. VAUGHN—as G. Guard.
D. W. SAWYER—as G. Sen.
REV. R. D. CLARK—as G. Chap., and sisters and brothers.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. P. appointed Sisters Mary A. Vaughn, Maggie Noel and Bro. J. S. Cross as Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session—3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

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The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Lodges represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Eliza J. Barber, G. W. P.
William S. Burrows, G. V. P.
David B. Purinton, G. Sec.
Nellie S. Corey, G. Treas.
Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, G. Lec.
Sarah L. Marsh, G. Con.
Mary A. Oldman, G. 1st Pat.
Helen T. Lee, G. 2d Pat.
Mrs. A. Halsted Ellis, G. 3d Pat.
Catherine E. Hill, G. 4th Pat.
Rosetta S. Smith, G. 5th Pat.
Harriet J. Fink, G. Guard.
Ferris Hill, G. Sen.
Rev. A. R. Hicks, G. Chap.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. P.
" D. C. Purinton, P. G. W. P.
" Mary Snyder, P. G. W. P.
Brother David Bovee, P. G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P.
" T. Phillips, P. G. V. P.
" Micajah Douglass, P. G. V. P.

Brother Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Hon. Member.

No. 3, *Coldwater*—Lucy Nichols, Proxy for W. P., M. H. Parker, V. P., Mrs. J. A. Rose, delegate.

No. 4. *Bronson*—Sarah M. Taggart, W. P., Cicero Holmes, V. P., Mary A. Stralie, delegate.

No. 6, *Olive Branch, Sturgis*—Catherine E. Hill, W. P., Thomas Collins, V. P., E. L. Pendleton, delegate.

No. 7, *Manchester*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Burr Oak*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Fairfield*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Palmyra*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Morenci*—Sarah C. Stevenson, W. P., J. F. Welch, V. P., Ida Swindell, delegate.

No. 13, *Buchanan*—Not represented.

No. 14, *Osseo*—Not represented.

No. 16, *East Saginaw*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Colon*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Linden*—Not represented.

No. 21, *Cooper*—Not represented.

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No. 23, *Pinckney*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Mendon*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Lyons*—Sarah E. Hammond, W. P., Jonathan Hale, V. P., Mary Cooledge, delegate.

No. 29, *Leslie*—Mary A. Vaughn, W. P., Robert Blair, V. P., Pollie R. Hahn, delegate.

No. 30, *White Cross*—Not represented.

No. 31, *Hastings*—Mrs. T. Phillips, W. P., B. R. Rose, V. P.

No. 32, *Greenville*—Not represented.

No. 33, *Ransom*—L. Gier, W. P., H. W. Gier, V. P., Eunice Hill, delegate.

No. 34, *Crystal*—Rosetta S. Smith, W. P., Perry T. Bailey, V. P., Diana Grinnell, delegate.

No. 35, *Sumner*—Melvina L. Douglass, W. P., Micajah Douglass, V. P.

No. 36. *Palo*—Adelia Edwards, W. P., Fred Orth, V. P., R. Edwards, delegate.

No. 37, *Traverse City*—Not represented.

No. 38, *Quincy*—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, W. P., Wm. Lennon, V. P., Manora Sawyer, delegate.

No. 39, *Carson City*—M. J. Miner, W. P., George Gibbs, V. P., Lucinda Isham, delegate.

No. 40, *Portland*—Edith E. Kennedy, W. P., George A. Dow, V. P.

No. 41, *Grand Ledge*—Tammie Blood, W. P., James W. McMillan, V. P., and delegate.

No. 42, *Cambria Mills*—Sister H. M. Fink, W. P., Brother C. Fink, V. P., Brother A. Fink, delegate.

No. 43, *Hubbardston*—Betsey Dunn, W. P. and delegate, A. Twillager, V. P.

No. 44, *Middleville*—Mrs. G. W. Matteson, W. P., Mr. G. W. Matteson, V. P., Mrs. G. W. Searles delegate.

No. 45, *Bangor*—Marian E. Remington, W. P., M. Remington, V. P., J. S. Cross, delegate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. VAUGHN,
MISS MAGGIE NOEL,
J. S. CROSS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion all members of Subordinate Lodges in good standing were invited to seats in this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Brother D. B. Purinton, Brother Willis D. Engle, Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Indiana, was invited to attend the sessions of this Grand Body.

The G. W. P. then read the following

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Address.

Sisters and Brothers—It is with heartfelt joy I again welcome you to our fraternal home around our family altar. God has kindly permitted us again to meet with unbroken ranks—no traveler lost; and it is indeed a joy to take each other by the hand and feel that time and the fraternal bond that binds us together serve only to deepen and strengthen the love that we each bear for the other.

Since last we met together a year has passed away, and while many around us have fallen we have been permitted to look upon another arc of the infinite circle. It behooves us that we bow before the Supreme Architect in grateful acknowledgment of the continued mercies and blessings we have received, and to seek His guidance in the discharge of the duties we are here met together to perform. May He so guide and direct all our deliberations that harmony and wisdom may be our abiding guests, and that discord and envy may find no entrance here.

The Masonic year that has passed since last we met together will leave a bright page, not only upon the history of our Order, but upon the history of our nation. Many of you no doubt have been permitted to look upon the greatness and glory of our beloved land, as exemplified by the wonders of art and science on exhibition at Philadelphia during the Centennial Exposition. It should be the wish of each and all of us that our noble Order take her position in the van of civilization; and as the Star of Bethlehem shone with refulgent glory to the Shepherds by night, and the Wise Men of the East, so may our "Eastern Star" shine with undiminished lustre through the ages yet to come.

As you have conferred upon me the highest honor in your power to give, so have you put upon me the duties incumbent upon that high position; how I have discharged those duties it remains for you to say—remembering that "to err is human to forgive Divine." Permit me then briefly to review the work of the past year, and respectfully suggest to you a few hints that I believe your wisdom will act upon for the good of Adoptive Masonry.

In comformity with the usuages of our Order, at our last session I appointed Brother B. M. Hutchinson Grand Lecturer. He has been worthy of the trust reposed in him, and has well performed the duties entrusted to him; but the wide field of labor and growing necessities of the work required of the Grand Lecturer is greater than can be attended to by him. Lodges are situated over a vast

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area of the State, making it impossible for one person to visit or assist them all. It seems to me that Local or District Deputies should be appointed to assist the Grand Lecturer in this important field of labor. You will take this matter into careful consideration, and I have no doubt you will discover the proper means of filling this want.

I also appointed Brother B. M. Hutchinson to revise our ritual and monitor. He informs me that he has done so, and it will now be submitted to you for your action upon it. You will alter, adopt or reject it, as in in your wisdom seems the best.

At our last Annual Session, held at Lyons, Charters were granted to the following named Lodges working under dispensations: Hubbardston, No. 43; Middleville, No. 44; and Bangor, No. 45.

During the year I have granted dispensations as follows: On March 14th, 1877, to organize Hartford Lodge; March 28th, Bay City Lodge; both of which lodges were organized and are in good working order. I respectfully recommend them to your favorable consideration. Also on November 2d, 1877, I granted to Hubbardston Lodge, No. 43, a special dispensation to hold a new election. This seemed to me the proper course, as the election under which they were working had been held by them prior to their receiving a charter, and in my opinion was therefore not legal.

I received a communication August 28th from Hart, Oceana county, asking the necessary instructions for organizing a Lodge in that place, to which I replied by sending them a petition, etc. I have heard nothing from them since. Should they make their wants known to you, they, I trust, will receive proper attention.

I have also received several communications during the year, asking advice, instructions, etc., to all of which I gave immediate attention.

I report to you the various Lodges in the State (so far as I am able to learn) in a healthy working condition; harmony and usefulness are within our borders, and prosperity is crowning all our efforts.

In conclusion, let me call your attention to the imperfect and almost nugatory form of our Petition for a New Lodge. As it is now worded it is almost impossible for new lodges to be opened where old ones do not exist, or where a number of Adoptive Masons do not reside. It seems to me that your wisdom will so alter or amend the present petition, that this trouble may be avoided.

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From the fulness of my heart I thank you for your kindness to me in the past and for the honors conferred upon me.

As the oasis with its springs of living water are to the weary traveler over the scorching sands of the desert, the source of health and joy and hope, renewing exhausted strength and enabling the pilgrim to press forward to the mecca of his soul; bringing peace and rest and enjoyment as the reward of toil and continued effort, and pointing forward with the promise and the pledge that, as in the past while traveling in the path of duty, thus far he has been sustained by these fountains of blessing, so shall he be refreshed and comforted until every danger shall be passed and the city of his God shall rise in glory before him—so, my sisters and brothers, are these our yearly meetings the bright and beautiful resting places throughout our pathway of life, coming at intervals with kindly recognition of our struggles for the right, telling that while we may have fallen short of our whole duty, the good we have accomplished has not fallen without reward, and so filling our hearts with love and hope that we can press bravely onward, cheerfully performing every duty and faithfully guarding every trust reposed in us by the Grand Master, in whose name I pledge to each of you renewed love, and to our Order undying fidelity, and I bid you each God speed on your mission of usefulness.

Again thanking you for the great honors you have twice conferred upon me, I now cheerfully lay them down hoping that your wisdom will select from our midst some one with love and zeal as great and with abilities greater than my own to wear them through the coming year.

ELIZA J. BARBER.

On motion of Brother B. M. Hutchinson the address of the G. W. President was referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. P. then appointed Sisters D. C. Purinton, C. E. Hill and Brother B. M. Hutchinson as such committee.

The G. W. P. then announced the following

Standing Committees,

On Greivance—Sisters P. A. Vaughn, Betsey Dunn and Bro. M. Douglass.

On Finance—Sisters C. E. Hill, T. Phillips and Brother A. Fink.

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On Adoptive Law and Usage—Sisters D. C. Purinton, S. L. Marsh and Brother J. S. Cross.

On Charters and Dispensations—Sisters Mrs. A. Halsted Ellis, Mrs. J. A. Rose and Brother James W. McMillan.

On Mileage—Sisters Mary A. Oldman, Rosetta S. Smith and Brother Dan. W. Sawyer.

On Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Sisters Nellie S. Corey, Helen T. Lee and Brother R. Edwards.

The Grand Lecturer then made a verbal report of his doings during the past year.

Brother Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, committee appointed at our last session to prepare a perfect and complete monitor and ritual combined of all our work, written and unwritten, made a report which, on motion, was referred to the committee on Adoptive Law and Usage.

Brother D. B. Purinton presented a circular from the General Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the United States of America. On motion it was referred to a special committee of seven to report what course under the circumstances this Grand Lodge should pursue to promote the best interests of A. M. in the State of Michigan.

The G. W. P. appointed as such special committee Sisters C. E. Hill, Mrs. T. Phillips, Mary A. Oldman, S. L. Marsh and Mary Cooledge, and Brothers A. Fink and R. Edwards.

The report of the G. Secretary was received and referred to to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock in the evening.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was then called from refreshment to labor.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference, made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the address of the G. W. P. for division and reference, would respectfully submit the following report recommending

That so much of the address as refers to the districting of the State and appointing District Grand Lecturers be left in the hands of the Grand Lecturer, as alluded to in the proposed new ritual.

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That so much of the address as refers to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the standing committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much of the address as refers to Manner of Petition for Dispensation to organize a new Lodge be referred to the committee on new ritual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. PURINTON,
C. E. HALL,
B. M. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Brother Willis E. Engle was invited to address the Grand Lodge in regard to the organization and prospects of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and made some remarks, giving a short history of that organization.

The committee on Mileage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

Lodge No. 3, Coldwater, 6 miles.
" " 4, Bronson, 18 miles.
" " 6, Sturgis, 29 miles.
" " 12, Morenci, 81 miles.
" " 28, Lyons, 107 miles.
" " 29, Leslie, 52 miles.
" " 31, Hastings, 92 miles.
" " 33, Ransom, 30 miles.
" " 34, Crystal, 129 miles.
" " 35, Sumner, 140 miles.
" " 36, Palo, 117 miles
" " 39, Carson City, 125 miles.
" " 40, Portland, 97 miles.
" " 41, Grand Ledge, 82 miles.
" " 42, Cambria Mills, 27 miles.
" " 43, Hubbardston, 119 miles.
" " 44, Middleville, 104 miles.
" " 45, Bangor, 102 miles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY A. OLDMAN,
ROSETTA S. SMITH,
DAN. W. SAWYER,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

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The Committee upon Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Charters and Dispensations would respectfully submit the following report:

That they have examined the transactions of the several Lodges petitioning for charters and would recommend that charters be granted to the following lodges, working under dispensations, to be known and designated as follows:

BENEVOLENCE LODGE, No. 46.

SHARON LODGE, No. 47.

MRS. A. H. ELLIS,
MRS. J. A. ROSE,
J. W. MCMILLAN,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the representatives of the lodges granted charters present, Sister Allie Manly, of Benevolence Lodge No. 46, and Sister Mary J. Beers, of Sharon Lodge No. 47, were admitted as members of this Grand Lodge with the right to cast the vote of their respective lodges.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Circular of Gen. G. Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the Circular of the Gen. G. Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, would respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge elect a delegate to attend the next meeting of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, to be held in Chicago in May next.

C. E. HILL,
MARY A. OLDMAN,
MARY COOLEDGE,
MRS. T. PHILLIPS,
S. L. MARSH,
R. R. EDWARDS,
A. FINK,
Committee.

On motion the report of the committee was accepted and the committee discharged.

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Brother J. S. Cross moved to amend the report by striking out the word "one" and inserting "three", so that it would read three delegates instead of one, which motion prevailed.

The report as amended was then adopted.

On motion it was voted that the three delegates to the Gen. Grand Chapter be elected by ballot at the time of the election of officers.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, October 4th, 1877.

Second Day, Morning Session—9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

The committee on Adoptive Law and Usage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on Adoptive Law and Usage, to whom was referred the monitor and ritual prepared by Brother Hutchinson, Grand Lecturer, would respectfully recommend that so much of said monitor as refers to the "History and Claims of Adoptive Masonry" be adopted and ordered printed in the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. And while we would compliment Brother Hutchinson on the very able manner in which his work has been prepared, believing that the harmony and best interests of Adoptive Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction do not demand at present any changes in the ritual as now used in Michigan, we would respectfully recommend that, with the above exception, the work be not adopted.

D. C. PURINTON,
S. L. MARSH,
J. S. CROSS,
Committee.

Sister Ellis moved that the report be accepted and adopted.

Brother McMillan moved to amend that motion by striking out the words "and adopted", which motion prevailed.

The report was then accepted.

On motion of Brother McMillan the report was referred back to Brother B. M. Hutchinson, with monitor and ritual prepared by him.

On motion the By-Laws were suspended, and the election of officers made the special order for two o'clock this afternoon.

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The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session—2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

On the request of Sister C. E. Hill, Olive Branch Lodge, No. 6, were granted permission to elect a W. P. at their next regular meeting and fill such other vacancies as may occur, upon giving the proper notice to the members.

The committee on Returns of the Subordinate Lodges made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on the Returns of Subordinate Lodges would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following named lodges and find them as follows:

No. 3, Coldwater, correct.
" 4, Bronson, correct.
" 6, Olive Branch, due 40 cents.
" 12, Morenci, due 40 cents.
" 28, Lyons, overpaid $3.40.
" 29, Leslie, correct.
" 31, Hastings, correct.
" 33, Ransom, correct.
" 34, Crystal, overpaid $1.00.
" 35, Sumner, due 60 cents.
" 36, Palo, correct.
" 38, Quincy, correct.
" 39, Carson City, correct.
" 40, Portland, correct.
" 41, Grand Ledge, due $1.40.
" 42, Cambria Mills, correct.
" 43, Hubbardston, correct.
" 44, Middleville, correct.
" 45, Bangor, correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. S. Corey,
H. T. Lee,
R. R. Edwards,
Committee.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Sisters Phillips and Purinton and Brother Cross were appointed tellers.

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The following named Sisters and Brothers were duly elected:

G. W. P., Sarah L. Marsh, Quincy.
G. V. P., J. S. Cross, Bangor.
G. Sec., D. B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas., Mrs. T. Phillips, Hastings.
G. Lec., James W. McMillan, Grand Ledge.
G. Con., Betsey Dunn, Hubbardston.
G. 1st Pat., Pallie R. Hahn, Leslie.
G. 2d Pat., Allie Manly, Hartford.
G. 3d Pat., Maggie Noel, Palo.
G. 4th Pat., Fanny Merrill, Lyons.
G. 5th Pat., Mary J. Beers, Bay City.
G. Guard, Ida Swindell, Morenci.
G. Sen., Alanson Fink, Cambria Mills.

On motion the G. W. P. was requested to appoint a committee to present the names of suitable persons to be elected delegates to the Gen. G. Chapter.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee Sisters N. S. Corey, Mary A. Vaughn and Brother F. Hill.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until seven P. M.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to draw an order in favor of Lyons Lodge, No. 18, for $3.40, amount of dues overpaid.

Brother B. M. Hutchinson offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due to our Grand Worthy President for the able and faithful manner in which she has discharged the duties of her office the past year. Her fidelity and grace have added lustre to the high office she has so becomingly filled, and we pray the blessing of our Divine Master to rest upon her in all the duties of her future life.

Resolved, That we tender our grateful acknowledgments to the Sisters and Brothers and citizens of Quincy for their manifest solicitude and care for us during our sojourn among them. We will always remember the happy time spent in the lovely village of Quincy as an Oasis in the journey of life. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon them.

The special committee appointed to propose the names of suitable persons to be elected delegates to the Gen. Grand Chapter made the following report:

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To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee appointed to select the names of suitable persons to be elected as delegates to the Gen. Grand Chapter to convene in Chicago in May next, would respectfully present the following names: Sisters Eliza J. Barber and Mary A. Oldman, and Bro. D. B. Purinton.

NELLIE S. COREY,
MARY A. VAUGHN,
FERRIS HILL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted, committee discharged, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of three delegates to the Gen. Grand Chapter by ballot, and Eliza J. Barber, Mary A. Oldman and David B. Purinton were declared duly elected as such delegates.

The committee on Adoptive Law and Usage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on Adoptive Law and Usage, to whom was submitted several questions, beg leave to present the following report:

Ques. 1. Is it proper for the Grand Guard answering an alarm to say a brother or sister (as the case may be) desires admittance?

Ans. See G. L. By-Laws, Art. 3.

Ques. 2. When objection is made to the initiation of a candidate duly elected should such objection be made in open Lodge or in private to the W. P.?

Ans. in private.

Ques. 3. Have any persons right to vote or to hold office in a Lodge not having paid their dues for two years?

Ans. No.

Ques. 4. What time should elapse from the date of rejection before rejected candidates may again apply for admission?

Ans. Six months.

Ques. 5. What officer of a Lodge is the legal representative to the Grand Lodge?

Ans. The W. P. In case of her inability to attend the V. P. should represent the Lodge.

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Ques. 6. May a Lodge hold a new election to fill a vacancy in its offices?

Ans. No; except by special dispensation from the G. W. P.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. PURINTON,
S. L. MARSH,
J. S. CROSS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion it was voted to pay the Grand Secretary $15 for his services during the past year.

The work was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

On motion of Bro. D. B. Purinton the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the privilege of the G. W. P. to appoint any member of this Grand Lodge, she may think proper under the circumstances, to organize a new Lodge under dispensation, and to install the officers of a newly chartered lodge.

Finance Committee reported the Secretary's account of $6.20 for postage and stationery correct, and, on motion, it was allowed and an order ordered drawn.

On motion of Bro. J. W. McMillan it was voted that the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be held at the Masonic Hall in the village of Grand Ledge, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1878.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year from

The sale of books,	$ 4 00
Bangor, charter,	5 00
Hartford, dispensation,	5 00
Bay City, dispensation,	5 00
Coldwater, No. 3, dues,	32 80
Bronson, No. 4, dues,	6 00
Sturgis, No. 6, dues,	6 10
Morenci, No. 12, dues,	10 85
Lyons, No. 28, dues,	14 85
Leslie, No. 29, dues,	16 80

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Hastings, No. 31, dues,	12 80
Ransom, No. 33, dues,	8 30
Crystal, Mo. 34, dues,	10 10
Sumner, No. 35, dues,	10 95
Palo, No. 36, dues,	12 75
Quincy, No. 38, dues,	22 70
Carson City, No. 39, dues,	6 25
Portland, No. 40, dues,	5 90
Grand Ledge, No. 41, dues,	10 15
Cambria Mills, No. 42, dues,	8 30
Hubbardston, No, 43, dues,	5 20
Middleville, No. 44, dues,	14 15
Bangor, No. 45, dues,	7 95
Benevolence, No, 46, charter,	5 00
Sharon, No. 47, charter,	5 00
Total received by the Grand Secretary,	$251 90
Paid the Grand Treasurer,	251 90

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year:

Balance on hand,	$ 73 27
From G. Sec.,	251 90
Dues from Lodges,	2 80
Total amount received by G. Treasurer,	$327 97

The Grand Treasurer has paid orders of the Grand Lodge as follows:

A. J. Aldrich & Co., printing proceedings,	$30 00
G. Secretary's services 1877,	15 00
G. Secretary, postage and stationery,	6 20
G. W. P., mileage,	9 20
G. V. P., "	10 20
G. Sec., "	60
G. Treas., "	1 80
G. Lec., "	10 70
G. 1st Pat., "	5 20
G. 2d Pat., "	12 50
G. 3d Pat., "	10 40
G. 4th Pat., "	2 90
G. 5th Pat., "	12 90
G. Guard, "	2 70
G. Sentinel, "	3 00
No. 3 Coldwater, delegate mileage,	60
No. 4, Bronson, " "	1 80
No. 6, Sturgis, " "	2 90
No. 12, Morenci, " "	8 10
No. 28, Lyons, " "	10 70
No. 29, Leslie, " "	5 20

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No. 31, Hastings, delegate mileage,	9 20
No. 33, Ransom, " "	3 00
No. 34, Crystal, " "	10 10
No. 35, Sumner, " "	10 95
No. 36, Palo, " "	11 70
No. 39, Carson City, " "	6 25
No. 41, Grand Ledge, " "	8 20
No. 42, Cambria Mills, "	2 70
No. 43, Hubbardston, " "	5 20
No. 44, Middlevile, " "	10 40
No. 28, Lyons, for dues overpaid,	3 40
	$243 70
Balance on hand,	75 43

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. E. HILL,
L. A. PHILLIPS,
ALANSON FINK,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed, sister D. C. Purinton, of Coldwater, acting as Marshal.

No further business appearing the Grand Lodge closed in due form to meet in Grand Ledge, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1878, at 12 o'clock M.

D. B. PURINTON.
Grand Secretary.

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Statistical Table.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	W. PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	INITIATED.	DIMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
Coldwater, No. 3..	Mrs. Belila Merill.	Thuresa M. Kitchel	4	1	..	3	2	..	....	159	$32 80
Bronson, No. 4....	Sarah M. Taggart.	Mary A. Stralie.	..	..	..	5	..	2	....	30	6 00
Olive Branch, No. 6	Mrs. C. E. Hill.	Mrs. A. Viall.	2	1	..	13	1	..	2	30	6 50
Burr Oak, No. 9....	D. D. Stillman.	Emma Moore.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	40	.....
Palmyra. No, 11....	Maria M. Smith,	Frank A. Smith.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	23	.....
Morenci, No. 12....	Sarah C. Stevenson	Henry S. Wyman.	1	3	..	..	..	..	....	53	10 85
Buchanan, No. 13..	L. A. Mowry.	S. B. Strong.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	26	.....
Osseo, No. 14.....	Mary King.	James B. Leonard.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	43	.....
Cooper, No. 21.....	Mary Snyder.	N. A. Glenn.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	19	.....
Lyons, No. 28.....	Sarah E. Hammond	Orlin Dubois.	5	3	..	..	..	..	...	51	11 45
Leslie, No. 29.....	Mary A. Vaughn.	Mary A. Oldman.	4	6	..	15	2	..	....	79	16 80
Hastings, No. 31...	Mrs. T. Phillips.	Mrs. B. R. Rose.	16	6	..	9	1	2	....	94	22 30
Ransom, No. 33....	L. Gier.	P. Powers.	6	..	..	..	..	1	....	34	8 05
Crystal, No. 34....	Rosetta S. Smith.	Ella Scott.	2	5	2	..	1	..	....	43	9 10
Sumner, No. 35.....	Melvina L. Douglass	J. L. Pelton	3	4	..	..	..	1	....	54	11 55
Palo, No. 36.....	Adelia B. Edwards.	H. D. Pew.	3	4	..	4	..	1	....	60	12 95
Traverse City, No. 37	Ada K. Pratt.	Myron Haskell.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	46	.....
Quincy, No. 38.....	Mrs. S. L. Marsh.	Clara E. Hedge.	6	..	..	..	..	1	....	56	12 45
Carson City, No 39	Mrs. M. J. Miner,	L. W. Burgderfer.	1	3	..	5	..	..	....	40	8 25
Portland, No. 40...	Edith W. Kennedy.	H. C. Glines.	2	..	..	..	..	..	....	29	6 20
Grand Ledge, No. 41	Tammie Blood.	A. B. Schumaker.	7	..	..	..	..	..	....	49	11 55
Cambria Mills, No 42	H. M. Fink.	Jane E. Mead.	2	..	..	..	..	..	....	39	8 30
Hubbardston, No. 43	Mrs. Betsey Dunn.	Lottie Gardner.	..	..	..	..	10	..	2	36	5 20
Middleville, No. 44	Mrs. G. W. Matteson.	Mrs. G. W. Searles.	7	..	..	..	10	..	2	62	14 15
Bangor, No. 45.....	M. E. Remmington.	Ella Withey.	3	..	..	..	2	1	....	36	7 95
Benevolence, No. 46	Allie Manley.	Bertha Reinhard.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....
Sharon. No 47.....	Mrs. A. S. Parke.	A. L. Stewart.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....
Total.....			74	36	2	54	29	9	6	1212	$269 00

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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. P.—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.
G. V. P.—J. S. Cross, Bangor.
G. Sec.—D. B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas.—Mrs. T. Phillips, Hastings.
G. Lec.—James W. McMillan, Grand Ledge.
G. Con.—Betsey Dunn, Hubbardston.
G. 1st Pat.—Pollie R. Hahn, Leslie.
G. 2d Pat.—Allie Manly, Hartford.
G. 3d Pat.—Maggie Noel, Palo.
G. 4th Pat.—Fanny Merrill, Lyons.
G. 5th Pat.—Mary J. Beers, Bay City.
G. Guard—Ida Swindell, Morenci.
G. Sen.—Alanson Fink, Cambria Mills.
Grand Chap.—

The next session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan will meet in Grand Ledge, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M.

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MRS. SARAH L. MARSH,

Worthy Grand Matron 1877-8.

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Proceedings of the 12th Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

MASONIC HALL, GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN,
Wednesday, October 2d, 1878.

The Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry convened in its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and the vote of the Grand Lodge, at its last session, in Grand Ledge, Wednesday, October 2d, 1878, at 12 o'clock, M.

Present—

S. L. MARSH—G. W. P.
WM. HUGGINS—as G. V. P.
DAVID B. PURINTON—G. Sec.
BETSEY DUNN—G. Con.
POLLIE R. HAHN—G. 1st Pat.
ALLIE MANLY—G. 2d Pat.
ADELIA B. EDWARDS—as G. 3d Pat.
FANNIE MERRILL—G. 4th Pat.
MARY J. BEERS—G. 5th Pat.
IDA WELCH—G. Guard.
FERRIS HILL—as G. Sen.
MRS. G. W. MATTESON—as G. Chap.

And Sisters and Brothers.

The Grand Lodge opened in due form and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. P. appointed Sisters Mrs. J. A. Ashbaugh and Mrs. G. W. Matteson, and Gov. W. H. Severance as Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 3 o'clock P. M.

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Afternoon Session--3 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Lodges represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. S. L. Marsh, G. W. P.
J. S. Cross, G. V. P.
David B. Purinton, G. Sec.
Mrs. Travers Phillips, G. Treas.
Betsey Dunn, G. Con.
Pollie R. Hahn, G. 1st Pat.
Allie Manly, G. 2d Pat.
Maggie Gover, G. 3d Pat.
Fannie Merrill, G. 4th Pat.
Mary J. Beers, G. 5th Pat.
Ida Welch, G. Guard.
Alanson Fink, G. Sen.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister Eliza J. Barber, P. G. W. P.
" Mary Snyder, P. G. W. P.
" D. C. Purinton, P. G. W. P.
" E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. P.
Brother Wm. S. Burrows, P. G. V. P.
" Micajah Douglass, P. G. V. P.
" T. Phillips, P. G. V. P.
" D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P.
" David Bovee, P. G. V. P.

Brother Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Hon. Member.

No. 3, *Coldwater*—Mrs. D. A, Merrill, W. P., M. H. Parker, V. P., Dillie Ashbaugh, delegate.

No. 4, *Bronson*—M. A. Stralie, W. P., and delegate, Cicero J. Holmes, V. P.

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No. 6, *Olive Branch, Sturgis*—Mrs. H. L. Anthony, W. P., Bro. Collins, V. P., Mrs. C. E. Hill, delegate.

No. 7, *Manchester*—Not represented.

No. 9, *Burr Oak*—Not represented.

No. 10, *Fairfield*—Not represented.

No. 11, *Palmyra*—Not represented.

No. 12, *Morenci*—Libbie Sweeney, W. P. and delegate., Geo. W. Woodworth, V. P.

No. 13, *Buchanan*—Not represented.

No. 14, *Osseo*—Not represented.

No. 16, *East Saginaw*—Not represented.

No. 17, *Colon*—Not represented.

No. 18, *Linden*—Not represented.

No. 21, *Cooper*—Not represented.

No. 23, *Pinckney*—Not represented.

No. 27, *Mendon*—Not represented.

No. 28, *Lyons*—Not represented.

No. 29, *Leslie*—Mary Woodworth, Proxy for W. P., W. H. Rice, V. P., Sister F. H. Rice, delegate.

No. 30, *White Cross*—Not represented.

No. 31, *Hastings*—Mrs. T. Phillips, W. P., B. R. Rose, V. P., Mrs. B. R. Rose, delegate.

No. 32, *Greenville*—Not represented.

No. 33, *Ransom*—Sister M. Phillips, W. P., Ferris Hill, V. P., J. B. Phillips, delegate.

No. 34, *Crystal*—Angeline Throop, W. P., A. L. Smith, V. P., Diana Grinnell, delegate.

No. 35, *Sumner*—Mary Story, W. P., Samuel J. Bailey, V. P., Jane McLeod, delegate.

No. 36, *Palo*—Sarah E. Collins, W. P., Fred Orth, V. P., Geo. W. Collins, delegate.

No. 37, *Traverse City*—Not represented.

No. 38, *Quincy*—Sarah L. Marsh, W. P., Lewis Higgins, V. P., Mary H. Skinner, delegate.

No. 39, *Carson City*—Mrs. M. J. Miner, W. P., O. H. Heath, V. P., Mrs. May L. Isham, delegate.

No. 40, *Portland*—Not represented.

No. 41, *Grand Ledge*—Ellen Nichols, W. P., A. B. Jones, V. P., Mrs. Susan Messenger, delegate.

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No. 42, *Cambria Mills*—Sister H. M. Fink, W. P., Bro. C. Fink, V. P., Sister M. Jones, delegate.

No. 43, *Hubbardston*—Betsey Dunn, W. P., Wm. Higgins, V. P. and Delegate.

No. 44, *Middleville*—Mrs. G. W. Matteson, W. P., W. H. Severance, V. P., Mrs. W. H. Severance, Delegate.

No. 45, *Bangor*—Mary Remington, W. P., A. J. Wyman, V. P.

No. 46, *Benevolence, Hartford*—Allie Manly, W. P., Wm. Garrison, V. P., Addie S. Collett, delegate.

No. 47, *Sharon, Bay City*—Sarah A. Parke, W. P., James A. Wells, V. P., Lavine Olin, delegate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

DILLIE ASHBAUGH,
MRS. G. W. MATTESON,
W. H. SEVERANCE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion all members of Subordinate Lodges in good standing were invited to seats in this Grand Lodge.

The delegates elected at the last session to attend the Gen. G. Chapter, made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee elected as delegates to the Gen. Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, held in Chicago, on May 8th, 1878, would make the following report:

That said Committee attended the session of the Gen. Grand Chapter, where we were cordially received and hospitally entertained.

The work of the Convention consisted chiefly in considering a new Ritual, one prepared by a committee of six, appointed for that work, which, with some alterations, was adopted.

And whereas we deem uniformity of Ritual essential to the future prosperity of the Order, and also believing that it is for the best interest of Adoptive Masonry to co-operate with the Gen. G. Chapter, we would respectfully recommend that this Grand Lodge

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take action at this session in regard to uniting with the Gen. G. Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

NELLIE L. COREY,
MARY A. OLDMAN,
D. B. PURINTON,
Committee.

The report was accepted.

And on motion the examination of the Ritual adopted by the Gen. Grand Chapter, was made the special order for this evening.

The Grand Worthy President then read the following

ADDRESS.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—On, on has moved the busy, restless throng, and we are again brought face to face. Another of our Masonic years has closed and made its record. And it becomes us as a Fraternal band, ere we close our work and step forth upon the new year, to stop and think a moment. Scarce from the cradle to the grave, one stops to reflect upon what they are doing or may have done; but with rushing whirlwind speed, some down, others onward, and a few upward, this great heaving, restless mass tend to the great hereafter. And sometimes we wonder at the promptings and aims of this great family, and ask ourselves if there be one that lives who really knows how best to enjoy the beautiful and good of this life. When man in his purity first heard the vibrating of the heavenly music, there was no thought of sin, no looking back over the long catalogue with blanched cheek and sinking heart at the utter inability to present such a life of well-doing and good that he might join in songs of praise to Him who was the creator of such power and beauty. But the tempter came, and man has fallen from his high estate; and now begins the long struggle after happiness, both in this life and the great hereafter. Now we see brought out the different phases of the human character,—Faith, Hope, and Charity. The one lifts the soul up when the bow of promise seems shrouded in gloom, and the night of despair settles over all; then Hope whispers words of cheer, and the weary one again takes up the burden of life, and foreseen obstacles vanish, and the midday sun illuminates the zenith of his existence, warming into being all the talent, powers, and energies which gives birth to so much of the wonderful progression of our age. Faith, Hope, Charity! What a happy combination; it is

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marvelous what a change may be wrought in the human heart with these characteristics working in harmony. Hope, the sunbeam radiating every avenue of the soul, strengthened by the bond of Charity, we may go forth shedding joy and sunshine in the pathway of those around us. Such a bond of union and strength, sisters and brothers, let us make of our beloved order. And as each succeeding year we may be permitted to gather ourselves together, may the fraternal bonds become so firmly strengthened and united in our labors as a family, that every act and motive that shall spring from our labors as Adoptive Masons, may be a mirror in which the Star of peace may find a perfect reflection.

There has never been a time, it seems to me, when the human heart could show in so many ways as now the reflections of that beautiful life which was given us as a perfect example. When we listen to the cries of distress as they come to us so continually from our friends in the South, as they appeal to us to give them aid in this their terrible affliction, how our hearts have quietly responded in sympathy, for indeed the pestilence that walketh by noonday has been theirs. And the shadows have fallen over many a heart and household as a pall of darkness, and the only redeemable feature to be witnessed has been the great unanimity that has prevailed in the hearts of our people at the North, and the brotherly love that has characterized them as they have poured out their treasures to relieve, so far as possible, the terrible suffering of the present epidemic; not only has been given of our money, but but many noble men and women have, as it were, taken their lives in their own hands and gone forth to care for and relieve the sufferings of their fellow beings, laying down their own lives in turn, and like our noble soldiers who fell on Southern soil, will sleep in unknown graves. But God, in his own good time, will gather together these self-sacrificing ones, and they will have their reward.

Sisters and Brothers, on this our annual gathering, it becomes me, as your presiding officer, to bring to your notice the transactions of the past year, and give to you an account of my Stewardship, but first let us review some of the many mercies that have been ours, and for which we should be especially thankful. The great Architect, in arranging our lives, has caused ours to fall, indeed, in pleasant places. The Peninsular State that is here represented, has been remembered most graciously in a variety of ways. The harvest here has been abundant; the fields have been loaded

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with the choicest of wheat and corn, and the heart of the husbandman has been made glad. The farmers, as one man, have signified their wisdom in early marketing the products of their fields, and the money thus received being distributed evenly, has given a new impetus to all kinds of business. The burden of financial pressure has, it is thought, already reached its climax, and already we begin to see omens of better days and easier times. And as a State we have great reason to rejoice on account of our freedom from sickness and death; and for these mercies it becomes us to be especially thankful. We do not meet on this our annual gathering as in other years, an unbroken band. The hand of death has not been idle. Since our last meeting one of our Grand officers has fallen a prey to his icy touch. Brother McMillan, our Grand Lecturer and Visitor, has passed away, and, as we trust, from labor here to everlasting refreshment on high. It was not my privilege to know him intimately, but from his genial ways as exhibited at our last Grand meeting, I should judge that he was a brother of no inferior attainments, and in his removal this Grand body has but received another of those timely warnings, "Be ye also ready." I trust some suitable action will be taken by this Grand Lodge as it shall come up in its proper time.

Some new countenances will be noted among us this year, for while the year has not been characterized by a large accession, there has been some growth. We welcome you to our annual gathering, and trust that your faces may continue to grace our meetings, and that each of you may send forth some light in Adoptive Masonry that may become a nuclie around which others may unite, thus forming new Lodges until the whole world shall be embraced in the sublime teachings of Adoptive Masonry.

During the past year I have granted Dispensations for the forming of new Lodges as follows: January 23d, to organize Alma Lodge; April 15th, California Lodge; August 16th, Lake View Lodge, and 16th, Brooklyn; all of which were duly organized, and, so far as I know, are in good working order.

January 22d, I received a communication from Brother A. B. Schumaker, of Grand Ledge Lodge, No. 41, A. M., asking for a special Dispensation to elect a new Worthy President,—that officer having removed from the place,—also to elect a V. P., that office being made vacant by the death of Brother McMillan. This was

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at once granted, and we are glad to know that there has been no more dark clouds.

October 23d, signed and forwarded the appointment of Bro. John W. Dunn, of Hubbardston Lodge, as Deputy Grand Lecturer, after communicating with our Grand Lecturer, Bro. McMillan.

April 9th, received a communication from Mrs. W. H. Caenbrey, of South Saginaw, saying that some of the members of the Eastern Star Lodge were desirous of again holding meetings, it having been some seven years since their last meeting. I wrote them to go on under the old Charter, if it had not been surrendered, and report themselves at the next session of the Grand Lodge for settlement. I have heard nothing from them since, but trust they have been at work, and that we may meet them here, and if so, would recommend them to your kind consideration.

November 26th, received a letter from Lyons Lodge, asking permission to elect and install a new W. P., as the one elected would not serve. This was approved November 30th.

I have at different times during the year heard from different Lodges throughout the State, and report them to you as in good working order, so far as harmony and good will is concerned. I find but one exception, but I trust this has all passed by, and that we are here united in heart and sympathy for the advancement and good of our order.

The committee to whom was referred the circular of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star, recommend that three delegates be elected to attend the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter, to be held in Chicago, on May the 8th. In pursuance with this, Sisters Eliza J. Barber and Mary A. Oldman, and Bro. D. B. Purinton were elected. Sister Barber wrote me in April that it would not be possible for her to attend that meeting, and, by earnest request, Sister Nellie S. Corey, of Bronson Lodge, consented to take that place. And as all the delegates were present at that meeting, I trust that we shall hear such a report from them as will impress this Grand body favorably. And while I would recommend prudence and care in the deciding of this question, if it should be brought up for action, and as lovers of the principles of Adoptive Masonry, let us watch well the land marks and be guided in our deliberations upon this subject with judgment and moderation.

Sisters and Brothers, the exalted position I have held as the

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Grand Worthy President of our beloved order, came to me unexpectedly and unsought. Its duties, I feel, have been imperfectly discharged. And while you find errors, believe that it has been in judgment, not of the heart. And with the election of a new presiding officer, I shall be pleased to resign my position and take my place among the active workers.

To my Assistant Grand officers I return thanks for your cooperation and, especially Brother Purinton, our Grand Secretary, who has rendered me much efficient service in the discharge of the important and honorable trusts I now resign.

S. L. MARSH.

On motion of D. B. Purinton, the Address of the G. W. P. was referred to a committe of three for division and reference.

The G. W. P. appointed Sisters Mary J. Beers, Mary H. Skinner and Brother B. R. Rose as such committee.

The G. W. P. then announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Grievance—Sisters Lovina Olin, Susan Messenger, and Brother John W. Dunn.

On Finance—Sisters Mary Woodworth, Mary A. Oldman, and Brother Geo. W. Collins.

On Adoptive Law and Usage—Sisters Sarah A. Parke, Mrs. B. R. Rose, and Brother A. B. Jones.

On Charters and Dispensations—Sisters Allie Manly, Adelia B. Edwards, and Brother J. B. Phillips.

On Mileage—Sisters Mrs. T. Phillips, Pollie R. Hahn, and Brother A. B. Schumaker.

On Returns of Subordinate Lodges—Sisters Mrs. W. H. Severance, Fannie Merrill, and Bro. J. H. Hall.

The opening and closing of the ritual of the Gen. Grand Chapter was then exemplified.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock this evening.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was then called from refreshment to labor.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to issue certificates of membership to all Brothers and Sisters desiring the same, who were members in good standing in subordinate Lodge, which

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have held no meetings in several years. The last W. P. of the Lodge certifying to the Grand Secretary to their good standing at the last meeting of the Lodge.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the G. W. P., for division and reference, made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committe to whom was referred the Address of the G. W. P. for division and reference, would respetfully submit the following report, recommending:

That so much of the Address as refers to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the Standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the death of our lamented Grand Lecturer, Brother McMillan, be referred to a Special Committe of three.

That so much as refers to the Gen. Grand Chapter, be referred to this Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY J. BEERS,
MARY H. SKINNER,
B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The work of the Gen. Grand Chapter was then exemplified, and on motion the further consideration of the Ritual was made the special order for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the Grand W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Charters and Dispensations would respectfully submit the following report:

That they have examined the transactions of the several lodges petitioning for Charters, and would recommend that Charters be granted to the following Lodges working under Dispensation, to be known and designated as follows:

Alma Lodge, No. 48.
Ivy Leaf Lodge, No. 49.
Lake View Lodge, No. 50.

MRS. ALLIE MANLY,
" A. B. EDWARDS,
FERRIS HILL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

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On motion the Representatives present of the Lodge granted Charters, Sister Ella Webb, of Alma Lodge, No. 48; Bro. J. H. Hall, of Ivy Leaf Lodge, No. 49; Sister Bettie Reed, of Lake View Lodge, No. 50, were admitted as members of this Grrnd Lodge, with the right to cast the vote of their respective Lodges.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, October 3d, 1878.

Second Day, Morning Session—9 A. M.

The Grand Lodge called from refreshment to labor.

The G. W. P. announced as the Special Committee upon the death of our G. Lecturer, J. W. McMillan, Sisters Ida E. Welch, Addie S. Collett, and William Huggins.

The Grand Secretary reported that he had received copies of the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters of the States of Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont, and read extracts of such portions as referred to the Gen. Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and to the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the consideration of the work of the Gen. Grand Chapter, Sister Nellie S. Cory offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That we acknowledge the jurisdiction of the Gen. Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and conform our work to its Ritual.

Which, after remarks from most of the Sisters and Brothers, was adopted.

The Committee on Returns of the subordinate Lodges, made the following report:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon the Returns of subordinate Lodges, would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following named Lodges and find them as follows:

No. 3, Coldwater, correct.
" 4, Bronson, correct.
" 6, Olive Branch, correct.
" 12. Morenci, correct.

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" 29, Leslie, correct.
" 31, Hastings, correct.
" 33, Ransom, correct.
" 34, Crystal, due 40 cents.
" 35, Sumner, due $1.30.
" 36, Palo, correct.
" 38, Quincy, correct.
" 39, Carson City, due $1.40.
" 41, Grand Ledge, correct.
" 42, Cambria Mills, correct.
" 43, Hubbardston, correct.
" 44, Middleville, correct.
" 45, Bangor, due 20 cents.
" 46, Benevolence, correct.
" 47, Sharon, correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. H. SEVERANCE,
FANNIE MERRILL,
J. H. HALL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Adoptive Law and Usage made the following report.

To the Grand W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Adoptive Law and Usage, to whom was submitted several questions, beg leave to present the following report:

Ques. 1. Can a Lodge grant a Demit while the non-payment of dues are back?

Ans. No.

Ques. 2. Has a demitted member a right to a seat in the Grand Lodge and hold office in the same?

Ans. A right to a seat, but not to hold office.

Ques. 3. How long can a member carry his or her Demit and visit other Lodges without affiliating?

Ans. As long as no objection is made by the Lodge visited.

Ques. 4. Is it right for subordinate Lodges to grant members a demit without their giving good reason for asking for the same?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. 5. Who does the Ritual belong to if written by the Secretary and ordered by the Grand Lecturer?

Ans. Property of the Lodge it was written for.

Ques. 6. Should a member be required to pay dues from the beginning of the Masonic year, or from the time of initiation?

Ans. From the time of initiation.

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Ques. 7. After a Demit is called for, is the Lodge entitled to dues after that date?

Ans. No, not if called for at a regular communication, and dues are paid to that date.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SARAH A. PARKE,
MRS. B. R. ROSE,
A. B. JONES,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Sister Sarah A. Parke offered the following resolution:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

WHEREAS, It is the desire of Sharon Lodge, No. 47, that the next Annual Sesson of this Grand Lodge of A. M. be held in the Masonic Hall in Bay City, on the first Wednesday in October, 1879. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be held at Masonic Hall in the city of Bay City, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1879.

An invitation was presented by Leslie Lodge, No. 29, to meet in Leslie, and by Morenci Lodge, No. 12, to meet in Morenci.

On motion of Bro. B. R. Rose, a committee of three was appointed to select place of next meeting.

The G. W. P. appointed as such committee, Bro. B. R. Rose, Sisters Bettie V. Reed and C. E. Hill.

On motion of Bro. B. R. Rose a committee was appointed to prepare amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws harmonizing with the work of the General Grand Chapter.

Bros. B. R. Rose and W. H. Severance, and Sisters C. E. Hill S. A. Parke and M. A. Oldman were appointed such committee.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session--2 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The special committee upon the death of Bro. McMillan made the following report:

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To the Grand Worthy President and Officers of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your special committee to whom was referred so much of the G. W. President's address as refers to the death of Bro. J. W. McMillan, would respectfully submit the following Preamble and Resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Supreme Disposer of human events to remove from our midst, by death, our beloved brother and companion, James W. McMillan, Past Master of Grand Ledge Lodge, No. 179, F. & A. M., and M. E. High Priest in Grand Ledge Chapter, No. 85, R. A. M., and elected in the year 1877 Grand Lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masons of the State of Michigan,—aged 57 years; a devoted Mason, a sincere friend, and zealous champion of our noble craft. He filled the various offices of trust confided to him with signal ability and honor. His usefulness is ended and we deeply mourn his loss. Although his designs on the trestle board were unfinished, and his search after knowledge but comparatively begun, he has fought his last fight and gone to obtain the reward promised by the Grand High Priest in Heaven to all who practice the God-given tenets of brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, as did our devoted brother and companion.

He was initiated an E. A., December 16, 1864, passed to the degree of F. C., March 16, 1865, and raised to the sublime degree of M. M., March 23d, 1865. He was advanced to the honorary degree of M. M. M., January 5th, 1866, was elected and presided in the Oriental chair January 5th, 1866, was received and acknowledged a M. E. M. January 24th, 1866, and exalted to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason, January 24th, 1866. He received the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Portland Council, No. 23, December 20th, 1869, and was advanced into the Holy Order of High Priesthood, January 21st, 1874, and received the light of Adoptive Masonry July 8th, 1874. Ripe in Masonic knowledge, loved most of his brothers and fellows, he is gathered to the honorable repose of all those who have been faithful in the work, and is, we believe, crowned with a crown more precious and glorious than that which decks the brow of earthly prince or potentate. Therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. McMillan we lose a worthy brother and companion, a just and upright Mason.

Resolved, That to his family and immediate relatives, we, as a fraternal Order, express our sincere regret at their loss, and mutually pledge the widow and fatherless our hearty Masonic sympathy.

Resolved, That the above expression be spread upon the records of this Grand Lodge, and that an engraved copy thereof be presented to the widow of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be fur-

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nished to the *Independent* and Portland *Observer* for publication.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

IDA E. WELCH,
ADDIE S. COLLETT,
WILLIAM HUGGINS,
Committee.

On motion the resolutions were adopted.

The accounts of the delegates to the Gen. Grand Chapter for expenses, were presented, and on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Mileage made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Committe upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

Lodge No. 3, Coldwater, 88 miles.
" " 4, Bronson, 100 miles.
" " 6, Sturgis, 120 miles.
" " 12, Morenci, 112 miles.
" " 29, Leslie, 33 miles.
" " 31, Hastings, 68 miles.
" " 33, Ransom, 90 miles.
" " 34, Crystal, 46 miles.
" " 35, Sumner, 55 miles.
" " 36, Palo, 36 miles.
" " 38, Quincy, 82 miles.
" " 39, Carson City, 39 miles.
" " 42, Cambria Mills, 86 miles.
" " 43, Hubbardston, 37 miles.
" " 44, Middleville, 79 miles.
" " 45, Bangor, 113 miles.
" " 46, Benevolence, 123 miles.
" " 47, Sharon, 90 miles.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. R. HAHN,
L. A. PHILLIPS,
A. B. SCHUMAKER,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year:

Sisters Allie C. Manley, Dillie Ashbaugh, and Brother W. H. Severance were appointed tellers.

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The following named Sisters and Brothers were duly elected:

G. W. M.—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.
G. W. P.—Benjamin R. Rose, Hastings.
G. A. M.—Allie C. Manley, Hartford.
G. A. P.—Wm. H. Severance, Middleville.
G. Treas.—Mary S. Woodworth, Leslie.
G. Sec.—David B. Purinton, Coldwater.

The Grand Lodge was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock P. M.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

The Grand Lodge was called from refreshment to labor.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the invitations for the next session of the Grand Chapter, made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. M. of the State of Michigan:

Your Committe to whom was referred the location of the next session of the Grand Chapter, would respectfully report, that owing to the zeal shown by Sharon Lodge, No. 47, they would recommend that the next session of the Grand Chapter be held in Masonic Hall, in Bay City, Michigan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. R. ROSE,
C. E. HILL,
MRS. G. A. REED,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. Fred Orth, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Grand W. Matron elect announced the following appointments:

G. Con.—Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
G. A. Con.—Lavina E. Olin, Bay City.
G. Adah—Betsey Dunn, Hubbardston.
G. Ruth—Mary L. Isham, Carson City.
G. Esther—C. E. Hill, Sturgis.
G. Martha—Bettie V. Reed, Lake View.
G. Electa—Mrs. L. J. McLeod, Elm Hall.
G. Warder—Gerty Hill, Morenci.

The Grand Patron elect announced the following appointments:

G. Chaplain—Rev. Amos Crumb, Bay City.
G. Sentinel—Henry Swegles, Grand Ledge.
G. Marshal—Fred Orth, Palo.

On motion it was voted to pay the Grand Secretary $15.00 for his services during the past year.

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The report of the G. Secretary was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion the thanks of this Grand Lodge were extended to the Brothers and Sisters of Grand Ledge Lodge, for their kind care for us during our sojourn among them, and for the pleasant steamboat ride, given to the members of this Grand Lodge, upon the beautiful Grand River.

The Finance Committee report the account of the G. Secretary for postage correct, and on motion an order was ordered drawn in favor of the G. Secretary, of $7.46.

The Finance Committe reported the accounts of the delegates to the G. G. C., at Chicago, correct, and on motion an order was ordered drawn in favor of Nellie S. Corey for $10.20; Mary A. Oldman, $14.00; and D. B. Purinton, $8.50, for their expenses in attending the Gen. Grand Chapter.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year from

Sale of books,	$ 8 25
Alma, dispensation,	5 00
California, dispensation,	5 00
Brooklyn, dispensation,	5 00
Lake View, dispensation,	5 00
Coldwater, No. 3, dues	34 65
Bronson, No. 4, dues,	5 50
Olive Branch, No. 6, dues,	5 40
Morenci, No. 12, dues,	9 80
Leslie, No. 29, dues,	13 80
Hastings, No. 31, dues,	24 95
Ransom, No. 33, dues,	6 80
Crystal, No. 34, dues,	8 70
Sumner, No. 35, dues,	6 70
Palo, No. 36, dues,	10 40
Quincy, No. 38, dues,	12 35
Carson City, No. 39, dues,	10 65
Grand Ledge, No. 41, dues,	12 80
Cambria Mills, No. 42, dues,	4 80
Hubbardston, No. 43, dues,	6 45
Middleville, No. 44, dues,	12 30
Bangor, No. 45, dues,	15 10

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Benevolence, No. 46, dues,	14 00
Sharon, No. 47, dues,	35 60
Ivy Leaf, No. 48, charter,	5 00
Alma, No. 49, charter,	5 00
Lake View, No. 50, charter,	5 00
Total received by the Grand Secretary,	$294 00
Paid the Grand Treasurer,	294 00

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year as follows:

Balance on hand,	$ 75 43
From Grand Secretary,	294 00
Total amount received by Grand Treasurer,	$369 43

The Grand Treasurer has paid orders of the Grand Lodge as follows:

M. L. Knowles & Co., printing proceedings,	$30 00
G. Sec. services, 1878,	15 00
G. Sec., postage and stationery,	7 36
Nellie S. Corey, Ex. to Gen. G. Chapter,	10 20
Mary A. Oldman, " "	14 00
D. B. Purinton, " "	8 50
G. W. P., mileage,	8 20
G. Sec., "	8 80
G. Treas., "	6 80
G. Lec., "	3 70
G. 1st Pat., "	3 30
G. 2d Pat., "	12 30
G. 3d Pat., "	3 60
G. 4th Pat., "	2 40
G. 5th Pat., "	9 00
G. Con., "	3 70
G. Guard, "	11 20
G. Sen., "	8 80
No. 3, Coldwater delegate, mileage,	8 80
No. 4, Bronson, " "	5 50
No. 6, Olive Branch " "	5 40
No. 12, Morenci " "	9 80
No. 26, Leslie " "	3 30
No. 31, Hastings " "	6 80
No. 33, Ransom " "	6 80
No 34, Crystal " "	4 20
No. 35, Sumner " "	4 20
No. 36, Palo " "	3 60
No. 38, Quincy " "	8 20
No. 39, Carson City " "	2 50
No. 42, Cambria Mills, "	4 80
No. 43, Hubbardston " "	3 70
No. 44, Middleville " "	7 90

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No. 45, Bangor	delegate, mileage,	- - -	11 10
No. 46, Benevolence	" "	- - - -	12 30
No. 46, Sharon	" "	- - -	9 00
			$287 76
Balance on hand,	- - - - -		- $84 77

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY WORDWORTH,
MARY A. OLDMAN,
Geo. W. Collins,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the G. Sec. was instructed to have the proceedings printed and procure an order book for the use of the G. Chapter.

The Grand Officers elect were then installed; Sister Mary A. Oldman acting as Marshal.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in due form to meet in Bay City, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1879, at 12 o'clock, M.

D. B. PURINTON, *Grand Secretary.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME AND NUMBER OF LODGE.	W. PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.	INITIATIONS.	DIMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
Coldwater, No. 8..	Mrs. D. A. Merrill.	Mrs. Geo T. Culver	5	4	..	..	..	..	....	167	$34 65
Bronson, No. 4....	M. A. Stralle	B. P. Taggart.....	2	..	..	4	..	1	....	25	5 50
Olive Branch, No. 6	Lou M. Anthony...	Mrs. M. A. Viall...	..	1	..	3	..	..	....	27	.....
Burr Oak, No. 9....	D. D. Stillman.....	Emma Moore.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	40	.....
Palmyra, No. 11...	Maria M. Smith....	Frank A. Smith....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	22	9 80
Morenci, No. 12...	Libbie Sweeney....	Henry S. Wyman..	..	..	..	..	..	1	....	49	.....
Buchanan, No. 13..	L A. Mowry.....	S. B. Strong.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	26	.....
Osseo, No. 14... ..	Mary King.....	James B Leonard.	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	43	.....
Cooper, No. 21. ...	Mary Snyder.....	N. A. Glenn.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	19	.....
Lyons, No. 28.....	Sarah E. Hammond	Orin Dubois.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	51	.....
Leslie, No. 29.....	Mary A. Vaughn...	Mrs. F. H. Rice....	..	2	..	11	..	2	....	64	13 80
Hastings, No. 31,..	Mrs. T Phillips....	Mrs. B. R. Rose. ..	15	2	..	..	4	1	....	106	24 95
Ransom, No 33.....	Mrs. M. Phillips...	E. Andridge.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	34	6 80
Crystal, No. 34.....	Angeline Throap..	M. E. Dehart.....	2	2	..	..	..	..	....	43	8 70
Sumner, No. 35....	Mary Story.....	Jesse L. Pelton....	4	3	..	30	1	..	....	35	6 70
Palo, No. 36.....	Sarah E. Collins...	Geo. W. Collins....	..	9	..	1	..	1	...	32	10 40
Traverse City, No.37	Aka K. Pratt.....	Maron Haskell....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	48	.....
Quincy, No. 38.....	Sarah L. Marsh....	Mary R. King.....	3	..	..	..	..	1	....	58	12 35
Carson City, Mo. 39	Mrs. M. J. Miner...	S. E. Burgderfer...	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	51	10 65.
Portland, No. 40...	Edith W. Kennedy	H. C. Glines.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	29	.....
Grand Ledge, No. 41	Ellen Nichols.....	A. B. Schumaker..	8	2	..	..	..	1	....	54	12 80
Cambria Mills No. 42	Mrs. H. M. Fink....	Jane E. Mead... ..	..	4	..	8	..	..	...	24	4 80
Hubbardston, No. 43	Betsey Dunn.....	William Patrick...	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	31	6 95
Middleville, No. 44	Mrs. G. W. Matteson	Mrs. M. F. Dowling	2	5	..	..	..	..	....	59	12 30
Bangor, No. 45.....	Mary Remmington.	J. S. Cross.....	18	..	..	..	..	..	....	54	15 10
Benevolence No. 46	Addie S. Collett....	Mary Galbraith....	12	3	..	..	2	..	....	55	14 00
Sharon, No. 47.....	Sarah A. Parke....	Parmelia S. Stewart	60	..	..	..	3	..	2	103	35 60
Alma, No. 48.....	Ella Webb.....	Michael Pulaske...	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	.....
Ivy Leaf, No. 49....	Parmelia Holcomb	Geo. W. Holcomb..	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....
Lake View, No. 50.	Bettie Reed.....	Volney Martin.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	.....
Total	.....	.....	141	37	..	47	10	9	6	1361	$250 55

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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. M.—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.
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G. Electa—Mrs. L. J. McLeod, Elm Hall.
G. Warder—Gerty Hill, Morenci.
G. Chaplain—Rev. Amos Crumb, Bay City.
G. Sentinel—Henry Swegles, Grand Ledge.
G. Marshal—Fred Orth, Palo.

The next session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in Bay City, Michigan, on the first Wednesday in October, 1879, at 12 o'clock M.

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AT ITS

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION as the GRAND CHAPTER, and the THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION as the

GRAND LODGE of ADOPTIVE MASONRY,

CONVENED AT

BAY CITY, MICHIGAN,

OCTOBER 1st AND 2d, 1879.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the First Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Easter Star, being the 13th Session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

MASONIC HALL, BAY CITY, MICHIGAN,
Wednesday, October 1st, 1879.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star convened in its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan, and the vote of this Grand Chapter at its last session in Bay City, Michigan, Wednesday, October 1st, 1879, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—

MRS. S. L. MARSH—G. W. M.
BENJ. R. ROSE—G. W. P.
ALLIE C. MANLY—G. A. M.
WM. H. SEVERANCE—G. A. P.
MARY S. WOODWORTH—G. Treas.
DAVID B. PURINTON—G. Secretary.
NELLIE S. COREY—G. Con.
LOVINA E. OLIN—G. A. Con.
BETSEY DUNN—G. Adah.
MRS. G. W. SEARLES—as G. Ruth.
C. E. HILL—G. Esther.
MRS. G. W. MATTESON—as G. Martha.
MELVINA L. DOUGLAS—as G. Electa.
MRS. D. A. MERRILL—as G. Warder.
HENRY SWEGLES—G. Sentinel.
REV. AMOS CRUMB—G. Chaplain.
FRED ORTH—G. Marshal.

And Sisters and Brothers.

The Grand Chapter opened in due form, and prayer by Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. Matron appointed Bro. Ferris Hill, Sisters Mrs. D. W. Sawyer and A. S. Parke, as Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock, P. M.

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Afternoon Session—2 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. The committee on Credentials made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Chapters represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

Grand Officers:

Mrs. S. L. Marsh, G. W. M.
Benj. R. Rose, G. W. P.
Allie C. Manley, G. A. M.
Wm. H. Severance, G. A. P.
Mary S. Woodworth, G. Treas.
David B. Purinton, G. Sec.
Nellie S. Corey, G. Con.
Lovina E. Olin, G. A. Con.
Betsey Dunn, G. Adah.
Mary L. Isham, as G. Ruth.
C. E. Hill, G. Esther.
Bettie V. Reed, G. Martha.
Mrs. L. J. McLeod. G. Electa.
Gerty Hill, G. Warder.
Henry Swegles, G. Sentinel.
Rev. Amos Crumb, G. Chaplain.
Fred Orth, G. Marshal.

Past Grand Officers:

Sister E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. M.
" D. C. Purinton, " "
" Mary Snyder, "
" Eliza J. Barber, "
Brother David Bovee, P. G. W. P.
" D. B. Purinton, "
" Travers Phillips, "
" Micajah Douglass, "
" Wm. S. Burrows, "
" J. S. Cross, "
" Dr. B. M. Hutchinson, Hon. Member.

No. 1, ACACIA—Eleanor C. Stinson, W. M., Dewitt C. Burch, W. P., H. N. Stinson, delegate.

No. 3, COLDWATER—Mrs. D. A. Merrill, W. M., M. H. Parker, W. P., D. A. Merrill, delegate.

No. 4, BRONSON—Nellie S. Corey, W. M. and delegate, I. D. Hull, W. P.

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No. 6, OLIVE BRANCH—Mrs. H. L. Anthony, W. M. and delegate, T. J. Collins, W. P.

No. 29, LESLIE—Mary A. Oldman, W. M. and delegate, W. H. Rice, W. P.

No. 31, HASTINGS—Mrs. B. R. Rose, W. M., Travers Phillips, W. P., C. A. Phillips, delegate.

No. 33, RANSOM—M. E. Phillips, W. M., H. L. Hartson, W. P., Ferris Hill, delegate.

No. 34, CRYSTAL—Mrs. E. D. Troup, W. M., A. L. Smith, W. P., C. Hare, delegate.

No. 35, SUMNER—M. L. Douglass, W. M., S. G. Bailey, W. P., Jane Miner, delegate.

No. 36, PALO—Mary C. Jones, W. M., Joel H. Jones, W. P. and delegate.

No. 38, QUINCY—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, W. M., Dan. W. Sawyer, W. P., Mrs. D. W. Sawyer, delegate.

No. 41, GRAND LEDGE—Jane E. Derbyshire, W. M., A. B. Jones, W. P., Benj. Hulse, delegate.

No. 42, CAMBRIA MILLS—Harriet M. Fink, W. M., Chistian Fink, W. P.

No. 44, MIDDLEVILLE—Mrs. G. W. Matteson, W. M. and delegate, G. W. Searls, W. P.

No. 45, BANGOR—Sarah M. Nyman, W. M. and delegate, A. J. Nyman, W. P.

No. 46, BENEVOLENCE—Hortensia Stickney. W. M. and delegate, George H. Morse, W. P.

No. 47, SHARON—Sarah A. Parke, W. M. and delegate, James A. Laing, W. P.

No. 49, IVY LEAF—Della Hall, W. M., J. H. Hall, W. P., Ellen Monger, delegate.

No. 50, LAKE VIEW—Esther Macumber, W. M. and delegate, Wm. T. Baker, W. P,

U. D. BROOKLYN—Mrs. L. M. Jones, W. M., J. B. Martin, W. P.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. HILL,
SARAH S. PARKE,
M. E. SAWYER,

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion all members of Subordinate Chapters in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Worthy Matron then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter:—

Another year has passed away and left its impress for weal or woe, upon us, the representatives of this Grand Body, and of the several Chapters which go to make it up. The year has been

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fraught with much of good or ill to us all; it has brought its labors and its rest, its sorrows and its joy. So are the years filled up. The warp and woof of our lives.

To me, as your Grand Matron, I must say the year has been an uneventful one. The days have come and gone, touching each other kindly and loving; no sad remembrances to fix the impress of one day more vividly on my mind than another. To many of you, I doubt not, this must not be said, of some it *cannot* be said. Undoubtedly there are some in this presence who can point to some particular day of this present year as the black Friday of their lives. The one particular day when their greatest sorrow came, and, like a pall, threw its vestment over them and went away, but left no ray of sunshine to illuminate the spot. And of whom it may with truth be said, the days may come and go but darkness broodeth ever. To any such we extend our warmest sympathies, invoking upon you the benedictions of Him who is ever touched with a feeling of our infirmaties. The teachings and true mission of the Order of the Eastern Star is to comfort the distressed brothers and sisters; render mutual aid and relief; "to consiliate true friendship among those who might otherwise remain at a perpetual distance." In this world there is much of true gladness and joy. In the high days of health and vigor, we are able to dispense largely with the sympathies of our neighbors, and to assert our independence; but there comes a time when the heart yearns for sympathy, when it hungers for a word of kindly affection, and we instinctively turn to the Sisters and Brothers we have met, known and loved, There are few persons living, no matter how deplorable their condition and surroundings, or how heavy the hand of affliction that be laid upon them, but may look about and find some one enduring greater trials or bearing heavier burdens; to such an one how pleasant come those little acts of kindness and forebearance which are so necessary to our welfare and prosperity. We must all have our own experiences and bear our own life burdens; but with these may come the thought that in acting our part we have poured the oil of gladness into some wounded heart, cheered the weary and raised the fallen; thus in doing good to others unconsciously reaping great good ourselves.

In our mission, as we gather in these yearly meetings, there is one thought that should ever be uppermost in our minds: the considering of the best means by which to enhance the opportunities of doing good, and enlarging the powers of the Order for accomplishing the great designs for which it was originated. In considering the experiences of those who for many years have been guiding and watching to increase its interest and make the Order of the Eastern Star to stand upon a basis which will defy the assaults and criticisms of the cool and calculating, a class who ever look with distrust upon a secret organization; springing as this has from that great Order whose pride is not in its being a progressive science,

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but in dating back so many and to such remote ages, preserving with jealous care their old-time work from the days of the mighty King Solomon. And as the Order of the Eastern Star exists for the purpose of giving practical effect to one of the purposes of Free Masonry, in that purpose is not the field large and the labor abundant? It seems to me, as I look over the work accomplished in the last year, that as those most interested, the "wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters of Masons," we are not fully aware of the good that might be accomplished if we were keenly alive to the great benefits which would arise from bringing this work to that high state of perfection to which our beautiful Order could and should be brought. To whom are we to entrust this great work? Sisters of Michigan, are you aware of the great part you can play in keeping and warming into life one of the noblest works; one freighted with great good and blessing to yourselves? Certainly upon those who have the greatest interest and receive the most good must rest the responsibility of working out the great plan laid down in this work. Our Brothers are striving to help us, but they have their own ancient Order, and in this must largely be their work. By their laws we are not entitled to their degrees. But can we not, as Adoptive Masons, make our Order so attractive, doing whatever our hands find to do in such a manner that they will be constrained to give us their full and hearty support. I find in many of our subordinate Chapters that the brothers of Masonry seem sometimes afraid to enter within this shrine. They are willing their wives and daughters should unite with us, and seem by this means to wish to further the interests of the Order. This, my Brothers, will not alone do. We need your presence, for by our laws as adopted, you must preside at our initiations, and have a general supervision over the affairs of the Chapter. You have your cares with the running of Church and State, in the race after wealth, position, and honor. Your energies are largely taxed, but let us see more of you in our Chapters; it will do us much good.

On the other hand the Sisters are many times quite as remiss in their work. It is very discouraging for the chief officers of a Chapter to go at the appointed hour and meet just half as many as should be present. There will always be the faithful few, and they must do the work. The benefits are no more to them than the indifferent one. How many of the Grand Officers here to-day as representatives, can say they have been regular in their attendance for the past year, in the subordinate Chapter? Are there not some who have not taken any interest,—perhaps not been within the Chapter? Sisters, is it right that you bear these grand honors and not the burden? If you are not interested in the work at home, what do you know of its needs? How can you be fitted to come here, at the meeting of this Grand Body, to legislate for the interests of our Order? Are you qualified to assert what shall be done to advance its means for doing good in our land? I appeal to you

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again, Sisters and Brothers; let us as we go home to enter upon a new year in this work, do so with the determination to make our order a success; making our Chapter rooms replete with all that will meet the wants of the different tastes which may assemble there; such that they will not be likely to say they did not remember the evening.

I have visited several Chapters during the year, and could see the benefits that would arise from having a Grand Lecturer in the field. Many of the new ones need instruction; others a word of encouragement. Sisters and Brothers, my official labors for the past year have been very trifling. There has not been that reviving of the old workers, or the organizing of new Chapters has not been what we had hoped and looked for in the adopting of our new work. We will expect greater results for the year to come; we shall then have our new charters, and feel that we have fully entered upon our labors.

I have this year granted special dispensations to Sharon Chapter, No. 47, Bay City, to hold their annual election October 18th, instead of in November, as formerly; also deputized Brother Amos S. Parke to install said officers. Also granted special dispensation to Hastings Chapter, No. 31, to hold their election August 30th, instead of the regular meeting in September. October 23d, granted special dispensation to Lyons Chapter, No. 28, to hold their election of officers, they having neglected to do so at the proper time, through some discouragements; whether they have gone on with their work I do not know. October 29th, granted special dispensation to Benevolence Chapter, No. 46, to elect and install a new W. Matron. December 5th, dispensation was granted to organize a Chapter in Onondaga, to be known as Stella Chapter. Also one granted April 28, for Olivet—these are the only ones organized within the year. I have written the W. Matrons in regard to their prosperity, but can give you no immediate report, as I have received no information from them, but trust we may meet them here. Have had correspondence in regard to organizing a Chapter in Ionia, but it has not been matured.

Officers and members of this Grand Chapter, in leaving the position of honor and trust which you have twice given me, I feel that you will place it in the hands of one more competent to perform the work than I have been. I know you will find none whose heart will be more willing or hands more ready to do, so far as they have knowledge. I entered upon my work a mere novice in the cause, and what little I have accomplished has been prompted by my love for the Order. In retiring I sorrow that I could not had more influence in making the work just what it ought to be. Do not feel in what I have said that there is only a dark side. This is not so. There are some great workers, some Chapters that are indeed Stars of great brilliancy. Invariably I find such an one where the brothers and sisters are not

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indifferent, but alike remember their obligations. In my association with you I find much to recall that is most pleasing; have formed friendships that will be lasting, and trust we may meet many times in these yearly gatherings, if not as officers and members, as friends and workers. While it will not be my prerogative as your G. W. M. to hear from and sympathize with you in the little sorrows and trials which we must meet and which will arise, I shall watch with great interest whatever I may be able to glean of your prosperity.

S. L. MARSH,
G. W. Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter:

Under the dispensation of a kind Providence we are permitted to reassemble in our Council Hall and form a new and closer union of the fraternal circle of the Eastern Star.

We come as pilgrims, way-worn and weary, from our different avocations in the chaotic world without, to bow around our altar dedicated to friendship's sacred name. Seeking aid Divine to mend the broken social law, we have been guided by the Eastern Star, resembling that of Bethlehem's bright illuminary, across the dreary waste of human wants and woes, to the oasis of pure, perpetual friendship, where springs a crystal fount of living waters. Let us in heart, like Moses at the burning bush, cast away that which is impure, for we, as mortals, now presume to tread on holy ground. This is the thirteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge (now Chapter) of the Eastern Star, of Michigan, which if not the oldest Chapter is the first organization of Adoptive Masonry in the United States, yet we have not cast off the swaddling clothes of infancy.

This session will make an important era in the annals of our Chapter; for we are called upon at this time to perform the Herculean task of bringing order out of chaos, and under the magic wand of its sceptral power to reduce a heterogeneous mass to perfect harmony.

The adoption of a constitution and by-laws is an important step, fraught with grave responsibilities, and should be marked with care and due deliberation, for we are working out the destiny of our Order, and the beginning may control its future weal. We are like children in a good cause, beset with many difficulties, and should expect temptations to turn us back; but let us imitate Christ on the pinnacle of the temple, and not grow weary in well doing. Let us grasp the sword of truth with willing hands and firm hearts, and press onward until we win the prize and clothe our brows with laurels of success. According to the law of truism, a faint heart and weary hand never accomplished a noble work of note, and are only credited for negation of will; for physical force

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and moral energy are essential elements of success. Already the plague spots of Egypt begin to appear, and the jurisdiction of our rights has been invaded by unprincipled persons.

One Rev. Divine, from Tekonsha, who has been honored with high positions by the Masonic fraternity, has illegally, without a shadow of authority, and for money, "the root of all evil," pretended to confer the degrees of Adoptive Masonry, thereby willfully wronging Masons and their families, the very thought of which ought to mantle the cheek of an honorable man with shame. By request of the G. W. Matron, I organized Olivet Chapter, and installed their officers May 28th last. I found them in confusion and disorder, in consequence of the imposition practiced upon them by the said Divine. I deemed it my duty to inform this jurisdiction of these infamous acts as soon as possible, and sent circulars to nearly all Masonic Lodges in the State. Since then I have received letters of inquiry, from prominent Masons, in different sections of the State, in regard to the manner of forming Chapters, &c., which show a general lack of information and favorable opportunities for imposition. I would therefore recommend that this Grand Chapter devise some plan by which Adoptive Masonry may become more thoroughly known.

I would suggest that this Grand Chapter appoint suitable persons, located at different points througout the State, to visit Masonic Lodges for that purpose, and to provide funds to defray their expenses.

I received a communication from Alfred W. Soule, of Springport, August last, asking for information in regard to the *modus operandi* of organizing a Chapter, and complaining of the impostor referred to who had mantled the hearts of that community with sadness by his unlawful work. I sent him instructions and blanks but have not heard from him since. Should he apply to you I would recommend him to your favorable consideration.

My work this year has been meagre, and I render but a poor account of my stewardship. The reasons are obvious, for we have no constitution nor by-laws to define our several duties or guide our work; while unabated zeal has fired the soul for the good of the cause, the uncertainties which have mantled the way with darkness has caused me to proceed with caution in all matters pertaining to the good of the order.

The Constitution and By-Laws which we expect to adopt at this annual session will illuminate the way and prescribe our duties.

Thanking you for the favors conferred as I lay down the laureled wreath of honor, I would say that I expect to retain my zeal for the good of the Eastern Star, which I claim by right of prescription in common with my sisters and brothers.

B. R. ROSE,
G. W. Patron.

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On motion the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron were referred to a special committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. Matron appointed as such committee, Bro. Amos Crumb, Sisters Nellie S. Corey, and Mrs. Wm. H. Severance.

The G. W. Matron then announced the following Standing Committees:

On Grievance—Sisters C. E. Hill, Lovina E. Olin and Bro. John W. Dunn.

On Finance—Sisters Mrs. B. R. Rose, ——Clark, and Bro. D. A. Merrill.

On Jurispendence—Sisters Nellie S. Corey, Mary A. Oldman, and Bro. B. R. Rose.

On Mileage—Sisters Allie C. Manley, Mrs. D. A. Merrill, and Bro. C. Phillips.

On Return of Subordinate Chapters—Sisters Mrs. G. W. Matteson, M. L. Douglass, and Bro. Fred Orth.

On motion the exemplification of the work by the Grand Officers was made a special order for this evening.

On motion the report of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws was made the special order for to-morrow forenoon.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until eight o'clock this evening.

Evening Session—8 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The special committee, to whom was referred the addresses of the G. W. P. for division and reference made the following report.

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the addresses of the G. W. M. and the G. W. P., for division and reference would respectfully submit the following report recommending

That so much of the G. W. Matron's address as refers to charter and dispensations be referred to the Standing Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the general good of the order be referred to this Grand Chapter for special discussion, as time may

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allow, hoping that it will receive the attention its importance demands.

That so much as refers to the matter of a Grand Lecturer be referred also to this Grand Chapter for consideration.

Your committee also recommend that so much of the G. W. Patron's address as refers to the matter of Constitution and By-Laws be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

That so much as refers to the matter of the Rev. impostor be referred to the Committee on Grievance.

That so much as refers to the appointment of suitable persons for the purpose of visiting Masonic Lodges in the interest of this order be referred to the Finance Committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

AMOS CRUM,
NELLIE S. COREY,
N. J. SEVERANCE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The work was then exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The account of the Grand Secretary for postage, &c., was presented, and on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the Grand Secretary was received, and on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, October 3d, 1879.

Second Day—Morning Session, 9 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Bro. D. B. Purinton offered the following preamble and resolution;

WHEREAS, There are present with us members of Hubbardston Chapter, No. 43, and Carson City Chapter, No. 39, and said Chapters having failed to make returns and pay dues in accordance with the rules of this Grand Chapter; therefore,

Resolved, That the committee on Jurisprudence be directed to confer with the Sisters and Brothers present from Hubbardston, No. 43, and Carson City, No. 39, and advise what action, if any, ought to be taken by this Grand Chapter, in relation to the said Subordinate Chapters.

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Which, on motion, was adopted.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, made a report, submitting constitution and by-laws for the government of this Grand Chapter, which, after some consideration, was made the special order for two o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon Session—2 P. M.

The Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor,

The further consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was resumed, and after some amendments was adopted as follows:

CONSTITUTION

Of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known by the name and style of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM IT CONSISTS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductoress, Associate Grand Conductoress, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, together with the Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons (or their proxies regularly appointed) of all Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, whose official character shall be duly certified to the Grand Chapter by the several secretaries of their respective Chapters, and such Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, as shall remain in good standing in some subbordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. All the above named Grand Officers shall be Sisters, except the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron; provided that the Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary and Grand Sentinel, may be either Sister or Brother.

SEC. 3. The first six officers above named shall be elected, the remaining to be appointed by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

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SEC. 4. The foregoing Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Delegates only shall be entitled to vote and take part in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. They shall have but one vote each on every question, except the presiding officer, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote; provided, that any member may call for a vote by Chapters, when each Chapter shall be entitled to as many votes as it is entitled to representatives, which may be cast by one or more of them.

ARTICLE III.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 1. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter, in this jurisdiction, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Chapter, subject to the restrictions contained in Section two, Article two; provided, that no one shall be elected Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Patron or Associate Grand Patron, unless he or she be a Past Matron or Past Patron of some Subordinate Chapter of the Order.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter being supreme in all matters appertaining to its affairs, has the sole right to superintend and govern all Chapters of the Order within its jurisdiction. It has power to grant dispensations and charters for forming and holding new Chapters and to extend or revoke the same; to enact rules and regulations, issue edicts, and to amend or repeal the same; to discipline, censure, suspend or annul Chapters for wilful violation or infringment of the constitution, regulations or edicts of this Grand Chapter to decide all appeals from Subordinate Chapters, their officers, or the officers and committees of this Grand Chapter, to exercise all rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, subject to the General Grand Chapter; and all powers not specially delegated to Subordinate Chapters are inherent in and reserved to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

TIME OF MEETING.

SEC. 1 There shall be one annual meeting of this Grand Chapter beginning at 12 o'clock, M., on the second Wednesday in October of each and every year, at such place as shall be agreed upon at any annual meeting.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be ordered by the Grand Matron, or in her absence or disability, by the Grand Patron, at such time or place as in her or his opinion the interests of the Order require; provided that each Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be notified at least thirty days previous to such called meetings, and no business

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except such specified in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

SEC. 1 Representatives or Proxies, regularly appointed, of five Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons of Subordinate Chapters, to attend all meetings of the Grand Chapter, and they shall present to the Grand Chapter a certificate from the Secretary authenticated by the seal of their respective Chapters of their election and installation into office.

SEC. 2. A Proxy may be appointed to represent the Chapter by either of the delegates, but such proxy must be a member of the Chapter represented, and must present a certificate of such appointment duly authenticated.

ACTICLE VIII.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Matron shall open, preside over and close the Grand Chapter, appoint all committees, not otherwise specially appointed; see that the Rules and Regulations of the Order are strictly enforced, and that the officers faithfully perform their respective duties, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require. She has power to convene a Chapter within this jurisdiction (in person or by proxy), to preside therein, to inspect the proceedings and require conformity to the laws of order; to suspend, for good cause, for a limited period or until the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, any Subordinate Chapter; to call special meetings of the Grand Chapter, and to require the attendance of and information from, any Grand officer respecting her or his office. She shall decide all questions of law and usage submitted to her; subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Chapter, and until such decisions and opinions are reversed by the Grand Chapter, they shall be in force and binding as between the parties thereto. During the vacation of the Grand Chapter she shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as they are made the duty of the Grand Patron; she shall report to the Grand Chapter at each annual meeting all her official acts. She may call upon the Crand Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 2. The Grand Patron shall assist and advise the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties. He has power to grant Dispensations for new Chapters upon proper application; provided no

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new Chapter shall be formed in any town or city where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town or city; to delegate authority to confer the degrees, at sight, upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns and cities, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter. He shall preside whenever called upon by the Grand Matron, and in the absence of both the Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron, he shall call the Grand Chapter to order, and appoint some Past Matron present to act as Grand Matron *pro tem.*

SEC. 3. The Associate Grand Matron shall assist the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties; be suoject to the order of the Grand Chapter and her superior officers; and in case of the death, absence, or disability of the Grand Matron, she will assume her powers and prerogatives, and discharge her duties.

SEC. 4. The Associate Grand Patron shall assist the Grand Patron in the discharge of his duties; be subject to the order of his superior officers and the Grand Chapter; and in case of the death, absence, or disability of the Grand Patron, he shall assume his duties.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter, to collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay the same promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking her receipt for the same; to make annually a report in writing, or oftener if required by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, of the amount collected; to execute such orders as may be issued by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, and to deliver to his or her successor in office, all books, papers, and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, in her or his possession.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the hands of the Grand Secretary, and give her receipt therefor. Shall pay all orders from the monies on hand, as may be directed by the Grand Chapter, carefully number and file all vouchers, and annually, or oftener if required by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, make in writing a full statement, submitting, at the same time, the books and vouchers to the Grand Chapter for examination. She shall deliver to her successor in office all books, vouchers, papers and moneys, or other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, which may be in her hands.

SEC. 7. The remaining Grand Officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, and such as may be assigned them by the Grand Matron, or the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. All officers shall be elected or appointed annually, and installed after the regular business of the Grand Chapter shall have

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been completed; provided, the installation ceremonies may be public or private, as may be determined by the Grand Chapter. No officer shall officiate in her or his station until she or he has been legally installed.

ARTICLE X.

DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 1. During the recess of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Patron may grant Dispensations, attested by the Grand Secretary, and authenticated by the seal of the Grand Chapter, for the formation of new Chapters. Such Dispensation shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, when, if their work is approved, such Chapters shall receive Charters with an additional fee of five Dollars.

SEC. 2. No Charter shall be granted a new Chapter until the Grand Chapter shall be satisfied that the proposed officers are thoroughly qualified to discharge their duties properly.

SEC. 3. Chapters under Dispensation shall have all the rights and privileges of chartered Chapters, except to be represented in this Grand Chapter, and to elect and install officers.

ARTICLE XI.

REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources, viz: For every Dispensation, including three copies of the Ritual, ten dollars.

SEC. 2. Every Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter, on or before the 1st day of October, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it on the 1st day of September preceding, and twenty-five cents for each initiation during the year; and no Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE XII.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Each Subordinate Chapter shall send to the Grand Sectary, on or before the first day of October of each year, an abstract of its proceedings for the year ending September 1st next preceding. This report shall include the names of the officers last elected and installed, the number initiated, the number affiliated, the number withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died, and the number of remaining members, setting out the names of each class in full alphabetical order, making a distinction in by prefixing the title Mrs. or Miss to the names of sisters.

SEC. 2. Any Chapter failing to make such reports, and pay Grand Chapter dues for two consecutive years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its charter, at

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the discretion of the Grand Chapter—and it is made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

PAY OF GRAND OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 1. The Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and Worthy Matrons of each Subordinate Chapter, shall receive from the funds of the Grand Chapter such sums as it may appropriate for attending to the business and meetings of the Grand Chapter; provided, no such payment for attending the meetings of this Grand Chapter shall exceed eight cents per mile for the distance by the nearest traveled route from the location of the Subordinate Chapter to which such Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer or W. Matron belongs, to the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter; and, provided further, that no W. Matron shall be paid a greater amount than the dues paid by her Chapter to the Grand Chapter for that year.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specified duties, to-wit:

On Credentials.—The committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name and number of the Chapter represented.

On Finance and Ways and Means.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Finance and Ways and Means to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also to take into consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which in their opinion will be for the benefit financially of the Grand Chapter.

On Unfinished Business.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous annual meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

On Pay Roll.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Pay Roll to ascertain and report the amount due each representative and member of the Grand Chapter.

On Jurisprudence.—The committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions, to revise, alter or amend the constitution, by-laws and general regulations of the Grand Chapter,

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as well as all questions of law and usage and make report thereon in writing to the Grand Chapter.

On Appeals and Grievances.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance when presented to them, with such recommendations for the action of the Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

On Dispensations and Charters.—The committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the returns of chartered Chapters and their by-laws, when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the Grand Chapter with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and by-laws of all Chapters under dispensation, and the proceedings of the Grand Officers, granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional and report to the Grand Chapter with their recommendations.

On Foreign Correspondence.—The committee on Foreign Correspondence shall have charge of all matters of foreign correspondence referred to them, review all the printed or written proceedings emanating from other Grand Chapters, and report to the Grand Chapter by resolution or otherwise.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing at an annual meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, they shall lie over until the next annual meeting, when, if adopted by a majority vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

For Conducting the Business of the Grand Chapter.

1. At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Matron shall take the chair at 12 o'clock M., and if there is a constitutional number of Chapters represented, see that the Grand officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem*, and open the Grand Chapter in usual form. The Grand Matron, immediately after opening the Grand Chapter at each annual meeting, shall appoint the Standing Committee on credentials, to consist of three members.

2. After the Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members, and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires. They shall pay due respect to the presiding officer,—to whose commands they shall be

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attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

3. The business of the Grand Chapter (unless otherwise directed,) shall be disposed of as follows, viz:

1. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
2. Annual address of Grand Matron.
3. Annual address of Grand Patron.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Report of Special Committees.
7. Report of Secretary.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Installation of Officers.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the Grand Matron, and consist of three members each,—the first named to be Chairman, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Chapter.

5. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Grand Secretary and read, with the name of the mover indorsed thereon; when, upon being duly seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

6. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the Constitution or by consent of the Grand Chapter.

7. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

8. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter.

9. Any member may call for a division of a question if divisible, and three may demand a vote by yeas and nays.

10. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, except the report of the committee on pay-roll, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the committee on Finance.

11. Motions to lay on the table to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

12. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer, before they shall be open for debate or action. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

13. Any member persisting in the violation of these rules of order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be

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reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

14. Parliamentary law, not in conflict with the foregoing regulations, shall govern the deliberations of the Grand Chapter.

15. These regulations may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the Government of Subordinate Chapters of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 1. Every Subordinate Chater must have a Charter or dispensation from this Grand Chapter, or a dispensation from the Grand Patron, attested by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter or dispensation, nor shall Chapters outside this jurisdiction be considered legal or regular unless they hold an unreclaimed dispensation or charter from a Grand Chapter having jurisdiction, or from the General Grand Chapter; and all communications, public or private, by Chapters of this jurisdiction, or the members thereof with such illegal Chapters, formed, opened or holden, or with any members of such illegal Chapters, is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

SEC. 2. The Elective Officers of a Chapter shall consists of Matron, Patron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress, and shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the first day of October. The appointed officers shall consist of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warder and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the first day of October.

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible for the office of Matron or Associate Matron who has not serven at least one term upon one of the five points of the Star.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the elective offices except Matron, Patron, and Associate Matron may be filled by ballot at a stated meeting, the members having been summoned for that purpose. A vacancy in any appointive office may be filled by the Matron at any stated meeting. Vacancies in the first three offices can only be filled by Dispensation of the Grand Matron, the members being summoned for that purpose.

SEC. 5. The presence of the Dispensation or Charter, one of the first three officers, and six other members, are indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business.

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SEC. 6. No person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, by initiation or affiliation but Master Mason, their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and widows. Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age. No person shall be a member of more than one Chapter; nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a Chapter until all dues and indebtedness are paid or remitted.

SEC. 7. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than one dollar, which amount shall accompany the petition.

SEC. 8. All petitions for initiation or membership, shall be in writing, signed by the applicant and two members of the Chapter, accompanied by the initiation fee, which petition shall be presented at a regular meeting, be reported to a committee for investigation, and lay over until the next regular meeting.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and, if a lady, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report in writing; and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter, at the written request of the petitioner, at any time before balloting.

SEC. 10. A separate ballot must be taken on every petition for membership or the degrees, which must be inviolably secret, without debate, and no inquiries permitted or statements made as to the character of any one's vote. One or more negative votes reject the applicant. In case but one negative vote appears, the Matron shall order a second ballot, which shall be final. Every member present must vote.

SEC. 11. After an applicant for initiation or membership shall have been rejected, the petition may be renewed at the next stated meeting. No rejected applicant shall be initiated by any other Chapter without the consent of the rejecting Chapter.

SEC. 12. Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own By-Laws; provided they do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules or Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 13. The Matron shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter, except when the degrees are being conferred; see that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced; appoint all committees, and see that the officers faithfully perform all their duties. She may call upon the Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 14. The Patron shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter; advise with and assist the other officers; preside during the conferring of the degrees, and whenever invited to do so by the Matron.

SEC. 15. The Associate Matron shall perform the duties appertaiuing to her office, and, in the absence of the Matron, assume her powers, duties, and prerogatives.

SEC. 16. The remaining officers shall perform the duties indica-

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ted by their several titles and stations; be subject to the order of the Chapter and to their superior officers.

SEC. 17. Every Chapter shall, within one year from the date of its Charter, procure a seal, with the name, number, and location of the Chapter, and such other device as it may deem proper, engraved thereon, and no document emanating from such Chapter, shall be deemed authentic without the seal affixed.

SEC. 18. The jurisdiction of Chapters, for all purposes, shall extend to a point geographically half way between them; provided, that in towns and cities where two or more Chapters shall be organized, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction; and it shall be the duty of each and every Chapter to take cognizance of the conduct of every member of the order within its jurisdiction—whether affiliated or not—for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the laws of the Order, and maintaining its good name.

SEC. 19. Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, or a violation of the laws of the State or of the United States, is an offense against the principles of this Order, and must be promptly dealt with.

SEC. 20. Any member of the Order who disobeys the order of the presiding officer, or in any manner disturbes the harmony of the Chapter, must be held to a strict account therefor, and upon a repetition of the offense, suspended for a definite time from the privileges of the order.

SEC. 21. Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues for two or more consecutive years, may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order, by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter at any stated meeting.

SEC. 22. The only penalties recognized are four:

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite time.
3. Suspension indefinitely.
4. Expulsion.

SEC. 23. No member can be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, for any crime whatever, except upon written charges and specifications, and ten days notice of the time and place of trial; except as heretofore provided in Section 21, for non-payment of dues.

SEC. 24. Any affiliated member has the right to prefer charges, but in no case can this right be extended to one who is not affiliated.

SEC. 25. Complaints against a Matron or Patron for official misconduct, must be made to the Grand Matron, during vacation, or the Grand Chapter while in session.

SEC. 26. Charges against a Matron or Patron, for any offense not growing out of the discharge of her or his official duties, must be made to the Grand Matron, and if approved by her she will fix a

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time for trial, and notify the Chapter with a copy of the charges and specifications, and instruct the Secretary of the Chapter to serve a copy upon the accused, at which time she or her deputy shall preside.

SEC. 27. In all things relating to the trial of a Matron or Patron, by his or her Chapter, except as otherwise specified in these Rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members.

SEC. 28. All charges must be made in writing, signed by the party making them, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the accusation and the time and place of its commission, including the names of witnesses. It shall be presented at a stated meeting, read in open Chapter, and spread upon the record. The presiding officer shall then set a time for trial, and order the Secretary to serve upon the accused a true copy of the charges, and notify him or her of the time set for trial.

SEC. 29. Upon the trial of a Sister, at the request of a majority of the Sisters present, the Brethren shall retire; and upon the trial of a Brother, at the request of a majority of the Brethren present, the Sisters shall retire.

SEC. 30. The Secretary may serve the notice either in person or by mail; but when sent by mail twenty days shall be allowed for the accused to receive it.

SEC. 31. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are members of the Order, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by the Secretary when ordered by the Matron or Chapter.

SEC. 32. At the time set for trial, if the accused fails to appear in person or by counsel, or has absconded before notice is served, the presiding officer may continue the case to some future time, or appoint a competent member to appear for the accused and hear and decide upon the case as though the accused were present.

SEC. 33. Should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charge and specification, no further evidence is necessary, and the Chapter shall at once proceed to affix the penalty.

SEC. 34. Any affiliated member of the Order may act as Counsel for the accused or the Chapter.

SEC. 35. All charges must be heard and decided by the Chapter; in no case can this be left to a committee.

SEC. 36. The accused, when on trial, cannot be allowed to vote on any question growing out of her or his case.

SEC. 37. After the evidence shall have been presented, and the prosecution and defendant, by themselves or counsel, have had an opportunity of being heard, the defendant shall retire, and the Chapter shall proceed to decide by taking a separate ballot upon each charge and specification; first, whether the accused is guilty or not guilty, as charged, and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the penalty, commencing with the highest grade and so on down until some penalty is determined on.

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SEC. 38. Should definite suspension be decided upon, the time must be fixed upon motion, but the longest time must be voted upon first.

SEC. 39. Should the Chapter refuse by a majority vote to inflict any penalty, after having voted on each grade, the Secretary shall, within three days, certify the fact to the Grand Matron, who may arrest the Charter of the Chapter.

SEC. 40. The rules of evidence shall be so far as applicable the same as in courts of law, except that no oath or affirmation shall be required of witnesses.

SEC. 41. When a witness is a non-resident, and can not attend in person before the Chapter, her or his evidence may be taken before a Matron or Patron, certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the witness may reside, both the accused and the accuser having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

SEC. 42. The accused shall be a competent witness, but shall not be required by the Chapter to give evidence unless she or he shall offer to testify.

SEC. 43. The evidence of members of the Order who may not be able to attend the trial, and of persons not members of the Order, shall be taken in writing by a committee appointed by the presiding officer, of which both parties shall have notice.

SEC. 44. At the time and place appointed the committee shall proceed to take the evidence of such witnesses, and after reading to each her or his evidence in the case, request her or him to sign the same. The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Chapter at the time of trial.

SEC. 45. All the evidence given must be reduced to writing and preserved by the Secretary.

SEC. 46. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony offered, and all points of law and order which may be raised.

SEC. 47. The suspension of a member precludes for the time being all privileges and benefits of the Order whatever.

SEC. 48. A sentence of suspension or expulsion will be in force from and after the passage thereof until reversed by the Chapter or the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 49. Any one refusing to submit to the penalty of reprimand, is subject to discipline, and, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 50. The expiration of time for which a member stands suspended, restores her or him to all the rights and privileges which she or he possessed before the trial.

SEC. 51. The payment of dues—for non-payment of which a member was suspended—restores him or her to full membership; but to restore to that condition a member who has been suspended or expelled for any other cause, shall require a petition for restora-

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tion received at a previous stated meeting, which must have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of investigation, when it shall require a majority vote to restore one suspended, and a unanimous vote one who has been expelled.

SEC. 52. A Chapter may remit the dues of a member, for non-payment of which she or he was suspended, and thereby restore her or him to membership.

SEC. 53. Any member who has been expelled or indefinitely suspended, may be restored to membership by the Chapter pronouncing the sentence; or if said Chapter has ceased to exist, then by the Chapter in whose jurisdiction she or he resides.

SEC. 54. A new trial may be granted by the Chapter that tried the cause, when a member has been suspended or expelled, in the following cases, and upon the following conditions:

1. Upon newly discovered evidence, which would indicate, with reasonable certainty, a change in the finding of the Chapter.
2. When the finding of a Chapter is contrary to the evidence, and law, and usage, or the penalty excessive.

SEC. 55. Application for a new trial must be made in writing, and contain a statement of the causes upon which the application is founded, be presented within ninety days after the trial was had, or within ninety days after the accused is informed of the action of the Chapter.

SEC. 56. Application for a new trial shall be addressed to the Chapter, and in all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules shall govern as in the first instances.

SEC. 57. Any member feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter or the presiding officer, may appeal to the Grand Chapter within one year from the date of such decision, by filing her or his prayer therefor in writing, with the Secretary of the Chapter, stating therein the error or decision apppealed from; when it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out a full, true, and complete copy of all the proceedings had, and evidence taken in the case, and certify to the same, together with a copy of the appeal to the Grand Secretary, within sixty days after said application is made.

SEC. 58. The Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, on receipt of the transcript and appeal, shall proceed to examine the same upon the papers and evidence so transmitted, and without additional testimony, shall decide the cause by confirming the judgment already rendered, or remanding the cause for a new trial, with instructions how to proceed; provided, that an appeal will lie from the decision of the Grand Matron to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 59. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed, at any annual meeting, by the amendment being proposed in writing, referred to, and reported upon, by the Committee on

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Jurisprudence, and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 60. It is hereby made the duty of all subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to so amend their By-Laws as to conform in all respects to these Regulations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. R. ROSE,
W. H. SEVERANCE,
C. E. HILL,
SARAH A. PARKE,
M. A. OLDMAN,
Committee.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters, made the following report;

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon the Returns of Subordinate Chapters, would respeofully report that they have examined the returns of the following named Chapters, and find them as follows:

No. 1, Acacia, due $2.20.
No. 3, Coldwater, correct.
No. 4, Bronson, correct.
No. 6, Olive Branch, due $2.00.
No. 29, Leslie, over paid 8 cents.
No. 31, Hastings, correct.
No. 33, Ransom, correct.
No. 34, Crystal, over paid 40 cents.
No. 35, Sumner, correct.
No. 36, Palo, due 40 cents.
No. 38, Quincy, correct.
No. 41, Grand Ledge, correct.
No. 42, Cambria Mills, correct.
No. 44, Middleville, correct.
No. 45, Bangor, correct.
No. 46, Benevolence, correct.
No. 47, Sharon, correct.
No. 49, Ivy Leaf, correct.
No. 50, Lake View, due $2.30.
U. D., Brooklyn, correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. G. W. MATTESON,
MRS. MALVINA L. DOUGLASS,
FRED ORTH,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

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The Committee on Mileage made the following report:

To the G. W. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee upon Mileage would respectfully submit the following report:

Acacia, No. 1, 145 miles.
Coldwater, No. 3, 155 miles.
Bronson, No. 4, 167 miles.
Olive Branch, No. 6, 189 miles.
Leslie, No. 29, 101 miles.
Hastings, No. 31, 124 miles.
Ransom, No. 33, 158 miles.
Crystal, No. 34, 72 miles.
Sumner, No. 35, 61 miles.
Palo, No. 36, 102 miles.
Quincy, No. 38, 149 miles.
Grand Ledge, No. 41, 88 miles.
Hubbardston, No. 43, 105 miles.
Middleville, No. 44, 135 miles.
Bangor, No. 45, 192 miles.
Benevolence, No. 46, 200 miles.
Ivy Leaf, No. 49, 159 miles.
Lake View, No. 50, 82 miles.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALLIE E. MANLEY,
MRS. D. A. MERRILL,
C. L. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to draw orders upon the Grand Treasurer, in favor of the Grand Officers and Representatives for the sum of six cents per mile, in accordance with the report of the Committee on Mileage, for their attendance upon this session of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The G. W. Matron appointed Sisters Mrs. B. R. Rose, Mrs. D. W. Sawyer and Bro. W. H. Severance, tellers.

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The following named Sisters and Brothers were declared elected:

G. W. M.—Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
G. W. P.—Wm. H Severance, Middleville.
G. A. M.—Mrs. B. R. Rose, Hastings.
G. A. P—Ferris Hill, Ransom.
G. Sec.—David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas.—Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Coldwater.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until eight o'clock, P. M.

Evening Session—8 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the accounts of the Grand Secretary, and find due the Grand Secretary:

For postage and Stationery,	$12 05
For money paid for cut,	1 25
For money paid for seal,	5 50

And would recommend that orders be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts. Also, that an order be drawn in favor of S. H. Egabroad, for printing, of thirteen dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Mrs. B. R. Rose,
Mrs. W. B. Clark,
D. A. Merrill,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted, and the recommendations adopted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to draw the orders.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the G. W. M., G. W. P., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, who were directed to advise

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with certain members of our Order with us, whose Chapters have failed to report to the Grand Chapter as required, would respectfully report that they have performed that duty, and would recommend that they try every available means to secure a meeting of their Chapters to decide upon what course they should pursue, and if they are unable to do so, that they apply to this Grand Chapter at its next annual session for relief.

NELLIE S. COREY,
MARY A. OLDMAN,
B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion an order was ordered drawn in favor of Bro. B. R. Rose, Grand W. Patron, for five dollars postage on circulars.

On motion the Dispensations heretofore granted Brooklyn, Onondaga and Olivet, were continued in force until our next annual session.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to advise what action should be taken by this Grand Chapter with those old Lodges of Adoptive Masonry not represented and not having received the work of the Gen. Grand Chapter.

The G. W. Matron appointed as such committee, Bro. Wm. H. Severance and Sisters Mrs. A. S. Parke, and Mrs. G. W. Matteson.

On motion of Bro. B. R. Rose. the Grand Secretary was instructed to furnish new Charters to all the Chapters now working in this Grand jurisdiction.

On motion the Grand Secretary was allowed fifteen dollars for his services the past year.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the next annual session of this Grand Chapter be held at Masonic Hall, in the village of Leslie, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1880.

The Special Committee appointed upon Lodges not represented, made the following report :

Your Committee to whom was referred Lodges not represented,

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beg leave to report, and would recommend that the following named Lodges be dropped:

Manchester, No. 7.
Burr Oak, No. 9.
Fairfield, No. 10.
Palmyra, No. 11.
Buchanan, No. 13.
Osseo, No. 14.
East Saginaw, No. 16.
Colon, No. 17.
Linden, No. 18.
Cooper, No. 21.
Pinckney, No. 23.
Mendon, No. 27.
Lyons, No. 28.
White Cross, No. 30.
Greenville, No. 32.
Traverse City, No. 37.
Portland, No. 40.

And that the Chapters remaining be renumbered, as follows:

Acacia,	No.	1.			
Bronson,	"	2,	formerly	No.	4
Coldwater,	"	3,	"	"	3
Olive Branch,	"	4,	"	"	6
Morenci,	"	5,	"	"	18
Leslie,	"	6,	"	"	29
Hastings,	"	7,	"	"	31
Leonard,	"	8,	"Ransom"		33
Crystal,	"	9,	"	"	34
Sumner,	"	10,	"	"	35
Palo,	"	11,	"	"	36
Quincy,	"	12,	"	"	38
Carson City,	"	13,	"	"	39
Grand Ledge,	"	14,	"	"	41
Cambria Mills,	"	15,	"	"	42
Hubbardston,	"	16,	"	"	43
Middleville,	"	17,	"	"	44
Bangor,	"	18,	"	"	45
Benevolence,	"	19,	"	"	46
Sharon,	"	20,	"	"	47
Alma,	"	21,	"	"	48
Ivy Leaf,	"	22,	"	"	49
Lake View,	"	23,	"	"	50

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. H. SEVERANCE,
AUGUSTA MATTESON,
SARAH A. PARKE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Bro. C. L. Phillips presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the retiring officers of this Grand Chapter;

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To the Grand Worthy Matron, who has served us so faithfully and well for two years, and who has presided with so much ability.

To the Grand Worthy Patron who has shown such zeal for our Order, and has been so faithful in his duties, performing every part well;

And the G. A. Matron, who has shown such an earnestness, and has done her work so well;—to all of them would we extend our most sincere thanks.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Sisters and Brothers of Sharon Chapter for their kind welcome, and unbounded liberality in the entertainment of the members of this Grand Chapter, and for the pains they have taken to show us the interesting sights of the city, and make our stay here one of pleasure. Our visit to Bay City will always be remembered as one of the pleasant times of our lives.

Which were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The Grand Worthy Matron, elect, then announced the following appointments:

G. Con.—Sarah A. Parke, Bay City.
G. A. Con.—Mary A. Oldman, Leslie.
G. Adah—Lou M. Anthony, Sturgis.
G. Ruth—Sarah Nynan, Bangor.
G. Esther—Manora E. Sawyer, Quincy.
G. Martha—Malvina L. Douglass, Sumner.
G. Electa—Ellen Monger, California.
G. Warder—Mary C. Jones, Palo.

The Grand Worthy Patron, elect, announced the appointment of G. Sen., Henry Swegles, Grand Ledge.

The Grand Officers, elect, were then installed by the G. W. Matron; Bro. Fred Orth, Grand Marshal.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. M., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred so much of the G. W. Patron's address "as refers to the appointment of suitable persons for the purpose of visiting Masonic Lodges in the interest of this Order," find, upon examining the finances, that they will not warrant the appointment of any persons as Lecturers to organize new Chapters with the promise of remuneration. But would recommend that some suitable persons be appointed, and that

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they receive one-half of the dispensation fee as remuneration for their services.

MRS. B. R. ROSE,
D. A. MERRILL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion authority was given Sharon Chapter, No. 20, to elect officers at the stated meeting in November, 1879, and to install as soon as convenient thereafter.

On motion it was voted that the action of Lake View Chapter, in electing officers September 30th, 1879, be ratified, and declared valid, and that they have authority to install their officers on the 15th day of October, 1879.

On motion the Grand Worthy Matron was requested to appoint a committee on Foreign Correspondence.

The G. W. Matron appointed as such committee, D. B. Purinton, Mrs. B. R. Rose, Mrs. A. S. Parke.

On motion the action of Hartford Chapter, No. 19, in electing officers September 25th, was declared valid, and Sister Artensia Stickney, P. Matron, authorized to install the officers at her convenience.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the Grand W. Matron, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Finance Committee would respectfully report, that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year from

Sale of Rituals,	$22 59
Onondaga, dispensation,	5 00
Olivet, dispensation,	5 00
Acacia, No. 1, dues,	14 95
Coldwater, No. 3, dues,	25 20
Bronson, No. 4, dues	5 85
Olive Branch, No. 6, dues,	6 00
Leslie, No. 29, dues,	10 33
Hastings, No. 31, dues,	25 30
Ransom, No. 33, dues,	7 10
Crystal, No. 34, dues,	8 55
Sumner, No. 35, dues,	6 70
Palo, No. 36, dues,	6 30

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Quincy, No. 38, dues,	$11 15
Grand Ledge, No. 41, dues,	11 95
Cambria Mills, No. 42, dues,	4 20
Middleville, No. 44, dues,	13 85
Bangor, No. 45, dues,	10 25
Benevolence, No. 46, dues,	11 50
Sharon, No. 47, dues,	26 70
Ivy Leaf, No. 49, dues,	7 35
Lake View, No. 50, dues,	7 70
Brooklyn, U. D., dues,	5 45
Total received by the Grand Secretary,	$258 97
Paid the Grand Treasurer,	$258 97

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year as follows:

Balance on hand,	$ 84 77
From Grand Secretary,	258 97
Chapters, unpaid dues,	6 42
Total amount received by Grand Treasurer,	$350 16

The Grand Treasnrer has paid orders of the Grand Chapter as follows:

S. H. Egabroad, printing proceedings,	$30 00
G. W. M., mileage,	8 94
G. W. P.,	7 44
G. A. M., mileage,	12 00
G. A. P., mileage,	8 10
G. Treas., mileage,	6 06
G. Sec., mileage,	9 30
G. Con., mileage,	10 02
G. Adah, mileage,	6 30
G. Ruth, mileage,	8 10
G. Esther, mileage,	11 34
G. Martha, mileage,	4 92
G. Electa, mileage,	3 66
G. Warder, mileage,	9 30
G. Sentinel, mileage,	5 28
G. Marshal, mileage,	6 12
No. 1, Acacia delegate, mileage,	8 70
No. 3, Coldwater delegate, mileage,	9 30
No. 6, Olive Branch delegate, mileage,	8 00
No. 29, Leslie delegate, mileage,	6 06
No. 31, Hastings delegate, mileage,	7 44
No. 33, Ransom delegate, mileage,	7 10
No. 34, Crystal delegate, mileage,	4 32
No. 35, Sumner delegate, mileage,	3 66
No. 36, Palo delegate, mileage,	6 12

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No. 38, Quincy delegate, mileage,	$ 8 94
No. 41, Grand Ledge delegate, mileage,	5 28
No. 44, Middleville delegate, mileage,	8 10
No. 45, Bangor delegate, mileage,	10 25
No. 46, Benevolence delegate, mileage,	11 50
No. 49, Ivy Leaf delegate, mileage,	7 35
No. 50, Lake View delegate, mileage,	4 92
P. G. P., M. Douglas, mileage,	3 36
B. R. Rose, G. Pat., postage, &c.,	5 00
Grand Secretary, postage and stationery,	12 05
G. Secretary, money paid for cut,	1 25
G. Secretary, money paid for repairs to seal,	5 50
G. Secretary, services 1879,	15 00
S. H. Egabroad, printing,	13 00
Total paid by Grand Treasurer,	$319 08
Balance on hand,	$31 08

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. B. R. ROSE,
Mrs. W. B. CLARK,
D. A. MERRILL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in due form, to meet in Leslie, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1880, at 12 o'clock, M.

D. B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME AND NO. OF LODGE.	W. MATRON.	SECRETARY.	INITIATIONS.	DIMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
No. 1—Acacia,	Eleanor C. Stinson	Horatio N. Stinson	11	1	....	....	....	....	....	72	$ 14 95
No. 2—Bronson,	Nellie S. Corey,	C. J. Holmes,	1	....	....	....	....	....	2	28	5 85
No. 3—Coldwater,	Mrs. D. A. Merrill,	Mrs. G. T. Culver,	8	9	....	57	....	1	....	116	25 20
No. 4—Olive Branch,	Mrs. H. L. Anthony,	Miss Julia Peck,	8	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	6 00
No. 5—Morenci,	Libbe Sweeney,	Henry S. Wyman,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	.....
No. 6—Leslie,	Mrs. Mary A. Oldman,	Mrs. M. A. Vaughn,	1	....	....	16	....	....	....	50	10 33
No. 7—Hastings,	Mrs. B. R. Rose,	Mrs. E. H. Lathrop,	10	1	....	....	....	1	....	114	25 30
No. 8—Leonard,	Mrs. M. E. Phillips,	A. R. Knowles,	2	....	....	3	....	....	....	33	7 10
No. 9—Crystal,	Mrs. E. D. Tronp,	Sarah Lewis,	3	....	....	3	1	2	....	41	8 55
No. 10—Sumner,	Mrs. M. L. Douglass	Edna Forney,	2	4	....	....	....	....	....	31	6 70
No. 11—Palo,	Mary C. Jones,	Fred Orth,	2	....	....	22	....	....	2	31	6 80
No. 12—Quincy,	Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	Miss Neil E. Hanna,	3	4	..	6	....	....	....	52	11 15
No. 13—Carson City,	Mrs. M. J. Miner,	S. E. Burgderfer,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	.....
No. 14—Grand Ledge,	Mrs. J. E. Derbyshire,	A. B. Schumaker,	3	2	....	....	....	1	....	56	11 95
No. 15—Cambria Mills,	Mrs. H. M. Fink,	C. S. Marsh,	....	3	....	2	....	1	....	21	4 90
No. 16—Hubbardston,	Betsey Dunn,	Wm. Patrick,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	.....
No. 17—Middleville,	Mrs. G. W. Matteson,	George W. Matteson,	5	....	....	....	....	1	....	63	13 85
No. 18—Bangor,	Sarah M. Nyman,	Mrs. E. A. Burch,	3	....	....	4	....	....	....	51	10 95
No. 19—Benevolence,	Mrs. Hortensia Stickney,	Mary Galbraith,	2	2	....	....	....	....	2	55	11 50
No. 20—Sharon,	Mrs. Sarah A. Parke,	George A. Wilson,	14	....	....	....	....	1	....	116	26 70
No. 21—Alma,	Ella Webb,	Michael Polasky,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
No. 22—Ivy Leaf,	Delia Hall,	G. W. Holcomb,	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	7 35
No. 23—Lake View,	Esther Macumber,	J. M. Wood,	10	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	7 70
U. D.—Brooklyn,	Mrs. L. M. Jones,	Mrs. A. C. Ennis,	5	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	5 45
U. D.—Onondaga,	.....	William Rossman,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
U. D.—Olivet,	.....	F. M. Bosworth,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
Total,			96	33	....	113	1	8	6	1183	$225 28

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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. M.—Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
G. W. P.—Wm. H. Severance, Middleville.
G. A. M.—Mrs. B. R. Rose, Hastings.
G. A. P.—Ferris Hill, Ransom.
G. Sec.—David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas.—Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Coldwater.
G. Con.—Sarah A. Parke, Bay City.
G. A. Con.—Mary A. Oldman, Leslie.
G. Adah—Mrs. H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.
G. Ruth—Sarah M. Nyman, Bangor.
G. Esther—Manora E. Sawyer, Quincy.
G. Martha—Malvina L. Douglass, Elm Hall.
G. Electa.—Ellen Monger, Kinderhook.
G. Warder—Mary C. Jones, Palo.
G. Sentinel—Henry Swegles, Grand Ledge.

The next session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, will meet in Leslie, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1880, at 12 o'clock, M.

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OF THE

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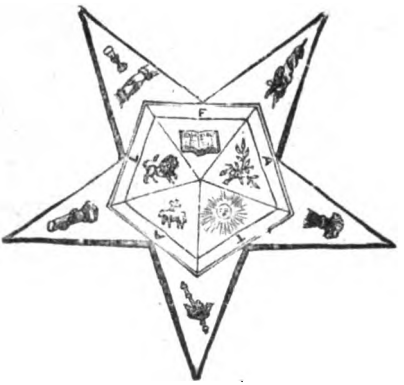

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AT ITS

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION AS THE GRAND CHAPTER, AND THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION AS THE

GRAND LODGE of ADOPTIVE MASONRY,

CONVENED AT

LESLIE, MICHIGAN,

OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 1880.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Second Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan, being the Fourteenth Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

MASONIC HALL, LESLIE, MICHIGAN,
Wednesday, October 13, 1880.

The Grand Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star convened in its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan, and the vote of the Grand Chapter at its last annual session, in Leslie, Michigan, Wednesday October 13, 1880, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—

Nellie S. Corey—G. W. M.
Wm. H. Severance—G. W. P.
Mrs. B. R. Rose—G. A. M.
Ferris Hill—G. A. P.
David B. Purinton—G. Secretary.
Mary A. Vaughn—as G. Treasurer.
Sarah A. Parlee—G. Con.
Mary A. Oldman—G. A. Con.
Mrs. H. L. Anthony—G. Adah.
Sarah M. Nyman—G. Ruth.
Monora E. Sawyer—G. Esther
Mrs. T. Phillips—as G. Martha.
Ellen Monger—G. Electa.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh—as G. Warder.
J. P. Phillips—as G. Chaplain.

And Sisters and Brothers.

A Quorum of Chapters represented.

The Grand Chapter opened in due form, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. Matron appointed Sisters Mrs. Wm. H. Severance, Mrs G. W. Matteson and Bro. B. R. Rose as Committee on Credentials.

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The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock, P. M.

Afternoon Session—2 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Bro. Ferris Hill, G. A. Patron and Sister Mary C. Jones, G. Warder, were duly installed by Sister Nellie S. Corey, Grand Matron, Bro. Fred. Orets, acting as G. Marshal.

Sister Ella A. Clark on behalf of Leslie Chapter, No. 6, delivered the following

WELCOME ADDRESS:

Grand Worthy Matron, and Members of this Grand Chapter: Welcome, thrice welcome to our village, our homes and our hearts. In behalf of Leslie Chapter, number six, let me give you a joyous greeting, a cheerful welcome to our Hall. Many of you have from time to time had the pleasure of assembling with this Grand Chapter at its yearly sessions; you who have watched its progress can heartily rejoice that the subordinate Chapters to-day have a firmer foundation, a clearer title, a fresher zeal—the chain has been lengthened, the degrees have been conferred upon more valiant workers, a sweeter union is ours and a bouyant hopefulness as to what we can make the future. We are glad to have you come. To each one we extend a hand of warm fraternal welcome. When we have passed through the labyrinth of this life and have been called from these earthly meetings to the refreshing rest in the Grand Chapter above, where no gavel shall ever call us to labor again, there may each receive the glad welcome, and the "well done good and faithful servant;" and when the "Great Book" of life shall be unclosed the records will tell what work for good has been accomplished. Then let no idlers be found in our ranks. Stand not with empty hands. Bring ripened sheaves of golden grain into the temple we love, into the temple we have reared, and the one that is destined to be placed on historic pages. Allow me to congratulate each one, that you are members of the Masonic Fraternity, and as sisters and brothers of the same mystic-tie, we hail you with a heartfelt welcome.

The Grand Worthy Matron then read the following Address.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of the State of Michigan:

Sisters and Brothers. After a year's separation we have met together with unbroken ranks to surround the family altar of our

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beloved Order, where fourteen years ago we met as the Grand Lodge of the State of Michigan. To-day we meet as a Grand Chapter. Many have been the changes since then and much good has been accomplished, yet we have not reached that high state of perfection which we could and should have attained. Some who sat in our first assembly are with us to day, others have crossed the river to dwell with the Grand Master above.

It is with pleasure that I greet you all, especially those who have never participated in our annual conventions.

It is here, Sisters and Brothers, in this beautiful Oasis of our Order, we will stop and rest a while, on our journey down life's rugged pathway, and recall the pleasant reminiscences of our yearly gathering.

We are not unmindful of the purposes for which we are here assembled, to consult the best interest of our Order and the welfare of our Sisters and Brothers.

Before entering upon these duties let us each be reminded of our dependence upon Him from whom all wisdom cometh, and in mute appeal implore Divine guidance upon all acts and deliberations.

In accordance with the requirements of our Constitution and the duties enjoined upon me, I now present a statistical report of all my official acts.

I have to the best of my ability and with careful consideration performed all duties that came under my supervision. October 25th 1879, I received a communication from Sharon Chapter, No. 20, stating that charges had been preferred against one of their members, and at their last meeting they were not substantiated on account of the source from which they came, and at their next meeting new charges would be preferred, signed by a majority of the members of their Chapter ; that they considered her an unworthy and unfit person to be a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Also inquired if she, the accused, should call for a demit, and the charges and demit should both come in at the same meeting which should be entertained. My reply was, a member is not entitled to a demit unless clear on the books financially and morally, also you should not grant a demit to a member while under charges. Therefore submit the charges and be governed by Rules and Regulations for government of subordinate Chapters, as adoped at our last Grand Session, and as they are not ready for distribution I should think it best to defer the matter until after you receive a copy of the proceedings, which will contain them; or should she insist on an immediate trial then be governed by masonic laws.

December 6, I granted a dispensation to Acadia Chapter No. 1, to elect a new board of officers ; they having been organized under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and at our last Grand Session met with us for the first time.

December 23d, received communication from Coldwater Chap-

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ter No. 3, asking permission to receive and ballot on a petition the same evening, saying the petitioner was going to move away and wished to take the degrees before going. Believing it to be for the good of the Order I granted them permission.

April 3d, received communication from Hartford Chapter, No. 19, saying a petition was sent in by a lady and was objected to on the ground that she was not eligible, her son was a Master Mason, her husband was not. Ques.—Is she eligible or not? I answered, in accordance with Sec. 6, Rules and Regulations, She is eligible.

April 14th, received from W. B. Massey, Grand Patron of the State of Arkansas, the appointment of Sister S. L. Marsh as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, near the Grand Chapter of Michigan. The enclosed credentials I forwarded to Sister Marsh. Brother Massey also stated that if the Grand Chapter of Michigan wished to be represented in that of Arkansas he would recommend the appointment of sister M. J. Henley, as a suitable person for the appointment. I have carefully considered the matter and as such appointments would incur some expense, and as our finances are rather short, I would recommend that we defer the matter until a more convenient time.

January 14th. Our Grand Patron wrote to me, authorizing me to organize Chapters whenever an opportunity presented itself, at the same time sent me some blank petitions.

May 26th. I organized a Chapter at Burr Oak, to be known as Burr Oak Chapter. There was formerly a Lodge at Burr Oak, and last year at Bay City it was dropped, as one of the defunct Chapters of our Order. They organized with sixteen members, have had new additions nearly every meeting since then. It was my pleasure to visit them about two weeks ago. I found them in a flourishing condition, earnestly laboring to increase their own happiness and promote that of others. I would recommend that this Grand Chapter grant them a charter with as little expense as they may deem proper.

July 5th, received communication from Sharon Chapter No. 20, inquiring, should persons who have taken the Eastern Star degrees in any other than a regular Lodge or Chapter, be entitled to seats as visitors or otherwise under the present regulations? I replied they should not.

I received information in regard to Onondaga Chapter, known as Stella Chapter. The W. Matron is discouraged, says they will have to give up, that she cannot rally enough members to open the Chapter. Also inquired what would be the necessary steps to unite with another Chapter in case any should wish to do so. I wrote to her immediately, giving her all necessary information, but can give you no immediate report, as I have not received any word from them, but hope they may be represented here.

September 17, I received information from Sharon Chapter, stat-

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ing that at their annual meeting they elected to the office of Associate Matron, a member, who in accordance with Sec. 3, Rules and Regulations for government of subordinate Chapters, was not eligible, but at that time was not fully aware of the fact, as there was no copy of the By-Laws in the Chapter room. She was elected by an almost unanimous vote of the Chapter. They are fully persuaded as to her fitness and ability to fill the office. Their inquiry was: Shall we install her? will you grant us permission to do so? At that time I was absent from home and did not return until the day of their installation. I immediately answered by telegram to postpone her installation for the present, but before my telegram was received she was installed. Of course I could not grant them permission, as her election already was illegal, as may be seen in Sec. 3, Rules and Regulations.

I wrote them that as her election and installation was void, we would submit the case to the Grand Chapter.

I trust you will receive the whole matter, with that charity and justice to which the case may be entitled.

I would suggest that Sec. 3, be stricken from our By-Laws, or so amended as to give the earnest workers accession to those important offices. My sisters, if I am rightly informed, Masons begin their work at the bottom of the ladder and go up, step by step. As we are closely related to them, let us imitate their examples.

I received information that Brooklyn Chapter had surrendered their Dispensation to the Grand Secretary. Through some discouragement they had failed to meet during the year.

The following questions have been submitted to me:

Ques. 1st.—Is it lawful for the Worthy Matron to do any portion of the work designed for the Worthy Patron?

Ans.—Yes, at his request.

Ques. 2nd.—Is it proper to install by proxy?

Ans.—No.

Ques. 3d.—Should Officers elect and not present at the installation, be installed at a future meeting?

Ans.—They should, as may be seen in Sec. 2, Rules and Regulations. Also Sec. 1, Article IX, Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

Ques. 4th.—Is it proper to send delegates to the Grand Chapter?

Ans.—It is not necessary, the Worthy Matron or her legally authorized proxy, is the lawful representative.

I am sorry to learn that some of our Chapters will not be represented here. A word of sympathy and encouragement might be the means of reviving those who are disheartened. I would suggest that it be made the duty of Matron and Patron, or some suitable person to visit those delinquent Chapters, and that some provision be made to defray their expenses.

It seems to me if this should be done that fewer Chapters would be non-represented, and more would be added to our numbers. I

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would now call your special attention to an important part of the work of our Order. I allude to the memorizing of our work, and unless we make this a rule we cannot make our work as prosperous and successful as it otherwise would be. To rehearse a lecture or do any part of the work with the ritual before us, does not make that impression upon candidates that it should. I trust we may each, in the future, have this part of our work perfected.

There is, I regret to say in some of our Chapters, a feeling of "rivalry"; strife for office, especially that of Worthy Matron. My sisters, this should not be. It is essentially necessary for the good of the Order, that you make a careful selection for your Worthy Matron. The prosperity of your Chapter depends almost entirely upon her judgment and care. You look to her for advice and sympathy, and all responsibilities in a measure seem to rest upon her. Therefore the greatest care should be exercised in the selection of a Worthy Matron.

The nature of our Order is such that some must of necessity rule, others should willingly submit and obey. Then let us be kind, courteous and forbearing, one towards another, and unite in the grand design for which our Order was instituted; to be happy and communicate happiness. Sisters and Brothers, there is not an event in all the year that I look forward to with greater pleasure than to the meetings of this, our beloved Order. Long will I cherish and remember them. As I step down and out of this sphere of life, I trust whatever errors I may have made in the discharge of the duties intrusted to me, you will view them with the spirit of charity.

Thanking you for the honors you have bestowed upon me, I now resign.

NELLIE S. COREY,
Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter:

Again we are met to record another chapter in Adoptive Masonry.

The growth and harmony which prevails in our Order augurs a glorious future.

This, our fourteenth annual meeting, or third annual Chapter, evidences the fact that the Eastern Star has settled to its orbit. The regularity of its revolutions have already secured for it a recognized place and character in the great social system.

In the moral world and in social life, as well as in the material universe, the maxim holds true, that "they who build wisely build for the future; lay broad and deep foundations." This truth has

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been exemplified in our brief history, as well as in that of Operative Masonry.

History informs us that in an oriental country, there was built a religious temple, which for centuries was admired and recognized as the model of architectural beauty and durability, but at last it yielded to the destroying tooth of time; its walls mouldered back to dust, and its site is preserved only in the traditions of the people, but the history of its erection, the skill of its founders, and the splendid system of the promotion of its workmen from apprentices to masters, for their zeal, fidelity and accuracy, have been preserved in the archives of the craft, and in commemoration of their industries and virtues. Operative Masons have after the model of the old structure built a symbolic temple, at whose altar for countless ages men have kneeled and while taking upon themselves an obligation to live soberly, and to walk uprightly, have drawn an inspiration to emulate the virtues of its founders. From this holy shrine Woman, the wife, the mother, the sister, the daughter, and widow,—Woman the sharer of man's joys and the bearer of his sorrows—has during all these ages, by an inexorable law, been excluded.

Into all the other fields of usefulness she has been admitted. The schools of literature, of science and arts, of medicine and theology have all been opened to her, and in each she has proven her ability to share with man his labors, and to win with him and from him her share of success.

Year after year she has impressed her name upon the pages of history and has engraved them upon the scroll of fame. The spirit of the age demanded that she should be admitted to share in the rights and benefits of Masonry. In answer to this demand there was conferred certain signs and tokens by which the wife, mother, sister, daughter, or widow, of a Master Mason might make herself known to all members of the craft. The futility of this plan soon became evident. Without any definite object and without an organization, the signs were forgotton and all interest in them was lost. For these reasons the plan was abandoned, but it gave birth to our present Chapter organization, which in its breadth of principles, completeness of formation, and adaptability to the wants of society, bids fair to become not a rival but a companion institution, having similar objects to accomplish, and which will do for its members what Masonry does for the Masonic brothers.

The temples of the Eastern Star are open to the Brother Mason, and at its altar its members together kneel to dedicate themselves to the grand objects of Masonry, and from that altar together men and women, brothers and sisters, walk by the increasing light of its rays up to higher planes of manhood and womanhood.

The duties of my office demand some recommendations to be

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presented to this Grand Body; also a synopsis of the work performed during the past year.

At the close of the last Grand Chapter it was thought best, owing to the condition of our finances, not to appoint a Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, which omission has been regretted; therefore, I would recommend for the future that those offices be filled by Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons.

Farther, I would recommend, to prevent fraud upon the Masonic Fraternity of this State, that this Grand Chapter, during this session, authorize the Grand Secretary to send to every Masonic lodge in this State a copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, thereby informing the fraternity of the existence of this Grand Chapter and preventing in the future the sale of charters to organize subordinate Chapters that cannot be recognized by any Grand Chapter in the United States. Such charters have been sold in this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year, by those who well knew there was a Grand Chapter in this State whose business it is to issue charters to all subordinate Chapters in the State.

I would farther recommend that this Grand Body vote to our W. G. Secretary, who has so faithfully served us, as liberal a remuneration for his labors as our finances will permit, feeling that in the past his remuneration has been very meagre for the labor performed.

The small amount of labor that has been performed by me during the past year has not been for the want of interest I have in this work, but for the lack of time, which if taken from my own business it would have suffered materially. Therefore, according to the recommendation of the Finance Committee, found on page 31 of Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, of 1879, in the early part of the year, or as soon as blank petitions for Dispensations were procured, I sent blanks to the following parties: Sister Nellie S. Corey, our Grand Worthy Matron; Sister S. L. Marsh, our Past G. W. Matron, and Brother B. R. Rose, our Past G. W. Patron, with instructions to work in accordance with the above recommendation; and in each case I think they have faithfully perform the duty assigned them. In addition to those, I authorized Bro. Traverse Phillips to organize Woodland Chapter, and Brother W. P. Ainsley to organize Williamston Chapter.

I have granted Dispensations to the following Chapters: Springport Chapter, Springport, Jackson Co., Dispensation granted Dec. 19, 1879; Chapter organized Jan. 10, 1880, by Sister S. L. Marsh, with 30 charter members.—Woodland Chapter, Woodland Centre, Barry Co.; Dispensation granted Feb. 19, 1880; organized March 6, 1880, by Brother Travers Phillips, with 23 charter members.—Burr Oak Chapter, Burr Oak, St. Joseph Co.; Dispensation granted to reorganize, May 26, 1880; organized May 26, 1880, by Sister Nellie S. Corey, with 16 charter members. —Williamston Chapter,

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Williamston, Ingham Co.; Dispensation granted Sept. 13, 1880; organized Sept. 22, 1880, by Brother W. P. Ainsley, with 25 charter members.—Union Chapter, Jennisonville, Ottawa Co.; Dispensation granted Sept. 16, 1880; organized Sept. 24, 1880, by Wm. H. Severance, with 24 charter members.

I have had communications with and sent blanks to brethren in Eaton Rapids and the city of Jackson, but have heard nothing since from either place.

Sisters and Brothers, in returning to you whatever of authority and honor pertains to the office which you intrusted to me, permit me to thank you for the honors conferred, reminding you that no vacancy occurs; that as the present incumbents surrender their trusts, they are immediately assumed by others, and, let us hope, more worthy members; and thus the institution becomes perpetual. And even when the reaper Death shall one by one sweep the membership of the present generation into that grand avenue which leads to the portals of that Holier Temple not made with hands, our work will be taken up by successive generations, and Adoptive Masonry will live, because its principles, Love, Truth, and Fidelity, are eternal.

W. H. SEVERANCE,
Grand Worthy Patron.

On motion of Bro. B. R. Rose the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron were referred to a special committee of three, for division and reference.

The G. W. Matron appointed as such committee, Sisters D. C. Purinton, L. M. Anthony, and Brother J. P. Phillips.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report,

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee on credentials would respectfully report the following Chapters represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

Grand Officers.

Mrs. Nellie S. Corey, G. W. M.
Wm. H. Severance, G. W. P.
Mrs. B. R. Rose, G. A. M.

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Ferris Hill, G. A. P.
David B. Purinton, G. Sec.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill, G. Treas.
Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, G. Con.
Mrs. Mary A. Oldman, G. A. Con.
Mrs. H. L. Anthony, G. Adah.
Mrs. Sarah M. Nyman, G. Ruth.
Mrs. Manora E. Sawyer, G. Esther.
Mrs. Malvina L. Douglass, G. Martha,
Mrs. Ellen Monger, G. Electa.
Mrs. Mary C. Jones, G. Warder.
Henry Swegles, G. Sentinel.

Past Grand Officers.

Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. M.
Mrs. D. C. Purinton, P. G. W. M.
Mrs. Eliza J. Barber, P. G. W. M.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh, P. G. W. M.
David Bovee, P. G. W. P.
D. B. Purinton, P. G. W. P.
Travers Phillips, P. G. W. P.
Micajah Douglass, P. G. W. G.
J. S. Cross, P. G. W. P.
B. R. Rose, P. G. W. P.

No. 1, ACACIA—Clara C. Dockeray proxy for W. M., James Dockeray, W. P., Helen Cowden, A. M.

No. 2, BRONSON—Mary Stralie, A. M., and proxy for W. M., Alpheus Clark, W. P.

No. 3, COLDWATER—Mrs. M. H. Parker, proxy for W. M., M. H. Parker, W. P., Mrs. D. Fuller, A. M.

No. 4, OLIVE BRANCH—Miss Julia Peck, proxy for W. M., T. J. Collins, W. P., Mrs. C. Hill, A. M.

No. 5, MORENCI—Not represented.

No. 6, LESLIE—Mrs. M. A. Oldman, W. M., A. C. Manley, W. P., Mrs. Pallie Hahn, A. M.

No. 7, HASTINGS—Mrs. Eliza Raymond, proxy for W. M., T. Phillips, W. P., Mrs. W. K. Barber, A. M.

No. 8, LEONARD—Mrs. J. Knowles, proxy for W. M., Ferris Hill, W. P., Mrs. Evaline Hortson, A. M.

No. 9, CRYSTAL—Mrs. E. D. Throop, W. M., A. L. Smith, W. P., Mrs. A. Grinnell, A. M.

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No. 10, SUMNER—Mary L. Bailey, A. M., and proxy for W. M., Samuel Bailey, W. P.

No. 11, PALO—Fred Orth, proxy for W. M., and W. P., Adeline Bradley, A. M.

No. 12, QUINCY—Mrs. Sarah Lampman, proxy for W. M., Dan W. Sawyer, W. P., Mrs. D. W. Sawyer, A. M.

No. 13, CARSON CITY—not represented.

No. 14, GRAND LEDGE—Mrs. Jane Derbyshire, W. M., A. B. Jones, W. P., Mrs. Frankie Kent, A. M.

No. 15, CAMBRIA MILLS—not represented.

No. 16, HUBBARDSTON—not represented.

No. 17, MIDDLEVILLE—Mrs. G. W. Matteson, W. M., J. C. Smith, W. P., Mrs. W. H. Severance, A. M.

No. 18, BANGOR—Ellen A. Hopkins, W. M., J. B. Hopkins, W. P., May Foster, A. M.

No. 19, BENEVOLENCE—not represented.

No. 20, SHARON—Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, W. M., A. L. Stewart, W. P., Mrs. J. McKinniss, A. M.

No. 21, ALMA—not represented.

No. 22, IVY LEAF—Mrs. Eliza Pheriscie, proxy for W. M., M. C. Monger, W. P., Mrs. Delia Hall, A. M.

No. 23, LAKE VIEW—Mrs. V. J. Martin, W. M., Geo. A. Reed, W. P., Esther Macumber, A. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. H. SEVERANCE,
MRS. G. W. MATTESON,
B. R. ROSE,
} Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion all members of Subordinate Chapters in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter.

The committee on Foreign correspondence made a report which on motion was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

On motion of sister M. A. Oldman, the Installation of Officers was made the special order for Thursday evening, October 14, at 8 o'clock P. M., and the public invited.

The G W. Matron then announced the following standing Committees.

On Finance, and Ways and Means—Sisters Sarah A. Parke, Sarah M. Nyman and Bro. M. H. Parker.

On Unfinished Business—Sisters Mrs. M. H. Parker, Manora E. Sawyer, and Bro. Fred Orth.

On Pay Roll—Sisters S. L. Marsh, Mary C. Jones, and Bro. Ferris Hill.

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On Jurisprudence—Sisters Mary Stralie, Mrs. B. R. Rose, and Bro. J. P. Phillips.

On Appeals and Grievances—Sisters Jane Derbyshire, Ellen Monger, and Bro. A. B. Jones.

On Dispensations and Charters—Sisters Mrs. D. C. Purinton, Mrs. G. W. Matteson, and Bro. B. R. Rose.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bro. D. B. Purinton and Sister Mary A. Oldman.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would respectfully submit the following report of monies received by him during the past year:

Profits from sale of 28 Rituals	$ 7	00	
Dispensation, Springport,	5	00	
Dispensation, Woodland,	5	00	
Dispensation, Williamston,	5	00	
Dispensation, Union, Jennisonville,	5	00	
Dispensation, Burr Oak,	2	50	
No. 1, Acacia, dues,	17	25	69
No. 2, Bronson, dues,	8	50	34
No. 3, Coldwater, dues,	34	00	136
No. 4, Olive Branch, dues,	11	50	46
No. 6, Leslie, dues,	13	50	54
No. 7, Hastings, dues,	34	75	139
No. 8, Leonard, dues,	8	75	35
No. 9, Crystal, dues,	11	00	44
No. 10, Sumner, dues,	6	75	27
No. 11, Palo, dues,	7	50	30
No. 12, Quincy, dues,	16	75	67
No. 14, Grand Ledge, dues,	14	80	58
No. 17, Middleville, dues,	17	50	70
No. 18, Bangor, dues,	14	25	57
No. 20, Sharon, dues,	30	50	122
No. 22, Ivy Leaf, dues,	11	50	46
No. 23, Lake View, dues,	12	00	48
Total amount received,	$300	30	
Paid the Grand Treasurer,	$300	30	

On motion the report was accepted and referred to the Finance Committee.

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The following accounts were presented:

Account of G. Sec'y for postage and stationery,	$7.00	
For money paid for printing blakk Dispensations,	4.00	
For money paid, Rituals furnished Chapters Under Dispensation,	7.50	
Exchange,	.80	
		19 30
C. H. Dickinson & Co., Trunk,		13 50
S. H. Egabroad, bal. for printing Proceedings, 1879,		16 25

Which on motion were received and referred to the Finance Committee.

The following amendment to Sec. 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, was presented, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That Sec. 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of W. M. who has not been elected to and served as Associate Matron, and that the Associate Matron shall have served one term in some elective office.

Bro. Fred Orth moved that a special committee of three be appointed on Chapters not represented, which motion prevailed, and the G. W. Matron appointed as such committee Sisters Mrs. Wm. H. Severance, Eliza Phenicie and Bro. John C. Smith.

On motion the exemplification of the work was made the special order for this evening.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 7½ o'clock this evening.

Evening Session—7½ P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The work was exemplified by the Grand Officers.

The committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respect-

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fully report that they have examined the returns of the following Subordinate Chapters and find them as follows:

No. 1, Acacia, correct.
No. 2, Bronson, correct.
No. 3, Coldwater, correct.
No. 4, Olive Branch, correct.
No. 6, Leslie, correct.
No. 7, Hastings, correct.
No. 8, Leonard, correct.
No. 9, Crystal, due 75 cents.
No. 10, Sumner, due $1.00.
No. 11, Palo, correct.
No. 12, Quincy, correct.
No. 14, Grand Ledge, due $3.20.
No. 17, Middleville, correct.
No. 18, Bangor, due 50 cents.
No. 20, Sharon, correct.
No. 22, Ivy Leaf, due $2.50.
No. 23, Lake View, correct.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. D. C. PURINTON,
MRS. G. W. MATTESON,
B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The special committee to whom was referred the addresses of the G W. Matron and G. W. Patron, for division and reference, made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the addresses of the G. W. M. and G. W. P. for division and reference, would respectfully submit the following report, recommending:

That so much of the G. W. Matron's address as refers to her correspondence with Sharon Chapter No. 20, and Benevolence Chapter, No. 19, be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of the G. W. Matron's address as refers to Acacia Chapter, No. 1, and to Chapters under dispensation, be referred to committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the appointment of representatives near other Grand Chapters be referred to the committee on Foreign Correspondence.

That so much as refers to the election of Associate Matron in Sharon Chapter, No. 20, and striking out Sec. 3, of Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters and the

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decisions of the G. W. Matron, be referred to the committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to the appointment of some person to visit delinquent Chapters, be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much of the Address of the G. W. Patron as refers to the salary of the G. Secretary be referred to the Finance Committee.

That so much as refers to the granting of Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. PURINTON,
MRS. H. L. ANTHONY,
JOHN P. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until 9 o'clock to-morrow evening, Oct. 14, '80.

Second Day—Morning Session, 9 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. Matron appointed as the special committees on Sharon Chapter, No. 20, and Benevolence Chapter, No. 19, Sisters Mary A. Oldman, Mrs. D. A. Merrill and Bro. James Dockery.

The committee on Pay Roll made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report the following as the amount due Grand Offices and Representatives of Subordinate Chaptes for mileage:

G. W. M., 69 miles	$ 5 52
G. W. P., 67 miles	5 36
G. A. M., 56 miles,	4 48
G. A. P., 60 miles,	4 80
G. Sec'y., 58 miles,	4 64
G. Treas., 58 miles,	4 64
G. Con., 101 miles,	8 08
G. Adah, 81 miles,	6 48
G. Ruth, 120 miles,	9 60
G. Esther, 52 miles	4 16

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G. Electa, 64 miles,	5 12
G. Warder, 69 miles,	5 52
G. Sentinel, 36 miles,	2 88
W. M., No. 1, Acacia, 107 miles,	8 56
W. M., No. 2, Bronson, 69 miles,	5 52
W. M., No. 3, Coldwater, 58 miles,	4 64
W. M., No. 4, Olive Branch, 81 miles,	6 48
W. M., No. 7, Hastings, 56 miles,	4 48
W. M., No. 8, Leonard, 60 miles,	4 80
W. M., No. 9, Crystal, 84 miles,	6 92
W. M., No. 10, Sumner, 90 miles,	7 20
W. M., No. 11, Palo, 69 miles,	5 52
W. M., No. 12, Quincy, 52 miles,	4 16
W. M., No. 14, Grand Ledge, 36 miles,	2 88
W. M., No. 17, Middleville, 67 miles,	5 36
W. M., No. 18, Bangor, 120 miles,	9 60
W. M., No. 22, Ivy Leaf, 64 miles,	5 12
W. M., No. 27, Lake View, 81 miles,	6 48
P. G. W. M., E. L. Pendelton, 81 miles,	6 48
P. G. W. M., D. C. Purinton, 58 miles,	4 64
P. G. W. M., S. L. Marsh, 52 miles,	4 16
P. G. W. P., B. R. Rose, 56 miles,	4 48

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. L. MARSH,
MARY C. JONES,
FERRIS HILL,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted:

On motion the G W. Matron was allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents for postage the past year.

The Finance Committee made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance and Ways and Means, would respectfully report that they have examined the following accounts and would recommend that orders be drawn as follows:

In favor of G. Sec'y. for money expended for Postage Rituals &c.	$ 19 30	
In favor of C. H. Dickinson & Co., trunk,	13 50	
In favor of S. H. Egabroad, ballance due for printing proceedings, 1879,		16 25

SARAH A. PARER,
SARAH M. NYMAN,
M. H. PARKER, Committee.

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On motion the report was accepted and adopted and orders ordered drawn for the several amounts.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report, that they have examined the records of the following Chapters under Dispensation and would recommend that Charters be granted as follows:

Olivet Chapter, No. 24.
Woodland Chapter, No. 25.
Springport Chapter, No. 26.
Union Chapter, No. 27.
Burr Oak Chapter, 28.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. C. PURINTON,
A. A. MATTESON,
B. R. ROSE, Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and Charters granted. Olivet Chapter. No. 24, Woodland Chapter, No. 25, Springport Chapter, No. 26, and Union Chapter, No. 27, and the representatives admitted to seats and a vote in this Grand Chapter.

The Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the G. W. Matron's address, relating to Sharon Chapter, No. 20, and Benevolence Chapter, No. 19, made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred that part of the G. W. Matron's address which refers to Sharon Chapter No. 20, and Benevolence Chapter, No. 19, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and in our opinion the decisions of the G. W. Matron are correct in both cases.

M. A. OLDMAN,
MRS. D. A. MERRILL,
JAMES DOCKERY,
Committee.

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On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until 1½ o'clock P. M.

Afternon Session—1½ P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the records and proceedings of Williamston Chapter, Under Dispensation, and would recommend that a Charter be granted them, to be known as Williamston Chapter, No. 29.

D. C. PURINTON,
A. A. MATTESON,
B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion Bro. W. P. Ainsley, representative from Williamston Chapter, No. 29, was admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter, with the privilege of casting the vote of the Chapter.

On motion the Charter fee for Williamston Chapter, No. 29, was remitted.

On motion Sharon Chapter, No. 20, was granted a dispensation to elect a new Associate Matron at the regular meeting of said Chapter in November, notice having been given of such election to all the members of said Chapter.

On motion of Bro. Wm. H Severance, Crystal Chapter, No. 9. was granted a Dispensation to elect officers at their regular meeting in November, notice being given of such election to all the members of said Chapter.

On motion of Bro. B. R. Rose, Burr Oak Chapter, Under Dispensation, was granted a Charter, to be known as Burr Oak Chapter, No. 28, upon the payment of five dollars as Charter fee, and Sister Bordner representative of

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said Chapter admitted to a seat in this Grand Chapter and authorized to cast the vote of the Chapter.

On motion the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The G. W. Matron appointed as tellers, Bro. B. R. Rose and Sisters Mrs. S. L. Marsh and Mrs. W. H. Severance.

The following Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected:

MRS. B. R. ROSE, Hastings, G. W. M.
ALLEN C. MANLEY, Leslie, G. W. P.
MRS. H. L. ANTHONY, Sturgis, G. A. M.
ADELBERT B. JONES, Grand Ledge, G. A. P.
DAVID B. PURINTON, Coldwater, G. Sec'y.
MISS MARY A. STRALIE, Bronson, G. Treas.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain resolutions, questions, and the decisions of the Grand Worthy Matron, would respectfully report that they have examined the same and submit the following:

Resolved, That Sec. 7, of the Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters be amended, by inserting the word Two in the second line of said Section in lieu of the word One.

We recommend that the above be not adopted.

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter require all Subordinate Chapters to use a printed blank form which shall be adopted by this Grand Chapter for all petitions and reports of Committees, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep all such petitions and reports on file.

We recommend blanks for petitions and for reports of committees on candidates.

Question 1st.—Can a Subordinate Chapter transact business legally at a special meeting?

Ans.—No, except such as named in the call.

Question 2d—If a sister who becomes a member of a Chapter through her husband, he being a Master Mason, who having since died, and she marries a man not a Mason, has she a membership with us?

Ans.—Yes.

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Question 3d—If a sister becomes a member through her brother, her husband not being a Master Mason, and her brother being now dead, can she retain her membership?

Ans.—Yes.

Question 4th.—Would a lady be eligible to become a member of the Eastern Star Chapter, who is the daughter of a Master Mason, not living?

Ans.—Yes.

Qustion 5th.—Would she if married to a man not a Mason?

Ans.—Yes.

And would recommend that the decisions of the G. W. Matron be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. STRALIE,
MRS. B. R. ROSE,
JOHN P. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted:

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock this evening.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

On motion the G. Secretary was allowed the sum of twenty-five dollars for his services during the past year.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was submitted the amendment to Sec. 3 of Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, would respectfully report that they have examined the same and would recommend its adoption.

MARY A. STRALIE,
MRS. B. R. ROSE,
JOHN P. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

On motion of Bro. James Dockery the report was accepted.

Bro. D. B Purinton moved that the recommendation of the committee be not adopted, which motion prevailed.

Sister Sarah A. Parke presented the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to

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the G. W. Matron and G. W. Patron, who have shown so much earnestness, and done their work so well during the past year.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Sisters and Brothers of Leslie Chapter, No. 6, for their kind welcome and unbounded liberality in the entertainment of the members of this Grand Chapter—they leaving no stone unturned to make our stay among them of the pleasantest nature—and will ever be remembered with the kindest regards.

Bro. M. H. Parker moved to amend by inserting in the first resolution the G. Secretary and G. Treasurer, which amendment was accepted by Sister Parke, and the resolution unanimously adopted.

Bro. Fred Orth moved that the matter of a place for our next annual session be referred to a committee of three.

The G. W. Matron appointed as such committee, Bro. Fred Orth, Sister Ellen Monger and Sister Mrs. W. H. Severance.

The G. W. Matron elect then announced the following appointments:

G. Con.—MRS. D. A. MERRILL, Coldwater.
G. A. Con.—ALICE WILBUR, Quincy.
G. Adah—ELLEN A. HOPKINS, Bangor.
G. Ruth—MRS. A. L. SMITH, Crystal.
G. Esther—MRS. G. W. MATTESON, Middleville.
G. Martha—SYLVERNA LAMB, Springport.
G. Electa—SARAH A. PARKE, Bay City.
G. Warder—HELEN A. BECKWITH, Olivet.

The G. W. Patron elect then announced the following appointments:

G. Sen.—JOHN C. SMITH, Middleville.
G. Chap.—B. R. ROSE, Hastings.
G. Marshal—MRS. S. L. MARSH, Quincy.

The Grand Officers were then installed by the G. W. Matron, Sister Nellie S. Corey; Bro. Fred Orth, Grand Marshal.

Sister S. L. Marsh, P. G. W. Matron, on behalf of some of the sisters of Leslie Chapter, No. 6, presented our retiring G. W. Matron, Sister Nellie S. Corey, an elegant Floral Star, as a slight acknowledgment of her devotion and untiring zeal for the benefit of our Order in the past.

On motion the G. Secretary was instructed to draw an

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order on the G. Treasurer for a sum not exceeding $45 to pay for printing the proceedings of this session.

The Special Committee appointed on place of next meeting, made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of the place of meeting for the next Annual Session, would respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter be held at Masonic Hall, in the village of Middleville, Barry Co., Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1881.

FRED ORTH,
ELLEN MONGER,
N. J. SEVERANCE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means, made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the report of the G. Secretary and G. Treasurer submitted to them, and find them corect, as follows:

That the G. Secretary has received during year, as per report,	$300 30
Paid G. Treasurer,	300 30
That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year:	
Balance on hand,	$ 31 08
From Grand Secretary,	300 30
Chapters unpaid dues,	7 95
Total amount received by Grand Treasurer,	$339 33

The Grand Treasurer has paid orders of the Grand Chapter as follows:

S. H. Egabroad, printing proceedings,	$ 30 00
Mileage, as per pay roll,	188 76
Grand Secretary, postage, etc.,	19 30
Grand Secretary, services, 1880,	25 00
Grand W. Matron, postage,	1 50

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C. H. Dickinson & Co., trunk,.....	13 50
S. H. Egabroad, bal. due printing proceedings, 1879,...	16 25
Total paid by Grand Treasurer,.....	$294 31
Balance on hand,.....	$ 45 02

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter closed in due form, to meet in Middleville, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1881, at 12 o'clock M.

DAVID B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME AND NUMBER OF CHAPTER.	W. MATRON.	SECRETARY.	INITIATIONS.	DEMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
No. 1—Acacia,	Eleanor C. Stinson,	H. N. Stinson,	10	3	..	21	...	1	2	59	$ 17 25
No. 2—Bronson,	Mrs. Nellie S. Corey,	Mrs. Louise Lowell,	3	...	....	....	1	..	2	31	8 50
No. 3—Coldwater,	Mrs. D. A. Merrill,	Mrs. G. T. Culver,	15	8	....	....	....	2	....	121	34 00
No. 4—Olive Branch,	Mrs. H. L. Anthony,	Miss Julia Peck,	6	2	..	....	....	....	2	40	11 50
No. 5—Morenci,	Libbie Sweeney,	Henry S. Wyman,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	49	.....
No. 6—Leslie,	Mary A. Oldman,	Mary A. Vaughn,	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	13 50
No. 7—Hastings,	Mrs. B. R. Rose,	Mrs. E. H. Lathrop,	13	8	....	....	....	2	13	126	34 75
No. 8—Leonard,	Mrs. M. E. Phillips,	A. R. Knowles,	2	2	....	....	....	....	..	33	8 75
No. 9—Crystal,	Mrs. E. Throop,	Mrs. Sarah Lewis,	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	44	11 00
No. 10—Sumner,	Mrs. M. L. Douglass,	Edna Torrey,	4	....	....	4	....	....	....	27	6 75
No. 11—Palo,	Mrs. Mary C. Jones,	Fred Orth,	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	30	7 50
No. 12—Quincy,	Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	Miss Clara E. Hedge,	9	....	....	4	....	2	3	58	16 75
No. 13—Carson City,	Mrs. W. J. Miner,	S. E. Burgderfer,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	51	.....
No. 14—Grand Ledge,	Mrs. Jane Derbyshire,	A. B. Schumaker,	12	....	....	5	....	2	....	60	14 80
No. 15—Cambria Mills,	Mrs. H. M. Fink,	C. S. Marsh,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	21	.....
No. 16—Hubbardston,	Mrs. Betsey Dunn,	Wm. Patrick,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	31	.....
No. 17—Middleville,	Mr. G. W. Matteson,	G. W. Matteson,	6	2	....	2	1	....	....	64	17 50
No. 18—Bangor,	Mrs. Ellen A. Hopkins,	Emma McNett,	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	57	14 25
No. 19—Benevolence,	Mrs. Hortensia Stickney,	Mary Galbraith,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	.....
No. 20—Sharon,	Mrs. Sarah A. Parke,	Mrs. DeForest,	8	6	1	3	1	....	....	114	30 50
No. 21—Alma,	Ella Webb,	Michael Polasky,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....
No. 22—Ivy Leaf,	Mrs. Ella Monger,	Geo. W. Holcomb,	10	1	....	....	1	....	2	46	14 50
No. 23—Lake View,	Mrs. V. J. Martin,	J. M. Wood,	8	....	....	4	..	....	....	40	12 00
No. 24—Olivet	Mrs. M. E. Jewett,	F. M. Bosworth,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	.....
No. 25—Woodland,	Mrs. H. C. Carpenter,	John Lee,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	.....
No. 26—Springport,	Mrs. Sylverna Lamb,	E. Comstock,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	20	.....
No. 27—Union,	Annie Lane,	A. H. Weston,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	.....
No. 28—Burr Oak,	Mrs. Mary E. Allen,	Oliver Nichols,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	.....
No. 29—Williamston,	Mrs. Abigal Vanetter,	Miss Bell Waldo,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	15	.....
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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on Foreign Correspondence would respectfully report that they have received the Proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, and examined them, and submit the following:

ARKANSAS.

The fourth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas was held in Searcy, Oct. 14, 1879.

G. A. P., JOHN H. NEAL, as G. W. Patron,
Sister KIDDY A. NEAL, G. W. Matron,
Bro. B. B. BRADLEY, G. Sec'y.

The address of Sister Neal, G. W. Patron, is pleasant and well written.

By resolution an Orator was appointed to deliver an address at the next annual communication, at the installation of Grand Officers—an innovation which we presume will be interesting, if it does not tend to benefit the Order.

Bro. J. M. Mallet writes a report on Correspondence giving our 12th Annual Session a friendly notice.

The Grand Officers for 1880 are

Bro. WM. B. MASSEY., G. W. Patron.
Sister NANCY E. MCCAIN., G. W. Matron.
Bro. BEN. B. BRADLEY. G. Sec'y.

The session for 1880 was held Oct. 12, 1880, at Searcy.

CALIFORNIA.

The Seventh Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of California, was held in San Francisco, Oct. 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23d, 1879.

Bro. T. J. ROLFE, G. W. Patron,
Sister FENA W. FORD, Matron,
Sister ABBIE E. WOOD, G. Sec'y.

24 Chapters were represented.

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Grand Patron Rolfe made several decisions which seem to be sound.

The G. W. Matron visited during the year every Chapter in her jurisdiction but one. If such a provision was made with us, we think it would result in good.

Bro. Gaskell made a report on correspondence but it does not appear in the proceedings.

The Grand Officers for 1880 are

Bro. CHARLES L THOMAS, G. W. Patron,
Sister NELLIE M. OWENS, G. W. Matron,
Sister ABBIE E. WOOD, G. Sec'y.

The session for 1880 was held in San Francisco Oct. 12th, 1880.

CONNECTICUT.

The Sixth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in Hartford, October 8th, 1879.

Bro. C. J. BUCKBEE, G. W. Patron.
Sister SARAH A. COLLINS, G. W. Matron.
Sister KATE L. TUTTLE, G. Sec'y.

Addresses were made by the G. W. Matron and G. W. Patron, and Sister Kate L. Tuttle made a report on Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter did not think it advisable to take any action in regard to the Gen. Grand Chapter; desiring to keep in their isolated position. Still they seem to have adopted and use the ritual of the G. G. Chapter, which in our opinion, to say the least, is not very consistent. We hope the time will soon come when some of our Eastern sister Grand Chapters will forget their self-importance and be willing to yield a little, that we all may be one solid united band of brothers and sisters, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Michigan is noticed kindly in their report on Correspondence.

The Grand Officers for 1880, are

Bro. T. H. S TALLICOTT, G. W. Patron,
Sister MRS. SARAH A. COLLUM, G. W. Matron,
Sister KATE L. TUTTLE, G. Sec'y.

The next session will be held in Meridan, Oct. 13, 1880.

ILLINOIS.

The fifth annual session of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, was held in Chicago, October, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1879.

Sister LORRAINE J. PITKIN, G. W. Matron,
Bro. J. W. WILSON, G. W. Patron,
Bro. ROBERT MALCOM, G. Sec'y.

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Twenty-one Chapters represented.

The address of Sister Pitkin, G. W. M., is quite lengthy and very able.

Sister Eva L. McHugh makes a very lengthy and well written report on correspondence, giving almost a complete history of the Order in the United States.

She compliments Michigan as follows:

"Ah! if only all the Grand Chapters would come up as "nobly to the support of the General Grand Chapter as has the "Grand Lodge of Michigan, what a power we soon could be "in the land. The address of Sister Marsh was indeed "beautiful. We certainly have great cause for congratulation "in the addition the Eastern Star of Michigan will make to our "already bright constellation."

The Officers for 1880, are

Bro. HERY R. KENT, G. W. Patron,
Sister M. LEMON, G. W. Matron,
Sister LAURA N. YOUNG, G. Sec'y.

The session for 1880, was held in Chicago, October 5th, 1880.

INDIANA.

The sixth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, was held in Indianapolis, April 14th, 1880.

Bro. HENRY G. THAYER, G. W. Patron,
Sister NETTIE RANSFORD, G. W. Matron,
Bro. WM. SMYTHE, G. Sec'y.

Twenty-three Chapters were represented.

The addresses of the G. W. Patron and G. W. Matron are lengthy and able.

Sister Ransford says, in speaking of our varied and imperfect rituals: "But now through the efforts of the General Grand Chapter we have that which alone will make the Order what we desire it shall be, a permanent organization; for wherever the light of our Star rests, there we find the same work and more fully realize that we are of one family, whether we be east or west, north or south."

Bro. Engle made a report on Correspondence, mentioning Michigan.

The Officers for 1880 are

Bro. WM. G. BURNETT, G. W. Patron.
Sister NETTIE RANSFORD, G. W. Matron.
Bro. WM. H. SMYTHE, G. Sec.

The next Annual Session will be held in Indianapolis, April 13, 1881.

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IOWA.

The Third Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, was held in Council Bluffs, May 11th, 1880.

Bro. G. H. JACKSON, G. W. Patron.
Sister O. N. WILLIAMS, G. W. Matron.
Bro. D. H. MOORE, as G. Sec'y.

The address of Bro. Jackson is brief and business like. The address of Sister Williams is well written and pleasant. They had also an able address from the Grand Lecturer.

Sister Matthews makes a report on Correspondence, complimenting Michigan as follows:

Michigan deserves great credit for coming into the General Grand Chapter, as it had, we think, the finest and most impressive ritual work ever witnessed, styled Adoptive Masonry. They saw the necessity of uniformity of work in order to reach the aim of the organization, so gave up their own work rather than ask the many Chapters to join them. This brought out a spirit of liberality worthy to be imitated by every member of the Order.

The Officers for 1880, are

Bro. J. NORWOOD CLARK, G. W. Patron.
Sister JENNIE E. MATTHEWS, G. W. Matron. ✓
Bro. D. H. MOORE, G. Sec'y.

The next Annual Session will be held in Charles City, May 1881.

KANSAS.

The Fourth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Kansas was held in Leavenworth, Oct. 14th and 15th, 1879.

Bro. DANIEL W. COXE, G. W. Patron.
Sister MARY H. BUCK, G. W. Matron.
Bro. S. P. TRESSLOR, G. Sec'y.

The addresses of the G. W. Patron and G. W. Matron are exceedingly good. Had we space we should like to make copious extracts from them.

Bro. Tresslor makes the best report on Foreign Correspondence it has been our fortune to read. He gives Michigan quite an extended notice. The officers for 1880 are

Bro. WILLIS BROWN, G. W. Patron. ✓
Sister LOUISA J. BECKER, G. W. Matron.
Bro. S. P. TRESSLOR, G. Sec.

The next Annual Session will be held in Topeka, Oct. 19, 1880.

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MASSACHUSETTS.

The Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts for 1880 have not reached us.

The committee have had the pleasure of examining a copy of their Proceedings from December 11th, 1876, to May 13th, 1879, inclusive.

Bro. Lamb gives a very elaborate History of the Order in all the States where organized; giving Michigan the credit of being the oldest Grand Chapter.

The present Grand Officers are:

Bro. THOMAS M. LAMB, G. W. Patron.
Sister SARAH M. SISSON, G. W. Matron
Bro. HORACE A. RICHARDSON, G. Sec'y.

MISSISSIPPI.

No report of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi has been received.

The Grand Officers, are

Bro. J. L. POWER, G. W. Patron.
Sister ANNIE T. CLARK, G. W. Matron.
Sister SALLIE J. LEWIS, G. Sec'y.

MISSOURI.

The Fifth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held in St. Louis, Oct. 13th and 14th, 1879.

Bro. WM. R. STUBBLEFIELD. G. W. Patron.
Sister LOUISA J. MOORE, G. W. Matron.
Bro. JOHN R. PARSON, G. Sec'y.

Sixteen Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand Patron was short and business like, full of good sound advice.

The address of Sister Moore, G. W. Matron, is excellent and has the true spirit of an earnest worker.

That portion in regard to the future prosperity of the Order is particularly good.

Bro. John R. Parson presents an able report upon Correspondence, criticising Michigan's Grand Secretary kindly. If he will look a little more carefully at our proceedings for 1878 he will find that we used the name Grand Lodge until we voted to come under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and after that we used the name Grand Chapter.

The Officers for 1880, are

Bro. R. F. DUNN, G. W. Patron.

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Sister Mary J. WALSH, G. W. Matron.
Bro. John R. PARSON, G. Sec'y.
The Session for 1880 will be held Oct. 11th, 1880.

MINNESOTA.

A Grand Chapter was organized in Minnesota, June 27th, 1878, and the following officers elected:

Bro. CHARLES GRISWOLD, G. W. Patron.
Sister SARAH B. ARMSTRONG, G. W. Matron.
Sister OLIVE C. DAVIS, G. Sec'y.

We have received no copy of its proceedings in 1879 or 1880. From the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, we learn that they are alive and prosperous, and that the present Grand Officers are:

Bro. ISAAC W. BLAKE, G. W. Patron.
Sister M. LOUISA LEWIS, G. W. Matron.
Sister OLIVE C. DAVIS, G. Sec'y.

NEBRASKA.

We have no copy of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

The Grand Officers, are

Bro. MARSHALL SMITH, G. W. Patron.
Sister SARAH M CLARK, G. W. Matron.
Sister SARAH C. BAKER, G. Sec'y.

NEW JERSEY.

The Tenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held in Jersey City, October 14th, 1879.

Bro. GEO. W. KNIGHT, G. W. Patron.
Sister MARY J. BUNNELL, G. W. Patron.
Sister ANN E. GRANT, G. Sec'y.

Six Chapters were represented.

The address of Sister Bunnell is pleasant and full of excellent matter.

The address of Bro. Knight, G. W. Patron is an able document, but that portion of it in regard to the General Grand Chapter is strongly at variance with the sentiment expressed by the Grand W. Matron. He pursues the subject at great length and we think in a different frame of mind than he would if he had met his Brothers and Sisters of the West in the General Grand Chapter. He says "if we cannot live, flourish and comply with the laws,

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rules and regulations we have ourselves prepared, then it were better that we close our Chapters and seek association in other and less expensive institutions." Brother, suppose you illustrate the beauties of your independent idea of happiness; take your family back to the doors of your house, hold no communication with the outside world, and if perchance by complying strictly with the laws, rules and regulations you may establish for the government of your household, you do not enjoy perfect happiness, why then get a divorce from your wife, send your children to some asylum and seek other and less expensive institutions for your happiness.

Bro. Mayhew writes a very lengthy and able report on Correspondence, congratulating Michigan for uniting with the General Grand Chapter and welcoming us into their ranks.

The Officers elected, are

Bro. W. V. W. VREELAND, G. W. Patron.
Sister SELINA KINNARD, G. W. Matron.
Sister MARY MARTIN, G. Sec'y.

The Annual Session for 1880 will be held between the 1st and 15th of October, 1880.

NEW YORK.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New York, was held in New York, June 1st, 1880.

Bro. JOSEPH W. BEATTY, G. W. Patron.
Sister MARY E. FOULKNER, G. W. Matron.
Sister CHRISTIANNA, BUTTERICK, G. Sec'y.

The address of Brother Beatty, G. W. Patron, is quite lengthy, well written and closely confined to the business of the Grand Chapter, some of which seems to have been granting Charters to Chapters outside of the State of New York. Perhaps it might be well for the great and independent State of New York to be a little careful. What jurisdiction have they outside of the State of New York? If they can grant a Charter to a Chapter in Kentucky, why can not our Grand W. Patron grant a Charter to a Chapter in New York?

Sister Foulkner, Grand W. Matron, in her address, explains the benefits and utility of the General Grand Chapter, perhaps unintentionally, She says: "Other States and the Grand Chapters of other States have generally speaking, adopted the same ritual, and work is now done in those States in a uniform manner. Therefore while the progress of the Order in other States has been very marked, we are left alone, as it were, to suffer from the disadvantages growing out of a diversity of work produced by numberless rituals."

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We feel like saying as Bro. Tresslor of Kansas did in 1879, "Join the General Grand Chapter and you will be all right."

The Associate Matron made an address in this State, if always as short and good as Sister Greenwood's, we think they would be desirable with us.

They have quite a lengthy report on Correspondence, giving Michigan an extended notice.

The Officers for 1880, are

Bro. ROBERT G. GREENWOOD, G. W. Patron.
Sister SARAH A. GREENWOOD, G. W. Matron.
Sister CHRISTINA BUTTERICK, G. Sec'y.

The next Annual Session will be held in New York on the first Tuesday in June, 1881.

VERMONT.

No copy of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Vermont for the year 1880 have been received.

The Officers, are

Bro. H. C. STILLSON, G. W. Patron. ✓
Sister MRS. H. COLE, G. W. Matron.
Sister O. J. STOWELL, G. Sec'y.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The third meeting of the General Grand Chapter was held in Chicago, Ill., August 20th and 21st, 1880.

Eleven Grand Chapters were represented.

There is now no question about the success of the General Grand Chapter, it is an established fact, States heartily acknowledging its jurisdiction and using its ritual are prosperous, and others on the decline.

That it will ultimately be the universal work of the Eastern Star, we have no doubt.

Your Committee have made this report as short as seemed to them possible, leaving out many things they would like to have mentioned.

D. B. PURINTON,
MRS. B. R. ROSE,
MRS. A. S. PARKE,
Committee.

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GRAND OFFICERS.

G. W. M.—Mrs. B. R. Rose, Hastings.
G. W. P.—Allen C. Manley, Leslie.
G. A. M.—Mrs. H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.
G. A. P.—Adelbert B. Jones, Grand Ledge.
G. Sec.—David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas.—Miss Mary A. Stralie, Bronson.
G. Con.—Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Coldwater.
G. A. Con.—Mrs. Alice Wilbur, Quincy.
G. Adah.—Mrs. Ellen A. Hopkins, Bangor.
G. Ruth.—Mrs. A. L. Smith, Crystal.
G. Esther.—Mrs. G. W. Matteson, Middleville.
G. Martha.—Mrs. Sylverna Lamb, Springport.
G. Electa.—Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, Bay City.
G. Warder.—Mrs. Helen A. Beckwith, Olivet.
G. Sen.—John C. Smith, Middleville.
G. Chap.—B. R. Rose, Hastings.
G. Marshal.—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.

The next session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Easter Star of the State of Michigan, will meet in Middleville, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1881, at 12 o'clock M.

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PROCEEDINGS.

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER



ORDER EASTERN STAR,

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Third Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan, being the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

MASONIC HALL, MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN,
Wednesday, October 12, 1880.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in its Annual Meeting pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan, and the vote of the Grand Chapter at its last annual meeting, in Middleville, Michigan, Wednesday October 12, 1881, at 12 o'clock M.

Present—

Mrs. B. R. Rose—G. W. M.
Allen C. Manley—G. W. P.
Mrs. H. L. Anthony—G. A. M.
Adelbert B. Jones—G. A. P.
David B. Purinton—G. Secretary.
Mary A. Stralie—G. Treasurer.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill—G. Con.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh—as G. A. Con.
Mrs. Ellen A. Hopkins—G. Adah.
Mrs. W. H. Severance—as G. Ruth.
Mrs. G. W. Matteson—G. Esther.
Mrs. T. Phillips—as G. Martha.
Mrs. Sarah A. Parke—G. Electa.
Mrs. W. K. Barber—as G. Warder.
John C. Smith—G. Sentinel.
B. R. Rose—G. Chaplain.

And Sisters and Brothers.

Roll of Chapters called and found a quorum represented.

The Grand Chapter was then opened in due form and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. Matron appointed Bro. Wm. H. Severance and Sisters Mrs. S. L. Marsh and Mrs. T. Phillips as committee on credentials.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session—2 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Jenny Combs on behalf of Middleville Chapter, No. 17, gave the following

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WELCOME ADDRESS.

Grand Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Michigan:

It is with heartfelt pleasure we welcome you to our village and our homes; and with joyous greeting in behalf of Middleville Chapter, No. 17, I bid you welcome to our Hall. At the Annual Convocations of this Grand Chapter, many of you have in years gone by, enjoyed the pleasures of Fraternal greeting. You have observed withg ratification the growth and increasing strength of the Order and rejoice at the prospect of its becoming an influential auxillary to the great Brotherhood of Free Masonry; to fraternize the world and sow the seed of "peace and good will" among all people. To the furtherance of this end you have labored with untiring zeal; and it is in the spirit of Fraternal love and fellowship that you have assembled here at this time. To each sister and brother we extend the hand of welcome and say we are glad to meet you in Middleville, and hope that a record of this convocation of the Grand Chapter may be preserved in the Archives of Middleville Chapter, No. 17; that future generations may know that "in the year of light" five thousand eight hundred eighty-one we were honored by the presence of your Grand body with us. Let me again say that we not only welcome you, but we are made happy by your presence and hope we may all live to give and receive many like happy greetings.

R. W. P. G. M., Daniel Striker, of Hastings Chapter, No. 7, very happily and cordially responded to the address of welcome.

The Grand Worthy Matron then read the following

ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

In the rapid march of time and the regular recurrence of stated events, we are again assembled in the capacity of a Grand Chapter. It seems but yesterday since the gavel fell which closed our last annual session, and yet a year has passed with its mercies and providences, and we are about to commence another, with its responsibility and labor. And we have great reason to be grateful to our Heavenly Father that the grim monster Death has not invaded the circle of our Grand Officers during the year now brought to a close. It is therefore right and proper that with bowed heads and thankful hearts we reverently assemble again around our Common Altar and give to God the praise that belongeth unto Him.

The year's record with the Subordinate Chapters, whatever it may be, is made, and with many individual members the last on earth. They will no more hear the sound of the gavel calling them to order, or the song of welcome, for the last adieu has been spoken, the sad farewell said, and the last shake of the hand felt; their work with us is done, and it is the influence of their many virtues that is left to inspire us to nobler deeds and greater sacrifices for our fellows. It is the influence of the good and true that makes us a happy and contented people. And by imitating the

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lives and emulating the virtues of the good that have gone before us, we shall be incited to broader aims and grander accomplishments.

I feel that I would be wanting in giving proper expression to our common sorrow if I failed to allude to the late affliction we as a people and nation have been called upon to pass through in the death of our beloved President, during the long 79 days that not only the people of this country, but the whole world as it were seemed to stand aghast at the awful crime committed, and watched with anxious hearts and bated breath for the news from our National Capitol halting between hope and fear, until at last come flashing along the wires the awful thought not wholly unexpected message, "President Garfield is dead."

No matter what nation, people or party, every man woman and child, bowed their heads in sorrow at our loss. And in this what a grand and sublime spectacle is given the exercise of the better parts of our moral natures and affections stirred by the love of virtue and truth. We mourn not for him particularly as a citizen or as James A. Garfield, (and yet he had shown himself to be possessed of one of the sweetest of natures, and one of the noblest works of God) but as the legally elected and duly inaugurated head of our government, and as such the Representative before the world of our great American nation. He was a statesman more than partisan, and as such had endeared himself to us and his death comes home to us all with a double sorrow.

But let us hope for the better and reconsecrate ourselves anew to be true to every principle of right. We now only know in part, by and by we shall know more fully and feel to say with the poet Cooper—

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for his grace,
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face."

The report for the year does not show an unusually large increase in numbers, yet I feel and trust we have made good progress in perfecting and beautifying our works and bringing us nearer to each other, and all working in peace, thus illustrating how pleasant it is to dwell together in harmony. Although we can not boast of being among the oldest of kindred Orders, yet we may point with pride to what we have done in the past and are now doing, and so long as we are true to the cardinal principles upon which our Order was founded we shall not only prosper but challenge the admiration of others.

On the 24th day of November I received an invitation from Loren Day in behalf of the Chapter at Jennisonville to install the officers of the Chapter at that place. I complied with the request and met with the members at their Hall on the 15th of December and installed the officers of said Chapter in due form, and am pleased to say that I found the Chapter in a flourishing condition with a good working membership, and have no doubt they will be able to render a good account of their work.

February 11th I received a request from Salt Lake for a Dispensation to form a Chapter. I immediately forwarded it to the proper authority and suppose it was granted, as I heard no more from it.

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January 8th I received a communication from the Chapter at Springport, No. 26. January 20th a communication from Rockford Chapter February 27th, one from Williamston Chapter No. 29 and April 12th, the second one from Williamston Chapter, No. 29, all making inquiries about some minor questions that have arisen in their respective Chapters. All of which I responded to in detail as well as my abilities would enable me to do, hoping to cheer and encourage them in their efforts to sustain their Chapters and do work therein that would be an honor to our Order and a credit to the officers.

May 22nd I received from Hubbardston Chapter the following question and asking a ruling thereon. Question. Is an adopted daughter of a Master Mason eligible to receive the degrees of Adoptive Masonry? Ans. If she has been legally adopted as his heir at law she is eligible and not otherwise. I submit the above ruling for your careful consideration and hope it may be confirmed, if correct, so that it may be a guide in the future for similar cases.

I received, September 6th, a request from Sharon Chapter to elect their officers on the Monday night following their annual meeting, which I immediately granted.

I have received several letters asking similar questions to the above, all of which I responded to as soon as possible after receiving them.

I also received a letter from the G. W. Matron of Indiana, asking if it was the rule in this State to do our work from memory, or read all from the Ritual. I replied that so far as my personal knowledge extended it was the rule to commit to memory the work and then give it. I hope it is not only the rule, but the practice; it is so much more impressive when so given to the candidate than when read from the book, besides the one officiating can be much more at ease when the work is at the tongue's end than he can be if confined to the Ritual, and I enjoin upon all officers to learn his or her part of the work so as to be able at all times to give it readily.

Sisters and Brothers, the last hours of our Masonic year are about to give place to the first of the new, and each of us are one year nearer the end of our earthly pilgrimage. While we have so many blessings to be grateful for, and much to encourage along the way, and are thus led to rejoice, yet ever and anon a cloud comes over our thoughts. During the year the death of the following Sisters have come to my personal knowledge: Julia A. Wightman, Sarah Barnes and Mary Cramer, all members of Hastings Chapter.

I would recommend that a report of the names of all deceased members be made, and a memorial page set apart in our annual proceedings, inscribed to our "Honored Dead." I submit this for your consideration.

From the above statistical part of my report you will see it has not been a year of marked progress so far as forming new Chapters, nor has it been one of idleness, but if it has tended to strengthen the band of unity between the Chapters and members thereof, it will be found to be productive of quite as much permanent good for the future. We must ever bear in mind that our Order exists through the courtesy of an old and honored

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one, one that has stood the test of time, and to its workings and progress we must look for help and guidance along the way while yet we are comparatively in our infancy. But an honored Ancestry alone brings no credit unless we prove ourselves worthy. On the contrary it is a reproach to us if we are unfaithful to our trust. We ought to be stimulated by the noble record and work that has been left us for a pattern to imitate.

We can not entirely escape, as an Order, the condemnation due those members who bring reproach upon themselves by their wrong doings and a dishonor upon their associates, but let it be our endeavor to work faithfully, to be true to the principles of our Order and manifest in our lives fidelity, daily living and practicing the "Golden Rule." Let our work tell for the bettering of humanity, let the practice of Charity be our chief Guiding Star, truth implanted in our hearts, and virtue the emblem of our profession, thus will we be happy in the consciousness of having done our duty in our effort to elevate our fellow beings, and the world the better for our living in it. Thus will our rest be all the sweeter because of the satisfaction that comes from honest effort. I trust it will be our united effort to work in union and harmony until we shall be no longer able to hear the sound of the gavel here below and having done all, hope and pray for a welcome after we have been landed in the haven of rest.

I should be untrue to myself if I should close without expressing to you my gratitude and thanks for this expression of confidence in electing me as your presiding officer.

It has been my endeavor to work for the best interest of our Order and I feel I have been most ably supported by you all, which has tended much to cheer me during the year. And as I pass down the stream of life shall ever look back upon this year as one of the bright spots of life's journey.

Again thanking you for this honor, I subscribe myself,

Yours in Fraternal love,

MRS. B. R. ROSE, G. W. Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter: Was it not that you expected something of me, I should not make any effort to address you at this time, especially after such an able and exhaustive address as we have just listened to, for I believe that this office should be one of silence and not talk, one of work and not speech making.

But to deviate now from the established custom, a custom so long and so ably filled by my illustrious predecessors, would be an innovation you perhaps would not wish to tolerate.

In organizations like this, long addresses by any one, save the presiding officer, seems to me a little uncalled for, especially when the little time we have is so fully occupied with such very important business.

We are called together again for the purpose of transacting busine

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connected with the vital interests of our beloved Order, to compare notes on progress, to get better acquainted with each other, and to learn something more of the principles that should govern us, and to take a new reckoning for another year.

We have passed through many trials as individual Chapters. We have had many crosses to bear; we have had some signal victories; we have had to contend with stubborn and superstitious objections from our very intimate friends. The very wise one who said "I told you so" has predicted many an untoward event that never would have occurred had they done their duty. These and a hundred other lesser things have come to us in the past year, to foil us in our best endeavors in the work of building up one of the noblest institutions that ever existed.

Yet I trust we come up here at this annual communication with a stronger zeal than we had a year ago. We are stronger indeed if from the battles of life we come with stronger determinations and a better zeal, although we may be able to present for such determination and zeal some scars that time will illy try to efface. Veterans are always the best soldiers.

We are the representatives of an order as noble and as necessary as any that ever had an existence. Societies having for their aim and object the amelioration of the condition of the needy around them have been in existence since the time of Jonathan and David, thousands of years ago. There were only two in the first society, but there was an idea that gave birth to many more. So we find that all along the ages societies have been formed, men and women have banded themselves together to benefit and protect each other—to succor in sickness, to shield in times of danger, and, more than all, to befriend each other.

We all know something of what it is to meet a friend—not in name, but in deed—one who stands close by your side at all times, no matter how dark the heavens are above us, or how much like brass the earth is under our feet; one who rejoices in our successes and sympathizes in our misfortunes. The greatest need of the world is a friend. Where shall we go for them? is a question you ask, but the question is not easily answered. You ask it of your neighbor, and a shake of the head or some evasive answer is all the reply you get and your heart goes on aching for a friend just the same—so you go up and down through the land, and every time you get the same answer.

Some large hearted individuals having this great need weighing heavily on their hearts, took the hint from Jonathan and David and instituted such a society to meet their great want.

They had peculiar signs and mysterious grips of recognition. They had no long creed but were governed by the great law of love. They met on high hills or in low vales, and there pledged filial obedience to the great law of brotherhood. They soon began to attract attention by their ways of doing good, and their zeal of friendship. Kings, potentates and princes, looked on with wonder and admiration. They began after a while, to get jealous of their wonderful power and tried to stamp them out with edicts and proclamations. They even tried the iron hand of the law upon them. They hurled everything at them that they could

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command, even calling down, through the Priests, th· wrath and ven geance of Almighty God upon them, but to what effect you very wel know.

These societies pursued their way in a quiet and careful manner, all th time adding to their numbers in spite of priest or king, edict or law They still obeyed the edict of a higher tribunal and loved and befriend ed each other. They kept close to each other and sacredly kept their vows The Almighty stood by them because theirs was the cause of trut and righteousness. Their motto was "*Mognos est veritas et prevalibet.*" As the centuries went by these societies extended their borders and in creased their usefulness, until to-day the land is abundantly bless with them.

The Order of the Eastern Star is one of the number, and is built o as solid a foundation; its aims as high, and its purposes as noble as any

Just as long as men and women hate each other, just so long as the suffer sorrow and die, so long will the Order of the Eastern Star have mission to fulfill.

Some may feel discouraged when they look over the past. Some ar disheartened over their failures. Remember the friendship of Ruth and Naomi, and forget not the noble example of devotion to friends an kindred, of Esther the beautiful queen.

I believe this Society has before it a wide field of usefulness in the fu ture, and that God is putting it into the hearts of all good people to tr in every way to fulfill in their lives His great law, and so love and be friend each other.

"Women in all ages have been abreast, if not in advance of man i this great work, for by her very nature she is calculated for this work." Individuals will not do it, there must be societies, and if societies, then rules, passwords, grips, &c., and a plan of work.

I believe the Order of the Eastern Star, has many grand possibilities before it and a future of good deeds in charity and kindly feeling towards its members and the world at large that will do much towards usherin the day, towards which all eyes are turned, that time when all people tongues and kindred, shall be bound in the universal law of brotherhood

An era of much prosperity having reached us as a State and people, I think the future of the Order in this State has a bright prospect befor it. But like all other good things it requires work and sacrifice. Ar we not able? We certainly should be willing.

The order in this State seems quite prosperous, as the Grand Secretar will show you by his report. Many Chapters report quite an increase i their membership. There have been two new Chapters formed since ou last Grand Communication, viz: one at DeWitt, Clinton Co., and one Salt River, Isabella Co.

On the 15th day of February, I organized DeWitt Chapter, wi Brother J. W. Gunnison, W. P., Sister Ella L. Lawrence, as W. M. a Sister Matilda Lott, as Associate Matron. It started out with brig prospects and no doubt will bring a good report to this Grand Chap With a corps of such efficient Officers and so many enthusiastic mem

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it can not fail of success.

On the 12th day of March, I issued a Dispensation to Salt River Chapter, with Sister Murtha as W. M., Brother Michael Murtha as W. P. and Sister Sarah A. Young as A. M. I delegated authority to Mrs. Douglass, of Elm Hall, to organize the Chapter and instruct them in the work. These Chapters will probably ask for Charters, which I hope will be granted.

I have only one recommendation to make to this Grand Chapter, and that is that the Committee on Jurisprudence be instructed to frame and submit to this Grand body a form for the ceremony of constituting or organizing new Chapters. There being no such guide, those to whom the work is committed must improvise a ceremony, a matter not always the most agreeable nor attended with the most satisfactory results.

Now thanking you for your kindness and forbearance during the past year, I gladly resign this high position, with its weighty responsibility, to some more capable individual. I will only add this exhortation, that as we go from here, may we go with firmer resolves to do more for the Order; to stand firmer by its principles and to better love, protect and defend each other.

A. C. MANLY, G. W. P.

On motion of Sister Mrs. G. W. Matteson the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron were referred to a special committee of three for division and reference.

The G. W. Matron appointed as such committee, Sisters Mrs. G. W Matteson, Mrs. T. Phillips and Brother Daniel Striker.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Chapters represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. B. R. Rose, G. W. M.
Allen C. Manly, G. W. P.
Mrs. H. L. Anthony, G. A. M.
Adelbert B. Jones, G. A. P.
David B. Purinton, G. Sec'y.
Mary A. Stralie, G. Treas.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill, G. Con.
Alice Wilbur, G. A. Con.
Ellen A. Hopkins, G. Adah.
Mrs. A. L. Smith, G. Ruth.
Mrs. G. W. Matteson, G. Esther.
Sylverna Lamb, G. Martha.
Sarah A. Parke, G. Electa.
Helen A. Beckwith, G. Warder.
John C, Smith, G. Sentinel.

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B. R. Rose, G. Chaplain.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh, G. Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, P. G. W. M.
" D. C. Purinton, "
" Eliza J. Barber, "
" S. L. Marsh, "
" Mrs. Nellie S. Corey, "
David Bovee, P. G. W. P.
David B. Purinton, "
Travers Phillips, "
Micajah Douglass, "
J. S. Cross, "
B. R. Rose, "
Wm. H. Severance, "

No. 1, ACACIA—Helen Cowden, W. M., James Dockery, W. P., Clara C. Dockery, Proxy for A. M.

No. 2, BRONSON—Lizzie M. Clark, proxy for W. M., Lyman K. Lewis, W. P., Mary A. Stralie, A. M.

No. 3, COLDWATER—Mrs. D. Fuller, W. M., J. S. Conover, W. P., Mrs. M. H. Parker, A. M.

No. 4, OLIVE BRANCH—Mrs. L. S. Putney, W. M., H. S. Lawton, W. P., Mrs. C. Hill, A. M.

No. 6, LESLIE—Miss Ella A. Clark, proxy for W. M. and A. M., A. C. Manly, W. P.

No. 7, HASTINGS—Mary T. Goodyear, W. M., J. Q. Cressy, W. P., Anna Hager, A. M.

No. 9, CRYSTAL—Mrs. E. D. Throop, W. M., G. Venear, W. P., Mrs. A. Grinnell, A. M.

No. 10, SUMNER—Mary Story, W. M., Samuel Bailey, W. P., Mary Bailey, A. M.

No. 11, PALO—Sarah C. Orth, W. M., Fred Orth, W. P., Adelia Bradly, A. M.

No. 12, QUINCY—Mrs. S. L. Marsh, W. M., Dan W. Sawyer, Proxy for W. P. and A. M.

No. 14, GRAND LEDGE—Miss Alice Jones, W. M., A. B. Jones, W. P., Mrs. Frankie Kent, A. M.

No. 17, MIDDLEVILLE—Augusta Matteson, W. M., F. W. Collins, W. P., Mrs. N. J. Severance, A. M.

No. 18, BANGOR—May Foster, W. M., Geo. Foster, W. P., Phoebe Cross, A. M.

No. 20, SHARON—Mrs. Louisa A. Teall, W. M., Aretus Corbin, W. P., Sarah I. Corbin, A. M.

No. 22, IVY LEAF—Mrs. Abbie Richey, W. M., D. L. Phenicie, W. P., Mrs. Delia Hall, A. M.

No. 24, OLIVET—Mrs. A. D. Martin, W. M., H. Herrick, W. P., Mrs. A. C. Jewett, A. M.

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No. 25, WOODLAND—John P. Phillips, Proxy for W. M., W. P. and A. M.

No. 26, SPRINGPORT—Agnes Allen, W. M., Henry Allen, W. P., Effie McQuowin, A. M.

No. 27, UNION—Mrs. Julia H. Day, W. M., Loren Day, W. P., Mrs. M. Weatherwax, A. M.

No. 28, BURR OAK—Mrs. Mary E. Himebaugh, W. M., Augustus Bordner, W. P. Mrs. A. J. Cross, A. M.

No. 29, WILLIAMSTON—Mrs. A. J. Vannetter, W. M., F. K. Rockwell, W. P., Mrs. Esther Robson. A. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. N. J. SEVERANCE,
MRS. S. L. MARSH,
J. P. PHILLIPS,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion all members of Subordinate Chapters, in good standing, were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter.

The G. W. M. then announced the following Standing Committees:

On Finance and Ways and Means—Sisters Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Mrs. T. Phillips and Bro. Loren Day.

On Unfinished Business—Sisters Mrs. G. W. Matteson, Mrs. Eliza J. Barber and Bro. J. P. Phillips.

On Pay Roll—Sisters Mrs. N. J. Severance, Mrs. D. A. Merrill, and Bro. Fred Orth.

On Jurisprudence—Sisters Mrs. H. L. Anthony, Mrs. D. Fuller, and Bro. Dan W. Sawyer.

On Appeals and Grievances—Sisters A. J. Vannetter, Mrs. Julia Day, and Bro. J. C. Smith.

On Dispensation and Charters—Sisters Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Mrs. Mary T. Goodyear, and Bro. B. R. Rose.

On Foreign Correspondence—Bro. D. B. Purinton.

On motion the exemplification of the work was made the special order for this evening.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

The Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

The special committee to whom was referred the addresses of the G. W. Matron and G. W. Patron for division and reference, made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred the addresses of the G. W.

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Matron and G. W. Patron for division and reference, would submit the following as their report thereon:

1st. That so much of the G. W. Matron's address as relates to the question submitted by Hubbardston Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

2d. That so much as relates to setting apart a Memorial page in our proceedings, inscribed to our "Honored Dead," to a special committee of three Past G. W. Matrons.

3d. That so much of the G. W. Patron's address as relates to drafting a form of Ritual for the constituting new Chapters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and if for want of time the said committee shall be unable to prepare and submit the same at this session, that said committee be continued and report thereon at our next annual session.

4th. That so much as relates to Charters and Dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. AUGUSTA MATTESON,
L. A. PHILLIPS,
DANIEL STRIKER,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would respectfully submit the following report of monies received by him during the past year:

Profits from sale of 54 Rituals		$13 50
Charter, Olivet, No. 24,		5 00
"	Woodland, No. 25,	5 00
"	Springport, No. 26,	5 00
"	Union, No. 27,	5 00
"	Burr Oak, No. 28,	5 00
Dispensation,	DeWitt,	5 00
"	Salt River,	5 00
No. 1.	Acacia, dues,	18 25
No. 2,	Bronson, dues,	7 75
No. 3.	Coldwater, dues,	35 75
No. 4,	Olive Branch, dues,	13 00
No. 6,	Leslie, dues,	12 00
No. 7,	Hastings, dues,	27 75
No. 9,	Crystal, dues,	5 75
No. 10,	Sumner, dues,	8 75
No. 11,	Palo, dues,	6 75
No. 12,	Quincy, dues,	13 75
No. 14,	Grand Ledge, dues,	19 25
No. 17,	Middleville, dues,	15 75

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No. 18,	Bangor, dues,.....	21 75
No. 20,	Sharon, dues,.....	27 50
No. 22,	Ivy Leaf, dues,.....	10 75
No. 24,	Olivet, dues,.....	6 00
No. 25,	Woodland, dues,.....	5 50
No. 26,	Springport, dues.....	12 00
No, 27,	Union, dues,.....	9 00
No. 28,	Burr Oak, dues,.....	10 00
No. 29,	Williamston, dues,.....	11 00
	Total amount received,.....	$346 50
	Paid Treasurer,.....	$346 50

On motion the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion the work was exemplified by the Grand Officers by conferring the degree upon Bro. Nestell and Bro. Scribner, of Grand Rapids.

A communication from Bro. J. W. Dunn, of Hubbardston Chapter, No. 16, was received and on motion referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Bro. Wm. H. Severance offered the following amendment to Section III. Article II. of the Constitution:

Insert after the word six in the first line of said Section, the words the eleventh, twelfth, thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth, which was accepted and laid over until our next annual session under the rules.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following Subordinate Chapters submitted to them and find them as follows:

No. 1.	Acacia,.....	Correct.
No. 2,	Bronson,.....	"
No. 3.	Coldwater,.....	"
No. 4,	Olive Branch,.....	"
No. 6,	Leslie,.....	"
No. 7,	Hastings,.....	"
No. 9,	Crystal,.....	Due 25 Cts.
No. 10,	Sumner,.....	Correct.
No. 11,	Palo,.....	"
No. 12,	Quincy,.....	"
No. 14,	Grand Ledge,.....	"
No. 17,	Middleville,.....	"
No. 18,	Bangor,.....	"

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No. 20, Sharon,..... "
No. 22, Ivy Leaf,..... "
No. 24, Olivet,..... "
No. 25, Woodland,..... "
No. 26, Springport,..... "
No. 27, Union,..... "
No. 28, Burr Oak,..... "
No. 29, Williamston,..... "

Also that they have examined the records of DeWitt Chapter under Dispensation and would recommend that a Charter be granted them as DeWitt Chapter, No. 30.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. S. L. MARSH,
MRS. L. A. PHILLIPS.
B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted, and Charter granted to DeWitt Chapter, No. 30.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, October 13th, 1881.

Second Day—Morning Session, 9 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was then called from refreshment to labor.

Prayer by Bro. J. P. Phillips as G. Chap.

On motion Bro. J. W. Gunnison, representative from DeWitt Chapter, No. 30, was admitted to a seat and a vote in this Grand Chapter.

On motion a Charter was granted Salt River Chapter, under Dispensation, to be known as Salt River Chapter, No. 31.

Bro. James Dockery offered the following amendment to Sections 2 and 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, which on motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence :

Resolved, That Sections 2 and 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, be amended so as to read as follows:

SEC. 2. The elective officers of a Chapter shall consist of Matron, Patron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, Associate Conductress, Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha and Electa, who shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the first day of October.

The appointed officers shall consist of Warder and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and Organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the first day of October.

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of W. M. or A. M. who has not served one term in some other elective office.

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The Committee on Pay Roll made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report the following as the amount due Grand Officers and Representatives of Subordinate Chapters for mileage:

G. W. M., 11 miles,	$ 88
G. W. P., 67 miles,	5 36
G. A. M., 106 miles,	8 48
G. A. P., 72 miles	5 76
G. Sec., 110 miles,	8 80
G. Trea., 119 miles,	9 52
G Con., 110 miles,	8 80
G. A Con., 104 miles,	8 32
G. Adah, 81 miles,	6 48
G. Ruth, 85 miles,	6 80
G. Martha, 11 miles,	88
G. Electa, 134 miles,	10 72
G. Warder, 11 miles,	88
G. Chap., 11 miles,	88
No. 1, Acacia Rep., 35 miles,	2 80
No. 2, Bronson, 119 miles,	7 75
No. 3, Coldwater, 110 miles,	8 80
No. 4, Olive Branch, 106 miles,	8 48
No. 6, Leslie, 67 miles,	5 36
No. 7, Hastings, 11 miles,	88
No. 9, Crystal, 85 miles,	6 80
No. 10, Sumner, 90 miles,	7 20
No. 11, Palo, 75 miles,	6 00
No. 12, Quincy, 104 miles,	8 32
No. 14, Grand Ledge, 72 miles,	5 76
No. 18, Bangor, 81 miles,	6 48
No. 20, Sharon, 134 miles,	10 72
No. 22, Ivy Leaf, 116 miles,	9 28
No. 25, Woodland, 24 miles,	1 92
No. 26, Springport, 59 miles,	4 72
No. 27, Union, 28 miles,	2 24
No. 28, Burr Oak, 112½ miles,	8 96
No. 29, Williamston, 72 miles,	5 76
G. P. M., Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, 106 miles	8 48
Organist, Miss Bell Throop, by vote of Grand Chapter, 11 miles	88

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. N. J. SEVERANCE,
MRS. D. A. MERRILL,
FRED ORTH,
Committee.

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On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The following preamble and resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, The time has come in the Temperance work when every person and society ought to take right grounds and show their true colors everywhere; Therefore

Resolved, That we believe in and will practice total abstinence from all that will intoxicate, and will use our most earnest endeavors to totally abolish all drinking customs and suppress the liquor traffic by the use of all moral and legal measures practicable.

B. R. ROSE,
JOHN P. PHILLIPS,
A. C. MANLY,
DANIEL STRIKER,
W. H. SEVERANCE.

Which was accepted and the following substitute offered:

Resolved, That we believe in temperance and heartily sympathize with all legitimate movements for the final and complete overthrow of the liquor trafic. That as members of this Chapter and of society, we pledge our efforts for the accomplishment of this great work.

Which was lost and the original resolution adopted.

The following accounts of the G. Sec. were presented:

To Money paid for Blank Charters,	$ 7 00
To Postage, Stationery, Exchange, &c.,	10 00
Paid for Rituals for DeWitt,	1 50
Paid for Rituals for Salt River,	1 50
	$20 00

Which on motion were received and referred to the Finance committee.

On motion the election of officers was made the special order for three o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain questions, resolutions, and propositions, would respectfully report as follows:

So much of the address of the G. W. M. as relates to the admission of an adopted daughter to the privilege of our order; we do not see how such an application could be entertained until Section 6 of Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters be so changed as is permitted by Sec. 59 of same Rules and Regulations. We would, however, earnestly recommend such as to conform to the decision of the G. W. M., believing it to be for the good of the Order.

In regard to Resolution No. 2, from Bro. J. W. Dunn, as follows: "Resolved, That there be but one P. G. officer appointed on each committee with the members from Subordinate Chapters," we would recommend that it be left with the G. W. M. to use her own judgment.

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In regard to Resolution No. 3, from same, as follows, "That all P. G. officers be admitted as members of this Grand Chapter without fees (mileage)," your committee would discourage the idea upon general principles, believing it to be for the good of the Order to encourage the Brothers and Sisters (P. G. Officers) until the number may increase so much as to make it impracticable.

In regard to the purchase of Lodge seals, would not recommend any change in the By-Laws, but would perhaps recommend leniency on behalf of Chapters who are poor financially.

We would recommend that the matter of Life Insurance as relates to this Grand Chapter or Subordinate Chapters be referred to committee on Ways and Means and Finance.

In relation to new charter for Hubbardston Chapter, we would recommend that it be referred to committee on Dispensations and Charters.

So much of the G. W. Patron's address as refers to the form for constituting new Chapters, your committee would respectfully submit the following form; That the delegate to constitute the new Chapter shall proceed as follows:

1st. Assemble all the Sisters and Brothers whose names appear in the application for charter, and administer the obligation of the Order.

2d. Cause the election to be held and install the officers.

3d. Proceed to exemplify the work for the instruction of the new officers, requiring them to do the work themselves.

In relation to Bro. Dockeray's resolution that all the officers of a Chapter be elective, except the Warder and Sentinel, &c. (Sec. 2, R. and R.), your committee would recommend its adoption with the addition of Associate Matron, which was perhaps unintentionally omitted, and also recommend that if it be adopted the names of the Warder and Sentinel be included.

The amendment to Sec. 3, Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, to wit: "No person shall be eligible to the office of W. M. or A. M. who has not served one term in some elective office;" we would roecommend its adoption.

Very respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. L. ANTHONY,
MRS. D. FULLER,
DAN W. SAWYER,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and laid on the table.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

Afternoon Session—2 P. M.

The Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

The G. W. M. announced as committee on Memorial Page in the proceedings, Sisters Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Mrs. Eliza J. Barber, and Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.

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On motion the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was taken from the table.

On motion that part in relation to Life Insurance was stricken out.

On motion of Bro. Loren Day that portion of the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in relation to a form for organizing new Chapters, was referred to a committee of three to report at our next annual session.

On motion that portion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence in relation to amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, was laid on the table.

The remaining portion of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was then adopted.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committeee on Appeals and Grievances cheerfully report that no grievances have been reported or come within our knowledge. All seems to be peace and harmony throughout this Grand Jurisdiction.

MRS. A. J. VANNETTER,
MRS. JULIA H. DAY,
JOHN C. SMITH,
Committee.

The report was accepted and adopted,

The time for the special order, the election of officers having arrived the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year:

The G. W. Matron appointed as tellers Bro. A. B. Jones, Sisters Sarah A. Parke and Ella Clark.

The following Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected.

G. W. M.—Mrs. H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.
G. W. P.—Geo. W. Matteson, Middleville.
G. A. M.—Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Coldwater.
G. A. P.—Loren Day, Jennisonville.
G. Sec.—David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas.—Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, Bay City.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

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Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would recommend that Hubbardston Chapter, No. 16, be dropped from the Grand Chapter for the non payment of dues.

MRS. S. L. MARSH,
MRS. M. T. GOODYEAR,
B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. D. B. Purinton the G. W. Patron was instructed to request Morenci Chapter, No. 5, Carson City Chapter, No. 13, Cambria Mills Chapter, No. 15, Hubbardston Chapter, No. 16, Benevolence Chapter, No. 19, and Alma Chapter, No. 21, to surrender their Charters or show cause why they have neglected for two years to make their annual reports and pay dues to this Grand Chapter.

Sister Sarah A. Parke offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Sisters and Brothers of Middleville Chapter, No. 17, for their kind welcome and unbounded liberality in the entertainment of the members of this Grand Chapter, and will ever be remembered with the kindest regards.

Which was supported by Bro. John P. Phillips and unanimously adopted.

On motion the thanks of this Grand Chapter were extended to the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, for their untiring devotion and zeal in their work during the past year.

On motion the thanks of this Grand Chapter were extended to Sister Bell Throop, for music rendered by her during this Session of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Sister Sarah A. Parke the thanks of this Grand Chapter and twenty-five dollars, was voted the Grand Secretary for his services the past year.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to draw an order for mileage in favor of Sister Bell Throop, for eigty-eight cents.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

Evening Session—7 P. M.

Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

Petition for Dispensation for Hubbardston was received and on motion granted, and the Grand Secretary instructed to issue the same upon the return of the old charter.

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On motion of Bro. D. B. Purinton, Hubbardston Chapter, Under Dispensation, were authorised to receive petitions, and the candidates worthy, to confer the degree upon their first meeting.

The special committee on Memorial Page submitted the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee to whom was referred so much of the G. W. Matron's address as relates to a Memorial Page in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, dedicated to the memory of our deceased Sisters and Brothers, would respectfully report as follows:

That the recommendation of the G. W. Matron be adopted by a rising vote of this Grand Chapter.

S. L. MARSH,
ELIZA J. BARBER,
E. L. PENDLETON,
Committee.

On motion the report was unanimously accepted and adopted by a rising vote.

On motion the Grand Secretary was instructed to draw an order on the Grand Treasurer for a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, to pay for printing the proceedings of this session of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report, which on motion was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

The committee on Finance reported the account of the Grand Secretary correct, and on motion an order was ordered drawn for twenty dollars and four cents in favor of the Grand Secretary, for postage, stationery, &c.

On motion an order was ordered drawn for two dollars and fifty cents each for the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron, for postage during the past year.

The Grand Worthy Matron elect announced the following appointments:

G. Con.—Miss Ella Clark, Leslie.
G. A. Con.—Mrs. Sarah M. Nyman, Bangor.
G. Adah—Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Bronson.
G. Ruth—Mrs. A. J. Vannetter, Williamston.
G. Esther—Miss Alice Jones, Grand Ledge.
G. Martha—Miss Bell Throop, Hastings.
G. Electa—Mrs. Agnes Allen, Springport.
G. Warder—Mrs. C. H. Cowden, Rockford.

The Grand Worthy Patron elect announced the following appointments:

G. Chap.—Bro. John P. Phillips, Woodland.
G. Marshal—Bro. Fred Orth, Palo.
G. Sen.—Bro. Eli B. Throop, Hastings.

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The report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Finance Committee.

On motion it was voted that the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter be held at Masonic Hall in Hastings, Barry county, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1882.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means made the following report:

To the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your committee on Finance and Ways and Means would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submitted to them and find them correct, as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year, as per his report,	$346 50
Paid Grand Treasurer,	$346 50
That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year:	
Balance on hand,	$ 45 03
From Grand Secretary,	346 50
Total received,	$391 53
The Grand Treasurer has paid orders of the Grand Chapter as follows:	
Printing proceedings,	$ 40 00
Mileage as per Pay Roll,	209 95
Grand Secretary, services 1881,	25 00
G. W. Matron, postage,	2 50
G. W. Patron, postage,	2 50
Total paid by Grand Treasurer,	$299 99
Balance on hand,	91 54

The Grand Officers were then duly installed by the G. W. Matron, Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose.

P. G. M. Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal.

On motion Bros. B. R. Rose, P. G. Patron, Travers Phillips, P. G. Patron, and Sister Eliza J. Barber, P. G. Matron, were appointed a committee to prepare a form for constituting new Chapters.

No further business appearing the Grand Chapter closed in due form, to meet in Hastings, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1882, pt 12 o'clock M.

DAVID B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER.	W. MATRON.	SECRETARY.	POST OFFICE.	INITIATIONS.	DIMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
No. 1—Acacia,	Helen Cowden,	H. N. Stinson,	Rockford,	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	66	$18 25
No. 2—Bronson,	Nellie S. Corey,	Alpheus Clark,	Bronson.	2	3	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	29	6 30
No. 3—Coldwater,	Mrs. D. Fuller,	Mrs. G. T. Culver,	Coldwater,	13	1	.....	.....	5	3	....	130	35 75
No. 4—Olive Branch,	Mrs. L. S. Putney,	Miss Clara Sturgis,	Sturgis,	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	47	13 00
No. 5—Morenci,	Libbie Sweeney,	Henry S. Wyman,	Morenci,	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	49	.....
No. 6—Leslie,	Mrs. M. Woodworth,	Miss Ella Clark,	Leslie,	2	2	.....	4	.....	.....	....	56	12 00
No, 7—Hastings,	Mrs. Mary Goodyear,	Mrs. W. Hitchcock,	Hastings,	5	2	.....	19	.....	3	.....	106	27 75
No. 8—Leonard,	Mrs. M. E. Phillips,	A. R. Knowles,	Ransom,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	
No. 9—Crystal,	Mrs. E. D. Throop,	Mrs. H. S. Beach	Crystal,	.....	2	.....	18	3	2	.....	23	5 75
No. 10—Sumner,	Mary Story,	Edna Johnson,	Elm Hall,	6	5	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	29	8 75
No. 11—Palo,	Mrs. Sarah C. Orth,	Joel H. Jones,	Palo,	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	26	6 50
No. 12—Quincy,	Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	Clara E. Skinner,	Quincy,	2	.....	.....	9	1	.....	.....	53	13 75
No. 13—Carson City,	Mrs. M. J. Minor,	S. E. Burgderfer,	Carson City,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	
No. 14—Grand Ledge,	Miss Alice Jones,	Mrs. S. M. Messenger,	Grand Ledge,	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	19 25
No. 15—Cambria Mills,	Mrs. H. M. Fink,	C. S. Marsh,	Cambria Mills,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	
No. 17—Middleville,	Mrs. A. A. Matteson,	Myrta A. Fullerton,	Middleville	4	3	.....	6	.....	1	1	59	15 75
No. 18—Bangor,	Mrs. May Foster,	Lizzie Bidwell,	Bangor,	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	21 75
No. 19—Benevolence,	Mrs. Hortensia Stickney,	Mary Galbraith	Hartford,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	
No. 20—Sharon,	Mrs. Louisa A. Teall,	A. L. Stewart,	Bay City,	3	1	1	7	.....	.....	3	107	27 50
No, 21—Alma,	Ella Webb,	Michael Polasky,	Alma,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
No. 22—Ivy Leaf,	Mrs. Abbie Richey,	R. D. Tift,	California	1	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	42	10 75
No. 23—Lake View,	Mrs. V. J. Mortin,	J. M. Wood,	Lake View,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	
No. 24—Olivet,	Mrs. A. D. Martin	Mrs. H. A. Beckwith,	Olivet,	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	6 00
No. 25—Woodland,	Mrs. Frank Stowell,	H. J. Stowell,	Woodland,	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	5 25
No. 26—Springport,	Agnes Allen,	Sylvarna Lamb,	Springport,	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	42	10 50
No. 27—Union,	Mrs. Julia H. Day,	Mrs. E. P. Donaldson,	Jennisonville,	6	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	30	9 00
No. 28—Burr Oak,	Mrs. Mary E. Himebaugh,	Miss Viola E. Nichols,	Burr Oak,	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	32	10 00
No. 29—Williamston,	Mrs. A. J. Vannetter	W. P. Ainsley,	Williamston,	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	11 00
No. 30—DeWitt,	Mrs. Ella L. Lawrenee,	Miss Edith Williams,	DeWitt,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	
No. 31—Salt River,	Mrs. M. Murtha,	M. Martha,	Salt River	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	
U. D.—Hubbardston,	Mrs. J. W. Dunn.	Samuel Davis,	Hubbardston,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....
Total				104	20	1	74	10	11	14	1400	$296.55

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IN MEMORY OF

OUR DECEASED SISTERS AND BROTHERS.

ACCACIA, No. 1,
BRO. N. E. DOWNEY.

BRONSON, No. 2.
SISTER MARY JANE SAGE.

COLDWATER, No. 3,
BRO. WM. J. JONES,
BRO. ALONZO J. MUNYON,
BRO. ALFRED J. FOSTER.

HASTINGS, No. 7.
SISTER JULIA A. WIGHTMAN,
SISTER SARAH BARNES,
SISTER MARY CRAMER.

CRYSTAL, No. 9.
BRO. JEROME BEACH,
BRO. ARTEMAS GRINNELL.

MIDDLEVILLE, No. 17.
SISTER LUCINDA L. LEWIS.

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CONSTITUTION

Of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known by the name and style of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM IT CONSISTS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductoress' Associate Grand Conductoress, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, together with the Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons (or their proxies regularly appointed) of all Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, whose official character shall be duly certified to the Grand Chapter by the several secretaries of their respective Chapters, and such Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, as shall remain in good standing in some subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. All the above named Grand Officers shall be Sisters, except the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron; provided that the Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary and Grand Sentinel, may be either Sister or Brother.

SEC. 3. The first six officers above named shall be elected, the remaining to be appointed by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

SEC. 4. The foregoing Grand officers, Past Grand officers and Delegates only shall be entitled to vote and take part in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. They shall have but one vote each on every question, except the presiding officer, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote; provided, that any member may call for a vote by Chapters, when each Chapter shall be entitled to as many votes as it is entitled to representatives, which may be cast by one or more of them.

ARTICLE III.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 1. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter, in this jurisdiction, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Chapter, subject to the restrictions contained in Section two, Article two; provided

that no one shall be elected Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Patron or Associate Grand Patron, unless he or she be a Past Matron or Past Patron of some Subordinate Chapter of the Order.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER

SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter being supreme in all matters appertaining to its affairs, has the sole right to superintend and govern all Chapters of the Order within its jurisdiction. It has power to grant dispensations and charters for forming and holding new Chapters and to extend or revoke the same; to enact rules and regulations, issue edicts, and to amend or repeal the same; to discipline, censure, suspend or annul Chapters for wilful violation or infringment of the constitution, regulations or edicts of this Grand Chapter, to decide all appeals from Subordinate Chapters, their officers, or the officers and committees of this Grand Chapter, to exercise all rights of sovereiguty within the limits of its jurisdiction, subject to the General Grand Chapter; and all powers not specially delegated to Subordinate Chapters are inherent in and reserved to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

TIME OF MEETING.

SEC. 1. There shall be one annual meeting of the Grand Chapter beginning at 12 o'clock, M., on the second Wednesday in October of each and every year, at such place as shall be agreed upon at any annual meeting.

SEC, 2. Special meetings may be ordered by the Grand Matron, or in her absence or disability, by the Grand Patron, at such time or place as in her or his opinion the interests of the Order require; provided that each Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be notified at least thirty days previous to such called meetings, and no business except such specified in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

SEC. 1. Representatives or proxies, regularly appointed, of five Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons of Subordinate Chapters, to attend all meetings of the Grand Chapter, and they shall present to the Grand Chapter a certificate from the Secretary, authenticated by the seal of their respective Chapters, of their election and installation into office.

SEC. 2. A Proxy may be appointed to represent the Chapter by either of the delegates, but such proxy must be a member of the Chapter represented, and must present a certificate of such appointment, duly authenticated.

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ARTICLE VIII.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Matron shall open, preside over and close the Grand Chapter, appoint all committees not otherwise specially appointed; see that the Rules and Regulations of the Order are strictly enforced and that the officers faithfully perform their respective duties, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require. She has power to convene a Chapter within this jurisdiction (in person or by proxy), to preside therein, to inspect the proceedings and require conformity to the laws of order; to suspend. for good cause, for a limited period or until the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and to require the attendance of and information from, any Grand officers respecting her or his office. She shall decide all questions of law and usage submitted to her; subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Chapter, and until such decisions and opinions are reversed by the Grand Chapter, they shall be in force and binding as between the parties thereto. During the vacation of the Grand Chapter she shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as they are made the duty of the Grand Patron; she shall report to the Grand Chapter at each annual meeting all her official acts. She may call upon the Grand Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 2. The Grand Patron shall assist and advise the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties. He has power to grant Dispensations for new Chapters upon proper application; provided no new Chapter shall be formed in any town or city where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town or city; to delegate authority to confer the degrees, at sight, upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns and cities, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter. He shall preside whenever called upon by the Grand Matron, and in the absence of both the Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron, he shall call the Grand Chapter to order, and appoint some Past Matron present to act as Grand Matron *pro tem.*

SEC. 3. The Associate Grand Matron shall assist the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties; be subject to the order of the Grand Chapter and her superior officers; and in case of the death, absence, or disability of the Grand Matron, she will assume her powers and prerogatives, and discharge her duties.

SEC. 4. The Associate Grand Patron shall assist the Grand Patron in the discharge of his duties; be subject to the order of his superior officers and the Grand Chapter; and in case of the death, absence, or disability of the Grand Patron, he shall asume his duties.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter, to collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay the same promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking her receipt for the same; to make annually a report in writing, or oftener if required by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, of the amount collected; to execute such orders as may be issued by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, and to deliver to his or her successor in office,

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all books. papers, and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, in her or his possession.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the hands of the Grand Secretary, and give her receipt therefor. Shall pay all orders from the monies on hand, as may be directed by the Grand Chapter, carefully number and file all vouchers, and annually, or oftener if required by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, make in writing a full statement, at the same time, the book and vouchers to the Grand Chapter for examination. She shall deliver to her successor in office all books, vouchers, papers and moneys, or other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, which may be in her hands.

SEC. 7. The remaining Grand Officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, and such as may be assigned them by the Grand Matron, or the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. All officers shall be elected or appointed annually, and installed after the regular business of the Grand Chapter shall have been completed; provided, the installation ceremonies may be public or private, as may be determined by the Grand Chapter. No officer shall officiate in her or his station until she or he has been legally installed.

ARTICLE X.

DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 1. During the recess of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Patron may grant Dispensations, attested by the Grand Secretary, and authenticated by the seal of the Grand Chapter, for the formation of new Chapters. Such Dispensation shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, when, if their work is approved, such Chapters shall receive Charters with an additional fee of five Dollars.

SEC. 2. No Charter shall be granted a new Chapter until the Grand Chapter shall be satisfied that the proposed officers are thoroughly qualified to discharge their duties properly.

SEC. 3. Chapters under Dispensation shall have all the rights and privileges of chartered Chapters, except to be represented in this Grand Chapter, and to elect and install officers.

ARTICLE XI.

REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources, viz: For every Dispensation, including three copies of the Ritual, ten dollars.

SEC. 2. Every Chapter shall pay annually to the Grand Chapter on or before the 1st day of October, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it on the 1st day of September preceeding, and twenty-five cents for each initiation during the year; and no Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

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ARTICLE XII.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Each Subordinate Chapter shall send to the Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of October of each year, an abstract of its proceedings for the year ending September 1st next preceeding. This report shall include the names of the officers last elected and installed, the number last initiated, the number affiliated, the number withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died, and the number of remaining members, setting out the names of each class in full alphabetical order, making a distinction by prefixing the title Mrs. or Miss to the names of sisters.

SEC. 2. Any Chapter failing to make such report, and pay Grand Chapter dues for two consecutive years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the Grand Chapter shall forfeit its charter, at the discretion of the Grand Chapter—and it is made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

PAY OF GRAND OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 1. The Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, and Worthy Matrons of each Subordinate Chapter, shall receive from the funds of the Grand Chapter such sums as it may appropriate for attending to the business and meetings of the Grand Chapter; provided, no such payment for attending the meetings of this Grand Chapter shall exceed eight cents per mile for the distance by the nearest traveled route from the location of the Subordinate Chapter to which such Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer or W. Matron belongs, to the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter; and, provided further, that no W. Matron shall be paid a greater amount than the dues paid by her Chapter to the Grand Chapter for that year.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees of the Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specified duties, to-wit:

On Credentials.—The committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name and number of the Chapter represented.

On Finance and Ways and Means.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Finance and Ways and Means to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also to take into consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which in their opinion will be for the benefit financially of the Grand Chapter.

Unfinished Business.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous annual meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

On Pay Roll.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Pay Roll to

ascertain and report the amount due each representative and member of the Grand Chapter.

On Jurisprudence.—The committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the constitution, by-laws and general regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage and make report thereon in writing to the Grand Chapter.

On Appeals and Grievances.—It shall be the duty of the committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance when presented to them, with such recommendations for the action of the Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

On Dispensations and Charters.—The committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the returns of chartered Chapters and their by-laws, when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the Grand Chapter with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and by-laws of all Chapters under dispensation, and the proceedings of the Grand Officers, granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional and report to the Grand Chapter with their recommendations.

On Foreign Correspondence.—The committee on Foreign Correspondence shall have the charge of all matters of foreign correspondence referred to them, review all the printed or written proceedings emanating from other Grand Chapters, and report to the Grand Chapter by resolution or otherwise.

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing at an annual meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, they shall lie over until the next annual meeting, when, if adopted by a majority vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

For Conducting the Business of the Grand Chapter.

1. At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Matron shall take the chair at 12 o'clock M., and if there is a constitutional number of Chapters represented, see that the Grand officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.*, and open the Grand Chapter in usual form. The Grand Matron immediately after opening the Grand Chapter at each annual meeting, shall appoint the Standing Committee on credentials, to consist of three members.

2. After the Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires. They shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

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3. The business of the Grand Chapter (unless otherwise directed,) shall be disposed of as follows, viz:

1. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
2. Annual address of Grand Matron.
3. Annual address of Grand Patron.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Report of Special Committees.
7. Report of Secretary.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Installation of Officers.

4. All committees shall be appointed by the Grand Matron, and consist of three members each,—the first named to be Chairman, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Chapter.

5. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Grand Secretary and read, with the name of the mover indorsed thereon; when, upon being duly seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

6. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the Constitution or by consent of the Grand Chapter.

7, All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

8. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter.

9. Any member may call for a division of a question if divisible, and three may demand a vote by yeas and nays.

10. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, except the report of the committee on pay roll, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the committee on Finance.

11. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

12. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer, before they shall be open for debate or action. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

13. Any member persisting in the violation of these rules of order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

14. Parliamentary law, not in conflict with the foregoing regulations, shall govern the deliberations of the Grand Chapter.

15. These regulations may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the Government of Subordinate Chapters of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 1. Every Subordinate Chapter must have a Charter or dispensation from this Grand Chapter, or a dispensation from the Grand Patron, attested by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter or dispensation, nor shall Chapters outside this jurisdiction be considered legal or regula unless they hold an unreclaimed dispensation or charter from a Grand Chapter having jurisdiction, or from the General Grand Chapter; and all communications, public or private, by Chapters of this jurisdiction, or the members thereof with such illegal Chapters is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

SEC. 2. The Elective Officers of a Chapter shall consist of Matron, Patron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress, and shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the first day of October. The appointed officers shall consist of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warder and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and Organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the first day of October.

SEC. 3. No person shall be eligible for the office of Matron or Associate Matron who has not served at least one term upon one of the five points of the Star.

SEC. 4. Vacancies in the elective offices, except Matron, Patron and Associate Matron, may be filled by ballot at a stated meeting, the members being summoned for that purpose.

SEC. 5. The presence of the Dispensation or Charter, one of the first three officers, and SIX other members, are indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business.

SEC. 6. No person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, by initiation or affiliation but Master Masons, their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, and widows. Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age. No person shall be a member of more than one Chapter; nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a Chapter until all dues and indebtedness are paid or remitted.

SEC. 7. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than one dollar, which amount shall accompany the petition.

SEC. 8. All petitions for initiation or membership, shall be in writing, signed by the applicant and two members of the Chapter, accompanied by the initiation fee, which petition shall be presented at a regular meeting, be reported to a committee for investigation, and lay over until the next regular meeting.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Investigating committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and, if a lady,

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also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report in writing; and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter, at the written request of the petitioner, at any time before balloting.

SEC. 10. A separate ballot must be taken on every petition for membership or the degrees, which must be inviolably secret, without debate, and no inquiries permitted or statements made as to the character of any one's vote. One or more negative votes reject the applicant. In case but one negative vote appears, the Matron shall order a second ballot, which shall be final. Every member present must vote.

SEC. 11. After an applicant for initiation or membership shall have been rejected, the petition may be renewed at the next stated meeting. No rejected applicant shall be initiated by any other Chapter without the consent of the rejecting Chapter.

SEC. 12. Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own By-Laws; provided they do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules or Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 13. The Matron shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter, except when the degrees are being conferred; see that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced; appoint all committees, and see that the offiers faithfully perform all their duties. She may call upon the Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 14. The Patron shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter; advise with and assist the other officers; preside during the conferring of the degrees, and whenever invited to do so by the Matron.

SEC. 15. The Associate Matron shall perform the duties appertaining to her office, and, in the absence of the Matron, assume her powers, duties, and prerogatives.

SEC. 16. The remaining officers shall perform the duties indicated by their several titles and stations, be subject to the order of the Chapter and to their superior officers.

SEC. 17. Every Chapter shall, within one year from the date of its Charter, procure a seal, with the name, number, and location of the Chapter, and such other device as it may deem proper, engraved thereon, and no document emanating from such Chapter shall be deemed authentic without the seal affixed.

SEC. 18. The jurisdiction of Chapters, for all purposes, shall extend to a point geographically half way between them, provided that in towns and cities where two or more Chapters shall be organized, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction, and it shall be the duty of each and every Chapter to take cognizance of the conduct of every member of the order within its jurisdiction—whether affiliated or not—for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the laws of the Order, and maintaining its good name.

SEC. 19. Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, or a violation of the laws of the State or of the United States, is an offense against the principles of this Order, and must be promptly dealt with.

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SEC. 20. Any member of the Order who disobeys the order of the presiding officer, or in any many manner disturbes the harmony of the Chapter, must be held to a strict account therefor, and upon a repetition of the offense, suspended for a definite time from the privileges of the order,

SEC. 21. Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues for two or more consecutive years, may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order, by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter at any stated meeting.

SEC. 22. The only penalties recognized are four:

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite time.
3. Suspension indefinitely.
4. Expulsion.

SEC. 23. No member can be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, for any crime whatever, except upon written charges and specifications, and ten days notice of the time and place of trial; except as heretofore provided in Section 21, for non-payment of dues.

SEC. 24. Any affiliated member has the right to prefer charges, but in no case can this right be extended to one who is not affiliated.

SEC. 25. Complaints against a Matron or Patron for official misconduct, must be made to the Grand Matron, during vacation, or the Grand Chapter while in session.

SEC. 26. Charges against a Matron or Patron, for any offense not growing out of the discharge of her or his official duties, must be made to the Grand Matron, and if approved by her she will fix a time for trial, and notify the Chapter with a copy of the charges and specifications, and instruct the Secretary of the Chapter to serve a copy upon the accused, at which time she or her deputy shall preside.

SEC. 27. In all things relating to the trial of a Matron or Patron, by his or her Chapter, except as otherwise specified in these Rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members.

SEC. 28. All charges must be made in writing, signed by the party making them, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the accusation and the time and place of its commission, including the names of witnesses. It shall be presented at a stated meeting, read in open Chapter, and spread upon the record. The presiding officer shall then set a time for trial, and order the Secretary to serve upon the accused a true copy of the charges, and notify him or her of the time set for trial.

SEC. 29. Upon the trial of a Sister, at the request of a majority of the Sisters present, the Brethren shall retire; and upon the trial of a Brother, at the request of a majority of the Brethren present, the Sisters shall retire.

SEC. 30. The Secretary may serve the notice either in person or by mail; but when sent by mail twenty days shall be allowed for the accused to receive it.

SEC. 31. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are members of the Order, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by the Secretary when ordered by the Matron or Chapter.

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SEC. 32. At the time set for trial, if the accused fails to appear in person or by counsel, or has absconded before notice is served, the presiding officer may continue the case to some future time, or appoint a competent member to appear for the accused and hear and decide upon the case as though the accused were present.

SEC. 33. Should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charge and specification, no further evidence is necessary, and the Chapter shall at once proceed to affix the penalty.

SEC. 34. Any affiliated member of the Order may act as Counsel for the accused or the Chapter.

SEC. 35. All charges must be heard and decided by the Chapter; in no case can this be left to a committee.

SEC. 36. The accused, when on trial, cannot be allowed to vote on any question growing out of her or his case.

SEC. 37. After the evidence shall have been presented, and the prosecution and defendant, by themselves or counsel, have had an opportunity of being heard, the defendant shall retire, and the Chapter shall proceed to decide by taking a seperate ballot upon each charge and specification; first, whether the accused is guilty or not guilty, as charged, and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the penalty, commencing with the highest grade and so on down until some penalty is determined on.

SEC. 38. Should definite suspension be decided upon, the time must be fixed upon motion, but the longest time must be voted upon first.

SEC. 39. Should the Chapter refuse by a majority vote to inflict any penalty, after having voted on each grade, the Secretary shall, within three days, certify the fact to the Grand Matron, who may arrest the Charter of the Chapter.

SEC. 40. The rules of evidence shall be so far as applicable the same as in courts of law, except that no oath or affirmation shall be required of witnesses.

SEC. 41. When a witness is a non-resident, and cannot attend in person before the Chapter, her or his evidence may be taken before a Matron or Patron, certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the witness may reside, both the accused and the accuser having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

SEC. 42. The accused shall be a competent witness, but shall not be required by the Chapter to give evidence unless he or she shall offer to testify.

SEC. 43. The evidence of members of the Order who may not be able to attend the trial, and of persons not members of the Order, shall be taken in writing by a committee appointed by the presiding officer, of which both parties shall have notice.

SEC. 44. At the time and place appointed the committee shall proceed to take the evidence of such witnesses, and after reading to each her or his evidence in the case, request her or him to sign the same. The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Chapter at the time of trial.

SEC. 45. All the evidence given must be reduced to writing and preserved by the Secretary.

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SEC. 46. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony offered, and all points of law and order that may be raised.

SEC. 47. The suspension of a member precludes for the time being all privileges and benefits of the Order whatever.

SEC. 48. A sentence of suspension or expulsion will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until reversed by the Chapter or the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 49. Any one refusing to submit to the penalty of reprimand, is subject to discipline, and, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 50. The expiration of time for which a member stands suspended, restores her or him to all the rights and privileges which she or he possessed before the trial.

SEC. 51. The payment of dues—for non-payment of which a member was suspended—restores him or her to full membership; but to restore to that condition a member who has been suspended or expelled for any other cause, shall require a petition for restoration received at a previous stated meeting, which must have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of investigation, when it shall require a majority vote to restore one suspended, and a unanimous vote one who has been expelled.

SEC. 52. A Chapter may remit the dues of a member, for non-payment of which she or he was suspended, and thereby restore her or him to membership.

SEC. 53. Any member who has been expelled or indefinitely suspended, may be restored to membership by the Chapter pronouncing the sentence; or if said Chapter has ceased to exist, then by the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

SEC. 54. A new trial may be granted by the Chapter that tried the cause, when a member has been suspended or expelled, in the following cases, and upon the following conditions:

1. Upon newly discovered evidence, which would indicate, with reasonable certainty, a change in the finding of the Chapter.
2. When the finding of a Chapter is contrary to the evidence, and law, and usage, or the penalty excessive.

SEC. 55. Application for a new trial must be made in writing, and contain a statement of the causes upon which the application is founded. be presented within ninety days after the trial was had, or within ninety days after the accused is informed of the action of the Chapter.

SEC. 56. Application for a new trial shall be addressed to the Chapter, and in all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules shall govern as in the first instances.

SEC. 57. Any member feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter or the presiding officer, may appeal to the Grand Chapter within one year from the date of such decision, by filing her or his prayer therefor in writing, with the Secretary of the Chapter, stating therein the error or decision appealed from; when it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out a full, true and complete copy of all the proceedings had, and

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evidence taken in the case, and certify to the same, together with a copy of the appeal to the Grand Secretary, within sixty days after said application is made.

SEC. 58. The Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, on receipt of the transcript and appeal, shall proceed to examine the same upon the papers and evidence so transmitted, and without additional testimony, shall decide the cause by confirming the judgment already rendered, or remanding the cause for a new trial, with instructions how to proceed, provided, that an appeal will lie from the decision of the Grand Matron to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 59. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed at any annual meeting, by the amendment being proposed in writing, referred to, and reported upon by the committee on Jurisprudence, and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 60. It is hereby made the duty of all Subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to so amend their By-Laws as to conform in all respects to these Regulations.

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G. W, M.—Mrs. H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.
G, W. P.—Geo. W. Matteson, Middleville.
G. A. M.—Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Coldwater.
G. A. P.—Loren Day, Jennisonville.
G, Sec.—David B. Purinton, Coldwater.
G. Treas.—Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, Bay City.
G. Con.—Miss Ella Clark, Leslie.
G. A. Con.—Mrs. Sarah M. Nyman, Bangor.
G. Adah—Mrs. Lizzie Clark, Bronson.
G. Ruth—Mrs. A. J. Vannetter, Williamston,
G. Esther—Miss Alice Jones, Grand Ledge.
G. Martha—Miss Bell Throop, Hastings.
G. Electa—Mrs. Agnes Allen, Springport.
G. Warder—Mrs. C. H. Cowden, Rockford.
G. Sentinel—Eli B. Throop, Hastings.
G. Chap.—John P, Phillips, Woodland.
G. Marshal—Fred Orth, Palo.

The next session of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, will meet in Hastings, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1882, at 12 o'clock M.

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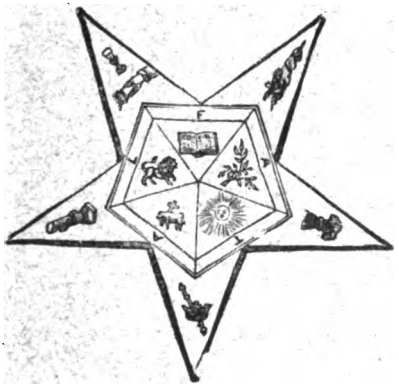

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MRS. H. L. ANTHONY,

Past Grand Matron.

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EASTERN STAR

—OF—

The State of Michigan

—AT—

Its Fourth Annual Meeting as the Grand Chapter and the Sixteenth Annual Meeting as the

GRAND LODGE OF ADOPTIVE MASONRY

—CONVENED AT—

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G. A. M.	Mrs. Mary A. Watrous	Bay City.
G. A. P.	Loren Day	Jennisonville.
G. Sec.	Dan W. Sawyer	Quincy.
G. Treas.	Mrs. E. L. Pendleton	Sturgis.
G. Con.	Mrs. N. J. Severance	Middleville.
G. A. Con.	Mrs. Geo. F. Foster	Bangor.
G. Adah	Mrs. Sylverna Lamb	Springport.
G. Ruth	Mrs. Eliza J. Burch	Rockford.
G. Ester	Mrs. Julia H. Day	Jennisonville.
G. Martha	Mrs. Esther A. Robson	Williamston.
G. Electa	Mrs. C. J. Chappell	Olivet.
G. Chaplain	Rev. R. D. Clark	Bronson.
G. Warder	Mrs. M. Boyce	Nashville.
G. Marshal	Mrs. S. L. Marsh	Quincy.
G. Sentinel	Wm. R. Worden	Coldwater.

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PROCEEDINGS.

Of the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan. Being the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

MASONIC HALL, HASTINGS, MICHIGAN.
Wednesday, October 11th, 1882.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, and the vote of the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Session in Hastings, Michigan, Wednesday, October 11th, 1882, at 12 o'clock, M.

Present:—

Mrs. H. L. Anthony—G. W. M.
Geo. W. Matteson—G. W. P.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill—G. A. M.
Loren Day—G. A. P.
Mrs. D. B. Purinton—as G. Secretary.
Mrs. Sarah E. Parke—G. Treasurer.
Miss Ella Clark—G. Con.
Mrs. Sarah M. Nyman—G. A. Con.
Mrs. Lizzie Clark—G. Adah.
Mrs. A. J. Vannetter—G. Ruth.
Miss Alice Jones—G. Esther.
Miss Bell Throop—G. Martha.
Mrs. M. A. Graham—as G. Electa.
Mrs. N. J. Severance—as G. Warder.
Eli B. Throop—G. Sentinel.
John P. Phillips—G. Chaplain.
Fred Orth—G. Marshal.

And Sisters and Brothers.

Roll of Chapters called and found a quorum represented.

The Grand Chapter was then opened in due form and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The G. W. Matron appointed Bro. John P. Phillips and Sisters

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Mrs. Geo. F. Foster and Mrs. E. L. Pendleton as Committee on Credentials.

Sister Lizzie Clark was then installed as Grand Adah by the G. W. Matron.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:00 P. M.

The Grand Chapter Called from refreshment to labor.

Sister Bell Throop on behalf of Hastings Chapter, No. 7, gave the following:

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

My Friends, Officers, Members and Visitors of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

We bid you to-day a hearty welcome to our city and our homes, and it is with great pleasure that in behalf of our Chapter, I welcome you to our Hall. The year since last we met has been fraught, as all years are, with joys and sorrows. Some of us have seen only sunshine, others have walked in a clouded way. But we are banded together for the express purpose of relieving the distressed, and it is certainly no less our duty to rejoice with those who do rejoice than to weep with those who weep. I doubt not, dear friends, that many a cloudy way has been brightened and many a sunny path made happier by your works of love. To us the year just closed has been a comparatively prosperous one, and a goodly number of golden links has been added to the chain that binds us so closely in bands of love. We hope you too, have seen a happy and prosperous year and that the years to come may be filled with increasing joys. May our numbers increase and our Order become a power for good in the world. Again, hoping that your stay with us may be a pleasant one, we welcome you very cordially to Hastings Chapter No. 7.

Past Grand Patron Wm. H. Severance, of Middleville Chapter No. 17, made a very cordial response to the address of welcome on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Worthy Matron then read the following:

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ADDRESS.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER:—In our onward march upon the well trodden pathway of life, we are by the mercy of "Him who doeth all things well" permitted to mark one more milestone passed; faithfully flickering like the more distant stars the old year passed away, looking into its stern darkness we find the ineffacable records of its pleasures and disappointments, its happiness and sorrows, its good and bad deeds. But with us of the mystic Order the past is a glory, the future a hope. And let every Chapter hold aloft its beacon which shall shed the pure rays of charity and love upon all, and be the year old or new, let the Star of our State shine brightly amid the many others, so that all beholding its brillant rays may exclaim, "behold the brightest of them all." Let us accomplish this by mutual instruction and assistance not waiting for an opporunity of doing some heroic deed, for the little cares of life bravely borne are mightiest in the aggregate, a sympathetic word spoken, a single sorrow relieved, when the storms of adversity assail us, will lay up for ourselves treasures which in the last hour will prove imperishable and unfading, still living when the earth and stars are passed away; so the little courtesies that make up life, the genial smile, the friendly welcome, not alone within our Chapter walls; but there and elsewhere should be characteristic of our Order, we should refrain from speaking words of disparagement. Let us cultivate each others acquaintance that we may work harmoniously, may we be true to our convictions of right and duty, honor, justice, fidelity, hospitality, and by so doing prove faithful to our Order. In regard to the prosperity of our Grand Chapter we find that people of intelligence are still knocking at its doors for admittance. In accordance with the requirements of this organization I give you the following account of all my official acts:

November 7th I granted a special dispensation to Burr Oak Chapter No. 28 to confer the degrees upon a candidate November 12th, one week from the time of receiving the petition, as the applicant wished to go west. On the 17th of November I received a communication from J. W. Gunnison, of De Witt Chapter, No. 30, requesting me to appoint Brother A. C. Manly P. G. W. P. to install their officers. On Friday, December 2d, I deputized Brother Manly to do so, and he afterwards wrote informing me that he had been to install them and found them very enthusiastic and in a prosperous condition. I received. January 4th, a communication from Brother H. N. Stinson, of Acacia No. 1, asking me to organize a Chapter at Cedar Springs. As I did not wish to usurp the authority of the Grand Patron I sent the letter to him, and wrote to Bro.

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Stinson that the Grand Worthy Patron would give it his immediate attention. I received, January 6th, a reply from Brother Matteson saying that he had forwarded the petition. I received, January 31st, a communication from Sister S. E. Vannetter, of Williamston Chapter No. 29, asking for instruction in reference to holding a Chapter of Sorrow on the death of Brother Lamb. I replied that it would be proper to pass a series of resolutions referring to the life and death of Brother Lamb at any regular meeting. On the 17th of March I received a communication from Huldah Beach, of Crystal Chapter No. 9, stating that their Chapter rooms had been burned with all its contents. I replied that the Grand Chapter would provide them with a new Charter gratis. I then wrote to the Grand Worthy Patron concerning it. May 1st I granted a special dispensation to Williamston Chapter No. 29 to initiate two candidates without waiting the time prescribed by law, as the Secretary being absent the petitions were overlooked. June 20th I received a card from Sister Ella Clark, of Leslie, stating that she was discouraged about their Chapter and doubted their ability to continue it. I wrote an appropriate reply. On the 29th day of August I received a communication from Sister Teal of Bay City, stating that they had removed from Masonic Temple on Center street Bay City to the rooms of Portsmouth Lodge No. 190, for the brethren of the former Lodge insisted upon their paying an exorbitant rent which they felt unable to give, and asked if they did right in moving, yes or no. I answered Yes. They also desired me to give them permission to elect their officers at any regular meeting prior to the Grand Chapter, to this I replied No, as the Rules and Regulations provide that the officers must be elected and installed on or before the first day of October. On the 5th day of October I granted a special dispensation to Springport Chapter No. 26 to hold their election on October 9th, as they had failed to legally elect and install their officers at the time prescribed by the Grand Chapter. I received March 4th an invitation from Sister Himebaugh, W. M. to visit Burr Oak Chapter No. 28. I went with a delegation of four, and found a large and pleasant Chapter there. August 22d I visited Coldwater Chapter No. 3 and found a prosperous Chapter the largest in the State, and the members, like Electa, generous and hospitable. For courtesies and kindnesses shown me in the Chapters that I have visited they have my grateful thanks. I am happy to announce to you that I found these Chapters thriving and prosperous, the work, I assure you, is safe in their hands. I would ask all Matrons and Patrons to insist on the work being committed to memory. Be regular in attendance at the subordinate as well as the Grand Chapter. Neither subordinate nor Grand officers should be dilatory in this respect. My predecessor, in her annual address at the last session recommended that the Rules and Regulations sections sixth, for the government of subordinate Chapter

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be so amended as to make eligible to membership in the Order the legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason. In my opinion this would be eminently fitting and proper, and hope you may take action at this session looking to its adoption. We are very much in need of blanks for the transaction of business for the Grand Chapter. I would recommend that some action be taken at this session to supply them. During the past year death has visited the precincts of Olive Branch Chapter and taken with remorseless hand one of our most faithful workers Sister Margaret E. Blackwood. We realize as never before the beauty and appropriateness of our burial ceremony. The grim messenger has also visited our General Grand Chapter and taken one of its most brilliant stars. I refer to Brother Thomas M. Lamb, whose death occurred December 29th, A. D. 1881, after an illness of only five days. He received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star in September 1869, and acted as Worthy Patron for four years. He was elected Grand Secretary of the State of Massachusetts, December, 1876, and held that office three years. In 1879 he was elected Grand Patron of his native State and served in that capacity two years. On the 10th of May 1878 he was called to fill the exalted position of Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, serving with the same fidelity and zeal that had always characterized him until August 20th 1880. His life needs no other eulogy than this.

And now in conclusion Sisters and Brothers let us each resolve as we go from this Grand Chapter, to make our subordinate Chapters better. Many Chapters are large and flourishing for a time, and having no object to work for, lose interest and run down. At such a time, commence working for some object that will interest the members, either something to embelish the Chapter rooms, replenish the regalia, or, better still to assist in the maintainance of orphans or needy Sisters and Brothers. In retiring from the powers and duties of my exalted position I desire to express an acknowledgment for the courtesy, respect and consideration bestowed upon me in my official and social relations. These associations carry no regret, save in their non-renewal, but are charged with those pleasant memories, the fragrance of whose recollections will come to me constantly and happily throughout the remainder of life.

Sisters and Brothers, I am not unmindful of the distinguished honors you have conferred upon me, and no language of mine can adequately express a declaration of your kindness which a grateful memory will ever cherish. If my labors on your behalf shall receive your approbation I am amply rewarded, and when time shall cause the resumption of my original position among you it will be my pleasure animated by loyalty to truth, with the harshness of experience softened by passing years, to make efforts after greater, higher and better results in the future for the honor, prosperity

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and grandeur of our beloved Order, and as we have been called to labor from the north, south, east and west as one grand family, so when the Eternal Grand Patron shall sound the gavel for us all, may we be prepared to go from the labors of this world to the refreshments of eternity

MRS. H. L. ANTHONY,
Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron then read the following:

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Michigan:

The fact that the Order of the Eastern Star is a branch of the Masonic fraternity, and so acknowledged, makes it quite necessary that its meetings be held, like all other Masonic meetings, under the immediate supervision of one who has attained to the degree of Master Mason, otherwise the office of Worthy Patron in the Order would be entirely superfluous. The duties and emoluments of the office should, from a business point of view, devolve upon the Worthy Matron, but under the regulation of the Order, a portion devolves upon the W. P., and he, like all good Masons, should be willing to perform any service in Masonry which the Brotherhood may require of him.

Though the O. E. S. be young in years and is undoubtedly the most effeminate scion of the Masonic family, yet it is spread over many of the States and Territories, and increases in strength as it becomes more advanced in years, and its beauty becomes more apparent to every Sister and Brother as they become more acquainted with the work of the Order.

The object of the Order of the Eastern Star is to engender and establish among wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of Masons, and also between them and Master Masons themselves, the same fraternal relation and friendship that exists in the great Masonic Brotherhood, and thereby further universal dissemination of the principals and practice of Faith, Hope and Charity, which constitute the three emblematic rounds in that spiritual ladder which Jacob in his vision saw set up upon the earth, the top of which reached to heaven, and upon it were angels ascending and descending, ascending from earth to the abode of peace, universal love and knowledge, and descending to bring messages of truth and tidings of joy to inhabitants of earth.

But the greatest of these virtues, the topmost round in the lad-

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der, is Charity. Faith may be lost in sight, Hope end in fruition, but Charity, the soul of immortality, continueth. Masonic charity teaches to love all people and to establish enlightenment and union where ignorance and discord prevail.

As Masons, we have nothing to do with the dogmas of different religious sects, these are left for individual opinion. As a fraternity we acknowledge but one Almighty Parent; that all men are brothers, having a common origin and a common end.

The ultimate success of the Order of the Eastern Star depends *entirely* upon the devotion of its members to the *good* of the Order. Every Sister and Brother must give it a portion of their time and money. Time to attend the meetings and see that everything is done "decently and in order," and money to defray the expense contingent upon doing the business necessary to be done to make it a live institution.

The Grand Chapter creates subordinate Chapters of such material as is presented for consideration, and the subordinate Chapter created and endowed with life, becomes a member of the Grand Chapter

If the subordinate Chapters be of good Masonic material, strong, healthy, active, they are an ornament to the Order and add to its strength and beauty, but if members of a Chapter are disinterested—and I now refer to Brothers as well as Sisters—and do not attend its meetings, then the Chapter must dwindle into nothingness, and is to the Grand Chapter as a withered branch upon an otherwise flourishing tree, which must eventually be cut away to preserve the beauty and symmetry of the tree. Those who are not negligent, who persevere in their efforts to build up and sustain the Chapter, will enjoy the fruit of their labor. "To him that overcometh will it by given to eat of the hidden Manna." Every meeting of the Chapter will be to them a feast, and every meeting of the Grand Chapter a carnival of pleasure.

Each Neophyte will in due time become "Master of the Great Work" in which we are engaged.

The following is the official report of the Grand Worthy Patron:

Under date of October 19th, 1881, received a communication from Grand Secretary stating that the charter of Hubbardston Chapter No. 16 had been surrendered to him and that in accordance with instruction of Grand Chapter, a Dispensation had been issued to Brother J. W. Dunn, of Hubbardston to institute a new Chapter at that place. November 22d received Brother Dunn's report of the instituting of Hubbardston Chapter U. D., and a list of the officers. Immediately thereafter I issued an order to Brother S. S. Davis, Secretary of the new Chapter at Hubbardston, for the books of the old Chapter which had surrendered its charter, said books being in possession of Brother Wm. Patrie.

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January 4th, 1882, issued a Dispensation to Brother Geo. W. Francis, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds, Mrs. Phebœ Webster, and others, for a Chapter at Nashville, to be known as "Laurel" Chapter, and appointed P. G. P. Brother B. R. Rose to institute said Chapter, which work he afterwards told me he had done on or about the 14th day of January, 1882.

January 6th, received communication from G. W. M. enclosing a communication sent her by Secretary of Acacia Chapter No. 1, asking for blank petition for Chapter and instruction relative to instituting a chapter at Cedar Springs, Kent County. I immediately forwarded blanks and instruction asked for, to Secretary of Acacia Chapter.

March 26th, received from G. W. M. a communication relative to the destruction by fire, of the charter and property of Crystal Chapter No. 9. April 7th, received communication from Secretary of Crystal Chapter No. 9, relative to the burning of their property, and asking that a new charter be granted them. In the meantime I had instructed the Grand Secretary to make a duplicate charter for Crystal Chapter, which he did, and which was duly forwarded to the Secretary of that Chapter. They also asked permission to change the time of their meetings from Saturday p. m. to Friday p. m., and their place of meeting from Crystal to Ferris, all of which was granted.

April 15th, received communication from Grand Secretary in which he suggested the propriety of re-printing in proceedings of Grand Chapter the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters, in place of the report on foreign correspondence, there being much call for the Rules and Regulations and no copies for distribution. I supported the suggestion and the Rules were accordingly printed in the report.

Have written the Worthy Matrons of Morenci Chapter No. 5. Carson City Chapter No. 13, Cambria Mills Chapter No. 15, Benevolence Chapter No. 19 and Alma Chapter No. 21, requesting them to have their respective Chapters make an effort to, if possible, report to Grand Chapter at its annual meeting October 11th, 1882, and if it were not possible for them to so report, to send their charters with the names of all members in good standing at the time of their last meeting, to me by mail

Sister H. M. Fink W. M., of Cambria Mills Chapter No. 15, wrote me they never had but few members, and about one-half of them had moved out of the jurisdiction, and they had not members enough now to fill the offices, and had held no meetings for about two years.

September 27th, received from Grand Secretary a communication inclosing a communication from Sister Mary Galbraith, Secretary of Benevolence Chapter acknowledging the receipt of blank returns, and expressing an opinion that with a little encouragement

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the Chapter might be revived. Not knowing who else to write to I wrote to Sister Galbraith to try and have the Chapter called together and see if they could not commence work again. My previous communications to Benevolence Chapter had been, through mistake. directed to the last representative to Grand Chapter, instead of the W. M. which caused much delay in getting an answer. September 28th, received communication from Sister Allie E. Manly W. M. of Benevolence Chapter No. 19, in which she stated they had held but two or three meetings since the new work was adopted and that they had never had their new charter. Said she would try to get the members of the Chapter together and see what could be done. I wrote Sister Manly immediately, commending her resolve and suggesting a course of proceedure which might be interesting and instructive to all parties concerned.

October 5th, communication from Sister Libbie Sweeney W. M. of Morenci Chapter No. 5, says Morenci Chapter is completely dead, and if they ever have a Chapter again it will have to be entirely new. They never had a charter under the new organization and don't know what has become of the old one. I wrote Sister Sweeney, giving her directions how to proceed to get a new Chapter instituted at Morenci.

Carson City Chapter No. 13 and Alma Chapter No 21 have not reported to me.

The following questions have been submitted to me, to which I made answers as follows:

QUESTION:—Can persons who have not been initiated in a regularly instituted Chapter, but have had the degrees conferred upon them by a Patron or Deputy, before the Order had become thoroughly organized, be admitted to membership in a Chapter; if so, how?

ANSWER:—Yes. If they can show satisfactory evidence that they have had the degrees conferred upon, or communicated to them, let them apply and be received the same as any non-affiliated Sister or Brother,

QUESTION:—Can a woman who is step-mother to a Master Master be made a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?

ANSWER:—No. Unless she is the wife, widow, mother, sister or daughter of a Master Mason she cannot be admitted.

GEO. W. MATTESON,
Grand Worthy Patron.

On motion of Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron were referred to a Special Committee of three for division and reference.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed as such Committee Sisters Lizzie M. Clark. Bell Throop and Brother Dan W. Sawyer.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern State of Star, Mchigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following chapters represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. H. L. Anthony,	G. W. M.
Geo. W. Matteson,	G. W. P.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill,	G. A. M.
Loren Day,	G. A. P.
D. B. Purinton,	G. Secretary.
Mrs. Sarah A. Parke,	G. Treasurer.
Miss Ella Clark,	G. Con.
Mrs. Sarah M. Nyman,	G. A. Con.
Mrs. Lizzie M. Clark	G. Adah.
Mrs. A. J. Vannetter,	G. Ruth.
Miss Alice Jones,	G. Esther.
Miss Bell Throop,	G. Martha.
Mrs. Agnes Allen,	G. Electa.
Mrs. C. H. Cowden	G. Warder.
Eli B. Throop,	G. Sentinel.
John P. Phillips,	G. Chaplain.
Fred Orth,	G. Marshal.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. E. L. Pendleton,	P. G. W. M.
Mrs. D. C. Purinton,	" " " "
Mrs. Eliza J. Barber,	" " " "
Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	" " " "
Mrs. Nellie S. Corey,	" " " "
Mrs. B. R. Rose,	" " " "
David Bovee,	P. G. W. P.
David B. Purinton,	" " " "
Travers Phillips,	" " " "
Micajah Douglass,	" " " "
J. S. Cross,	" " " "
B. R. Rose,	" " " "
Wm. H. Severance,	" " " "
Allen C. Manly,	" " " "

ACACIA CHAPTER, No. 1.

Mrs. E. C. Stinson, Proxy for W. M.
H. N. Stinson, Proxy for W. P.
Mrs. Eliza J. Burch, Proxy for A. M.

BRONSON CHAPTER, No. 2.

Mrs. R. D. Clark, W. M.
A. J. Foster, W. P.
Mrs. M. Earll, A. M

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COLDWATER CHAPTER, No. 3.
Mrs. M. H. Parker, W. M.
J. S. Conover, W. P.
Mrs. J. A. Rose, A. M.

OLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER, No. 4.
Mrs. L. S. Putney, W. M.
T. J. Collins, W. P.
Mrs. Alexander, A. M.

HASTINGS CHAPTER, No. 7.
Mrs. W. S. Goodyear, W. M.
J. Q. Cressey, W. P.
Mrs. B. R. Rose, A. M.

QUINCY CHAPTER, No. 12.
Mrs. M. E. Sawyer, W. M.
D. W. Sawyer, W. P.
Mrs. M. R. King, A. M.

GRAND LEDGE CHAPTER, No. 14.
Miss Alice Jones, W. M.
A. B. Jones, W. P.
Mrs. F. Williams, A. M.

MIDDLEVILLE CHAPTER, No. 17.
Miss J. A. Coombs, W. M.
Oscar B. Barber, W. P.
Mrs. S. L. Dowling, A. M.

BANGOR CHAPTER, No. 18.
Mrs. Geo. F. Foster, W. M.
Geo. Foster, W. P.
Mrs. Phœbe Cross, A. M.

SHARON CHAPTER, No. 20.
Mrs. Mary A. Watrous, W. M.
Aretus Corbin, W. P.
Elizabeth Laing, A. M.

IVY LEAF CHAPTER, No. 22.
Mrs. S. B. Bates, W. M.
George Miller, W. P.
Mrs. Ella Munger, A. M.

OLIVET CHAPTER, No. 24.
P. R. Martin, W. M.
Henry Merrick, W. P.
Mrs. M. E. Jewett, A. M.

SPRINGPORT CHAPTER, No. 26.
Mrs. Bersheba Soule, W. M.
A. W. Soule W. P.
Lydia Saxton, A. M.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 27.
Mrs. J. H. Day, Proxy for W. M.
A. H. Weston, W. P.
Mrs. T. Caldwell, A. M.

LARK OAK CHAPTER, No. 28.
Mrs. M. E. Himebaugh, W. M.
A. Bordner, W. P.
Mrs. Emma Mosher, A. M.

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WILLIAMSTON CHAPTER, No. 29.
Mrs. Esther Robson, W. M.
Wm. P. Ainsley, W. P.
Mrs. O. M. Lounsbury, A. M.

DE WITT CHAPTER, No. 30.
Mrs. Frank Pennell, W. M.
Edward Webb, W. P.
Mrs. Nellie Webb, A. M.

LAUREL CHAPTER, U. D.
Mrs. B. F. Reynolds, W. M.
Geo. W. Francis, W. P.
Mrs. H. Webster, A. M.

HUBBARDSTON CHAPTER, U. D.
John W. Dunn, Proxy for W. M., W. P. and A. M.

MRS. E. W. PENDLETON,
MRS. GEO. F. FOSTER,
JOHN P. PHILLIPS. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Grand Worthy Matron then announced the following standing committees.

On Finance and Ways and Means.

Sisters Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Mrs. B. R. Rose and Brother Wm. H. Severance.

On Unfinished Business.

Sisters Mrs. L. S. Putney, Mrs. Sarah M. Nyman and Brother B. R. Rose.

On Pay Roll.

Sisters Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Mrs. Mary E. Himebaugh and Brother Dan W. Sawyer.

On Jurisprudence.

Sisters Mrs. Nellie S. Corey, Mrs. Eliza J. Barber and Brother J. Q. Cressey.

On Appeals and Grievances.

Sisters Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, Mrs. N. J. Severance and Brother J. S. Conover.

On Dispensations and Charters.

Sisters Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Mrs. W. S. Goodyear and Brother Wm. H. Severance.

On Foreign Correspondence.

Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh.

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On motion all members of subordinate Chapters in good standing were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter.

On motion the exemplification of the work was made the special order for this evening.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION,—7:00 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor.

The special Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for division and reference made the following report:

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

To the Grand Worthy Matron. Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for division and reference would respectfully submit the following:

That so much as refers to blanks for the use of this Grand Chapter be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

That so much as refers to Sharon Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to Section 6, Rules and Regulations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to persons who have not been initiated in a regularly instituted Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to a woman who is step-mother of a Master Mason be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LIZZIE M. CLARK.
BELL THROOP.
DAN W. SAWYER. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PAY ROLL.

To the Grand Worthy Matron. Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and

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Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report the following as the amount due Grand Officers and Representatives of subordinate Chapters for mileage:

	G. W. M.	117	Miles	$9 36
	G. W. P.	11	"	88
	G. A. M.	99	"	7 92
	G. A. P.	39	"	3 12
	G. Secretary	99	"	7 92
	G. Treasurer	123	"	9 84
	G. Con.	56	"	4 48
	G. A. Con.	92	"	7 36
	G. Adah	111	"	8 88
	G. Ruth	61	"	4 88
	G. Esther	61	"	4 88
	G. Chaplain	13	"	1 04
	G. Marshal	86	"	6 88
No.	1 Acacia	46	"	3 68
"	2 Bronson	111	"	8 88
"	3 Coldwater	99	"	7 92
"	4 Olive Branch	117	"	9 36
"	9 Crystal			4 50
"	12 Quincy	93	"	7 44
"	14 Grand Ledge	61	"	4 88
"	17 Middleville	11	"	88
"	18 Bangor	92	"	7 36
"	20 Sharon	123	"	9 84
"	22 Ivy Leaf	105	"	8 40
"	24 Olivet	37	"	2 96
"	26 Springport	48	"	3 84
"	27 Union	39	"	3 12
"	28 Burr Oak	123	"	9 84
"	29 Williamston	61	"	4 88
P. G. M.	Mrs. E. L. Pendleton	117	"	9 36
P. G. M.	Mrs. S. L. Marsh	93	"	7 44
P. G. M.	Mrs. D. C. Purinton	99	"	7 92
P. G. M.	Mrs. Nellie S. Corey	111	"	8 88
P. G. P.	Wm. H. Severance	11	"	88

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. D. A. MERRILL.
MRS. M. E. HIMEBAUGH. } Committee.
DAN W. SAWYER.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the vote by which the report of the Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for division and reference was adopted, was reconsidered, and the report referred back to the Committee.

The work was exemplified by the Grand Officers.

By request of the Grand Chapter, Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh P. G. W. M. gave and explained the signs for the benefit of the Grand Chapter.

By request of the Grand Chapter Sister Mrs. Nellie S. Corey P.

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G. W. M. gave the Grand Chapter instruction in the mode of giving the Grand Honors.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, Octobor 12th, 1882.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION, 9:00 A. M.

The Grand Chapter was called from refreshment to labor. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary made the following report.

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would respectfully submit the following report of monies received by him during the past year:

Received profits on 35 Rituals	$ 8 75
Charter, DeWitt No. 30	5 00
Dispensation, Nashville	5 00
Charter, Nashville	5 00
Dues, No. 1 Acacia	17 00
" " 2 Bronson	10 50
" " 3 Coldwater	29 00
" " 4 Olive Branch	13 25
" " 7 Hastings	26 75
" " 9 Crystal	4 50
" " 12 Quincy	14 75
" " 14 Grand Ledge	9 75
" " 17 Middleville	16 25
" " 18 Bangor	20 75
" " 20 Sharon	20 50
" " 22 Ivy Leaf	9 00
" " 24 Olivet	11 00
" " 26 Springport	12 50
" " 27 Union	9 00
" " 28 Burr Oak	11 00
" " 29 Williamston	14 50
" " 30 DeWitt	12 50
Total amount received	$236 25
Paid Treasurer	236 25

On motion the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Finance.

The following account of the Grand Secretary was presented:

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To money paid for postage, stationary, exchange, etc.	$7 50
To money paid for Rituals for Nashville	1 50
Total	$9 00

On motion referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Finance.

The Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for division and reference reported back that portion of their report referred to them, which on motion was accepted.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted a report which on motion was accepted and referred to Committee on Division and Reference.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FORM FOR CONSTITUTING NEW CHAPTERS.

The Committee appointed at the last session to prepare a form for constituting new Chapters submitted the following:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the matter of preparing a form for constituting new Chapters submit the following:

I. The officer authorized to institute the Chapter should satisfy himself that all the applicants for the degree are eligible and entitled to the same.

II. Administer the obligation to all applicants present not members of the Order.

III. Place the officers in their respective stations and exemplify the work, giving them correct instruction in so doing, and be sure that the signs and passes are given and understood by the officers of the new Chapter correctly.

IV. Have the officers open and close the Chapter in form as laid down in the ritual.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. R. ROSE.
T. PHILLIPS.
MRS. E. J. BARBER. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion Sister Mrs. E. D. Throop was admitted to a seat in the Grand Chapter as representative from Crystal Chapter No. 9.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

In relation to Brother Dockery's resolution which was referred to Committee on Jurisprudence and laid upon the table at the last session of the Grand Chapter, viz: That all the officers be elected with the exception of Warder and Sentinel, your Committee would recommend that it be taken from the table and disposed of, and would further recommend that if any change be made in the Rules and Regulations that all the officers be elective.

Which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. L. S. PUTNEY.
MRS. S. M. NYMAN. } Committee.
B. R. ROSE.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Brother B. R. Rose moved that the amendment offered by Brother James Dockery to sections 2 and 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters be not adopted which prevailed and the amendment was lost.

Brother D. B. Purinton offered the following amendment to the constitution:

Strike out the word eight in the 5th line of Section 1, Article XIII of the constitution and insert six. Which on motion was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Brother B. R. Rose offered the following amendment to the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters:

Strike out Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters, which on motion was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2:00 p. m.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 P. M.

The Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

The Committee on Ways and Means and Finance reported the account of the Grand Secretary correct, and on motion an order

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was ordered drawn for nine dollars in favor of the Grand Secretary for postage, stationery, rituals, etc.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations submitted the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following subordinate Chapters submitted to them and find them as follows:

No.	1	Acacia	Correct
"	2	Bronson	"
"	3	Coldwater	"
"	4	Olive Branch	"
"	7	Hastings	"
"	12	Quincy	"
"	14	Grand Ledge	"
"	17	Middleville	"
"	18	Bangor	"
"	20	Sharon	"
"	23	Ivy Leaf	"
"	24	Olivet	"
"	26	Springport	"
"	27	Union	"
"	28	Burr Oak	"
"	29	Williamston	"
"	30	DeWitt	"

In the matter of Hubbardston Chapter that on presentation of their books and dispensation to the Grand Secretary if he find the same correct that a charter be granted.

Also that they have examined the records of Laurel Chapter U. D., and would recommend that a charter be granted them, to be known as Laurel Chapter No. 32.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. F. E. MARSH.
WM. H. SEVERANCE. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

The Committee on Grievances submitted the following report.

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and

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Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals would respectfully report that "peace seems to be within our borders and prosperity within our palaces," no grievances having been reported to us or come within our knowledge.

Respectfully submitted.

SARAH A. PARKE.
N. J. SEVERANCE.
J. S. CONOVER. } Committee.

On motion report was accepted and adopted.

On motion the election of officers was made the special order for three o'clock p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DIVISION AND REFERENCE.

The Committee on Division and Reference made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Division and Reference would respectfully report as follows:

I. That so much of the address of the Grand Worthy Patron as refers to Morenci Chapter No. 5, Carson City Chapter No. 18, Cambria Mills Chapter No. 15, Benevolence Chapter No. 19 and Alma Chapter No. 21 be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

II. That the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be referred to the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means.

LIZZIE M. CLARK.
BELL THROOP.
DAN W. SAWYER. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Sister S. L. Marsh offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the visiting members of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Sisters and Brothers of Hastings Chapter No. 7 for their cordial welcome and the elegant manner in which we have been entertained. We shall ever remember with pleasure the happy face and genial ways of our young Brother

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Charlie W. Mixer who has seemed to anticipate every wish and added so much to the pleasure of all.

On motion an order was ordered drawn on the treasurer for two dollars and fifty cents each for the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for postage during the past year.

On motion it was voted that the next Annual Session of the Grand Chapter be held at Masonic Hall in Coldwater Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1883.

The time for the special order, the election of officers, having arrived, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed as tellers Brother B. R. Rose, Sisters Nellie S. Corey and S. L. Dowling.

The following Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected:

G. W. M.	Mrs. D. A. Merrill,	Coldwater.
G. W. P.	Travers Phillips,	Hastings.
G. A. M.	Mary A. Watrous,	Bay City.
G. A. P.	Loren Day,	Jennisonville.
G. Sec'y.	Dan W. Sawyer,	Quincy.
G. Treas.	Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.	Sturgis.

Sister Sarah A. Parke offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The duties of the office of Grand Secretary are many and more than ordinarily responsible, and I bear testimony of the faithful manner in which they have been discharged, therefore

Resolved, That as a partial recompense for our appreciation of his services that twenty-five dollars be allowed him for his services during the past year.

On motion the resolution was amended by striking out twenty-five and inserting forty, and as amended was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain questions and decisions would respectfully report that they have examined the same and submit the following:

QUESTION 1. Should any Chapter move from one room to another without permission from the Grand Worthy Matron?

ANSWER. No.

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QUESTION 2. Is an adopted daughter though by law legally adopted, entitled to the degree of the Eastern Star.

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 3. Can persons who have not been initiated in a regularly instituted Chapter but have had the degrees conferred upon them by a Patron or Deputy before the Order had become thoroughly organized be admitted to membership in a Chapter?

ANSWER. No. If they desire to become members let them petition for the same.

QUESTION 4. Can a woman, step-mother to a Master Mason be made a member of the Order of the Eastern Star?

ANSWER. No.

QUESTION 5. Leslie Chapter asked for a dispensation to elect their officers at their stated meeting in November and install as soon as convenient?

ANSWER. We recommend that a dispensation be granted after payment of dues to Grand Chapter.

QUESTION 6. Does a Grand Officer continue to hold the office to which they were appointed or elected after the Chapter to which they belong has neglected to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Chapter?

ANSWER. Yes.

QUESTION 7. Is a Sister eligible to be elected to the office of W. M. or A. M. who has filled these positions under the old work but has never filled a point on the Star.

ANSWER. No.

In regard to the amendment to the constitution proposed by striking out the word eight in the fifth line of Section 1 Article XIII and insert the word six we recommend that it be not adopted.

In regard to the resolution to repeal Section 3 of the Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters, we recommend that it be not adopted.

In the matter of Morenci Chapter No. 5, Carson City Chapter No. 18, Cambria Mills Chapter No. 15, Benevolence Chapter No. 19, and Alma Chapter No. 21 who have failed to make report and pay dues to the Grand Chapter for two consecutive years, we recommend that they be required to surrender their charters to the proper authority to receive them.

NELLIE S. COREY.
E. J. BARBER.
T. PHILLPS. } Committee.

The report of the Committee was accepted and on motion the recommendations of the Committee were considered one at a time, and the answers to questions 1, 3, 4 and 6 were approved by the Grand Chapter. And the answers to questions 2 and 7 were not approved by the Grand Chapter.

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The recommendation of the Committee in regard to Leslie Chapter No. 6 was amended as follows:

That Leslie Chapter No. 6 be granted a dispensation to elect officers at their stated meeting in November and that between that time and their stated meeting in December they be required to make returns and pay dues to the Grand Chapter for the year 1882.

The recommendation of the Committee in relation to the amendment of Section 1, Article XIII of the constitution was concurred in.

The recommendation of the Committee in relation to the amendment of the Rules and Regulation for the government of subordinate Chapters by repealing Section 3 was non-concurred in, and the resolution repealing the Section was adopted.

The recommendation of the Committee in relation to Morenci Chapter No. 5, Carson City Chapter No. 13, Cambria Mills Chapter No. 15, Benevolence Chapter No. 19 and Alma Chapter No. 21 was concurred in and the report as amended adopted.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was received and referred to the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means.

The Grand Chapter then called from labor to refreshment until seven o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY, EVENING SESSION, 7:00 P. M.

Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND WAYS AND MEANS.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance and Ways and Means would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submitted to them and find them correct as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year as per his report	$286 25
Paid Grand Treasurer	286 25

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year as follows:

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Balance on hand	$ 91 54
From Grand Secretary	286 25
Total amount received	$377 79
Paid vouchers	301 86
Balance on hand	$ 75 93
One voucher not paid	8 88
Balance on hand deducting unpaid voucher	$ 67 05

And your Committee would also further recommend that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be printed in the proceedings of this session of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. B. R. ROSE.
MRS. D. A. MERRILL. } Committee.
W. H. SEVERANCE.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted:

On motion the Grand Secretary was authorized to draw an order upon the Grand Treasurer to pay for the printing of the proceedings of this session.

The Grand Worthy Matron elect announced the following appointments.

G. Con.	Mrs. N. J. Severance	Middleville.
G. A. Con.	Mrs. Geo. F. Foster	Bangor.
G. Adah	Mrs. Sylverna Lamb	Springport.
G. Ruth	Mrs. Eliza J. Burch	Rockford.
G. Esther	Mrs. Julia H. Day	Jennisonville.
G. Martha	Mrs. Esther A. Robson	Williamston.
G. Electa	Mrs. C. J. Chappell	Olivet.
G. Warder	Mrs. M. Boyce	Nashville.

The Grand Worthy Patron elect announced the following appointments:

G. Chaplain	Rev. R. D. Clark	Bronson.
G. Marshal	Mrs. S. L. Marsh	Quincy.
G. Sentinel	Wm. R. Worden	Coldwater.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed by the Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. H. L. Anthony; Brother Fred Orth, Grand Marshal.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form, to meet in Coldwater, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1883, at 12 o'clock, M.

D. B. PURINTON,
Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME AND NO. OF CHAPTER.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	LOCATION.	INITIATIONS.	DIMITTED.	EXPELLED.	SUSPENDED.	REJECTED.	DIED.	ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP.	NUMBER OF MEMBERS.	DUES.
Acacia..... 1	Mrs. Lorency Spring.....	H. N. Stinson.....	Rockford	7	2	....	13	....	....	3	61	$17 00
Bronson..... 2	Mrs. R. D. Clark	G. H. Warne.....	Bronson	5	1	....	....	....	....	2	37	10 50
Coldwater 3	Mrs. M. H. Parker.....	Mrs. G. T. Culver.....	Coldwater.....	7	3	....	24	....	1	....	109	29 00
Olive Branch..... 4	Mrs. L. S. Putney.....	A. E. Hibbard.....	Sturgis.....	5	....	....	....	....	1	5	47	13 25
Leslie..... 6	Mrs. M. A. Oldman.....	Miss Rosa Oldman.....	Leslie	....	7	....	20	....	1	....	28	7 00
Hastings 7	Mrs. W. S. Goodyear.....	Sister Youngs.....	Hastings	7	4	....	4	....	....	....	100	26 75
Quincy 12	Mrs. M. E. Sawyer.....	Mrs. Franc Finn.....	Quincy.....	3	2	....	....	2	....	2	56	14 75
Grand Ledge..... 14	Miss Alice Jones.....	Mrs. S. M. Messenger...	Grand Ledge.....	1	2	....	....	....	....	....	37	9 75
Middleville 17	Miss Jennie A. Combs....	G. W. Matteson.....	Middleville.....	3	2	....	....	2	....	2	62	16 25
Bangor..... 18	Mrs. May Foster.....	Geo. H. Remington.....	Bangor.....	6	....	....	....	....	....	....	77	20 75
Sharon 20	Mrs. Mary A. Watrous....	Sarah DeaForest.....	Bay City.....	4	10	....	20	1	2	....	78	20 50
Ivy Leaf..... 22	Mrs. Sarah B. Bates.....	R. D. Tift.....	California	....	....	....	6	....	....	....	36	9 00
Olivet..... 24	Mrs. P. R. Martin.....	O. J. Chappell.....	Olivet.....	10	....	....	1	....	....	....	34	11 00
Springport 26	Bersheba Soule.....	Ebon Comstock.....	Springport	6	2	....	....	....	2	....	44	12 50
Union 27	Mrs. M. A. Weatherwax..	Loren Day.....	Jennisonville.....	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	9 00
Burr Oak..... 28	Mrs. M. E. Himebaugh...	Enos Allen.....	Burr Oak	5	....	....	....	....	....	2	39	11 00
Williamston..... 29	Mrs. Esther A. Robson...	Mrs. A. J. Vannetter...	Williamston	11	....	....	....	....	....	....	50	14 50
De Witt..... 30	Mrs. Frank Pennell.....	Miss Nellie Williams....	De Witt.....	4	....	....	....	1	....	....	45	12 50
Eastern Star U. D.....	Betsey Dunn.....	N. W. Bush.	Hubbardston	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	39	.....
				87	35	....	88	6	7	16	1012	285 00

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Foreign Correspondence.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence have received the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

ARKANSAS.

The sixth annual communication of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas was held in Jacksonville, October 25th and 26th, A. D. 1881.

Brother Chance, Grand Worthy Patron, on account of ill health was unable to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter, he, however sent a pleasing address containing sound decisions and showing a heart full of love and zeal for our Order.

The address of Sister Nelson, Grand Worthy Matron, has that excellent quality we all like so much, brevity.

The Grand Chapter adopted a voting sign.

In the appendix is an eloquent address from Brother J. M. Mallett, Grand Orator, an office peculiar to Arkansas I believe.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is well written, giving Michigan a kind notice. In noticing the rec-

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ommendation of our Grand Worthy Matron in her address at Leslie in regard to the appointment of Representatives to represent this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters he says: "How much would these appointments and Representatives have cost? I think a three cent stamp and a sheet of paper would have been all that was necessary. Our Sister Worthy Grand Matron must have split finances very fine to have recommended the deferring of said request."

Now, my Brother Jones, when we send a commission we hope to send something better than a sheet of paper. Whether we ever get rich enough or not to appoint a representative, be assured the kindness of Arkansas in appointing one in our State will always be remembered, and the Brothers and Sisters represented have a warm place in our hearts.

The next session will be held in Jacksonville, on the 4th Tuesday in October, 1882.

CALIFORNIA.

The ninth annual communication of the Grand Chapter of California was held in San Francisco, October 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, 1881.

One look at the proceedings convinces us that one Grand Chapter of our Order is in good circumstances financially. We rejoice with them that it is so, and feel proud in anticipation of the grand time the General Grand Chapter will have in that State where the Order is so flourishing.

The address of Brother Banks, Grand Worthy Patron, contains some excellent decisions. Seventeen dispensations were granted during the year.

The Grand Worthy Matron's address is exceedingly interesting and very long, twenty-one pages; no longer, however, than necessary to give an account of her official visits during the year. She having visited nearly all, if not all of the subordinate Chapters in the State, sixty four in number. She reports the work done by memory, and that there were but seven Matrons and nine Patrons in the entire jurisdiction who were not proficient in that direction. A record to be proud of by any jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother Jerome Spaulding and very full and ably written. Michigan is quite favorably mentioned, and the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron commended. He says:

"If, as has been stated, that 'brevity is the soul of wit,' we think Brother Purinton is entitled to the palm. He reviewed the proceedings of seventeen Grand Chapters and the General Grand

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Chapter, and his review occupied but eight pages of the proceeding. He no doubt thinks that extreme youth and modesty alike forbid his occupying so much space in criticising the actions of Sister Grand Chapters."

You have guessed it once Brother, whether in jest or earnest.

The next session will be held in San Francisco, the second Tuesday in October, 1882.

CONNECTICUT.

The eighth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held at Willimantic, October 12th, 1881.

The address of the Grand Worthy Matron is very good. Many things that would bear repeating. I quote one:

"Occasionally a Chapter is suffering from too much leniency in receiving candidates, and this one thing I wish to call your attention to, that is to be very careful whom you take into your Chapter, it would be better to remain in number as you now are than to add one more who would not be an ornament."

The Grand Worthy Patron's address is a model of brevity, occupying but fourteen lines.

The report on Foreign Correspondence notices Michigan very favorably, believes "that Michigan is bound to be one of our strongest allies in the beautiful Order of the Eastern Star."

Thinks Brother Purinton gave them a sort of reminder that they were too self-righteous or too independent, etc., and says, "well my Brother Purinton, we are still self-sustaining and self-governing, we acknowledge the General Grand Chapter and extend the right hand of fellowship, like its ritual and what more can you ask."

We ask nothing more; are satisfied and accept the hand of fellowship with the same fraternal feeling that it is extended, and if the criticism was harsh, humbly beg pardon.

The next session will be held in Waterbury, October 11th, 1882.

ILLINOIS.

The seventh annual session of the Grand Chapter of Illinois was held at Chicago, October 4th, 5th and 6th, 1881.

The addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron are very good and show that they have love and zeal for the Order, and the report of the Grand Lecturer shows that she has done what she could for the advancememt of the Order.

There is no statistical information in the proceedings. Judg-

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ing from the spirit of the addresses I should think that perhaps the Order was not flourishing as it ought in the State of Illinois.

There is a report on Foreign Correspondence in which fourteen Grand Chapter are noticed among them Michigan.

INDIANA.

The eighth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Indiana was held in Indianapolis, April 12th and 13th, 1882.

The address of the Grand Matron is a model one, all business.

The Grand Patron has found the great hindrance to the growth of the Order, and gives us the gratifying intelligence that it is being overcome in Indiana. He says:

"There is another point in which we are making material progress not fully shown in the facts and figures here given. One of the most formidable bariers to advancement that had to be overcome, was the opposition our order received from many prominent Masons and a lukewarmness on the part of the Masonic fraternity generally This opposition is fast melting away and in place of lukewarmness there is now an earnest, active interest in its favor.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Sister Nellie Ransford and is an able and quite lengthy one.

IOWA.

The fifth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held at DesMoines, June 6th and 7th, 1882.

The Grand Patron's address is full of good thoughts, showing him to be a lover of the Order.

The Grand Matron, Sister Jennie Mathews, seems to have performed a great deal of work during the year visiting a great many Chapters. If the Order does not prosper in Iowa it will not be her fault. She says:

"If we wish to be successful in the Order it is very important that we daily exemplify its teachings, thus proving to each other our sincerity, and convince the Order of our ability to discharge in our humble way the duties devolving upon us as earnest, faithful members of the Eastern Star. We should ever be ready to aid, comfort and protect those who are in need of the counsel and to extend the warm hand of friendship to those who are heroic under the wrongs and persecutions often brought about by envy and jealousy, to which many of our earnest workers can testify.

There is a report on Foreign Correspondence. Michigan is not noticed. Perhaps it was forgotten or not deemed worthy.

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KANSAS.

The sixth annual communication of the Grand Chapter of Kansas was held at Topeka, February 14th, 1882.

The Grand Patron's address is brief but to the point.

The address of the Grand Matron is very pleasant and interesting.

The report on Foreign Correspondence by Sister Mary C. Snedden is very good indeed, her criticisms upon Brother Spaulding of California timely and well put. She notices Michigan favorably and blushingly accepts the good words spoken of Brother Tresslor.

The next session will be held at the city of Olathe, the second Tuesday in March, 1883.

MISSOURI,

The eighth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Missouri was held in Cameron, August 29th and 30th, 1882.

Sister Rhea, Grand Worthy Matron was unable to attend the Grand Chapter on account of sickness and sends a short address.

The address of Brother Deatherage Grand Worthy Patron is short and confined mostly to an account of his doings, and answers to questions.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is from the pen of Brother J. R. Parson and extremely good. I was tempted to take it almost entire for my report, fear of detection, a lively overhauling hereafter only deterring me.

NEW JERSEY.

The twelfth annual session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held at Newark, New Jersey, October 3d, 1881.

The addresses of Sister Ann E. Gaul Grand Worthy Matron and Brother John N. Bunnell Grand Worthy Patron being very good.

New Jersey again acknowledges the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. We bid you welcome.

No report on Foreign Correspondence.

VERMONT.

The eighth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held at Wallingford, Vermont, June 8th and 9th, 1881.

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After spending considerable time pleasantly looking over the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Vermont for 1881, and reading the quite lengthy address of Brother Stilson and the still longer report of Sister O. J. Stowell on Foreign Correspondence and noting the great love of Vermont for sovereign power, ritualistic services and a man for a head, I dare not mention the Grand Worthy Matron in speaking of Vermont. Sister Stowell says:

"I never was in the west and don't know but women take naturally to presiding over public meetings like ducklings to water but the woman of New England that can preside over a public meeting with promptness and dispatch, courage and ability I have yet to see."

Sister, why do you doubt the ability of your sex? Why not come west and see a woman preside with modesty, dispatch and ability. If you could be in our Grand Chapter to-day you would see its deliberations presided over by a woman who is the peer in dignity and ability of any Brother in Vermont.

No proceedings were received from Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New York and Ontario.

In conclusion your Committee beg leave to state that this short report has been written more with a view of expressing to our sister jurisdictions our kind and fraternal regards than to teach them in the grand principles of our Order or to criticise our Sisters and Brothers in the candid expressions of their views.

D. B. PURINTON,
Committee.

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Worthy Grand Matron, 1883-4.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND WORTHY MATRON, Mrs. Mary A. Watrous.....South Bay City.
GRAND WORTHY PATRON, Loren Day.....Grandville.
GRAND ASSOCIATE MATRON, Mrs. J. A. C. Griswold.....Middleville.
GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON, J. S. Conover.....Coldwater.
GRAND SECRETARY, Dan W. Sawyer.....Quincy.
GRAND TREASURER, Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.....Sturgis.
GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Mrs. Loretta Miller.....California.
GRAND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS, Mrs. P. R. Martin.....Olivet.
GRAND CHAPLAIN, Rev. Burford.....Grand Rapids.
GRAND ADAH, Mrs. M. M. Parsons.....Grand Rapids
GRAND RUTH, Mrs. Louise A. Teall.....Bay City
GRAND ESTHER, Mrs. Mahala Grahame.....Hastings.
GRAND MARTHA, Mrs. Hattie Robinson.....Burr Oak.
GRAND ELECTA, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds.....Nashville.
GRAND WARDER, Miss Alice Jones.....Grand Ledge.
GRAND MARSHAL, Mrs. S. L. Marsh.....Quincy
GRAND SENTINEL, Bro. —— Young.....Grand Rapids.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, Being the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

MASONIC HALL, COLDWATER, MICH.
Wednesday, October 10th, 1883.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, assembled in its Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and the vote of the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Session, in Coldwater, Michigan, Wednesday, October 10th, at 12 o'clock M.

There were present:—

Mrs. D. A. Merrill—G. W. M.
Bro. T. Phillips—G. W. P.
Mrs. M. A. Watrous—G. A. M.
Bro. Loren Day—G. A. P.
Bro. D. B. Purinton—as G. Secretary.
Mrs. E. L. Pendleton—G. Treasurer.
Mrs. N. J. Severance—Grand Conductress.
Mrs. R. A. Hall—as G. A. Cond.
Mrs. D. C. Purinton—as Grand Adah.
Mrs. Mary Goodyear—as Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Julia H. Day—Grand Esther.
Mrs. Esther A. Robson—Grand Martha.
Mrs. C. J. Chappell—Grand Electa.
Mrs. D. Fuller—as Grand Warder.
Bro. Wm. R. Worden—Grand Sentinel.
Bro. F. E. Marsh—as Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh—Grand Marshal.
And Sisters and Brothers.

Roll of Chapters called and found a quorum represented.

The Grand Chapter was then opened in due form, with prayer by Dr. F. E. Marsh as Grand Chaplain.

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The G. W. Matron appointed Bro. J. S. Conover and Sisters Mary Goodyear and N. J. Severance as Committee on Credentials.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until half past 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

Grand Chapter called from refreshment to labor.

The Grand Sentinel, Bro. Wm. R. Worden, was then installed by the G. W. Matron, Sister S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal.

Sister Miss Alma Mansfield, on behalf of Coldwater Chapter No. 3, delivered the following

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Grand Worthy Matron, Officers, Members and Visitors of the Grand Chapter:

Coldwater Chapter No. 3 bids you a hearty welcome. In accordance with the constitutional provisions of the Grand Body, you are again assembled to review the past, and to legislate for the good of our beloved Order. You come to this temple, not as heathen worshippers, but with "Faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind," that you may add your mite to the strenth and vitality of an institution that has done more for the true glory of Man than Egyptian alter-fires, or halos from the jeweled crowns of the Cæsars.

Feel not that your presence may burden your sister Chapter, but be assured that all kindnesses are done heartily, and that each and every one feels a happiness in adding to the pleasures of your visit. Our hearts and homes are gladly opened to receive you.

Our Hall rejoices in your presence. May your stay among us be a bright oasis in the life of each and every one, is the heartfelt prayer of Coldwater Chapter No. 3.

Bro. F. E. Marsh, acting Grand Chaplain, made a few well-chosen and earnest remarks in response, on behalf of the Grand

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Chapter. After some beautiful selections of music by the organist, Sister Marion Harris, the Grand Worthy Matron read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter:

Time, with busy fingers, has been checking off the days, weeks and months since our last meeting, and to-day we again assemble, at our 17th Annual Session.

As I look about me and see the many friends whose cheerful faces, kindly greetings and wise counsels have inspired and encouraged us during these past years, I observe that Time has also left his impress upon us individually. Lest we might forget that we are nearing our allotted three score and ten years, he has sprinkled with silver threads our darker locks, reminding us that "no power can stay him in his silent course." Many who are just commencing life's journey, little anticipate the change of scenes through which they must pass ere reaching its close. Time, the ruthless Destroyer, stamps change upon everything earthly, from the cradle to the grave. Only he whose locks are white with the frosts of age can fully appreciate the changes in human life and the rapid flight of time.

As we take a retrospective glance over the past year, it seems fitting and appropriate that we bear in remembrance the many blessings we have fallen heir to, rendering thanks to Him who heedeth even the sparrow's fall, knowing that the same wise Ruler will not fail to guide our frail barks down the river of Life. Whatever storms we may encounter, however rough the gale, if we trust the Hand that guides, we shall sail safely through. Our tiny vessels may be hurled out into the deep waters of Affliction, or thrown about on the waves of Despair; in all these times of adversity, the anchor of Hope will be cast out for our safety.

Our mission, as we gather at these yearly meetings, is to consider in what way we may best increase the interests of our Order, and seek the good of our fellow-beings. We each have individual and social duties,—duties to ourselves and to those around us. If we are successful in life, we should aid the unfortunate; if endowed with health and strength, reach out the hand of assistance to those whose rough and thorny path has crushed them down to earth. Let us know, then, our duties, and perform them, seeking to appreciate not only what interests us as individuals, but whatever concerns us in our relations to our fellow men, and especially in our sympathies as sisters and brothers of one great family.

In accordance with the requirements of this organization, I give you the following account of all my official acts:

Oct. 20th, 1882, I granted a dispensation to Hastings Chapter to

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elect and install an associate Matron, the one elected not being able to serve.

Feb. 12th, 1883.—Received a communication from Sumner Chapter No. 10, stating that they had not met since October, 1882, and as no efforts were made to revive, wished to know what should be done with funds in the treasury. Their Worthy Matron-elect was ill at time of election, and was never installed, hence did not fill the office. Said letter also contained the inquiry as to whether a member can retain his place in the Chapter who has become an infidel since joining the Order. With reference to first point, I gave suitable words of encouragement, stating that I would grant them a dispensation to elect another Matron, if they wished to do so. I wrote that the funds remaining in the treasury were to be disposed of in accordance with the vote of the Chapter. To the second question I answered, "He can."

March 25th another letter was received from same Chapter, informing me that a meeting had been held and action taken in regard to their condition, at which time they decided to continue, claiming that the Worthy Matron of last year could hold over, and desiring to know if such proceeding would be legal if satisfatory to all, or would it be necessary to have a new dispensation. I replied that she could continue in office until the next regular election.

May 16th a communication was received from Olivet Chapter No. 24, asking permission to receive and ballot on a petition the same evening, the petitioner desiring to leave their jurisdiction before the next regular meeting. Thinking it for the best interests of the Order, I granted the dispensation.

June 17th.—Received an inquiry from Acacia Chapter No. 1, concerning a point on which there seemed to be a great diversity of opinion. It seems that a Mrs. Emma Chapel had petitioned and been initiated into the Chapter under the name of Emma Burch—her maiden name—having changed it some two months previous. The question arose as to whether she was a member in good standing; I ruled that she was. The post-script to this letter contained another inquiry, and one which I consider an important one: Is an adopted daughter—legally adopted—entitled to the degrees of the Eastern Star? The committee to whom this was referred reported no, but the report was not accepted. I ask your decision in the matter. I answered that, in accordance with the ruling of the Grand Chapter, such a one could receive the degrees: but in my opinion the ruling was wrong; and since the point has been brought up for consideration, I find many are dissatisfied with the decision, and feel that there must have been a misunderstanding about it when put to vote before the Grand Chapter. I would recommend that the subject be brought before the assembly for reconsideration.

March 29th a communication was received from Sharon Chapter No. 20, asking permission to elect a new Worthy Patron, as his

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place of residence was at an inconvenient distance for a regular attendance, and the great number of initiations made it necessary to have one who could be in regular attendance. I replied that it would be impossible to grant such a request, as they already had a Worthy Patron, and no one could be put in his place. The only way was to appoint some one *pro tem.*, whenever the regularly elected one should be absent.

July 13th.—By special invitation the Coldwater Chapter visited the Quincy Chapter and were most cordially and hospitably entertained. The work of the Order was exemplified, and was done in a most excellent manner, reflecting great credit on all connected with it.

Aug. 8th.—Received an inquiry from Grand Ledge No. 14, as to whether there was any sign of distress, or word that could be used in the dark in case of necessity. Replied that there was no such sign.

Oct. 9th.—Granted a dispensation to Coldwater Chapter for receiving a petition and ballotting the same evening, in order that the petitioner might be initiated at the time of the present meeting of the Grand Chapter.

In conclusion, my Sisters and Brothers, as I retire from the official chair, I wish to thank you for the distinguished honors conferred on me as Grand Worthy Matron of our beloved Order, and I assure you that, although my labors with you in this position have not been faultless, I have striven to execute the trust in such manner as would be for the best interests of the Order. Let us be earnest and enthusiastic in our work, and the reward will be ours when we pass from here to the Great Teacher above.

Respectfully,

MRS. D. A. MERRILL,
Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

One year ago you elected me as Grand Worthy Patron of the Grand Chapter. You are aware of the duties pertaining to the office, and perhaps when you elected me, you thought I would perform the duties with credit to myself and this Grand Chapter, but

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after having heard what I have to say, you will be very much disappointed.

It is not my wish, nor shall I detain you but a few moments at most, with an address, for I could not if I would, and would not if I could. But as it has been the practice of Past G.W.P. to harangue all the Sisters and Brothers and give them good advice, I have concluded to advance a few practical thoughts for your consideration.

The past year has not been one of prosperity in Masonic Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, so far as members are concerned, and this may be called an off year in that respect, although I believe we are in a healthy condition, and that our noble Order will yet grow and prosper until there is a Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in every Masonic-Lodge room throughout the world.

It is not for me to take any time in detailing to you the purpose for which this Order was organized, nor in giving to you any particular history of its doings. But as we have assembled here in Grand Chapter to attend to the interests of our beloved Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, let me advise you to stand to and abide by all the laws, rules and regulations of the Order and to preserve their integrity with the same zealous care that has characterized us in times gone by. And here let me call to mind the pledges you took upon yourselves at your initiation, when you received your obligation.

The principal point of this to which I desire to call your attention at this time is this, and I will now give you the 2d point of our obligation: T I W a m a d s r t t o t c o w I m b a m o v w i t p o t n m o t o.

Sisters and Brothers, have you ever called to mind this particular part of our solemn obligation since you received it at our Holy Altar, then and there, on your bended knees, calling on Almighty God and the members as witnesses to your sacred promise? Please think of this and ponder it in your minds, and I believe you will have learned a lesson ere I am through that will be of lasting benefit to our Order. Why I wish to enforce this so forcibly upon your minds, is this: I have noticed at a good many different times in social circles where there are several members of our Order convened, and some who are not members, that it is too apt to be the case that conversation is had about things that have taken place in the Chapter of which they are members, and many times those who are not members know all that transpires in the Chapter. If a person is black-balled, it never should go outside the Chapter; neither should any of the transactions be known to any except the members. To illustrate: In a certain Chapter in this State only a short time since, charges were preferred by one Sister against another for conduct unbecoming a member of our Order, and it was not twenty-four hours before Master Masons not members of the Eastern Star, who should know nothing of it, knew

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all about it. Sisters and Brothers, such should not be the case.

And how I ask, do they hear of such things unless it be from their wives who are members? Sisters and Brothers, let me urge upon you to be particularly careful, when in strange or mixed company, never to let fall the least sign, token or word whereby any of the mysteries or proceedings of our Order may be made known to those not entitled to know the same.

And now I would ask every Worthy Matron and Patron present, to make it a point to have the obligation read in your Chapter at your next meeting, and often thereafter, that it may be deeply impressed upon the minds of all the members of your Chapter.

Sisters, you who have husbands, did they ever tell you that Mr. A, B or C had been black-balled in their Lodge, Chapter or Council? I think not. And they have just as good a right to tell you, as you have to tell them of the work of your Chapter: it would only be a violation of our obligation in either case. No secret order can prosper unless its secrets and business transactions not entitled to be known, are safely kept in the repository of faithful breasts.

And I would further recommend that this G. C. take some action in regard to the unwritten work of our Order. As it is now, all printed plainly, should it fall into the hands of anyone who can read, he would soon know as much of it as any of us. I would suggest that a key to the unwritten work be made, with only one letter standing for a word, so that it could be read only by persons knowing the obligation and secret work. True, only one copy is furnished to each subordinate Chapter, and that to be kept in the hands of the W. P., but it is not always kept there; the Patron is not always present at the initiation of candidates, and some other Master Mason must necessarily take his place, and, being unacquainted with the work, is unable to give it without the key, and so it is often passed from one member to another, and liable to get into the hands of those entitled to know nothing of it. I hope some action will be taken by this G. C. to do away with the old key.

Of my official acts, they have been few and far between. On the 29th of March, I received a petition from Bro. N. B. Scribner, of Grand Rapids, asking for a dispensation for a Chapter at Grand Rapids, which I immediately forwarded to the G. Sec.; and on the 10th of April, I received the dispensation which I sent to Bro. Scribner, and deputized Past G. W.P., W. H. Severance, to organize Oriental Chapter, which he reported to me was done on the 8th of June, with 32 Charter members and a splendid outlook for the future. But I am informed by Bro. Scribner, their Worthy Patron, that they have done no work since, owing to inability to get a proper hall in which to hold their meetings.

On the 3d of April I received a communication from the Grand Secretary, enclosing a letter from Bro. Geo. E. Hubbard, of Grand Haven, bearing date Feb. 19, asking for instructions how to pro-

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ceed to organize a Chapter at that place. I immediately gave him the necessary instructions and heard nothing more from him.

On the last of May, I received a communication from Brothers at Somerset Center, asking how to proceed to organize a Star Chapter at that place. I immediately gave them the necessary instructions and heard nothing further from them.

This is about all I have done, save to install the officers of my own and Laurel Chapters.

And now, as I am about to step down and out, I trust you may commit the work of the G. W. P. into more efficient hands, that the glory, honor and reputation of our beloved Order may be preserved and prospered for all time to come.

Selection of music by the organist, Sister Harris.

Letters of regret, etc., in response to letters of invitation to attend the session of the Grand Chapter, were read by the Grand Secretary, from Grand Officers of the States of Illinois and Indiana.

Motion by Sister E. J. Barber, that the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron be referred to special committee of three for division and reference. Motion prevailed.

Motion by same to extend invitation to all members of Coldwater Chapter No. 3, and all other Chapters who may be in the city, to seats in this Grand Chapter. Motion prevailed.

The G. W. M. appointed as Committee on Division and Reference, Bro. Loren Day, Sisters Eliza Barber and H. L. Anthony.

Bro. J. S. Conover presented invitation to the Grand Chapter for a ride to the State School. On motion, the invitation was accepted.

The Grand Worthy Patron then announced the following standing committees:

On Finance and Ways and Means.

Bro. Loren Day, Sisters Esther Robson and H. L. Althony.

On Unfinished Business.

Bro. Oscar House, Sisters N. J. Severance and M. A. Watrous.

On Pay Roll,

Bro. J. S. Conover; Sisters J. A. C. Griswold and B. F. Reynolds.

On Jurisprudence.

Bro. J. H. Hall, Sisters S. L. Marsh and E. L. Pendleton.

On Appeals and Grievances.

Bro. D. W. Sawyer, Sisters Louise Teal and O. M. Lounsbery.

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On Dispensations and Charters.

Bro. D. B. Purinton, Sisters W. S. Goodyear and Eliza Barber.

On Foreign Correspondence.

Sister S. L. Marsh.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o,clock, to visit the State School, where the delegates and visitors enjoyed a very pleasant, social time, and were entertained in a magnificent manner by the authorities of the School.

EVENING SESSION—7:30

On motion of Sister S. L. Marsh, the Chapter was opened in regular form, for the instruction of members present.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Chapters represented and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. D. A. Merrill,	G. W. M.,	Coldwater.
Travers Phillips,	G. W. P.,	Hastings.
Mrs. Mary A. Watrous,	G. A. M.,	Bay City.
Loren Day,	G. A. P.,	Jennisonville.
Dan W. Sawyer,	G. Sec.	Quincy.
Mrs. E. L. Pendleton,	G. Treas.	Sturgis.
Mrs. N. J. Severance,	G. Con.,	Middleville.
Mrs. G. F. Foster,	G. A. Con.,	Bangor.
Mrs. Sylverna Lamb,	G. Adah,	Springport.
Mrs. Eliza J. Burch,	G. Ruth,	Rockford.
Mrs. Julia H. Day,	G. Esther,	Jennisonville.
Mrs. Esther A. Robson,	G. Martha,	Williamston.
Mrs. C. J. Chappell,	G. Electa,	Olviet.
Mrs. D. Fuller,	G. Warder,	Coldwater.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	G. Marshal,	Quincy.
Wm. R. Worden,	G. Sentinel,	Coldwater.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. E. L. Pendleton,	P. G. W. M.
Mrs. D. C. Purinton,	" " " "
Mrs. Eliza J. Barber,	" " " "
Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	" " " "
Mrs. Nellie S. Corey,	" " " "

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Mrs. B. R. Rose,	P. G. W. M.
Mrs. H. L. Anthony,	" " " "
David Bovee,	P. G. W. P.
David B. Purinton,	" " " "
Travers Phillips,	" " " "
Micajah Douglass,	" " " "
J. S. Cross,	" " " "
B. R. Rose,	" " " "
Wm. H. Severance,	" " " "
Allen C. Manly,	" " " "
Geo. W. Matteson,	" " " "

ACACIA CHAPTER, No. 1—
Mrs. Clara C. Dockery, W. M.
Oscar House, proxy for W. P.
Mrs. Libbie House, proxy for A. M.

COLDWATER CHAPTER, No. 3—
Mrs. M. H. Parker, W. M.
J. S. Conover, W. P.
Mrs. J. A. Rose, A. M.

OLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER, No. 4—
Mrs. J. M. Alexander, W. M.
D. E. Thomas, W. P.
Mrs. J. Carney, A. M.

LESLIE CHAPTER, No. 6—
Mrs. M. A. Oldman, W. M.
Elias Crater, W. P.
Mrs. Mary Woodworth, A. M.

HASTINGS CHAPTER, No. 7—
Mrs. W. Grahame, W. M.
A. P. Drake, W. P.
Mrs. J. Bauer, A. M.

QUINCY CHAPTER, No. 12—
Mrs. M. E. Sawyer, W. M.
E. S. Throop, W. P.
Mrs. Catherine Lytle, A. M.

GRAND LEDGE CHAPTER, No. 14—
Miss Alice Jones, W. M.
A. B. Jones, W. P.
Mrs. S. M. Messenger, A. M.

MIDDLEVILLE CHAPTER, No. 17—
Mrs. Jennie A. C. Griswold, W. M.
Samuel C. Rich, W. P.
Mrs. S. L. Downing, A. M.

BANGOR CHAPTER, No. 18—
Mrs. Maggie Cross, W. M.
Jefferson Jon, W. P.
Mrs. Jennie Charles, A. M.

SHARON CHAPTER, No. 20—
Mrs. Lavina Olin, W. M.
Mrs. Louise Teall, proxy for W. P.
Elizabeth Lang, proxy for A. M.

IVY LEAF CHAPTER, No. 22—
Mrs. Delia S. Hall, W. M.
Joseph H. Hall, W. P.
Mrs. Eliza Phinicie, A. M.

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OLIVET CHAPTER, No. 24—
Mrs. M. R. Martin, proxy for Chapter.
Henry Herrick, W. P.

UNION CHAPTER, No. 27—
Mrs. E. P. Donaldson, W. M.
J. W. Cooper, W. P.
Mrs. L. E. Cooper, A. M.

BURR OAK CHAPTER, No. 28—
Mrs. Hattie Robinson, W. M.
Henry Robinson, W. P.
Mrs. Harriet Frey, A. M.

WILLIAMSTON CHAPTER, No. 29—
Mrs. O. M. Lounsbery, W. M.
Wm. P. Ainsley, W. P.
Mrs. Rosella Leighton, A. M.

LAUREL CHAPTER, No. 31—
Mrs. B. F. Reynolds, W. M.
Walter Webster, W. P.
Mrs. H. A. Barber, A. M.

GRAND RAPIDS CHAPTER, U. D.—
Mrs. M. M. Parsons, W. M.

J. S. CONOVER,
N. J. SEVERANCE,
M. T. GOODYEAR,
} Committee.

Motion to accept the report of the Committee, but that the report be corrected in case of Sharon Chapter No. 20. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Sister S. L. Marsh, that the work of the evening be made the exemplification of the work of the Order, after the exemplification of the work of the opening ceremonies. Motion prevailed.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully recommend that a Charter be granted the Brothers and Sisters at Grand Rapids, to be known as Oriental Chapter No. 32, with Sister Mrs. Marshall M. Parsons as Worthy Matron, Bro. Nestell B. Scribner as Worthy Patron, and Sister Mrs. Thomas W. Strahan as Associate Matron:—All of which is respectfully submitted,

ELIZA J. BARBER,
MARY T. GOODYEAR,
DAVID PURINTON,
} Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Purinton, the Grand Chapter then proceeded to exemplify the work of the Order, by initiating a regular

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candidate for the degrees.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted their corrected report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would respectfully report that they have examined the returns of the following subordinate Chapters, and find them as follows:

Acacia,	No.	1,	Correct.
Coldwater,	"	3,	"
Olive Branch,	"	4,	"
Leslie,	"	6,	"
Hastings,	"	7,	"
Quincy,	"	12,	"
Middleville,	"	17,	"
Bangor,	"	18,	"
Sharon,	"	20,	"
Ivy Leaf,	"	22,	"
Olivet,	"	24,	"
Union,	"	27,	"
Burr Oak,	"	28,	"
Williamston,	"	29,	"
Laurel,	"	31,	"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZA J. BARBER,
MARY T. GOODYEAR,
D. B. PURINTON,
} Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment, until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION—9:00 A. M.

Grand Chapter called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron, with prayer by the Grand Worthy Patron.

The Committee on Division and Reference submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for division and and reference, would submit the following report:

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I. That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to funds of Sumner Chapter No. 10, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

II. That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to inquiry in regard to a member becoming an infidel, be referred to this Grand Chapter.

III. That part of the address in regard to continuing Sumner Chapter, be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

IV. That so much of the address as refers to Acacia Chapter No. 1, in regard to a married lady being initiated under her maiden name, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

V. That so much of the address in regard to adopted daughter, be referred to Grand Chapter.

VI. That so much of the Grand Worthy Patron's address in regard to the secret work, be referred to this Grand Chapter.

VII. That so much of the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron as relates to Charters and Dispensations not already referred, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOREN DAY,
MRS. H. L. ANTHONY,
MRS. ELIZA BARBER,
} Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Pay Roll submitted their report as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastren Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report the following as the amount due Grand Officers and representatives of subordinate Chapters for mileage:

G. W. P.		99 miles		$ 7 92
G. A. M.		164 "		13 12
G. A. P.		137 "		10 96
G. Secretary		6 "		48
G. Treasurer		24 "		1 92
G. Conductress		111 "		8 88
G. A. Conductress		108 "		8 64
G. Ruth		123 "		9 84
G. Esther		127 "		10 96
G. Martha		92 "		7 36
G. Electa		89 "		7 12
G. Marshal		6 "	ret'd	48
				$ 87 68
CHAPTERS:—				
Acacia	No. 1	133 "		9 84
Olive Branch	" 4	24 "		1 92
Leslie	" 6	58 "		4 64
Hastings	" 7	99 "		7 92
Grand Ledge	" 12	82 "		6 56

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Quincy	No. 14	6 miles	48
Middleville	" 17	111 "	8 88
Bangor	" 18	108 "	8 64
Sharon	" 20	164 "	13 12
Ivy Leaf	" 22	16 "	1 28
Olivet	" 24	89 "	7 12
Union	" 27	137 "	8 00
Burr Oak	" 28	18 "	1 44
Williamston	" 29	92 "	7 36
Laurel	" 31	87 "	6 96
PAST GRAND OFFICERS :—			
P. G. M. Mrs. Eliza J. Barber		99 "	7 92
P. G. M. Mrs. H. L. Anthony		24 "	1 92
P. G. M. Mrs. N. S. Corey		12 "	96
Total			$192 64

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. C. GRISWOLD,
MRS. B. F. REYNOLDS,
J. S. CONOVER. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Motion by Sister R. A. Hall to adopt the rule of printing the Esoteric work of the Order in the Key form, instead of having it printed in full word form, and that a committee be appointed to confer with the General Grand Chapter in relation thereto, recommending that the same plan be adopted by the General Grand Chapter for the Order throughout the United States. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed as such Committee, Sisters H. L. Anthony and R. A. Hall, and Bro. T. Phillips.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted a supplementary report in regard to Grand Ledge Chapter dues, and others in like circumstances, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations decide that dues should be paid by all initiated members to the close of the Masonic year, September 23d.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZA J. BARBER,
MRS. MARY T. GOODYEAR, } Committee.

Motion by Sister Mrs. N. J. Severance to appoint a committee of three to consider the place of holding the next session of this Grand Chapter. The motion prevailed, and the Grand Worthy Matron appointed Sisters N. J. Severance, Lovina Olin, and H. M. Parker, as such Committee.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted their report as follows:

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To the Grand Worth Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain questions and decisions, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and submit the following:

That in relation to the funds of Sumner Chapter No. 10, and in regard to a married lady being initiated into this Order under her maiden name, the decisions of the Grand Worthy Matron be concurred in.

MRS. S. L. MARSH,
MRS. E. L. PENDLETON, } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Secretary made the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would very respectfully submit the following report of monies received by him during the past year:

Received profits on 14 Rituals	$ 3 50	
Dispensation for Grand Rapids	10 00	
Dues from Acacia Chapter No. 1	17 00	
" " Bronson Chapter No. 2		
" " Coldwater Chapter No. 3	27 00	
" " Olive Branch Chapter No. 4	12 00	
" " Leslie Chapter No. 6, '82 and '83	7 00 11 00	
" " Hastings Chapter No. 7	27 25	
" " Crystal Chapter No. 9		
" " Quincy Chapter No. 12	16 75	
" " Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14	8 50	
" " Middleville Chapter No. 17	16 00	
" " Bangor Chapter No. 18	20 25	
" " Sharon Chapter No. 20	25 75	
" " Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 22	12 00	
" " Olivet Chapter No. 24	11 40	
" " Springport Chapter No. 26		
" " Union Chapter No. 27	8 00	
" " Burr Oak Chapter No. 28	12 50	
" " Williamston Chapter No. 29	14 75	
" " DeWitt Chapter No. 30		
" " Laurel Chapter No. 31	15 00	
Total amount received	$276 25	
Paid to Grand Treasurer		$276 25

Referred to Committee on Finance and Ways and Means.

On motion of Bro. Phillips, the time set for the annual election of Officers of the Grand Chapter was 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Motion by Sister Nellie S. Corey, that all members in good standing, whose Chapters are about to cease their existence, shall

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be granted Dimits by this Grand Chapter. Motion prevailed.

The Committee on location for holding next session of the Grand Chapter reported in favor of accepting the invitation of Oriental Chapter No. 32, and it was therefore decided accordingly.

On Motion by the Grand Worthy Patron. the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure a Blank Order Book, Blank Receipt Book, and Blank Reports, for the use of his office and the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 2:30 P. M., during which time the members could profit by an invitation to visit the Lewis Art Gallery.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:30 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to order by the Grand Worthy Matron.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence submitted their report. (See report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.)

Motion to accept the report, and if possible with funds on hand, to have the report published in the proceedings of this year.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. J. S. Conover:—"Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be allowed Forty Dollars for his services during the past year." Resolution adopted.

The Committee on Credentials submitted a supplementary report as follows:

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following named person as entitled to a seat in this Grand Body, as a representative of of Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14: Adelbert Jones, Worthy Patron.

J. S. CONOVER,
MRS. MARY T. GOODYEAR, } Committee.

It was suggested by Sister M. A. Oldman that a Memorial Page be set apart in the proceedings of the present year.

The account of the Grand Secretary was on motion allowed, as follows:

GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
In account with DAN W. SAWYER. Dr.

To Cash paid for Postage, Stationery, Exchange, &c.	$4 79	
To Cash paid for Blank Reports for Chapters	1 05	$5 84

On motion, the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron were allowed $2.50 each, for postage, stationery, etc.

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On motion of Bro. T. Phillips, the Grand Chapter granted a Charter to Oriental Chapter No. 32, Grand Rapids.

A motion was made to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, to wit:

I move to amend Section 3, Article 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan, to read "fourteen" in place of "six," and adding after the words "above named," "excepting the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel," making the Section read as follows:

SECTION 3. The first fourteen officers above named, excepting the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel, shall be elected, the remaining to be appointed by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

MRS. GEO. FOSTER,
MRS. J. M. ALEXANDER.

Motion to enter the resolution upon the records. and that it lay over until the next Annual Session. Motion prevailed.

The following resolution was offered by Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for the earnest and candid manner in which they have rendered all their decisions.

The hour having arrived for the Annual Election of Officers, the Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment for a few minutes.

After resuming labor, the Grand Worthy Matron appointed Brother Loren Day, Sisters Marsh and Rose as tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

The following Sisters and Brothers were declared duly elected:

For Grand Worthy Matron, Mrs. Mary A. Watrous, South Bay City.
For Grand Worthy Patron, Loren Day, Grandville.
For Grand Associate Matron, Mrs. J. A. C. Griswold, Middleville.
For Grand Associate Patron, J. S. Conover, Coldwater.
For Grand Secretary, Dan W. Sawyer, Quincy.
For Grand Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.

The report of the Grand Treasurer was then read, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully report:

Balance on hand at last report.....	$ 67 05	
Received from Grand Secretary....	276 25	
Received for Charter Oriental Chapter.....	5 00	$348 30
Paid the Grand Secretary for printing.....	$ 54 00	
Paid the Grand Officers and Delegates.....	192 64	
Paid the Grand Secretary for services.....	40 00	
Paid the Grand Secretray for postage, &c.....	5 84	
Paid the Grand Worthy Patron for postage, &c	2 50	

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Paid the Grand Worthy Matron for postage, &c	2 50	$297 48
Balance on hand		$ 50 82

MRS. E. L. PENDLETON,
Treasurer.

On motion the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means.

The following Preamble and Resolutions were submitted for adoption:

Whereas, The increasing expenses of this Grand Body require us to exercise the utmost care and frugality in the disposition of our funds, and the curtailing, as far as possible, the expenses of the annual sessions, therefore,

Resolved, That Section I, Article XIII, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, be amended by striking from the first line of said section, as printed on page 28 of the printed proceedings of the year 1881, the words, "Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons," and also, from lines 7 and 8 of same Section, the words, "Past Grand Officer."

Submitted by J. S. CONOVER.

On motion the Resolutions were ordered to be copied on the Minutes, to lay over for final action at next session of the Grand Chapter.

Motion by Brother Conover to have a public Installation of Officers at evening session. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION, 7:30 O'CLOCK.

Grand Chapter called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Worthy Matron-elect announced the following appointments:

Grand Conductress, Mrs. Loretta Miller, California.
Grand Associate Conductress, Mrs. P. R. Martin, Olivet.
Grand Adah, Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Grand Rapids.
Grand Ruth, Mrs. Louise A. Teall, Bay City.
Grand Esther, Mrs. Mahala Grahame, Hastings.
Grand Martha, Mrs. Hattie Robinson, Burr Oak.
Grand Electa, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds, Nashville.
Grand Warder, Miss Alice Jones, Grand Ledge.

The Grand Worthy Patron-elect announced the following appointments:

Grand Chaplain, Rev. Burford, Grand Rapids.
Grand Marshal, Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.
Grand Sentinel, Bro. —— Young, Grand Rapids.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed by the Grand

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Worthy Matron, Mrs. D. A. Merrill, and Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance and Ways and Means would report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer submitted to them, and find them correct as follows:

That the Grand Secretary has received during the year, per his report, $276.25; paid Grand Treasurer, $276.25.

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year—

Balance on hand	$ 67 05
From Grand Secretary	276 25
Received for Charter Oriental Chapter	5 00
Total	$348 30

The Grand Treasurer has paid orders of the Grand Chapter as follows:

Grand Officers and Delegates	$192 64
Grand Secretary, printing proceedings	54 00
Grand Secretary, services and postage	45 84
Grand Worthy Matron and Patron for postage	5 00
Total	$297 48
Balance on hand	50 82
	$348 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOREN DAY,
MRS. ESTHER ROBSON,
MRS. H. L. ANTHONY,
} Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted and the Committee were discharged.

A Resolution was offered by Sister S. L. Marsh, as follows:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be extended to the Coldwater Chapter by the visiting members of this Grand Body, for the right loyal and elegant manner in which we have been entertained. They have spared neither time nor expense in showing us over their beautiful city, and the various places of interest, among which we are happy to note the State Public School and the Lewis Art Gallery.

On motion, the resolution was adopted by a standing vote.

The Grand Worthy Matron requested Sisters S. L. Marsh and Eliza Barber to exemplify the signs and passes, which was done in a complete manner.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form, to meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1884, at 12 M.

DAN W. SAWYER, Grand Secretary.

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REPORT

—OF—

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has received and hastily reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

ARKANSAS, 1882.

The seventh annual communication of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was held in Masonic Hall, Jacksonville, on the 24th and 25th days of October, 1882.

The Grand Officers were all present except the Grand Lecturer, and at the call of Chapters it was found that eight were represented, but from the report of the Committee on Credentials we find six additions, making fourteen Chapters represented.

We are glad to note, in reviewing the addresses of the Grand Patron and Matron, that the Order is in so prosperous a condition, and as each year the proceedings of this Grand Chapter reach us, we feel more than common interest in reading and comparing with former years their prosperity. The last report shows an increase of ten new Chapters, and with Sister McBride Grand Worthy Matron, we are pleased to know of the firm and rapid growth of the Order. Our sisterly sympathies and interests are with you.

Next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be on Tuesday, the 4th of October next, in Argenta, Pulaski Co.

CALIFORNIA.

The tenth annual communication of the Order of the Eastern Star of California, was held in San Francisco Oct. 16, 17 and 18, 1882, with fourteen Grand Officers present and thirty-six subordinate Chapters represented. We read with interest the Grand Patron's address. He speaks of the year as one of general prosperity and rapid growth. We like his suggestion in regard to dividing the Chapters into districts for inspection. It seems important, as it must incur a great amount of time and labor for one person to visit so many, and yet the amount of good and encouragement received by these visits is great. We find that the Grand Matron has visited fifty-three Chapters. And it is noticeable in

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her report that so many of the Officers memorize their work, making it much more beautiful and impressive to those seeking admission to our Order. These visits from Grand Officers, or those designated to do the work, who are zealous for the advancement and good of our Order, and the social relations of meeting with those from other Chapters, not only gives pleasure, but an opportunity for an interchange of sympathy and good counsel. As we read the proceedings of the tenth annual session, we see the names of many with whom we exchanged greeting at the last General Grand Chapter, held in Chicago, and at this time it comes to us that these greetings are again enjoyed in the beautiful city of San Francisco by many Sisters and Brothers from all over our land. We are with you in love for our beautiful Order, and close with regret our perusal of the careful, neat and concise manner in which all your deliberations are conducted.

The report of Committee on Returns shows,—initiated, 850; affiliated, 37; reinstated, 7; withdrawn, 282; present membership, 3,420.

CONNECTICUT.

The ninth annual session of this Grand Chapter met in Masonic Hall, Waterbury, Wednesday, October 11th. Mrs. Lizzie Hotchkiss. Grand Matron; Chester Tilden, Grand Patron; Mrs. Roxie M. Granger, Grand Secretary *pro tem.*

The Grand Worthy Matron invites us to 'climb with her the fairy hills of content, and upon its banks fling aside all care, while we allow our thoughts to wander on, and as they wander, cannot help thinking how the circles in life's pool are continually widening from the pebbles thrown in by unthinking hands; and let us remember that instead of the pebbles to disturb its ripple, the obligation of our beautiful Order teaches us to love one another and to help one another over the stream, and remove the pebbles that are in the way.' Her report also shows twenty subordinate Chapters visited officially. She notices with pride that most of the Chapters memorize their work.

The address of the Grand Patron is good. He says "earnest and systematic labor is essential to complete success in any department of human effort; that lukewarmness or inattention is disastrous to every enterprise." This is indeed true, and I wish it could be impressed upon every member of our Chapters.

The report of Grand Secretary shows 82 initiated during the year, with a total membership of 1,750.

INDIANA.

The ninth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Indiana was held in Indianapolis April 11th, 1883.

The Grand Officers were all present, and assisted by four Past

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Grand Officers, with representatives from 22 Chapters.

We notice among the distinguished visitors the names of Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter; Sister Addie C. S. Engle, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut; and Brother John Sprout, Past Grand Secretary of New York.

The working of the Chapters in Indiana is full of interest to us—we are of Hoosier birth, and rejoice in the prosperity and good things of our native State. But the proceedings of the Grand Chapter for 1883 come to us so full of beautiful sayings and good counsel, that it is hard to select, and we wish that time and space would allow us to give entire the address of the Grand Patron and Grand Matron. They are earnest and zealous workers. And we would not have the love of our sex for flattery and encouraging words, did we not admire the tribute paid to woman by our Brother. He believes the Order has a great work before it; the little seed that has been planted, the tendrils sent forth by every State in the Union, will add strength and symmetry to the tree of Masonry, and that its future can only be determined by the intensity of its workers.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in the city of Indianapolis on Wednesday, the 9th of April, 1884.

The reports show a balance in the Treasury of $366.92; total membership, 1,516.

Albert H. Kaiser, Grand Patron.
Sister Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron.
Wm. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois convened in the Hall of Queen Esther, city of Chicago, Oct. 3d, 1883.

There were present twelve Grand Officers, with 25 Chapters represented, 5 of them working under dispensation.

The Grand Matron, after giving a very hearty welcome to the Chapters represented, pays a very touching tribute of respect to the memory of the Rev. J. W. Agard, who was called to the great Lodge above soon after the meeting of the last Grand Session. She also refers to the death of Brother T. M. Lamb, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, whose name will long be remembered; and those of us from the different States whose privilege it was to listen to his address and words of counsel associated with his kind and genial ways at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter in Chicago, will reverence his name in the years to come. Our Sister recommends that a page in the proceedings be set apart as a memorial to these Brothers.

We find Sister Butler, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, still

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in the working ranks. The Grand Matron, quoting from this Sister, says: "How important that your hearts be filled with enthusiasm and zeal for the Order. Let it be seen in your actions, read in your eyes, and felt in the warm, cordial grasp with which you greet the members." We love to read the sayings of Sister Butler. Sister Pitkin, Most Worthy Grand Matron, says: "If our Chapters had something to labor for—some little bare feet to clothe, or poor, heart-sick soul to comfort—there would be no time for continual strife."

Among the visitors received with Grand honors, we notice the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Lorraine J. Pitkin; and the representative of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, Sister Jennie E. Mathews; and Brother Thomas Erenbrack, Grand Patron of Iowa.

The address of the Grand Patron is very brief, but congratulates the Grand Chapter upon the prosperous condition of the Order and the harmonious feeling of its members throughout the State. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence gives Michigan a very pleasant notice—speaks of the address of Sister Rose as full of good thoughts and well expressed.

The session closed, to meet in Chicago the first Tuesday in October, 1883.

IOWA.

The fifth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held in Masonic Hall at Des Moines, convening June 6th, 1882, and was called together by the Grand Matron, Jennie E. Mathews, and opened in due form, with eight Grand Officers present, and 13 subordinate Chapters represented.

The address of the Grand Patron is good but very brief.

We are much interested in reviewing the work of the Grand Matron. She is gratified at the prosperity of the Order both in numbers and strength, and we see no reason why it should not stand among the first, with so much energy and talent at its head. We conceived great admiration for the zeal, energy and happy ways of Sister Mathews, whom it was our good fortune to meet in 1880, and so often read little gems from her pen, that we have learned to think of her as one of the brightest lights in the Order. The official visits of the Grand Matron began Dec. 7th, having been delayed from time to time on account of small-pox. These visits cover a large portion of the Jurisdiction. Two new Chapters were organized and seven reorganized; these duties, connected with the work of the Grand Secretary, has certainly made a very busy year for Sister Mathews, but we find, with all this, she has found time to honor with her presence several Grand Chapters in different States.

The sixth annual session of this Grand Chapter will convene at Cedar Rapids.

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KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas, Order of the Eastern Star, convened at its seventh annual communication in Olathe, March 13th, 1883, with sixteen Grand Officers present, and fourteen Chapters represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form by the Grand Worthy Matron.

Brother James H. Frame, Grand Patron of Missouri, being in attendance, was invited to a seat in the East and saluted with the Grand honors.

The address of the Grand Matron shows a large amount of visiting, and work accomplished, and reports the working forces of most of the Chapters as in fair condition. There were three new Chapters organized.

Our Sister feels that, although the number organized has not been many, yet there is a great and growing interest felt in the Order.

We notice some twelve appointments made by the Grand Matron as representatives of Kansas near their Grand Chapters, among which appears the name of D. B. Purinton, of Michigan.

The report on Foreign Correspondence says of Michigan: "We do not know the extent of the Order in this state, further than that at their fifteenth meeting they had a membership of 1,400."

We reply, we are alive, my Brothers, and well up in the work, as you will see by our next report.

MINNESOTA.

The fourth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota met Oct. 10th, 1882, with twelve Grand Officers present and six subordinate Chapters represented.

We find an address from the Worthy Grand Matron. She visited several Chapters officially and assisted in organizing one. The Grand Chapter of 1883 will meet in Zumbrota, on Wednesday, Oct. 2d.

A. A. Palmer, Grand Matron.
Leonard Lewis, Grand Patron.
M. Louise Lewis, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The ninth annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Missouri, met in Carrolton, June 26th, 1882.

The Grand Chapter was called to order in due form, by the Grand Patron. Owing to the irregularity of trains, the Grand Matron and many others did not arrive until the evening session. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

Sister Jennie Mathews, Grand Matron of Iowa, and Sister

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Agnew were present and invited to seats in the East.

The address of the Grand Patron is brief, but makes several suggestions which he thinks would tend to benefit the Order.

The Grand Matron, in her official work, visited five Chapters, one working harmoniously. the others seeming to have much trouble growing out of their elections. They seem to forget that some must govern, others submit and obey.

The report of the Grand Secretary shows a balance of $285.90 on hand.

The statistical table gives a membership of 968.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The seventh annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of the state of Massachusetts was held at Worcester. May 8th, 1883.

The roll call found 49 Officers and members of the Grand Chapter representing the eleven subordinate Chapters in the Jurisdiction.

The Graud Matron reports that in company with the Grand Patron she visited every reporting Chapter, and believes the Order to be in a much more prosperous condition to-day in Massachusetts than one year ago, not so much gain in numbers as its rapid strides toward perfection. She says this advancement is "simply a revelation of possibilities which lie within the grasp of organizations and individuals when they bring to their work the sure requisites for success."

In the report on Foreign Correspondence we find no report of Michigan. This is, I presume, not owing to neglect, but from the lateness of the proceedings being sent out.

Sister M. O. Davis, Grand Matron.

Brother Wm. A. Farnsworih, Grand Patron.

Brother Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The thirteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of New Jersey, was held in McPherson Hall, Jersey City Heights, Oct. 6th. 1882.

Number of Grand Officers present, fourteen, two acting *pro tem.* There were eleven Past Grand Officers present, and representatives from six Chapters and one under dispensation.

The Grand Matron reports that the year has been an unusually prosperous one, that peace and harmony prevail. The Chapters number but few, but this deficiency is overbalanced by the zeal of the members.

Sister Lucinda Smith, Grand Matron.

Brother W. C. Brown, Grand Patron.

Sister Mary J. Burnell, Grand Secretary.

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VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont held its ninth annual session in Windsor on the 7th of June, 1882.

There were present seven Grand Officers, two Past Grand Officers, and seven subordinate Chapters represented.

In the absence of the Grand Patron, his address was read by Brother L. Robinson, Past Grand Patron.

He says: "I hope my successor may be able to visit the subordinate Chapters and infuse into them a new life and awaken a missionary spirit which shall harvest the fields ready for the occupancy of the Eastern Star in our State. I believe what we need is not added machinery, not a new ritual, not the supervision of any General Grand Body, but the proper setting forth of our claims to the Masonic Fraternity of Vermont." Better owe an allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, my Brother.

We quote from the Grand Matron's address: "I feel that I should do myself an injustice did I fail to say something on the subject of Rituals, which I cannot regard as settled for all time. The change should be made (if at all,) from a deep, settled conviction that the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter is better suited to our needs. I thought I had compared the two rituals carefully as I was able, but from criticism of that of the General Grand Chapter at our last meeting, was induced to look over the ground even more carefully than before, and arrived at conclusions entirely opposite to those expressed by the GrandPatron. I was myself enamored at the result of the comparison of the two, and of both with the Bible.

The next annual convocation will be held June 6th, 1883, in West Randolph.

In conclusion we say that, though our work has been so imperfectly done, we feel that we are brought much nearer to the Sisters and Brothers in this work than ever before. We read with delight of the labor of sister States in the Order, and feel that all must acknowledge that it now stands upon a basis which cannot fall, and that what we must do is to chisel, purify, and bring the work up to a standard of beauty and excellence that can not be surpassed, and thus we may be acknowledged as the co-workers with the Masonic Brother.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	No. of Chapter.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	LOCATION.	Initiated	Affiliated	Died	Dimitted	Suspended	Dropped or expelled	Reinstated	Number of members	Rejected	Grand Chapter Dues
Acacia	1	Mrs. Clara C. Dockeray	Oscar House	Rockford	3	2	1					65		$ 17 00
*Bronson	2	Mrs. Nellie S. Corey		Bronson					10			20		5 00
Coldwater	3	Mrs. H. M. Parker	Mrs. G. F. Culver	Coldwater	4		1	2	7			104		27 00
Olive Branch	4	Mrs. J. M. Alexander	Mrs. H. L. Anthony	Sturgis	2	2	1	2				46		12 00
Leslie	6	Mrs. M. A. Oldman	Job T. Campbell	Leslie	10		1	1				36		18 50
Hastings	7	Mrs. M. Grahame	Mrs. C. A. Lathrop	Hastings	2	1	1	2				107	3	27 26
Quincy	12	Mrs. M. E. Sawyer	Dan W. Sawyer	Quincy	7			4			1	60		16 75
Grand Ledge	14	Miss Alice Jones	Mrs. S. S. Messenger	Grand Ledge	4		1		10			30		8 50
Middleville	17	Mrs. J. A. C. Griswold	Geo. W. Matteson	Middleville	5		1	1	6			59		16 00
Bangor	18	Mrs. Maggie Cross	Mrs. M. Remington	Bangor	7		1		9			74		25 25
Sharon	20	Mrs. Lovinia Olin	Mrs. Sarah L. De Forest	Bay City	17		4	6	2	1	4	86		20 75
Ivy Leaf	22	Mrs. Delia S. Hall	Mrs. Abbie Richey	California	6		1				1	42		12 00
Olivet	24	Mrs. E. M. French	C. W. Storr, Jr.	Olivet	6			1	2			40	1	11 50
Union	27	Mrs. E. P. Donaldson	Mr. A. H. Weston	Jennisonville				1				32		8 00
Burr Oak	28	Mrs. Hattie Robinson	Miss Jessie Keeler	Burr Oak	8		1	3	1			42		12 50
Williamston	29	Mrs. Olive M. Lounsbury	Mrs. Abbie J. Vanneter	Williamston	6		1	2				53		14 75
*De Witt	30	Mrs. Ella L. Lawrence	Mrs. Carrie B. Simmons	De Witt	9			1				58		16 75
Laurel	31	Mrs. B. F. Reynolds	Mrs. M. C. Francis	Nashville	5			1				55		15 00
Oriental	UD	Mrs. M. M. Parsons		Grand Rapids										
Total					101	5	15	27	47	1	6	1,009	4	$284 50

*Reports and dues received after session of Grand Chapter.

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In Memoriam.

Sister Ellen Smith, Acacia No. 1.

Sister Ruth Brooks, Coldwater No. 3.

Brother Charles Blackwood, Olive Branch No. 4.

Brother Ogden Edwards, Leslie No. 6.

Sister Ella Galloway, Hastings No. 7.

Brother A. Crane, Grand Ledge No. 14.

Sister Sarah Morgan, P. W. M., Middleville No. 17.

Brother J. B. Smith, Bangor No. 18.

Sister Sarah Tucker, Sharon No. 20.

Sister Jennie Breckler, Sharon No. 20.

Brother Samuel McKee, Sharon No. 20.

Brother James Kehoe, Sharon No. 20.

Sister Richey Brown, Ivy Leaf No. 22.

Brother John Watson, Burr Oak No. 28.

Sister Lydia J. Babbitt, Williamston No. 29.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GRAND WORTHY MATRON, Mrs. Mary A. Watrous.....South Bay City.
GRAND WORTHY PATRON, Loren Day.....Grandville.
GRAND ASSOCIATE MATRON, Mrs. J. A. C. Griswold.....Middleville.
GRAND ASSOCIATE PATRON, J. S. Conover.....Coldwater.
GRAND SECRETARY, Dan W. Sawyer.....Quincy.
GRAND TREASURER, Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.....Sturgis.
GRAND CONDUCTRESS, Mrs. Loretta Miller.....California.
GRAND ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS, Mrs. P. R. Martin.....Olivet.
GRAND CHAPLAIN, Rev. Burford.....Grand Rapids.
GRAND ADAH, Mrs. M. M. Parsons.....Grand Rapids.
GRAND RUTH, Mrs. Louise A. Teall.....Bay City.
GRAND ESTHER, Mrs. Mahala Grahame.....Hastings.
GRAND MARTHA, Mrs. Hattie Robinson.....Burr Oak.
GRAND ELECTA, Mrs. Minnie Reynolds.....Nashville.
GRAND WARDER, Miss Alice Jones.....Grand Ledge.
GRAND MARSHAL, Mrs. S. L. Marsh.....Quincy.
GRAND SENTINEL, Bro. —— Young.....Grand Rapids.

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PROCEEDINGS

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THE GRAND CHAPTER

—OF THE—

Order of Eastern Star,

—OF—

THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,

—AT ITS—

Sixth Annual Meeting

As the Grand Chapter and the Eighteenth Annual Meeting as the

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GRAND Worthy Patron, Bro. J. S. Conover.....Coldwater.
GRAND Associate Matron, Mrs. M. M. Parsons.....Grand Rapids.
GRAND Associate Patron, Bro. H. L. Anthony.....Sturgis.
GRAND Secretary, Bro. Dan W. Sawyer.....Quincy.
GRAND Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.....Sturgis.
GRAND Conductress, Mrs. S. L. Marsh.....Quincy.
GRAND Associate Conductress, Mrs. S. M. Messenger, Grand Ledge.
GRAND Chaplain, Bro. P. Macfarlane.....Grand Rapids.
GRAND Adah, Mrs. A. B. Smith.....Hastings.
GRAND Ruth, Mrs. P. R. Hahn.....Leslie.
GRAND Esther, Miss Vira Nichols.....Burr Oak.
GRAND Martha, Mrs. L. A. Olin.....Bay City.
GRAND Electa, Mrs. C. J. Chappell.....Olivet.
GRAND Warder, Mrs. L. A. Hankerson.....Caro.
GRAND Marshal, Mrs. M. Rowe.....Nashville.
GRAND Sentinel, Bro. J. M. Alexander.....Sturgis.
Committee on Foreign Correspondence,
Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose.....Hastings.

The next meeting of the Grand Chapter, will be held in Masonic Hall, Sturgis Mich., on Wednesday October 14th 1885, at 12 o'clock M.

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—PROCEEDINGS—

OF THE SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, BEING THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ADOPTIVE MASONERY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

HALL OF DORIC LODGE NO. 342 F. AND A. M. {
GRAND RAPIDS MICH. WEDNESDAY OCT. 8th. 1884. }

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, assembled in its sixth Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and the vote of the Grand Chapter, at its last Annual Session, held in Coldwater, Michigan, on Wednesday October 8th, at 12 o'clock M.

There were present:—

Sister Mrs. Mary A. Watrous—Grand Worthy Matron.
Brother Loren Day—Grand Worthy Patron.
Sister Mrs. M. C. Griswold—Grand Associate Matron.
Brother J. S. Conover—Grand Associate Patron.
Brother Dan W. Sawyer—Grand Secretary.
Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton—Grand Treasurer.
Sister Mrs. Loretta Miller—Grand Conductress.
Sister Mrs. P. R. Martin—Grand Associate Conductress.
Brother P. Macfarlane—as Grand Chaplain.
Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons—Grand Adah.
" " Louise A. Teall—Grand Ruth.
" " H. W. Baker—as Grand Esther.
" " Hattie Robinson—Grand Martha.
" " Minnie Reynolds—Grand Electa.
" " N. J. Severance—as Grand Warder.
" " Sarah L. Marsh—Grand Marshal.
" " F. Sweet—as Grand Organist.
Brother Wm. Bonner—as Grand Sentinel.
And Sisters and Brothers.

Roll of Chapters called, and a quorum found represented.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form, and with prayer, by Rev. Brother P. Macfarlane, acting Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed Bro. W. H. Severance, and Sisters Mrs. Eliza J. Barber and Mrs. Lovinia Olin, as a Committee on Credentials, after which, the Grand Chapter was called from labor, until 2:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron.

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Bro. Macfarlane, on behalf of Oriental Chapter No. 32, made a few very pleasant remarks, welcoming the Grand Chapter to their Lodge room and their hospitality.

The Grand Worthy Matron then read the following

ADDRESS.

To the Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter:

Once again we are gathered together, drawn by the bonds of Fraternity and Love. Another year has passed, day after day, week after week, yet how fleet its transition. How many of us who are here assembled to-day, have passed through this year unscathed. Partings sad and sorrowful have no doubt been the portion of some, while meetings, reunions and happiness have been enjoyed by others. In either case, the love and sympathy of our Sisters and Brothers may be claimed and should be freely given.

Standing upon the threshold of a new year, let us take a retrospection of our duties, and see if we have been remiss in any of them, if so, now is the time to form better resolutions for the future. The steady progress and advancement of the Order of the Eastern Star shows a warm and heartfelt interest at work. Look around our beautiful State to-day and you will find that among all the changes time has wrought, none is more conspicuous than the onward march of woman's work in our own order, and other fraternal orders as well. Let us bid them all God speed. There is a great work yet to be accomplished. "By the fruit which the tree bears, will it be known." Then let us buckle on our armor, and see to it, that we send forth none but good fruit into the world.

In accordance with the usages of this Order requiring of the Grand Matron an account of her official acts during the recess of the Grand Chapter, I present to you my report.

Nov. 6th I received a communication from Middleville Chapter No. 17, stating they had lost their Charter with all other property belonging to the Chapter, by the burning of the Masonic Hall Oct. 22d. Received the same date from the Grand Patron, a Charter for my signature, to replace the one burned.

Jan. 30th received from a member of the Order the following question; How does it affect the standing of a sister, she being the wife of a Master Mason at the time of her initiation, should he procure a divorce from her? Ans. If the sister is of good moral character, she is not affected by the action of the Master Mason through whom she affiliates. March 20th received a communication from sister L. A. Hankerson of Caro, stating she had a petition for a Chapter at that place, with the names of 23 Master Masons, their wives and sisters and wished to know what to do with it. I referred her to the Grand Patron for advice.

Apr. 24th received a letter from the Grand Patron authorizing me to organize a Chapter at Caro. Apr. 29th, Accompanied by the

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Worthy Patron and seven other members of Sharon Chapter No. 20, I proceeded to organize Caro Chapter to the best of my ability. I would recommend to this Grand body, the necessity of adopting some form to be used in organizing subordinate Chapters.

Apr. 9th received a letter from Williamston Chapter No. 29 asking permission to move their Charter into the new Hall occupied by the Masons. I granted their request.

May 26 received a communication from Sister L. A. Hankerson W. M., asking for a permit to change the name of Caro Chapter, to Kedron Chapter; also stating that the Masonic Hall at that place had been burned and wishing a permit to occupy any hall that the Masons might procure for their own use, both of which requests I granted.

July 24th received a communication from Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 22 stating they had received an application from a young lady but seventeen years of age, and asking for a permit to confer the degrees upon her. I referred them to the constitution of our order, and did grant the permit.

Aug. 10th received a communication from Rev. N. Saunders, of Olivet, stating that while living at Hubbardston he and his wife became members of the Chapter, at that place; since his removal the Chapter had been dropped from the Grand Chapter, and wishing to become members of Olivet Chapter No. 24, they wished for demits. Having no knowledge of their standing, I advised them to make application for the same at the meeting of the Grand Chapter at this time. Sept. 6th received a communication from Williamston Chapter No. 29 for a dispensation to receive a petition, ballot and initiate the candidate the same evening. I granted the permit.

Sept. 8th received a communication from Brother Rob Morris of LaGrange, Kentucky, the originator of the Eastern Star, containing a pamphlet entitled a "Monument of Gratitude," which I would recommend to your attention and kind consideration.

In conclusion, I would, before retiring from this official chair, thank you most gratefully for the honor conferred upon me, as Grand Matron of this GrandChapter, and knowing I may have at times erred in my rulings, yet I trust you will judge with leniency, and believe that "she hath done what seemeth best."

MRS. MARY A. WATROUS,
Grand Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron then read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

The months that make another year for our order have sped

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swiftly by, leaving us nothing to mark their flight save the pleasing recollections of work well done and duties performed, or the sad recollections of opportunities for good that have escaped us unimproved. To perform well the part assigned us in the brief time allotted us here, should be our constant, earnest aim.

The occasion that has brought us together to-day is the eighteenth annual meeting, or the sixth meeting since the organization of the Grand Chapter of this state, and the work that is before us is to labor and legislate for the best interest of our order, an institution of recent date and origin but whose motives are for the protection and elevation of the wives, widows, mothers, sisters and daughters of the Masonic fraternity. With such noble principles as these, it is proper and right that we should meet in this capacity at least once annually to inspect its workings, perpetuate its principles and promote its welfare in our midst. We know that the flowers and fruits of to-day are from the seeds and labors of the past, and that the pure principles of our order crystalized into the organization that we have to-day, has accomplished great good although in a quiet and unobtrusive way. Sisters and Brothers, I have thought it admissable to say this much; that by contemplating our beautiful order we might the more fully realize the honorable positions we occupy as members of it, hoping that we may earnestly endeavor to discharge our duty at all times.

The year that has just passed has in many ways been a fruitful one. The earth has yielded her increase abundantly, and the labors of the husbandman have been richly rewarded. For these and many kindred blessings it is but meet and proper that we should return our grateful acknowledgements to Him who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift and to whom we are indebted for our prosperity as a people and a nation. The small amount of labor performed by me during the past year has not been for the want of interest I have in this order, but from the lack of time, my own business occupying so much of my time that it was hardly possible for me to visit among the Chapters as I promised myself I would do at the beginning of the past year.

Our Order is acquiring new territory every year, although it may seem to be very slow. The following is an extract from the Cincinnati Enquirer: "It will be a colder day than Thursday when the Order of the Eastern Star gets a foothold in Ohio." The Masonic Chronicle in commenting on the above says: "Just make a note of the temperature of Dec. 6th, for on that day the order will obtain a foothold in Ohio which will never be lessened. Then listen attentively and you will soon hear its footfall in various parts of the state as it goes proudly marching on." On the above date Lorraine Chapter No. 1 was organized at Columbus, and I expect to hear of other Chapters being organized in Ohio and that the good work will keep progressing. I herewith submit a brief synopsis of my official acts. Oct. 25th received communication from

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Middleville ChapterNo. 17 stating that their Hall had been destroyed by fire, losing Charter and nearly all of their property contained in said Hall, and asking for duplicate Charter which was furnished them; Nov. 28th received communication from Past Grand Worthy Patron W. H. Severance asking for authority to install the Officers of Oriental Chapter No.32. As he had been requested to do the work, I immediately granted him the authority and I suppose the work was done. Feb 4th received communication from Grand Worthy Matron stating that they had two petitions before their Chapter for initiation which had been received and referred to commitees asking if the ones recommending them could withdraw the petitions; I answered, they could not; and referred her to Section nine, Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters, viz: A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter at the written request of the petitioner at any time before balloting. I hold that a petition when received and referred becomes the property of the Chapter and cannot be withdrawn without the unanimous consent of all the members present at a regular meeting. Feb. 12th received communication from Grand Secretary with letter enclosed from Sister Ella Clark Smith asking for blanks and instructions for forming Chapter to be known as Caro Chapter at Caro Mich. The blanks were forwarded and March 19th received petition for dispensation which was issued to them. I delegated the Grand Worthy Matron to organize them and instruct them in the work. May 28th received letter from Grand Worthy Matron stating that Caro Chapter U. D. wished to change the name of their Chapter to Kedron. The request was granted by her but as she was in doubt to whom the authority belonged, I concurred in her action. Aug. 16th received dispensation from Grand Secretary for Chapter at Sparta which was forwarded to them, and on August 26th I organized Harmony Chapter with forty Charter members, assisted by Sisters J. H. Day, and Ida M. Greenwood, of Union Chapter No. 27, and Brother N. B. Scribner of Oriental Chapter No. 32. Sept. 9th received petition from Union Chapter No. 27. asking permission to remove their Chapter from Jenisonville to Grandville for the reason that the lodge whose hall they occupied had removed to the latter place; I granted their request and gave them permission to move. I wish to call the attention of this Grand Chapter to Article eleven, Section one, of the Constitution regarding the revenue, so that it will be more plain as to what it consists of. It says for every dispensation, including three copies of the Ritual, ten dollars; but don't sav whether the fee for the Charter is revenue to Grand Chapter or not. I would recommend that said article eleven.section one, of the Constitution be ammended so that it will read: The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources, viz: For every dispensation, including three copies of the ritual, ten dollars, and for every Charter issued, five dollars.

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And now I will conclude with utterances of sincere gratitude to the Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Chapter, for the high honor conferred, and the confidence bestowed upon me one year ago. While sensible that the honor was undeserved, the expression of your confidence is none the less appreciated and I shall ever cherish the latter while I have prized the former. And now my Sisters and Brothers the record is before you. It is not what I had hoped to make it, but such as it is, it is now yours. If therein is found aught in word, act or deed worthy your approval and commendation I shall feel that my labors have not been without compensation. If on the other hand there is found that which merits your disapproval, I can but bow with becoming submission to your superior wisdom, trusting that you will remember that perfection on earth has never been attained, and that charity is one of the tenets of Masonic profession and covereth a multitude of sins.

LOREN DAY, G. W. P.

On motion of Sister S. L. Marsh, the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron were referred to a committee of three, for division and reference.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed as such Committee Brother B. R. Rose, Sisters Mrs. D. A. Merrill and Mrs. N. J. Severance.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Chapters represented, and the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister Mary A. Watrous,	G. W. M.
Brother Loren Day,	G. W. P.
Sister J. A. C. Griswold,	G. A. M.
Brother J. S. Conover,	G. A. P.
" Dan W. Sawyer,	G. Secy.
Sister E. L. Pendleton,	G. Treas.
" Loretta Miller,	G. Cond.
" P. R. Martin,	G. A. Cond.
Brother Rev. Buford,	G. Chaplain.
Sister M. M. Parsons,	G. Adah.
" L. A. Teall,	G. Ruth.
" Mahala Graham,	G. Esther.
" Hattie Robinson,	G. Martha.
" Minnie Reynolds,	G. Electa.
" Alice Jones,	G. Warder.
" S. L. Marsh,	G. Marshal.
Brother Young,	G. Sentinel.

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PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. E. L. Pendleton,	P. G. W. M.
Mrs. D. C. Purington,	" " "
Mrs. Eliza J. Barber,	" " "
Mrs. S. L. Marsh,	" " "
Mrs. Nellie S. Corey,	" " "
Mrs. B. R. Rose,	" " "
Mrs. H. L. Anthony,	" " "
Mrs. D. A. Merrill,	" " "
David Bovee,	P. G. W. P.
David B. Purington,	" " "
Travers Phillips,	" " "
Micajah Douglas,	" " "
J. S. Cross,	" " "
B. R. Rose,	" " "
Wm. H. Severance,	" " "
Allen C. Manly,	" " "
Geo. W. Matteson,	" " "

ACACIA CHAPTER, No. 1—
Geo. A. Sage, Proxy.

COLDWATER CHAPTER No. 3—
Sister M. H. Parker, W. M.
" H. W. Baker, A. M.
Brother C. R. Fanning, W. P.

OLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER No. 4—
Sister J M. Alexander, W. M.

LESLIE CHAPTER No. 6—
Sister P. R. Hahn, Proxy.

HASTINGS CHAPTER No. 7—
Sister M. J. Goodyear, W. M.
" R. Rose, A. M.
Brother A. P. Drake, W. P.

QUINCY CHAPTER No. 12—
Sister Catharine Lytle, Proxy.

GRAND LEDGE CHAPTER No. 14—
Sister S. M. Messenger, W. M.

MIDDLEVILLE CHAPTER No. 17—
Sister J. A. C. Griswold, W. M.
" S. L. Dowling, A. M.

BANGOR CHAPTER No. 18—

SHARON CHAPTER No. 20—
Sister Julia S. Gould, Proxy.

IVY LEAF CHAPTER No. 22—
Sister Lou Munger, Proxy.

OLIVET CHAPTER No. 24—
Sister Mary Plumb, W. M.

UNION CHAPTER No. 27—
Sister E. P. Donaldson, W. M.

BURR OAK CHAPTER No. 28—
Sister Vira Nichols, W. M.

WILLIAMSTON CHAPTER No. 29—
Sister Rose Leighton, W. M.
" A. J. Vanetter, Proxy Ast. M.

DE WITT CHAPTER No. 30—
Sister Carrie Lott, A. M.

LAUREL CHAPTER No. 31—
Sister Melissa Roe, W. M.

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ORIENTAL CHAPTER No. 82—
Sister M. M. Parsons, W. M,
" Rachel Tubbs, A. M.
Brother P. Mcfarlane, W. M.
KEDRON CHAPTER U. D.—
Sister L. A. Hankerson, Proxy.
HARMONY CHAPTER U. D.—
Sister C. Bonner as W. M.
Brother M. B. Nash, W. P.

W. H. SEVERANCE,
E. J. BARBER,
L. E. OLIN,
} Committee.

On motion the report was accepted.

The Grand Worthy Matron then appointed the following standing Committees:

Finance and Ways and Means.—Brother W.H.Severance,Sisters Mrs. S. L. Marsh and Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.

Pay Roll.—Brother J. S. Conover, Sisters Mrs. L. A. Teall and Mrs. M. M. Parsons.

Jurisprudence.—Brother T. W. Strahan, Sisters Mrs. N. J. Severance and Mrs. L. A. Teall.

Unfinished Business.—Brother Macfarlane, Sisters Mrs. D. A. Merrill and Mrs. S. L. Marsh.

Appeals and Grievances.—Brother A. P. Drake, Sisters Mrs. Minnie Reynolds and Mrs. Hattie Robinson.

Dispensations and Charters.—Brother Loren Day, Sisters Mrs. B. R. Rose and Mrs. H. W. Baker.

Foreign Correspondence.—Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose.

The Grand Secretary submitted his Annual report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would respectfully submit the following report of monies received by him during the year just closing:

Cash received as profits on 24 rituals, during year 1884					$ 6.00
"	for Dispensation for Caro Chapter, April 9				8.50
"	"	"	" Sparta Chapter, Aug. 14		8.50
"	" Dues from		Bronson Chapter for 1883,		5.00
"	" "	"	DeWitt Chapter for 1883,		16.75
"	" "	"	Acacia Chapter No. 1, for 1884,		16.25
"	" "	"	Bronson Chapter No. 2,		
"	" "	"	Coldwater Chapter No. 3,		33.75
"	" "	"	Olive Branch Chapter No. 4		12.75
"	" "	"	Leslie Chapter No. 6		9.25
"	" "	"	Hastings Chapter No. 7		24.00
"	" "	"	Quincy Chapter No. 12		13.75
"	" "	"	Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14		7.00
"	" "	"	Middleville Chapter No. 17		18.50
"	" "	"	Bangor Chapter No. 18		
"	" "	"	Sharon Chapter No. 20		19.50

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Cash	for	dues	from	Olivet Chapter No. 24	10.25
"	"	"	"	Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 22	16.75
"	"	"	"	Union Chapter No. 27	7.75
"	"	"	"	Burr Oak Chapter No. 28	12.25
"	"	"	"	Williamston Chapter No. 29	13.00
"	"	"	"	De Witt Chapter No. 30	15.00
"	"	"	"	Laurel Chapter No. 31	18.00
"	"	"	"	Oriental Chapter No. 32	12.00
"	"Charter	Fee.		Kedron Chapter No.33(Caro)	5.00
"	"	"	"	Harmony Chapter No. 34. (Sparta)	5.00
					$314.50

On motion the report was referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion by Bro.Severance, that the evening's session be set apart for the exemplification of the work of the Order. Motion prevailed.

On motion by Bro. Conover, the motion to amend Sec. 3, Art. 2, Constitution of the Grand Chapter, so as to read 15 instead of 6, and adding after the words "above named," excepting the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel,—making the Section read as follows:

SECTION 3. The first fourteen officers above named, excepting the Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal and Grand Sentinel, shall be elected, the remaining to be appointed by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron."

The motion was lost.

The Resolution offered at the last Session, by Bro. Conover, in regard to reducing the expenses of the Grand Chapter, was called up, and after some remarks by Bro. Conover the Grand Worthy Matron, the Grand Worthy Patron and others, the resolutions were voted down.

The Grand Secretary read a letter of congratulation from Bro. A. J. Burton, Grand Lecturer of O. E. S. of the State of New York, and also one from the Grand Secretary of the Order, State of Illinois, Sister Mary A. Beale (and right here it might be stated that after our session had finally closed, the Grand Secretary received a handsome congratulatory telegram from the Grand Chapter of Illinois, but too late to allow our Sisters and Brothers to enjoy it).

Bro. Conover having presented all the Subordinate Chapters represented in 1882 and 1883 with a beautiful Cabinet Photograph of his daughter, "the adopted daughter of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan," Sister Lavina Olin moved that each Chapter receiving the photograph have the same framed and hung in the Chapter room. Motion prevailed.

On motion by Bro. Severance, Oriental Chapter, was authorized to convene and ballot on two candidates for the degrees immediately after the Grand Chapter was called off this afternoon.

The Grand Marshal escorted Bro. B. R. Rose to the East, and introduced him to the Grand Worthy Matron, who in turn introduced

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him to the Grand Chapter as the Right Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., and he was welcomed with the Grand honors. The Grand Chapter was then called off until 7:30 this evening.

EVENING SESSION—7:30 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron, with prayer by Bro. Macfarlane as Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted a report, recommending that Charters be granted to the Sisters and Brothers at Caro, Mich., to be known as Kedron Chapter, No. 33, and also to the Sisters and Brothers at Sparta Mich., to be known as Harmony Chapter, No. 34. The report was accepted and adopted.

Motion by Bro. Day, that the dues from Kedron Chapter U. D. be refunded. Amended by Bro. Severance, to refund all over amount necessary for Charter fee ($5.00). Motion as amended, prevailed.

The Grand Chapter at this time proceeded to the exemplification of the work of the Order by initiating Sister Miss Sarah E. Macfarlane, a regular candidate, the work being performed very thoroughly by the several Grand Officers.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded with the regular business, and Sister S. L. Marsh was requested to give the several signs, Sister Eliza J. Barber assisting and giving the several pass words, after which the Grand Chapter was called off until 9 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION—9:00 A. M.

Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worth Matron, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary having granted Dimits to Brother and Sister Rev. Nelson and Mrs. Jennie M. Saunders, formerly members of the now defunct Hubbardston Chapter, the Grand Secretary asked the Grand Chapter to legalize the action by which these worthy members were enabled to unite with the Chapter at Olivet, Mich. The request was granted by vote of the Grand Chapter.

Bro. A. P. Drake, being requested by the Grand Worthy Matron, came to the East and explained the signs of the Order, as understood by him.

Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose was also requested to, and did, explain the manner of receiving and disposing of a candidate when receiving the degree.

The Grand Secretary was authorized to dispose of some useless blanks, etc., which were in the property trunk of the Grand Chapter.

Motion by Bro. Drake to instruct the Grand Secretary to have printed in the proceedings a form of blank for Credentials of Representatives and Delegates. Amended by Bro. Macfarlane to have a sufficient number of the blanks printed to supply each Subordinate Chapter. The amendment prevailed.

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On motion of Bro. Conover the annual election of Officers was made the special order of business for 3 o'clock P. M. to-day.

On motion of Sister Eliza J. Barber the delegates present, representing the new Chapters, which have been granted Charters, were allowed the privilege of voting at this present session of the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. A. P. Drake:

Resolved, That Sec. 2 of Grand Chapter Rules and Regulations be amended so as to read, "at stated meeting next preceeding the 23d day of September."

On motion of Bro. Conover the resolution was received and laid over until the next session of this Grand Chapter.

The Committee on Division and Reference submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan.

Your Committee to whom was referred the addresses of Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron for division and reference, would submit the following report:

So much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to a divorced Sister, be referred to committee on Jurisprudence. So much as refers to adopting a form for organizing subordinate Chapters, be referred to this Grand Chapter.

So much of the Grand Worthy Patron's address as refers to the concurring in action of the Grand Worthy Matron in changing Caro Chapter under dispensation to Kedron Chapter, be referred to committee on Jurisprudence, and so much as refers to the amendment, Article 11 of the constitution be referred to committee on Jurisprudence, all of which is respectfully submitted.

B. R. ROSE.
Mrs. D. A. MERRILL.
Mrs. N. J. SEVERANCE.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

On motion of Bro. Day, a committee of three was appointed, to consider the place of holding the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand W. Matron appointing as such Committee, Sisters Mrs. Goodyear and Olin, and Bro. D. A. Merrill. Motion to continue the Committee appointed at last session, to print the Esoteric work of the Order. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Bro. Day, that the Grand Secretary distribute the new copies of the Esoteric work, to the several Chapters represented here, and that within sixty days of this date, every Chapter shall return to the Grand Secretary, the old copies of the work now on hand. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until 2 o'clock P. M.

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SECOND DAY AFTERNOON SESSION.
2. P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, by the Grand Worthy Matron, with prayer by the Grand Chaplian.

An account of $2.00 was presented, from Bro. J. S. Conover, for printing 300 copies of the Esoteric work in key form, which on motion, was allowed, and an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amount. An account of $8.95 was presented by the Grand Secretary, for stationery, blank reports, blank books, postage and exchange, for the past year, which on motion, was allowed, and an order drawn on the Grand Treasurer for the amount.

The Committee on Pay Roll reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report the following as the amounts due Grand Officers and Representatives of subordinate Chapters as follows:

	Miles.	Amount.	
G. W. Matron,	132	10.56	
G. W. Patron,	8	64	
G. A. Matron,	21	1.68	
G. A. Patron,	130	10.40	
G. Secretary,	137	10.96	
G. Treasurer,	100	8.00	
G. Conductress.	148	11.84	
G. A. Conductress,	69	5.52	
G. Ruth,	132	10.56	
G. Esther,	130	10.40	
G. Martha,	112	8.96	
G. Electa,	43	3.44	
G. Warder,	21	1.68	
G. Marshal,	137	10 96	
G. Sentinel,	15	1.20	
P. G. Matrons,			106.80
Mrs. Eliza Barber,	31	2.48	
" B. R. Rose,	31	2.48	
" H. L. Anthony,	100	8.00	
" D. A. Merrill,	130	10.40	
P. G. Patrons,			23.36
Bro. B. R. Rose,	31	2.48	
" Wm. H. Severance,	21	1.68	4.16

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

		Miles.	Am't.
Acacia	No. 1	14	1.12
Coldwater,	" 3	130	10.40
Olive Branch,	" 4	100	8.00
Leslie,	" 6	89	7.12

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	No.	Miles.	Am't.	
Hastings,	" 7	31	2.48	
Quincy,	" 12	137	10.96	
Grand Ledge,	" 14	60	4.80	
Middleville,	" 17	21	1.68	
Sharon,	" 20	132	10.56	
Ivy Leaf,	" 22	148	11.84	
Olivet,	" 24	69	5.52	
Union,	" 27	8	64	
Burr Oak,	" 28	112	8.96	
Williamston,	" 29	87	6.96	
DeWitt,	" 30	73	5.84	
Laurel,	" 31	43	3.64	
				100.52
		Total		$234.84

All of which is respectfully submitted

J. S. CONOVER,
L. A. TEALL,
M. M. PARSONS, } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Sister S. L. Marsh, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted her report, and on motion of Bro. B. R. Rose, the report was received and accepted, with the request that if practicable, the same be printed with the Grand Chapter proceedings.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor for a short time previous to the annual election of Officers.

After calling to labor again, the Grand Worthy Matron appointed Bro. Rose, and Sisters Mrs. H. L. Anthony and Mrs. D. A. Merrill as tellers, and the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the ensuing year, with the following result:

For Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mrs. M. C. Griswold, Middleville.
" Grand Worthy Patron, Brother J. S. Conover, Coldwater.
" Grand Associate Matron, Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Grand Rapids.
" Grand Associate Patron, Brother H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.
" Grand Secretary, Brother Dan. W. Sawyer, Quincy.
" Grand Treasurer, Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred certain questions and decisions, would respectfully report, that they have examined the same, and submit the following:

So much as refers to a divorced Sister, we would recommend that she still retain her membership.

So much as refers to the Grand Worthy Patron in changing the names of Chapters, would recomend that it falls upon the Worthy Patron.

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On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The committee on place of next meeting, reported that an invitation had been received from Olive Branch Chapter No. 4, to meet at Sturgis Mich., which was, on motion, *accepted*, and the Grand Chapter voted to meet at Sturgis Mich., on the second Wednesday in October next.

Bro. W. H. Severance, made a motion to strike out the last clause of the report of the committee on Jurisprudence. Motion prevailed.

On motion, the installation of officers was made the special order of business for this evening, and it was also decided to have the installation public, and at eight o'clock p. m.

A resolution of thanks was tendered to the Grand Worthy Matron, and Grand Worthy Patron, for the earnest and candid manner in which they have rendered all their decisions. Adopted unanimously.

The Grand Treasurer reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of O. E. S. of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of this Grand Body.

Balance on hand last report,		$ 50 82.
Rec'd from Grand Sec'y.		315 00.
Total receipts,		$365 82.
Paid for printing proceedings of '83	$ 32 50.	
Pay Roll, 1884,	234 64.	
Bills of G. Sec'y,	8 95.	
Salary, " "	40 00.	
Bill of Bro. Conover, printing,	2 00.	
Am't voted G. M. and G. P.	5 00.	
Total expenses,		323 09.
Balance on hand,		$42 73.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. E. L. PENDLETON
G. Treas.

The report was accepted and adopted.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Sister M. M. Parsons, Worthy Matron, and all the Sisters and Brothers of Oriental Chapter No. 32, for their hospitality and very social reception of the members of the Grand Chapter.

On motion of Bro. Rose, the G. W. M. and G. W. P. were allowed $2.50 each for postage etc., during the year just closed.

The committee on Dispensations and Charters reported as follows:

To the Grand Officers of the Order of E. S. State of Michigan:

YourCommittee on charters and dispensations would report that

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they have examined the returns of the following Subordinate Chapters submitted to them and find them as follows:

Acacia,	No. 1.	Correct.
Coldwater,	" 3,	"
Olive Branch,	" 4,	"
Leslie,	" 6,	"
Hastings,	" 7,	"
Quincy,	" 12,	"
Middleville,	" 17,	"
Grand Ledge,	" 14,	"
Sharon,	" 20,	"
Ivy Leaf,	" 22,	"
Olivet,	" 24,	"
Union,	" 27,	"
Burr Oak,	" 28,	"
Williamston,	" 29,	"
De Witt,	" 30,	"
Laurel,	" 31,	"
Oriental,	" 32,	"

All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOREN DAY,
Mrs. B. R. ROSE,
Mrs. H. W. BAKER, } Committee.

which was on motion, accepted and adopted.

Motion by Bro. Conover. to allow the Grand Secretary $40, for services during the year. Carried.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until 7 o'clock p. m.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION, 7:00 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron, with prayer and singing. after which the Grand Worthy Matron elect, announced the following appointments:

Grand Conductress, Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.

Grand A. Conductress. Sister Mrs. S. M. Messenger, Grand Ledge.

Grand Adah, Sister Mrs. A. B. Smith, Hastings.

Grand Ruth, Sister Mrs. P. R. Hahn, Leslie.

Grand Esther, Sister Miss Vira Nichols, Burr Oak.

Grand Martha, Sister Mrs, L. A. Olin, Bay City.

Grand Electa, Sister Mrs. C. J. Chappell, Olivet.

Grand Warder, Sister Mrs. L. A. Hankerson, Caro.

The Grand Worthy Patron Elect announced the following appointments:

Grand Chaplin, Bro. P. Macfarland, Grand Rapids.

Grand Marshal, Sister M. Rowe, Nashville.

Grand Sentinel, Bro. J. M. Alexander, Sturgis.

The committee on Finance and Ways and Means reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee of Finance and Ways and Means, would report

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that they have examined the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them correct as follows:

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year,

Balance	50.82
From Grand Secretary	315.00
	365.82

The Grand Treasurer has paid orders as follows:

Paid for printing proceedings for '83			32.50
"	"	Pay Roll '84	234.64
"	"	Bills of Grand Secretary	8.95
"	"	Salary of Grand Secretary	40.00
"	"	Bill of Bro. Conover, printing	2.00
"	"	Am't voted G. M. and G. P.	5.00
		Total Expenses	$323.09
		Bal. on Hand	$42.72

W. H. SEVERENCE,
S. L. MARSH,
H. L. ANTHONY, } Com.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

Motion by Sister Olin, to set apart a Memorial page, in the proceedings of this year. Carried.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered to Sister Mrs. F. Sweet, for her very efficient services as organist during the Session.

Sister Olin, on behalf of the Grand Worthy Matron, made some well chosen and very appropriate remarks, at the same time presenting to the "adopted daughter of this Grand Chapter" a handsome silver cup. The remarks were duly and happily replied to by Sister Eliza J. Barber, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, and also by Bro. J. S. Conover, on behalf of his very "grand, daughter."

The Grand Secretary then announced to the Grand Chapter, that they had, during all their deliberations, been under the espionage of the Worthy Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of Arkansas, and Minnesota, (Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh, and Mrs. H. L. Anthony respectively) who had been duly commissioned, but had, unfortunately, neglected to bring along their Commissions as such, and for this reason, these worthy Sisters were not introduced during the present session.

The Grand Officers were then duly installed by the Grand Worthy Matron Mrs. Mary A. Watrons, Past Grand Worthy Matron Sister S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due form, to meet in Sturgis Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October 1885, at 12 o'clock M.

DAN W. SAWYER
Grand Secretary

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAME OF CHAPTER.	NUMBER.	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Dimitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Dropped or Expelled.	Reinstated.	Rejected.	Number of Members.	DUES TO Grand Chapter
Acacia	1	Rockford	Mrs. Clara C. Dockary	Mrs. Neil McMillen	4	7	1						61	$ 16 25
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	Mrs. M. H. Parker	Miss Fannie B. Rose	17	4	2		3				118	33 75
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis	Mrs. J. M. Alexander	Mrs. H. L. Anthony	5	3							46	12 75
Leslie	6	Leslie	Mrs. G. Rossman	Mrs. P. R. Hahn	2		3						35	9 25
Hastings	7	Hastings	Mrs. W. S. Goodyear	Mrs. E. H. Lathrop	5	6	7						91	24 00
Quincy	12	Quincy	Mrs. M. E. Sawyer	Mrs. Josephine Cole		5							55	13 75
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	Mrs. S. M. Messenger	Mrs. Minnie DeWitt			2						28	7 00
Middleville	17	Middleville	Mrs. M. C. Griswold	Geo. W. Matteson	8	2					1		66	18 50
Sharon	20	Bay City	Mrs. M. A. Watrous	Mrs. S. L. DeForrest	5	2	13	1					78	19 50
Ivy Leaf	22	California	Mrs. Ellen Munger	Byron Miller	11	2					1		56	16 75
Olivet	24	Olivet	Mrs. Mary Plumb	Charles W. Storr, Jr.							1		41	10 25
Union	27	Jennisonville	Mrs. E. P. Donaldson	Mrs. Ida Greenwood				1					31	7 75
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	Miss Vira Nichols	Enos Allen	8	1							49	12 25
Williamston	29	Williamston	Mrs. Rosella Leighton	Martin Hanlan	3	5	2						49	13 00
DeWitt	30	DeWitt	Miss Jole Smith	Mrs. Kate A. Spring	2								60	15 00
Laurel	31	Nashville	Mrs. Henry Roe	Mrs. Mina Wickham	10	2							63	15 75
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	Mrs. M. M. Parsons	Miss Lizzie Anderson	12								36	12 00
Kedron	UD	Caro	Mrs. L. A. Hankerson	Miss Anna B. Slaght									25	
Harmony	UD	Sparta	Mrs. Cordelia Bonner	M B Nash									51	
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LOVED AND LOST.

ACACIA CHAPTER NO. 1.

Brother H. N. Stinson,.....May 4, 1884

COLDWATER CHAPTER NO. 2.

Brother M. Mansfield,.....Dec. 20, 1883

Sister Mrs. Mary Mansell,.....Aug. 6, 1884

SHARON CHAPTER NO. 20.

Sister Mrs. Carrie Davis.....

UNION CHAPTER NO. 27.

Brother Lewis Peck..... Oct. 23, 1883

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REPORT

—OF—

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence has received and reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

ARKANSAS.

The eighth annual communication of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Arkansas was held in Argenta October 23d and 24th. The Grand Chapter was opened in due form with fervent prayer by the Grand Worthy Patron, and an opening ode by the Grand Organist accompanied by the choir, when the Grand Matron declared the Grand Chapter duly opened, and the Grand Marshal was ordered to proclaim the same. The report of Committee on Credentials showed ten Chapters out of thirty-two represented, five made returns but were not represented. The Grand Patron reports the Order in a "prosperous condition and on the rapid march to conquest, new Chapters organized, old ones revived and many members added to strengthen the chain. He says while in the Indian Nation "I was invited to visit the Eastern Star Chapter, and never saw a better working Chapter in my life, the members do not hesitate to go from ten to twelve miles to attend Chapter." How would it do for us in Michigan to imitate their example and put forth more energy to attend the stated meetings. I fear there would be few members present if they had to go twelve miles. During the year dispensations were granted to organize nine new Chapters, which would indeed indicate prosperity. The Grand Matron reports having been able to do but little in addition to her school duties. She submits to the Grand Chapter the enterprise of the Most Worthy Grand Matron for the establishing a home for the widows and orphans of deceased broth-

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ers that are destitute. The committee do not recommend the enterprise on account of the infancy of the Order.

Grand Officers,

Mrs. S. Alice Cox, Grand Matron.
Rev. G. A. Donnelly, Grand Patron.
W. B. Massey, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of California held its eleventh Session in San Francisco Oct. 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Fourteen Grand Officers were present and four vacancies filled by appointment. Past Grand Officers present, seventeen. The Grand Patron's address is full of good things; he says: "whatever we have thought, said, done, seen or heard, all have been making us, until we stand the result of all the forces which have been in and around us in the past. Let us not then, mourn the flight of time, but seek to improve the lessons it brings to us." The Brother pays a high compliment to the Grand Matron. Her thought has not only been what can be done for the good of the Order, but what can I do. Chapters that were languishing have been revived and new ones organized. The Grand Matron's Address shows a year full of work and activity, not only in the labors connected with her office, but in the great amount of labor which was upon her in preparing to receive the guests of the General Grand Chapter, for in reading and comparing their proceedings we note that the people of California entertain loyally and spare nothing to make the visit to the Golden City of those whose good pleasure it was to attend the General Grand Chapter, one long to be remembered. As we remember the earnest persistency with which the Right Worthy Grand Patron, R. C. Gaskell pleaded at the meeting in Chicago that they be permitted to welcome to their shores this Grand Body, we felt that a good time was insured. It is with interest that we review the correspondence of the district deputies, and yet we find that with all their visits have been added a great number by the Grand Matron. Who can doubt the prosperity of an organization with such workers and numbers to assist.

Dispensations were granted for the organization of ten new Chapters. Total membership in the jurisdiction 3,777. Receipts $3.271.91.

Grand Officers,

A. C. Hartley Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. E. Flint, Worthy Grand Matron.
Mrs. Kate J. Willets, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The tenth annual Session of this State Grand Chapter was held

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at New Haven Oct. 10th. The Session was called to order at 10:20 a. m. by the Grand Matron, with thirteen Grand Officers present and six past Grand Officers, Grand Representative Kate L. Tuttle for Grand Chapter of Kansas with many visitors from other Grand Chapters. The report of Committee on Credentials gives seventeen Chapters represented. The Grand Matron rendered several decisions and visited several Chapters during the year. We quote "while there are many words of encouragement that might be given for the good of the Order, there are none more important than to urge upon the Officers of Subordinate Chapters to be punctual and regular in their attendance at all meetings and to memorize the ritualistic work." In the Grand Patron's work we find some good things upon dispensations, he thinks this custom is becoming much to common; "such as proposing electing, and conferring the degrees upon a candidate in one evening, thinks it absurd, and should never be permitted, also that there is no excuse for Chapters failing to elect Officers at proper time." We heartily agree with the Brother.

Number initiated during the year, 63; affiliated, 7; dimitted, 19; suspended, 258; died, 20; total membership 1,560. Officers elected for 1884,

Mrs. C. E. Billings, Grand Matron.
Geo. B. Whitney, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Kate L. Tuttle, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The ninth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago Oct. 2d, 1883, with eleven Grand Officers present and four pro-tem. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, the Grand Matron presiding. The Committee on Credentials report six Past Grand Officers, three Past Matrons, six Past Patrons, and representatives from thirty-three Chapters. Visitors, Sister Nettie T. Ransford, W. G. Matron, of Indiana; Sister Mary C. Agnew, Grand Martha of Iowa. The Grand Matron in her Address tells us "we are living in an age in which nothing is received on trust, and when we assert of anything that there is merit in it, at once is heard a clamor for proof, and if we wish to maintain the truths of our assertion, we must produce that proof, and that we can give no better assurance than by daily exemplifying in our lives, the examples taught in our Chapter lessons. She recomends that some object be taken up for which to labor, that we be not a mere social band, but rear a monument that will stand to tell to future generations that we have labored in the service of humanity, that we unite our efforts with those so zealously advocating a home for the widows and orphans of destitute masons."

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This is a good thought and seems to me would be something worthy our time and means. We are so often asked by those opposed, what is the organization for? What good to be obtained? Now if to the beautiful lessons taught in our ritual could be added real benefit to be derived such as educating and fitting some poor destitute one for the great struggle of life, that might be a good tangible reason given for our efforts in this way. while some will say that is the real object, then let us join heart and hand in exemplifying this part of our work. The official work seems to have been mostly accomplished by the Grand Matron. We note 49 Chapters visited necessitating a travel of 3,000 miles in the interest of the Order, at an expense of $88.49. The Grand Patron's address is brief; granted dispensations to five new Chapters, made a few official visits, and has written 246 letters during the year. Treasurer's report shows amount on hand $393.62; membership 2,220. Michigan receives a brief report.

INDIANA.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Indiana met in tenth annual session in the city of Indianapolis, at ten o'clock a. m. Apr. 9th. 1884. Present, fourteen Grand Officers and three acting, three past Grand Officers Honorary members. Sister Addie C. S. Engle Past Grand Matron, Representatives from twenty-six Chapters, visitors, John Sprowl of N. Y., Past Grand Secretary.

The Grand Worthy Patron cordially welcomes the members of the different Chapters to the yearly gathering of the Grand Body, and says the year now closed is one of fair prosperity and great harmony, gives a good account of his official work, and was one of the few to attend the General Grand Chapter and enjoy the trip to the city of San Francisco. The Grand Matron after her manner of talking has little to say by way of introduction, but comes at once to business after the adjustments of Chapters and a pleasant account of her official visits. takes up the question of finance, says it haunts me, and I greatly dislike the necessity which compels a Grand Body to count cents each year in order to meet its necessary expenses, and sees but two ways out of the difficulty, to increase the revenue of the Grand Chapter or discontinue the payment of mileage. There is no doubt this matter of finance is a source of great embarassment to many of our Grand Chapters and a great hinderance to the growth and prosperity of our Order. She gives a very happy and pleasing account of her visit to the Pacific Coast, says the trip to and from California, and the stay in that sunny clime was one of continual pleasure. The committee on Foreign Correspondence, Brother Wills D. Engle says of Michigan, some-

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body submitted a report with no name signed; our extreme modesty forbids us to give name; it was not intended to be anonymous only an oversight. Officers elected:

Jacob J. Todd, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Spitler, Grand Matron.
W. H. Smythe, Grand Secretary.

The reports show receipts $710.12, disbursements $368.79, balance, $401.33.

NEW JERSEY.

The fourteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey convened in Odd Fellow's Hall, Elizabeth, Oct. 5th 1882. Brother W. C. Brown Grand Worthy Patron, called the Grand Chapter to order and directed the Grand Associate Conductress to retire and inform the Grand Matron and Associate officers that the Grand Chapter awaited their pleasure; they were anounced after the order of the Ritual and the Grand Matron escorted to the East; assuming the gavel, she directed the Grand Officers to resume their respective stations, and opened the Grand Chapter in due form. Sister Lucinda Smith, Right Worthy Grand Associate Matron, was formally presented, and received with the honors due her station. There were fourteen Grand Officers present,and thirteen Past Grand Officers; there were seven Chapters represented. By invitation of the G. W. Matron all visiting Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Past Matrons and Past Patrons of the Grand Chapter were invited to seats in the East. The Grand Matron reports peace and happiness within their borders, is gratified at the prosperity which attends the Order. She says: "I am satisfied success runs in many grooves, and there is a groove for each, and the reason why many of us fail is that we try to run in others' grooves. That when we leave our own individuality,we leave success, and when we leave truth and honor. we arrive at the beginning of the end." Has visited each working Chapter in the jurisdiction; we notice several recommendations; the Sister finds as a rule that subordinate Chapters exemplify the work much better in their own rooms than has been her fortune to witness before the Grand Chapter. This my Sister, is noticeable in other states, but wherever the officers of the Grand Chapter memorize their work, it cannot fail to be impressive, and it is lamentable that in accepting these Grand Offices, that there is not much time during the year for each one to memorize his or her work. They should be compelled to do this. Grand Patron's address is very brief; reports one school of instruction and several Grand visitations. Report shows $187.90, disbursements $100.80, cash on hand $36.60, membership 1,170. Michigan receives a brief notice in the Foreign Correspondence.

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MASSACHUSETTS.

The Grand Chapter of the order of the Eastern Star of the State of Mass. was held in Worcester May 13th, opened by the Grand Matron. Fourteen Grand officers present, the roll of members was called by the Grand Sec'y and ten subordinate Chapters found to be represented. The committee on credentials reported forty-nine members, four proxies and twenty-nine visitors. The address of the Grand Matron shows, in giving her official work, that she has visited every Chapter in the jurisdiction but one and comments on the fine manner in which the Ritual work is rendered. She believes the Order in Massachusetts on the increase, but thinks its future can only be determined by the earnest labors of its members. If this could only be impressed upon every member of our subordinate families, the work would be much more beautiful and the impression upon those seeking admission much greater. I have sometimes wished it were possible or advisable to do something that would make our officers at least feel that in accepting an office they were compelled to memorize and attend, without failure to their own work; unless this work is done by those chosen at the yearly elections, it will be impossible for me to say the work was rendered very nearly perfect as the Grand Matron has remarked in regard to Aurora Chapter.

Mrs. Lucinda M. Fraser, Grand Matron.
Mr. C. C. Dike, Grand Patron.
Mr. Daniel Leagrave, Grand Sec.

KANSAS.

The eighth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Kansas convened in Lawrance March 11th. Grand Chapter opened by the Grand Matron. Grand Officers present fourteen, with representatives from sixteen subordinate Chapters and many distinguished visitors. Among them we notice the Right Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Sister Jennie E. Mathews. The Grand Marshal by request of the Grand Matron, escorted her to the East where she was welcomed and saluted with the Grand honors. The Grand Chapter of this state were treated to many good things during its session. The addresses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron are very fine, good thought, and better work expressed and submitted by both. The Order is prospering and enjoying perfect harmony, five new Chapters have been added; the charter of one surrendered. The Grand Matron urges upon Worthy Matrons and Officers of subordinate Chapters, the necessity of more thorough study of our ritual and the constitution and by-laws that govern our work and that they become more conversant with the principles of our Order. Letters of greeting were read from the A. Worthy Grand Patron, R. C. Gaskell; Willis

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D. Engle, R. W. G. Secretary; and John J. Sprowl Past Grand Secretary of N. Y. Michigan receives a goodly notice. General Grand Chapter held its fourth stated meeting in San Francisco beginning August 18th, at that date nine Grand Chapters being found represented. The R. W. G. Matron proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in ample form. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Ada A. Libby. She tells them it is no idle pastime that calls them together, that each heart beats with weighty responsibility and the proud consciousness that as the highest authority in our Order, that we have met to work for its greatest good. The Right Worthy Grand Patron's address is good but he was not able to be present. The address of the R. W. G. Matron shows much time spent in visiting and working for and in the intrest of the Order. She has traveled over twelve thousand miles in its interest. She feels that honors do not come without responsibility and surrenders her authority with genuine pleasure and satisfaction. Of the great courtesy extended to and the real pleasure enjoyed, we hope to hear related in person by our beloved Brother and Sister Rose, whom we know to be among the fortunate ones that paid their respects to the Golden City and enjoyed the meeting of General Grand Chapter. We are proud of the fact that Michigan was honored by that Grand Body in the election of Brother Rose as Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. S. L. Marsh.

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Proceedings

—OF THE—

GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE ORDER OF

THE EASTERN STAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

—HELD IN—

Sturgis, Oct. 14, 15, '85.

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PROCEEDINGS

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OF THE

Order of Eastern Star

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

Seventh Annual Meeting

AS THE GRAND CHAPTER AND THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
AS THE

GRAND LODGE OF ADOPTIVE MASONRY,

CONVENED AT

STURGIS, MICHIGAN,

OCTOBER 14, 1885.

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Address of Grand Officers.

Grand Worthy Matron—Mrs. M. C. Griswold..... Middleville.
Grand Worthy Patron—Bro. J. S. Conover.....Coldwater.
Grand Associate Matron—Mrs. M. M. Parsons.....Grand Rapids.
Grand Associate Patron—Bro. H. L. Anthony.....Sturgis.
Grand Secretary—Bro. Dan W. Sawyer.....Quincy.
Grand Treasurer—Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.....Sturgis.
Grand Conductress—Mrs. Endora E. Hall.....Coldwater.
Grand Associate Conductress—Mrs. L. R. Barber.....Nashville.
Grand Chaplain—Mrs. M. T. Goodyear.....Hastings.
Grand Adah—Mrs. A. J. Vannetter.....Williamston.
Grand Ruth—Mrs. M. C. Plumb.....Olivet.
Grand Esther—Mrs. E. J. Barber.....Hastings.
Grand Martha—Mrs. G. Rossman.....Leslie.
Grand Electa—Mrs. M. A. Morrill. .....Sparta.
Grand Warder—Mrs. Jennie Gunnison.....De Witt.
Grand Marshal—Mrs. B. R. Rose..... .....Hastings.
Grand Sentinel—Bro. H. G. Wright.....Ionia.
Com. on Foreign Correspondence—Mrs. S. L. Marsh.....Quincy.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER WILL BE HELD IN MASONIC HALL, IONIA, MICHIGAN, ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20TH, 1886, AT 12 O'CLOCK M.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, BEING THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF ADOPTIVE MASONRY OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN.

MASONIC HALL, STURGIS, MICHIGAN.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14th A. L. 1885.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, assembled in its seventh Annual Session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and the vote of the Grand Chapter, at its last Annual Session held in Grand Rapids, Mich. on Wednesday October 14th at 12 o'clock M.

There were present:—

Sister Mrs. M. C. Griswold—Grand Worthy Matron.
Brother J. S. Conover—Grand Worthy Patron.
Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons—Grand Associate Matron.
Brother H. L. Anthony—Grand Associate Patron.
Brother Dan W. Sawyer—Grand Secretary.
Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton—Grand Treasurer.
" " S. L. Marsh—Grand Conductress.
" " S. M. Nostrant-Grand Associate Conductress
" " M. T. Goodyear—as Grand Chaplain.
" " A. B Smith—Grand Adah.
" " P. R. Hahn—Grand Ruth.
Sister Miss A. A. Matteson—as Grand Esther.
" Miss Abbie Olin—as Grand Martha.
" Mrs. C. J. Chappell—Grand Electa.
" " L. A. Hankerson—Grand Warder.
" " S. L. Marsh—as Grand Marshal.
" " M. A. Vial—as Grand Organist.
Brother J. M. Alexander—Grand Sentinel.
and Sisters and Brothers of Subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form, with prayer by Sister Goodyear, as Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed Sisters Mrs. L. Davison and Clara Sturgis and Bro. Day, as a Committee on Credentials, after which the Grand Chapter was called from labor until 3:00 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3. P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron. Sister Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Most Worthy Grand

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Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Bro. B. R. Rose, Right Worthy Grand Associate Patron, of the General Grand Chapter, and Sister Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, were escorted to the East, introduced, and welcomed with the Grand Honors.

An address of welcome was delivered by Sister Miss Effie F. Packard of Sturgis, as follows:

Grand Worthy Matron and Members of this Grand Chapter:

To me has been assigned the pleasant duty to give you greeting, and in the name of "Olive Branch" Chapter No. 4, to extend the courtesies and hospitalities of homes, open to your welcome coming. These reunions are the beacon lights that illumine the labyrinth of Adoptive Masonry, and whatever aid, or inspiration, or strength of purpose this Grand Chapter may bring to you, we feel that your presence here will bring much to us, and may this coming together, mean more than a pleasant meeting, a clasping of hands, and a parting again.

The lessons taught by our beloved order, should make deep and lasting impressions, that will fit each of us for a higher and nobler life, and as we meet may each heart beat responsive to fraternal greeting, and at the close of this Grand Chapter, we trust that every Sister and Brother will feel that it was good to have been here; and now we open wide the doors of our hearts as of our homes, and bid you welcome, thrice welcome.

The address was responded to by Bro. J. S. Conover, Grand Worthy Patron, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, in a few well chosen remarks.

Bro. H. L. Anthony, Grand Associate Patron, and Bro. J. M. Alexander, Grand Sentinel, were conducted to the East and duly installed into their respective offices by the Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Worthy Matron then read the following,

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers.

After the lapse of another year, we are again assembled in the interest of our beloved Order; and as we gather around our altar to-day, let us render thanks to Him who ruleth all, for having spared our circle of Grand Officers and members, at the same time extend our heartfelt sympathies to the General Grand Chapter in the loss of their R. W. Associate General Grand Matron, sister Lucinda Smith.

While perhaps the past year has not been one of the most prosperous, I hope and trust the Order of the Eastern Star in our beautiful state, has not been on the retrograde.

As these Grand Sessions are for the purpose of considering how we may promote the interests of our Order, let me urge the necessity of memorizing the work; this seems to me one of the most, if

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not the most essential points to be looked after; and again, avoid any strife that may arise, not thinking of our personal interests, but that of the Chapter. Each one of us has a duty to perform; let us know that duty and perform it, be prompt and regular in our attendance upon all meetings of the subordinate Chapters, and be ever ready to do all in our power to promote the welfare of our Order. If we are discouraged as individual members, what must the Worthy Matron be who goes to the Chapter room time after time and only meets the faithful few.

I now give you the following statement of my work the past year. While it is not what I wish it might have been, I have striven at all times to do my duty, and what seemed for the good of the order.

October 29th 1884 I received a communication from Kedron Chapter, asking to elect their officers at the next stated meeting. I answered, that their Worthy Matron had received instructions from the Grand Chapter while in session at Grand Rapids, to hold the election and installation of officers of Kedron Chapter at their next stated meeting. Dec. 9th Olive Branch Chapter No. 4, asked permission to remove their Chapter from the old Hall to the new. I at once granted their request. Dec. 17th I received a letter from the Worthy Patron of Coldwater Chapter, asking a ruling upon the following questions: "Should members who have been suspended for the non-payment of dues be required to pay dues for the time they were suspended in addition to the amount for which they were suspended?" Ans. They should not.

February 5th 1885 I granted dispensation to Oriental Chapter No. 32, to elect and install a new Worthy Patron. February 17th I received from Brother Loren Day a beautiful gavel, a gift to this Grand Body for which I extend many thanks in behalf of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of the state of Michigan.

By special invitation Middleville Chapter visited Hastings Chapter, and were entertained right royally. The work of the Order was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. The same date received a letter from Kedron Chapter, saying the Masonic Hall was considered insecure for work, and asking to occupy any room the Masonic Lodge might deem best, until permanently settled. I granted the request. February 23rd received inquiry from Hesperia in regard to forming a Chapter at that place, which I referred to the Grand Worthy Patron. March 26th received a letter from the Grand Worthy Patron, saying he had instituted a Chapter at Ionia.

April 8th received from the Grand Patron a communication in which was enclosed a letter from Sister Spring, Secy. of Dewitt Chapter, asking for a dispensation to elect and install a new Worthy Matron and Associate Matron, as the old officers had removed from the place. I granted the dispensation.

April 10th received a letter from Queen Esther Chapter U. D. asking to ballot upon several petitions for membership at a special

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meeting called for that purpose, which were received and referred to a committee at the previous stated meeting.

After some correspondence upon the question, I thought best to grant the request. May 4th received from the General Grand Chapter, notice of the suspension of the Grand Chapter of the state of Mississippi, also of the state of Minnesota.

June 17th received a communication from Sister Marsh enclosing a letter from Sister Reed of Lakeview, saying their Chapter had held no meetings for the past two years, and now some were anxious to organize a new Chapter for the purpose of excluding a portion of the old members. In my reply I tried to encourage them and advised them to continue the Chapter, I have since learned that a dispensation has been granted for the formation of a new Chapter. I hope this matter may be brought before you for your consideration.

June 19th received from Queen Esther Chapter U. D. a letter containing the question "Is a half sister of a Master Mason eligible to the Eastern Star degree?" Ans. She is.

August, 1st I gave Middleville Chapter permission to remove from the Hall they then occupied, into the new Masonic Hall.

August 20, received a communication from Queen Esther Chapter U. D. asking to initiate a young lady who had not attained the age of eighteen. I did not give them permission

And now thanking you for the honor conferred, and the forbearance of my many errors, I cheerfully resign this exalted position to one more competent, and hope I may meet you all for many years to come, at these Grand Sessions.

MRS. M. C. GRISWOLD
Grand Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron. read the following

ADDRESS.

Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Another year has gone to join the vast procession that makes up the mighty past, and time, in its ever onward march, has again brought us to the day fixed for our annual meeting. A year as we measure time, but in the measureless realm of existence, how brief a space; a year of joys and sorrows; of hopes and disappointments. To some, the year now passed has brought much of joy, many comforts, great pleasure. To others, alas, sorrows that only the kindly hand of Death can assuage; trials and disappointments which our most tender sympathy strives in vain to lighten. To all of us now gathered here, the year now past has brought something of change. All things do not appear to us to-day as they did one year ago. If sorrows have been given us to bear, the very sunshine seems to wear a more somber hue, and all nature to be in

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sympathy with our own feelings; while if our lives have been filled with blessings and joys during the year, so does everything seem to be in harmony with us, and all things rejoice with us.

We have now reached another of those *mile-stones* that mark our history as an Order, and now, as we assemble in our nineteenth annual convention, let us remember with gratitude the Kindly Hand that has thus far guided us. Let our hearts praise Him under whose watchful care we are still permitted to perform our allotted duties. Let us render unto Him the thanks of our inmost hearts for the blessings and comforts of the year now closed, and with renewed courage, and trusting faith in Him, enter upon the work of the new year, in the spirit of our Divine Teacher and Savior, who "Went about doing good."

Standing as we do to-day upon the threshold of another year, it is proper that we pause for a little time, and looking back over the history and experiences of the past year, draw lessons of encouragement and inspiration for the year to come. The work of the year is done; its book is closed; its record made; but the results that may come from the year's work, who can tell? Its influences may go on forever. If those influences have been for good they shall go on in an ever broadening channel of "peace and good will to men." If for evil, who can measure the immensity of the fearful consequences of that influence, as the years roll on.

Looking back thus, I am reminded that one year ago I returned home from our last yearly meeting, filled with zeal for the Order, and with many plans for the year's work, which was then beginning. As I looked forward through the months that were to make up the year, I made many plans for work in the interests of our Order. I thought I would visit every subordinate Chapter within this Grand Jurisdiction; endeavor to strengthen and stimulate the weaker ones, and rejoice with those that were prosperous and flourishing. I would endeavor to establish new Chapters at favorable points where none existed; in short, I would strive to make this the brightest year in the history of our Order in Michigan.

Alas, how differently things look when viewed from opposite standpoints. Looking backward over the same year, then just commencing, the roseate hue which then embellished the work of the year, has vanished. The daily duties of life, with their endless round of cares and responsibilities, came crowding on, and the duties to the Order, which once seemed so easy to perform (in imagination)now seem more and more difficult to reach. Winter is approaching, and the little feet which patter around our home and make glad music to our hearts, must have warm shoes and stockings; little mouths must be fed; little bodies—and big ones too, must be clothed, and therefore the wheels of business must not stop, and so for the time being, work for this Order seems out of the question; and thus, as reason succeeded reason, each bringing its own particular and pressing duties, the work which was to be

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done for the O. E. S. has been put off from time to time, until now —the book is closed.

Looking thus into the past, I find that instead of having visited every Chapter in the state, I have visited one. The other visits, from which I had anticipated so much of pleasure and encouragement in the work, have proved to have no more existence than "the baseless fabric of a dream."

As in this matter of visiting, so my other official acts during the year have been few. Indeed, the duties usually devolving upon the Grand Patron, are not of a very arduous nature. The most that he is expected to do, is to sit beside the Grand Matron and *look wise.*

The following is a record of my official acts during the year:

Under date of November 1st 1884, received a communication from Bro. M. B. Marsh, secretary of Harmony Chapter No. 34, to which Chapter a charter had just been granted by Grand Chapter, notifying me that they had elected officers according to the laws of the Order, and requesting that Bro. N. B. Scribner of Grand Rapids might be sent to install them. Accordingly I deputized Bro. Scribner to perform this work, and he afterwards reported that he did the work as requested, and gave a very gratifying report of the hearty zeal and proficiency of the officers.

On February 21st, I received a petition from a sufficient number of persons residing at Ionia, asking for a Dispensation to form a new Chapter at that place. Believing that there was good reason for establishing a Chapter there, and plenty of good material to make a flourishing Chapter, I granted them the Dispensation asked for under date of February 26th, and on March 18th I visited that city and organized Queen Esther Chapter, with twenty Charter members, and with Mrs. H. G. Wright as first Worthy Matron, Bro. N. T. Burtas Worthy Patron, and Bro. N. E. Bailey Secretary. They started out with bright prospects before them, and I trust will bring to this Grand Chapter, so good a report of work done, as to entitle them to a Charter.

On or about February 24th, Bro. D. B. Purinton Past Grand Patron, and for many years Grand Secretary, placed in my hands the following communication, and asked that I give the matter due attention:

LAKEVIEW, MICH. February 22nd. 1885

MR. PURINTON, SIR.—Will you please inform me what steps we will have to take to renew our Star Lodge. They have never demanded our Charter since we broke up, and we would like to try it again if we can; and see if we can't do better than before. I write to you, for I do not know of any one else, and thought perhaps that you would help us out. If you are not in the position to help us, please refer it to some one that can. Let us hear as soon as possible, and oblige Yours Truly,

MRS. A. E. MACOMBER.

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I investigated the matter, and found that the old Chapter at Lakeview had been defunct for several years, and that some discord had existed prior to its discontinuance. After a careful consideration of the matter, and consultation with prominent members of the Order, I wrote to Sister Macomber, recommending that an effort be made to organize a new Chapter, rather than an attempt to resuscitate the old one. Accordingly on April 19th, I received a petition from the required number, accompanied with the necessary fee, and on April 20th, I granted a Dispensation to form a new Chapter at that place, to be known as Ivanhoe Chapter U. D. with Mrs. Esther Macomber named as first Worthy Matron. Bro. Allen Macomber as Worthy Patron, Sister Minerva J. Moon, Secretary. I appointed Past Grand Patron Bro. Loren Day, my special deputy, to proceed to Lakeview and organize the Chapter, and instruct them in the work, which service he performed, assisted by Sisters Day and Greenwood, on June 3rd, and reported fifteen Charter members as composing the new Chapter. Some time during the summer, Bro. Purinton mentioned to me that he had received a letter from a lady who had been a member of the old Chapter at that place, who felt indignant at not being invited into the new Chapter at its organization, and on September 30th (two weeks ago), I received the following letter from the Grand Secretary, calling my attention to the same matter:

OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY,
QUINCY, MICH. September 30th, 1885.

BRO. J. S.—I send herewith a letter which was sent to Sister S. L. Marsh some time ago, and which was handed me this morning. There are some very important points contained therein, and I deemed it best and proper to refer it to you. There seems to have been some secret work carried on in regard to the re-organization of the Chapter at Lakeview, which does not appear in the ritual, and I think you are the proper one to examine into the case and take such action as may seem proper. The Sister, Mrs. G. A. Reed, is anxious to know if she is entitled to a seat in the Grand Chapter etc. as you will see by reference to page 7. Will you be kind enough to look the letter over and give the Sister the necessary information.

Fraternally Yours,
DAN W. SAWYER, G. S.

The letter referred to was a complaint because the writer was not asked to become one of the Charter members of the new Chapter, and protesting against the establishment of a new Chapter at all, but rather insisting that the old one should have been revived instead. Coming into my hands so long a time after being written, (it was dated July 12th) and so near the meeting of this Grand Chapter, I took no action in the matter, and place the communication in the hands of this Grand Body, and recommend that it be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

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On June 10th I received from the R. W. Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, the following official notice of the death of Sister Lucinda Smith, R. W. A. G. M. of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S. which I recommend be placed on file in the archives of this Grand Body.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.
INDIANAPOLIS, June 10th, 1885.

Mrs. Lucinda Smith, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, died very suddenly of heart disease at her home in Newark, New Jersey, on the evening of May 13th 1885, at the age of forty-nine years, and her remains were interred with the honors of the Order in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on May 17th.

In the death of Sister Smith, the Order must mourn the departure of one of its most earnest and zealous workers. Becoming a member of Radiant Chapter No. 7. Newark, she was elected its Associate Matron in 1880, and its Worthy Matron in 1881 and 1882. In the Grand Chapter of New Jersey she was appointed Grand Ruth in 1880, elected Associate Grand Matron in 1881, and Grand Matron in 1882 and 1883, while she was elevated to the high position she held in the General Grand Chapter, at San Francisco, in 1883. While we revere her memory, let us not forget to emulate the virtues that adorned her life.

JENNIE E. MATHEWS, M. W. Grand Matron.
ROLLIN C. GASKILL, M. W. Grand Patron.
ATTEST: WILLIS D. ENGLE R. W. Grand Secretary.

On June 17th received an invitation to visit Olive Branch Chapter on June 24th and inspect their work, but owing to having made a previous engagement for the same date, it was impossible to comply with the request. I asked for another invitation at some later day, but it did not come.

On August 24th, accompanied by Mrs. Conover and "the baby," visited Leslie Chapter No. 6. and witnessed their work. Was much pleased with the proficiency which most of the officers had acquired in their work, particularly so with the five Patrons. Found the Chapter in a prosperous condition and having in it all the elements necessary to success. Had a very pleasant and enjoyable visit with them.

In the middle of the summer I had arranged for a series of visits to several of the Chapters located in the central part of the state, but matters assumed such shape as to prevent the visits being made. I deeply regret this, but had to yield to the inevitable.

During the year I received requests for information concerning how to go to work to organize Chapters, cost of Charter, etc. etc. from the following places: Saranac, South Haven, Mt. Clemens, Detroit, Mendon, Hesperia, and Cedar Springs. I gave the desired information in every case, but as yet no substantial results are to be seen from it.

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Early in the year, after correspondence with the Grand Matron, I prepared a circular, setting forth the objects and aims of this Order, and its claims upon the Masonic Fraternity, and mailed copies of it to many Masonic Lodges throughout the state. As yet it has borne no special fruit, and may probably be set down as "Love's labor lost."

September 17th, received from the R. W. G. S. a copy of the correspondence from the M. W. G. P. of the General Grand Chapter, in relation to certain differences between that officer and Harmony Chapter No. 8, of Minneapolis, Minn. This communication I placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary, where it can be examined by any one desiring.

I have been asked to decide a few questions relating to the laws and usages of the Order, but have, in every case, referred such matters to the Grand Matron, it being her exclusive province to decide all such questions. I have had several inquiries for copies of the Code of Laws, but to all such inquiries, I have been obliged to say, we have none. I would recommend that a special committee be appointed, of which the Grand Secretary shall be chairman, to compile such Code of Laws, together with such decisions as have been approved by this Grand Chapter, and to have the same printed at such expense as the finances of this Grand Body will warrant, and that copies be furnished to subordinate Chapters and members desiring, at such price as may be determined by such committee, and the proceeds of sales be placed in the treasury of this Grand Chapter.

Here, my Sisters and Brothers, I have given you an abstract of my work as Grand Patron during the year. I fully realize the imperfections of that work, and also the fact that some other person, upon whose time there was not such a constant demand in other directions, might have done much better. But what I have been able to do has been done as seemed to me for the best interests of the Order. And now before concluding, permit me to ask your attention to a subject, that may or may not be a matter of interest to you; a matter upon which I have thought much, and what seems to me to be one of those grand opportunities which are said to come once in the life-time of associations or individuals. The matter I refer to, is considering the advisability of this Grand Chapter taking initiatory steps toward founding a Masonic home for the widows and orphans of Master Masons. It really seems to me to be eminently proper that the matter of a home for the widows and orphans of Masons should be intrusted, partially at least, to the wives and sisters of Masons, and possibly the taking hold of this matter with earnestness and determination, may be the means of advancing this Order, with rapid strides, in influence in this Commonwealth, and in the esteem of Masons and the public. Other grand jurisdictions are already taking hold of this work. The Grand Chapter of Illinois, at its last session one year ago,

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adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, It has been the earnest desire of this Grand Chapter that some action might be taken whereby this great State of Illinois might not be behind her sister States in its work and labor for the benefit of the widows and orphans of Master Masons within this State: and

WHEREAS, To that end it is considered that the founding of a Home for the benefit of such widows and orphans, under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star, be established;

Resolved, That a committee consisting of the Past Grand Matrons Past Grand Patrons, Present Grand Matron and Patron, Present Associate Grand Matron, and Associate Grand Patron, be and are hereby constituted a committee to take action in the establishment of such a Home, the most desirable location for its establishment, the probable cost of such a Home, the desired plans and conduct of such Home; and with full power to solicit aid for such purpose from individual Grand Masonic Bodies, or others interested in such good work, and payable at such time or times as such committee may arrange, and report the action of such committee to the next annual session of the Grand Chapter.

In accordance with this resolution, the committee have issued an appeal to the different subordinate Chapters in that state, for aid from socials, entertainments, etc. and the work is fairly started.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas, at its last session in March last, took similar action. Cannot this Order do as well in Michigan? I submit this matter for your consideration, believing, in my own mind, that here may be an opportunity for this Order to make itself of great influence in the state. Shakespeare says "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. And this is true of societies as well as of men. I commend this subject to your careful consideration.

And now, in retiring from the high office to which you called me one year ago, I wish to thank all my Sisters and Brothers for the kindnesses shown me in the past, and bespeak for my successor, the same willing assistance which has been given to me.

J. S. CONOVER,
Grand Worthy Patron.

Motion by Bro. Loren Day, to refer the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron and Grand Worthy Patron to a Committee of three for division and reference. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed as such Committee, Bro. Day, Sisters Parker and E. J. Barber.

The Grand Worthy Matron then appointed the following Standing Committees:

FINANCE AND WAYS AND MEANS.—Sisters A. A. Matteson, Anna Corwin, and Bro. H. G. Wright.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.—Sisters E. J. Barber, S. M. Nostrant, and Bro. H. L. Anthony.

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PAY ROLL.—Sisters G. Rossman, F. J. Gunnison and Bro. Loren Day.

JURISPRUDENCE.—Sisters B. R. Rose, S. L. Marsh, and Bro. L. S. Putney.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.—Sisters M. A. Watrous, Hattie Robinson, and Bro. M. B. Nash.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.—Sisters J. H. Day, L. A. Teall, and Bro. B. R. Rose.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

To the Grand Worthy Patron, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following Chapters represented, and the following named persons entitled to seats in the Grand Chapter:

GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister M. C. Griswold,	G. W. M
Brother J. S. Conover,	G. W. P.
Sister M. M. Parsons.	G. A. M.
Brother H. L. Anthony,	G. A. P.
" Dan W. Sawyer,	G. Secy.
Sister E L. Pendleton,	G. Treas.
" S. L. Marsh,	G. Cond.
" S. M. Nostrant.	G. A. Cond.
Brother P. McFarland,	G. Chaplain.
Sister A. B. Smith,	G. Adah.
" P. R. Hahn,	G. Ruth.
" Vira Nichols,	G. Esther.
" L. A. Olin,	G. Martha.
" C. J. Chappell,	G. Electa.
" L. A. Hankerson,	G. Warder.
" M. Rowe,	G. Marshal.
Brother J. M. Alexander,	G. Sentinel.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister E. L. Pendleton,	P G W. M.
" D. C. Purinton,	" "
" Eliza J. Barber,	" "
" S. L. Marsh,	" "
" Nellie S. Corey,	" "
" B. R. Rose,	" "
" H. L. Anthony,	" "
" D. A. Merrill,	" "
" Mary A. Watrous,	" "
Brother David Bovee,	P G. W. P.
" David Purinton,	" "
" Traverse Phillips,	" "
" M. Douglas,	" "
" J. S. Cross,	" "
" B. R. Rose,	" "
" Wm. H. Severance.	" "
" A. C. Manly,	" "
" G. W. Matteson,	" "
" Loren Day,	" "

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ACACIA CHAPTER, No. 1—
Not Represented.
COLDWATER CHAPTER No. 3—
Sister E. E. Hall, W. M.
CLIVE BRANCH CHAPTER No. 4—
Sister Nellie Williamson, W. M.
" M. Rupert, A. M.
Brother T. J. Collins, W. P.
LESLIE CHAPTER No. 6—
Sister Gertrude Rossman, W. M.
HASTINGS CHAPTER No. 7—
Sister Mary Goodyear, W. M.
QUINCY CHAPTER No. 12—
Sister F. L. Joseph, W. M.
GRAND LEDGE CHAPTER No. 14—
Sister S M. Nostrant W. M.
MIDDLEVILLE CHAPTER No. 17—
Sister A. A. Matteson, W. M.
BANGOR CHAPTER No. 18—
Not Represented.
SHARON CHAPTER No. 20—
Sister L. A. Teal, W. M.
IVY LEAF CHAPTER No. 22
Sister L. P. Tift, W. M.
OLIVET CHAPTER No. 24—
Sister Mary Plumb, W. M.
UNION CHAPTER No. 27—
Sister J. H. Day, W. M.
BURR OAK CHAPTER No. 28—
Sister Mary Himebaugh, W. M.
Brother H Robinson W. P.
WILLIAMSTON CHAPTER No. 29—
Sister A. J. Vennetter, W. M.
" R. Leighton, Proxy.
DE WITT CHAPTER No. 30—
Sister F. J. Gunnison, W. M.
LAUREL CHAPTER No. 31—
Sister H. A. Barber, W. M.
ORIENTAL CHAPTER No. 32—
Sister Lida Davidson, W. M.
KEDRON CHAPTER No. 33—
Sister L. A. Hankerson, W. M.
" Anna Corwin, Proxy.
HARMONY CHAPTER No. 34—
Sister M. A. Morrill, W. M.
Brother M. B. Nash, Delegate.
QCEEN ESTHER CHAPTER U. D.
Brother H. G. Wright, Proxy.
IVANHOE CHAPTER U. D.
Sister Esther Macomber, W. M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. LIDA DAVIDSON,
MISS CLARA STURGES. } Committee.
LOREN DAY.

On motion, the report was adopted as read.

The Grand Worthy Matron requested the Most Worthy Grand

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Matron, Sister Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, to address the Grand Chapter, which she cheerfully consented to do, and in a very entertaining and instructive selection of well chosen, impromptu remarks.

On motion of the Grand Secretary, all members of the Order, in good standing, were invited to seats in the Grand Chapter at the present session.

Motion by Sister Lou M. Anthony, that the business of the evening session be set apart for the exemplification of the work of the Order. Motion prevailed.

Motion by Bro. Rose, that the installation of the officers at this session be public. Motion prevailed.

Sister Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, Grand Worthy Matron of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, being called upon, entertained the Sisters and Brothers present with some very interesting remarks, touching upon the objects and aims of the Order.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION—7 P. M.

The Grand Chapter having been called to labor, the M. W. Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter proceeded to explain the manner of receiving candidates upon the five points of the Star.

The Committee on Division and Reference submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. State of Michigan.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the addresses of the Grand Worthy Matron, and Grand Worthy Patron for division and reference, would submit the following report:—That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to a suspended member, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to a Chapter at Lakeview, be referred to the Committee on Chapters and Dispensations. That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to a half sister, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Grand Worthy Patron's address as refers to organizing Queen Esther Chapter U. D. at Ionia, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. That so much of the Grand Worthy Patron's address as refers to Lakeview Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations. That so much of the Grand Worthy Patron's address as refers to the advisability of a Code of Laws, be referred to the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means. That so much of his address as refers to widows' and orphans' Home, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and Ways and Means. All of which is respectfully submitted. LOREN DAY, E. J. BARBER, M. H. PARKER.

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Motion by Bro. Rose to accept and adopt the report. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the exemplification of the work of the Order, which was done in an exemplary manner on the part of each of the Grand Officers, after which together with the Grand Conductress, Sister Jennie E. Mathews, M. W. G. Matron, explained and demonstrated the correct manner of forming the Labyrinth while conferring the degrees of the Order upon a candidate. As a closing feature of a very pleasant afternoon session, our Most Worthy Sister volunteered the recitation of an Eastern Star poem, which was pronounced by all the Sisters and Brothers present, to be a magnificent poem and beautifully rendered.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY,—MORNING SESSION.

Grand Chapter called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron, with prayer by the Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Jennie E. Mathews, and Sister Jennie A. Walker, Grand Worthy Matron of Illinois.were invited to seats in the East, which they accepted. Remarks for the good of the Order were made by Sister Eudora E. Hall of Coldwater; Sister Sue M. Nostrant of Grand Ledge; Bro. H. G. Wright of Ionia; Bro. Conover, G. W. Patron; Sister H. A. Barber of Nashville; Sister M. A. Watrous of Bay City; Sister Lida Davidson of Grand Rapids; Sister M. A. Morrill of Sparta; Bro. Tift of California, Mich ; and Bro. M. B. Nash of Sparta.

Sister Mrs. M. A. Watrous, Past G. W. Matron was escorted to the East, and introduced as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, near this Grand Chapter, and she was welcomed with the Grand Honors.

Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose was also escorted to the East, and introduced as the Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, near this Grand Chapter, and she was welcomed with the Grand Honors.

The following questions were left upon the Grand Secretary's desk, which were submitted to the Grand Chapter:

QUESTION 1.—"If a Worthy Matron has to leave the Chapter room before the Chapter closes, and appoints a past W. Matron to fill the Chair, has that past W. Matron power to transact *all business* that *should* come before the Chapter at that meeting, (that being a regular communication)?"

QUESTION 2.—"When should the year of a Subordinate Chapter commence, and close?"

On motion of Bro. Conover, these questions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Motion by Bro. Conover, that the election of officers be made the special order of business for three o'clock this afternoon. Motion prevailed.

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On motion by the Grand Secretary, a Committee of three was appointed, to receive invitations for the next session of the Grand Chapter, as follows: Bro. Sawyer, Sisters Lou M. Anthony and L. R. Barber.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until two o'clock P. M.

SECOND DAY,—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron.

The Committee on Grievance submitted their report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals would respectfully report that harmony seems to be within our borders and prosperity within our walls; no grievances having been reported to us, or come within our knowledge. Respectfully submitted.

MARY A. WATROUS,
HATTIE ROBINSON,
M. B. NASH. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that the only matter of the affairs of this Grand Body that has been presented for their consideration is the Resolution that was offered at the last session, to amend Sec. 2 of the Grand Chapter rules and regulations so as to read; "at stated meeting next preceeding the 23rd day of September." This Resolution was laid over until this session, for final action. In the opinion of your Committee it would not be for the interest of the Subordinate Chapters composing this Grand Jurisdiction to adopt the Resolution, and one of the prominent reasons your Committee would urge against its adoption, is the fact that in many Chapters, it would bring their election in the heat of August, when it would be difficult to get a full meeting. Your Committee can see no good objection to the rule as now in force, and would suggest that the less amendments to long established rules the better, both for this Grand Body and the subordinate Chapters. All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER E. J. BARBER,
SISTER S. M. NOSTRANT
BRO. H. L. ANTHONY. } Committee.

On motion by Bro. Day the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Dispensations and Charters, submitted their report, as follows:

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Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations would report as follows:

Coldwater,	No.	3,	Correct.
Olive Branch,	"	4,	"
Leslie,	"	6,	"
Hastings,	"	7,	"
Quincy,	"	12,	"
Grand Ledge,	"	14,	Seven members short of last year's report; dues $2.50 short.
Middleville,	"	17,	Correct.
Sharon,	"	20,	"
Ivy Leaf,	"	22,	One member short of last year's report; dues correct.
Olivet,	"	24,	Correct.
Union,	"	27,	"
Burr Oak.	"	28,	"
Williamston,	"	29,	"
De Witt,	"	30,	"
Laurel,	"	31,	One member short of last year's report; dues correct.
Oriental,	"	32,	Correct.
Kedron,	"	33,	Two members in excess of last year's report; dues correct.
Harmony,	"	34,	Correct.

Your Committee would recommend that a Charter be issued to Queen Esther Chapter U. D. to be numbered 35, and that Ivanhoe Chapter be continued U. D. for the coming year; also that they be instructed to forward, within ten days, the old Charter now in their possession, to the Grand Secretary. All of which is respectfully submitted.

MRS. JULIA H. DAY,
LOUISA A. TEAL,
B. R. ROSE. } Committee.

On motion by Bro. Conover, the report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred certain questions and decisions, would respectfully report that they have examined the same and submit the following:

That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to a half sister, be adopted.

That so much as refers to a suspended member, be left discretionary with the Subordinate Chapter, whether they shall or not, pay dues for the time suspended.

The question referring to the Worthy Matron inviting a Past Worthy Matron to preside in her absence, has she power to transact all business coming before the Chapter at that time? Answer. If it be proper for a Past Matron to preside, all business coming before her for decision shall be legal.

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To the question, "When shall the year of a Subordinate Chapter commence, and when close." We answer, at the annual election in September.

MRS. R. B. ROSE,
MRS. S. L. MARSH
L. S. PUTNEY. } Committee.

On motion by Bro. Day, the report was accepted and adopted.

Bro. Day moved that the representative from Queen Esther Chapter No. 35, be granted the privilege of voting at this session of the Grand Chapter. Motion prevailed.

Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose, Committee on Foreign Correspondence, then read her report. On motion of Bro. Conover the report was accepted and adopted, and ordered printed in the proceedings this year.

The Committee on Invitation for location of the next session of the Grand Chapter, reported in favor of accepting the invitation from Queen Esther Chapter No. 35 at Ionia, Michigan.

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

The hour having arrived for the annual election of officers, the G. W. Patron (at the request of the G. W. M.) assumed the chair, and appointed Bro. H. Robinson, and Sisters Parker and Anthony as tellers.

The result of the election was as follows:

For G. W. M.—Sister Mrs. M. C. Griswold.....Middleville.
" G. W. P.—Bro. J. S Conover.....Coldwater.
" G. A. M.—Sister M. M. Parsons.....Grand Rapids.
" G. A. P.—Bro. H. L. Anthony.....Sturgis.
" G. Secy.—Bro. Dan W. Sawyer.....Quincy.
" G. Treas.—Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.....Sturgis.

A resolution was offered by Sister Mrs. E. E. Hall, as follows:

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be given to the W. Matron, Sisters, and Brothers of Olive Branch Chapter No. 4. for their kind hospitality, and fine entertainment.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

On motion of Bro. Day, the M. W. G. Matron, Sister Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews was allowed $8.00 to defray her traveling expenses in visiting our Grand Chapter. Sister Mathews returned thanks in a few well chosen remarks.

The Grand Secretary submitted his report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Grand Secretary would most respectfully submit the following report of moneys received by him during the past Masonic year:

1885.

Oct. 14, To profits on twelve Rituals.....$3.00
Feb. 22, " cash received from Queen Esther Chapter U. D. $8.50
April 20, To cash received from Ivanhoe Chapter U. D. $8.50
Sept. 21, To cash Dues from Kedron Chapter No. 33. Caro, $18 25
" 30, " " " " Olive Branch Chapter No. 4...$11.00
" " " " " " Laurel Chapter, No. 31.....$16.00

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Sept.	30,	To cash	Dues	from	De Witt Chapter No. 30	$15.50
Oct.	2,	"	"	"	Burr Oak Chapter, No. 28	$12.00
"	2,	"	"	"	Union Chapter, No. 27	$5.25
"	7	"	"	"	Harmony Chapter No. 34	$15.75
"	"	"	"	"	Olivet Chapter, No. 24	$11.75
"	12	"	"	"	Middleville Chapter, No. 17	$18.00
"	14	"	"	"	Oriental Chapter, No. 32	$13.00
"	"	"	"	"	Hastings Chapter, No. 7	$25.75
"	"	"	"	"	Ivy Leaf Chapter, No. 22	$12.00
"	"	"	"	"	Grand Ledge Chapter, No. 14	$6.75
"	"	"	"	"	Leslie Chapter, No. 6. Leslie,	$11.00
"	"	"	"	"	Williamston Chapter, No. 29	$13.00
"	"	"	"	"	Sharon Chapter, No. 20	$18.00
"	"	"	"	"	Quincy Chapter, No. 12	$12.50
"	"	"	"	"	Coldwater Chapter, No. 3	$36.00
		Total,				$291.50
Cash from Ionia Chapter Charter,						5.00
						$296.50
Turned over to Grand Treasurer,						$295.50

Very respectfully submitted, DAN W. SAWYER,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Treasurer submitted her report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Grand Treasurer would respectfully submit the following report of the financial affairs of this Grand Body.

Balance on hand last report	$42.73
Received from Grand Secretary	$295.50
	$338.23

CREDIT

By pay roll of 1885	$254.37
Paid for printing proceedings of 1884	35.00
" Grand Secretary for services	25.00
" " " " postage, blanks etc	5.92
" expenses of R. W. Grand Matron	8.00
	$328.29
Balance on hand,	$9.94

Very respectfully submitted. MRS. E. L. PENDLETON,
Grand Treasurer.

On motion, the above reports were accepted, and referred to the Committee on Finance, and Ways and Means.

Motion by Bro. Conover, to instruct the Grand Secretary to take the necessary steps to procure reduced rates of fare on the Railroads' for the Delegates to the next session of the Grand Chapter. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Chapter was called off until seven o'clock.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION. 7:00 P. M.

Grand Chapter called to labor by the G. W. Matron, who announced the following appointments:

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Grand Conductress, Sister Mrs. Eudora E. Hall, Coldwater.
Grand A. Conductress, Sister Mrs. L. R. Barber Nashville.
Grand Adah, Sister Mrs. A. S. Vannetter, Williamston.
Grand Ruth, Sister Mrs. M. C. Plumb, Olivet.
Grand Esther, Sister Mrs. E. J. Barber, Hastings.
Grand Martha, Sister Mrs, G. Rossman, Leslie.
Grand Electa, Sister Mrs. M. A. Morrill, Sparta.
Grand Warden, Sister Mrs. Jennie Gunnison, De Witt.
Committee on Foreign Corp. Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.

The Grand Worthy Patron announced the following appointments:

Grand Marshal, Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose, Hastings.
Grand Chaplain, Sister Mrs. M. T. Goodyear, Hastings.
Grand Sentinel, Bro. H. G. Wright, Ionia.

The Committee on Finance, and Ways and Means, submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, would respectfully recommend that the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Grand A. Matron and Past Grand Patron Bro. Rose, act as a special Committee to take preliminary steps, tending toward the organization of a Masonic Orphans Home in the State of Michigan.

That the By-laws, Decisions, and Edicts of the Grand Chapter in the State of Michigan be printed in pamphlet form, for the use of Subordinate Chapters, at any time when the finances of this Grand Chapter will allow; and that a Committee of three be appointed to compile and arrange the Decisions, and report the cost of printing the same at our next Grand Session.

Your Committee would respectfully report that they have examined the report of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct, as follows:

That the Grand Treasurer has received during the year,

Balance	$42.73
From Grand Secretary	$295.50
Total	$338.23
That the Grand Treasurer has paid for printing the proceedings of 1884	$35.00
On pay roll	$254.37
Expenses of Most Worthy Grand Matron	8.00
Total	$297.37
Balance on hand	40.86

Your Committee would also recommend that this Grand Chapter pay to our W. G. M. for postage $2.50, and to the G. W. P. for postage $2.50, all of which is respectfully submitted.

A. A. MATTESON,
A. CORWIN,
H. G. WRIGHT,
} Committee.

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On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand W. Matron, and Grand W. Patron each having been pr ffer d the sum of $2.50 for expenses etc. very generously, but emphatically declined it.

The Committee on Pay Roll submitted their report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report the following as the amounts due Grand Officers and Representatives of subordinate Chapters as follows:

	Miles.	Amount.	
G. W. Matron,	106	$ 8.48	
G. W. Patron,	24	1.92	
G. A. Matron,	85	6.80	
G. Secretary,	30	2.40	
G. Conductress,	30	2.40	
G. A. Conductress,	116	9.28	
G. Adah,	117	9.36	
G. Ruth,	82	6.56	
G. Esther,	6	.48	
G. Martha,	181	14.48	
G. Electa,	77	6.16	
G. Warder,	181	14.48	
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.			
Sister D. C. Purinton,	24	1.92	
" E. J. Barber,	117	8.36	
" B. R. Rose,	117	9.36	
" D. A. Merrill,	24	1.92	
" M. A. Watrous,	181	14.48	
Bro. B. R. Rose,	117	9.36	
" Loren Day,	91	7.28	
			$136.48

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

		Miles.	Amount.	
Coldwater,	No. 3	24	$ 1.92	
Olive Branch,	" 4			
Leslie,	" 6	82	6.56	
Hastings,	" 7	117	9 36	
Quincy,	" 12	30	2 40	
Grand Ledge,	" 14			
Middleville,	" 17	106	8.48	
Bangor,	" 18			
Sharon,	" 20	181	14.48	
Ivy Leaf,	" 22	41	3.28	
Olivet,	" 24	77	6.16	
Union,	" 27	91	5.25	
Burr Oak,	" 28	6	.48	
Williamson,	" 29	116	9.28	
De Witt,	" 30	110	8.80	
Laurel,	" 31	127	10.16	
Oriental,	" 32	85	6.80	
Kedron,	" 33	181	14.48	
Harmony,	" 34	100	8.00	
				$115.89
				$252.37

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All of which is respectfully submitted.

LOREN DAY,
T. J. GUNNISON,
GERTRUDE ROSSMAN. } Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted,

Bro. Conover moved to allow the Grand Secretary $25.00 for services the past year. Motion prevailed.

The M. G. W. Matron, Sister Jennie E. Mathews, was requested by the G. W. Matron to install the newly elected officers, which she did, being assisted by Sister Jennie A. Walker, G. W. Matron of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, as Grand Marshal; the work being completed in the most perfect manner.

On motion by Bro. D. B. Purinton, the G. W. Matron returned the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Michigan to these Worthy Sisters for their services, by a rising vote of the Grand Chapter, which was responded to by Sister Jennie A. Walker, G. W. Matron of Illinois.

Sister Jennie E. Mathews, M. W. Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, then favored the Grand Chapter and visitors with a beautiful poem, which was rendered with that thoroughness of manner for which the Sister had already made herself felt to all the officers and members present.

An account of $5.92 was presented by the Grand Secretary, for blank reports, postage, and stationery; which, on motion of Bro. Rose, was allowed and an order drawn for the amount, on the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on By-Laws, recommended by the Grand Worthy Patron, was appointed by him as follows: Bro. Dan W. Sawyer, Sisters Mrs. D. C. Purinton, and Mrs. S. L. Marsh.

The following resolutions were offered by Sister B. R. Rose:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter fails to find words of sufficient emphasis to express its pleasure and delight in having with us at this session, the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter. But it does acknowledge its great indebtedness to her for her kindly and sisterly words of advice and encouragement, and her suggestions and instructions. Her charming manner and expression are only excelled by the exalted character of her sentiments and thoughts.

Resolved, That we express our sincere thanks to Sister Jennie Walker for her attendance at our Grand Chapter. It has given us much pleasure to receive so graceful and ladylike a visitor from our sister State, and I trust we shall receive much benefit from her account of her work at home, and we hope our acquaintance may not end here, but may it be long and mutually beneficial.

MRS. B. ROSE.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote of the Grand Chapter.

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The following resolution was offered by Sister Eudora E. Hall:

Resolved, That thanks be tendered to the G. W. Matron, G. W. Patron, and all other Grand Officers, for the earnest and candid manner in which they have rendered their decisions, and exemplified the work for us.

On motion the resolution was adopted.

Sister Mathews, by request, repeated the beautiful poem which was rendered on the first day, at the evening session.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form, to meet in Ionia, Michigan on the second Wednesday in October 1886, at 12. o'clock M.

DAN W. SAWYER,
Grand Secretary.

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GONE
But Not Forgotten.

Leslie Chapter No. 6.

Bro. John P. Hawley.....April 26, 1885.
Sister Mrs. Mary A. Vaughn.....June 24, 1885.

Union Chapter No. 27.

Sister Mrs. L. Peck.....February 20, 1885.

Burr Oak Chapter No. 28.

Sister Mrs. D. D. Stillman.....Dec. 29, 1884.

Williamston Chapter No. 29.

Bro. John Webb.....July 1st, 1885.

DeWitt Chapter No. 30.

Sister Mrs. Frank Pennell, Associate M..... Dec. 17, 1885.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of CHAPTER.	Number	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	Initiated	Affiliated	Dimitted	Suspended	Died	Reinstated	No. of Members.	Dues to GRAND CHAP'R.
Acacia	1	Not Represented										
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	Mrs. E. E. Hall	Miss Fannie B. Rose	17		4	4		2	127	$36.00
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis,	Mrs. Allie Williams	Miss Stella Sturges	5		4	3			45	11.00
Leslie	6	Leslie	Mrs. G. Rossman	Mrs. P. R. Hahn	2				2	7	42	11.00
Hastings	7	Hastings	Mrs. Mary Goodyear.	Mrs. Clara Lathrop	3		5			1	100	25.75
Quincy	12	Quincy	Mrs. Fannie L. Joseph	Mrs. Josephine Cole			3	2			50	12.50
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	Mrs. Susan Nostrant.	Mrs. Jacob DeWitt	3		1				23	6.75
Middleville	17	Middleville	Mrs. A. A. Matteson.	George W. Matteson	4		2				68	18.00
Sharon	20	South Bay City	Mrs. Louisa A. Teall.	Mrs. S. L. DeForest	4			10			68	18.00
Ivy Leaf	22	California	Mrs. Lucy R. Tift	Joseph H. Hall	2		2	10			45	12.00
Olivet	24	Olivet	Mrs. Mary Plumb	Charles W. Storr	2	2					45	11.75
Union	27	Grandville	Mrs. Julia Day	Mrs. Ida Greenwood.			2	7	1		21	5.25
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	Mrs. M. Himebaugh	Enos Allen					1		48	12.00
Williamston	29	Williamston	Mrs. A. J. Vaneter	F. K. Rockwell	5		2	4	1		47	13.00
DeWitt	30	DeWitt	Mrs. F. J. Gunnison	J. W. Gunnison	1				1		61	15.50
Laurel	31	Nashville	Mrs. H. A. Barber	Miss Carrie Ingerson.	1		1				62	16.00
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	Mrs. Lida Davidson	Miss N. R. Stinson	9		2				45	13.00
Hedron	33	Caro	Mrs. L. A. Hankerson	Miss Anna B. Slaght.	23						50	18.25
Harmony	34	Sparta	Mrs. Mattie A. Morrill	M. B. Nash	6						57	15.75
Queen Esther	35	Ionia	Mrs. H. G. Wright	Henry E Bailey	37	1					52	5.00
Ivanhoe	UD	Lakeview	Mrs. E. Macomber	John Lamoreux	9						17	
					133	3	28	40	6	10	1073	$276.50

*For Charter.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

ON

Foreign Correspondence

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Correspondence has received and reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The eighth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, was held at Odd Fellows' Hall, Worcester, May 13th 1884. The Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Matron, Mrs. M. O. Davis. Roll being called by the Grand Secretary, there was found to be present, representatives from ten of the eleven subordinate Chapters of that jurisdiction. They report forty-nine members, four proxies and twenty-nine visitors. Good for Massachusetts. I wish Michigan could make as good a report. The Worthy Matron has visited all the Chapters in the state, but one. In her address she says "There is many a widowed Ruth who needs our assistance, and many a mourning Martha needs comfort." Let us look to it that we lend assistance to all of our Ruths, if we have any, and few Chapters exist but have more or less members who need assistance; and certainly all at times need words of comfort and cheer. Total membership 909; net gain 97.

Mrs. Lucinda M. Farrar, Worthy Grand Matron.

Mr. Charles C. Dike, Worthy Grand Patron.

Mr. Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary.

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VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of Vermont met in Masonic Hall, Wolcott, Wednesday June 4th 1884, at nine o'clock. Chapter opened in due form, G. M. Mrs. S. S. Bass in the chair. Five of the Grand Officers were absent. Here let me urge every officer to be present at all meetings of the Chapter. The W. Matron's address was brief, but very many good thoughts appear on every page. She says, "I with others visited Ascutney Chapter, found them not dead but sleeping." I see by the Secretary's report that they have received and report nearly as many members as any Chapter. The Grand Matron's report is not very encouraging, but we will hope for a better one next year. The G. W. Patron says, "Aside from the social and elevating qualities of the Order, is the furnishing to worthy ladies, sustaining close relationship to Masons, of secret key, or signs and pass words, by which, if occasion requires, they may make that relationship known to the Fraternity." If they have any such key or pass word in Vermont, we would like to know something about it in Michigan. Total membership 516. Balance in Treasury $54.14. The officers elected for 1885 are,

Mrs. Flora Haverland, Worthy Grand Matron,
Mr. E. J. McWain, Worthy Grand Patron,
Mr. H. L. Stilson, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The eleventh annual session of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was held in Masonic Hall, Willimantic, Wednesday Oct. 4th, 1884. The Chapter was opened by the Grand Matron, Mrs. C. E. Billings. Four Grand Officers absent. The Grand Matron gives a good report of her work. I see that nearly all the Chapters memorize their work. Grand Patron speaks of a picnic August 26th in commemoration of the birth of Rob. Morris, the founder of this Order. I recommend that all Chapters celebrate this day in some manner most agreeable to themselves. Total number of members 1,457. Balance in Treasury $96 58. Result of the election:

Henrietta C. Holaday, Grand Matron,
Clark Buckingham, Grand Patron,
Kate L. Tuttle, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The fifteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey met in Oriental Lodge room, 810 Broad St. Newark, at ten o'clock Monday Sept. 15th 1884. Sister Lucinda Smith, Worthy Grand Matron presiding. All the Grand Officers were present. As I look over the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, I think New Jersey is not behind any state in executing its work. I notice in the carefully prepared address of the Worthy Matron, grand and good

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thoughts. I wish that I might copy it, but space in this report forbids. The dear Sister died at her home in Newark, N. J. on the evening of May 13th, 1885, of heart disease. Although the messenger came with startling suddenness, we trust she was not unprepared. I had the pleasure of her personal acquaintance in San Francisco; "to know her was to love her," and we can but mingle our tears with those of the bereaved family. She was R. W. A.G. Matron at the time of her death. The Order has lost an earnest friend and zealous worker. Michigan receives a brief notice. Total membership 437. Grand Officers elected were,

Amanda M. Morgan, Worthy Grand Matron,
Cornelius J. Van Horn, Worthy Grand Patron,
Ann E. Graul, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Grand Chapter met in tenth annual session in Masonic Temple, at Indianapolis, at two o'clock on Wednesday, April 9th 1885. All the Grand Officers present; twenty-six Chapters represented. It seems a little strange to us that the Worthy Patron should be first but if Indiana does not complain, I will not. The Grand Patron's address was quite lengthy, but right to the point, and a good many ideas brought out which we might all treasure up. In it he says "The object of our Order is more than sociability; we must become Sisters and Brothers in spirit and truth." True, Bro. Kaiser, and if we could throw off this crust of ice with which so many of us seem to have encased ourselves, how much more good we might do. Do not let us stand apart; let us come together, each helping the other; we will then fulfill the purpose of our being, and the great principles of our Order. The Grand Matron's address is replete with good things, and like herself, comes to business first, pleasure afterward. She gives a long description of her journey to the "Golden City." Michigan was noticed in their Foreign Correspondence. Total membership 1,523.

ILLINOIS.

The Grand Chapter of the O. E. S. convened at their tenth annual communication in Germania Hall. 62 and 64 North Clark St. Chicago, Oct. 7th 1884 at two o'clock, with the Grand Matron. Mrs. J. F. Cozine in the chair. In looking over the proceedings, I find a great deal of work has been done for the good of the Order. The Worthy Matron has written five hundred and twenty-three letters, visited nearly all the Chapters in the state; she met with some Chapter almost every evening through the entire months of May, and June. I congratulate Illinois on having so zealous a Worthy Matron. A resolution in regard to an Orphans' Home was presented and adopted. *Resolved*, That a Committee consisting of Past

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Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons, Grand Matrons, A. Grand Matrons and Patrons be and are hereby constituted a Committee to take action in the establishment of such a Home, to be under the auspices of the Order of the Eastern Star;" all of which I heartily endorse. The Grand Patron has sent out letters advising all Masonic Lodges to assist in organizing an Eastern Star Chapter in their vicinity. Secretary has written seven hundred and thirteen letters; received $1,389.56 Balance on hand $870.11.

Sister Jennie Walker, Worthy Grand Matron,
Bro. A. B. Ashley, Worthy Grand Patron,
Sister M. A. Beal, Grand Secretary.

Michigan was kindly remembered.

IOWA.

Grand Chapter convened at Grinnell Tuesday, June 10th 1885, at 2:30 P. M. Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews Grand Matron, in the chair. All Grand Officers present; Grand Patron's address was short; he says "The present working in our jurisdiction is prosperous and satisfactory. That is all we can ask Brother. The Worthy Grand Matron's address was excellent; she has been a dilligent worker in the Order. Michigan was not noticed, not even by one little word.

The result of the election was as follows:

Mrs M. Agnew, Grand Matron.
J. R. Ercruback, Grand Patron,
Eugene B. Dyke, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Grand Chapter met in Union Hall Hannibal, Tuesday Aug. 26th, 1884, at two o'clock. All the Grand Officers present; Chapter opened in regular form. Grand Worthy Matron reports her official acts are few, which shows a pleasant and prosperous condition of the Order. The G. M. has little to say by way of introduction, but comes to business at once. Total receipts $531.45; disbursements $288; balance on hand $243.45; total membership 892.

Jack P. Richardson, Grand Patron,
Mary E. Lynde, Grand Matron,
John R. Parsons, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Grand Chapter convened in Ottawa, March 10th, 1885, the guest of Union Chapter. Their Masonic home was a bower of blooming plants. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron were escorted to the East by the Conductress and A. Conductress of Union Chapter, and welcomed with the Grand Honors. A letter from the Mayor, extending the courtesies and freedom of the city, was read. A short address of welcome by the Matron of Union Chapter, after

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which she extended the gavel to the G. W. M. who proceeded to open the Grand Chapter of Kansas in due form. I see Kansas is not behind any state in its work of the Eastern Star. G. W. M. reported nearly all the officers memorizing the work except the Patrons. The Grand Matron's address was quite lengthy, covering sixteen pages; but I cannot see where one word could be left out, so full is it of good and useful ideas. I wish every Chapter could read her remarks on the works of the Star. Michigan is not noticed in their Correspondence.

Total membership 1,434; balance in Treasury, $271.96; officers elected.

Mrs. Phebe B, Colton, Grand Matron,
Julius R. Trouslot, Grand Patron,
Mrs. Myra Mottran, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Chapter convened its twelfth annual session in Laurel Hall, San Francisco, Monday October 20th, 1884. Sister Mary A. Flint, G. W. M. in the chair. The business was conducted in a scholarly manner. Nothing is left undone by the California officers in the O. E. S. Grand Worthy Matron's address was quite lengthy but full of good thoughts. I would like to copy some of it, but fear I have already tried your patience. It has been my good fortune to have met Sister Flint, and I desire to express my hearty thanks for the many kind favors shown me while in California, especially at her own home. Total membership 4,176. Officers

F. W. G. Moebus, Grand Worthy Patron,
Mrs. Mary J. Young, Grand Worthy Matron,
Mrs. Kate Willets, Grand Worthy Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Chapter met in Masonic Hall, Argenta, October 28th 1884. Mrs. Alice Cox, Grand Matron in the chair. All the Grand Officers present; nine Subordinate Chapters represented. The Grand Patron says "No discordant notes have been heard among us, nor has a single instance of complaint or dissatisfaction been brought to my notice." The addresses of Grand Patron and Matron were excellent, but not over-burdened with matters of special interest to this Grand Chapter. Result of election.

Rev. G. A. Daunally, Grand Worthy Patron,
Mrs. Alice Cox, Grand Worthy Matron,
Bro. W. B. Massey, Grand Worthy Secretary.

In closing this review let me say, I have been unable to do this work as I most earnestly desired. Many points of interest, space will not allow me to mention. Thanking you for the courtesy shown me, and for the patience with which you have borne my many short comings. Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. R. Rose.

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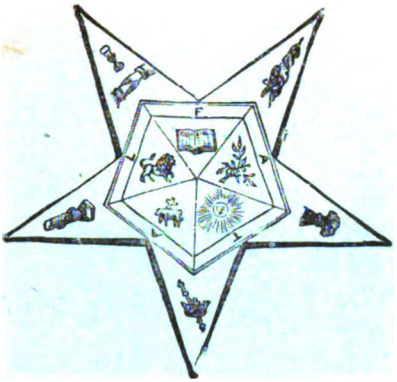

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE

Grand Chapter of Michigan,

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

1886.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR,

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING,

AS THE GRAND CHAPTER AND TWENTIETH ANNUAL MEETING AS THE

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, being the Twentieth Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

Masonic Hall, Ionia, Michigan,
Wednesday, Oct. 13th, A. D., 1886.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, assembled in its eighth annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, and the vote of the Grand Chapter at its last annual session, held in Sturgis, Michigan, on Wednesday, October 13th, 1886, at 12 o'clock, M.

There were present:

Sister Mrs. M. C. Griswold, Grand Worthy Matron.
Brother J. S. Conover, Grand Worthy Patron.
Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Grand Associate Matron.
Brother Loren Day, Grand Associate Patron.
Brother Dan. W. Sawyer, Grand Secretary.
Sister Mrs. Mary Rupert as Grand Treasurer.
Sister Mrs. M. H. Parker as Grand Conductress.
Sister Mrs. L. R. Barber, Grand Associate Conductress.
Brother Chauncy Waterbury as Grand Chaplain.
Sister Mrs. L. M Stinchcomb as Grand Adah.
Sister Mrs. M. C. Plumb, Grand Ruth.

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Sister Mrs. E. J. Barber, Grand Esther.
Sister Mrs. P. R. Hahn as Grand Martha.
Sister Mrs. M. A. Morrill, Grand Electa.
Sister Mrs. Jennie Gunnison, Grand Warder.
Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose, Grand Marshal.
Brother H. G. Wright, Grand Sentinel.
Sister S. L. Marsh, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
And sisters and brothers from several subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form, with prayer by Brother C. Waterbury, Ionia, as Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Worthy Matron appointed Sisters Mrs. B. R. Rose, and M. E. Sawyer, and Brother W. H. Severance as a committee on credentials, after which the Grand Chapter was called from labor until three o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron, with prayer by Brother J. S. Conover, Grand Worthy Patron. Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Associate Grand Worthy Matron introduced Brother J. S. Conover, our present Grand Patron, as the Most Worthy Grand Patron, of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, whereupon the Grand Chapter was called up, and saluted the Most Worthy Grand Patron with the Grand Honors.

An address of welcome was given in a hearty manner, by Sister L. E. Kimball, of Queen Esther Chapter No. 35, of Ionia, as follows:

Grand Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S:

Upon me has been conferred the honor of presenting to you the greetings of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 35, and bid you welcome to our pleasant Chapter rooms, to our beautiful little city, to its homes, and last, but not least, to our hearts. As you enter the door, you can see the words "welcome" and we want you to feel during your stay among us, that it was not mere sentiment which placed it there, but a

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desire that in every way you turned, you might feel the truth of the word. As I look around into your faces, I do, indeed, feel it an honor to be privileged to welcome this noble body of Sisters and Brothers, who are banded together in a common brotherhood, to protect and care for the interest of each other, and I trust not to stop there, but to help and succor those in distress anywhere. These annual gathering, of whatever name or nature, to me, seems something like the reunion of a large family, who having gone out from the family roof to make homes for themselves, and as each year rolls around, they meet at some home to talk over the trials and cares, the joys and sorrow, which have come to them during the twelvemonth. Perchance there may be the "vacant chair", upon which we all look with saddened hearts, and this may be the case with some of you, but I trust not. To-day you are come to one of the youngest of the family. We are very glad to greet you, and if we should blunder or make mistakes

Don't view us with a Critic's eye,
But pass our imperfections by,

saying as they always do of the youngest of the family, "they will know better with a few more years on their head." Of our Order, I know but little, only having been with you a short time, but what I do know, I enjoy very much, but I have often wondered since my connection with the Order, that the reason we were so long kept behind the brothers was because they feared the sister-hood could not keep a secret; I am glad, that by slow degrees, woman's worth is coming more and more to be recognized by the Lords of creation, and that the Bible definition of woman as a help-meet, is being realized more and more. It dawns upon them that if man is king, then woman must be queen of the world, and that in every service and relation in life, she is his *strong* and heroic partner, only truer, purer and braver, than himself, doing uncomplainingly her own work, then helping him do his, and we desire to show during the hours of this Convention, that we are in every way worthy to be crowned queens. Grand Worthy Matron, we look into your face for the first time, and extend to you the right hand of friendship, and trust, ere the separation comes, many sweet friendships shall be formed which will extend on and on into the future years of our lives. We not only extend to you the hand of friendship, but throw open wide the door of

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our hearts, and homes, and bid you enter there, sit in the easy chair, lounge upon the sofa, share of our pork and beans, beefsteak and potatoes, or whatever the bill of fare may be, and as you leave us, may we feel that your coming among us has been of mutual benefit to all; and as we separate, may we all desire like the fearless Adah, to have true fidelity for our loved Order, being willing to sacrifice our desires for the good of others. Like the faithful Ruth, may our friendships be true, standing firm through adversity as well as prosperity. Like the queenly Esther, may we be fearless to go where duty and the interests of the Order demand, and like the believing Martha may we accept whatever the loving Father gives us to bear, believing that He knoweth best, and like the hospitable Electa, may our hearts and hands ever be open to the wants of the needy, and may Queen Esther Chapter, No. 35, retain her reputation as having among her members, some of the best cooks in Western Michigan. Again I bid you welcome, thrice welcome.

L. E. KIMBALL.

Sister Mrs. A. A. Mattison, of Middleville Chapter, No. 17, replied to the address in a very pleasant manner, on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Worthy Matron read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter:

At this the close of another Grand Chapter year we meet together for the good of our beautiful Order, and as we are permitted to surround our family altar to-day, with ranks unbroken, let us return to Him, from which cometh this blessing, the unfeigned thanks and gratitude of our hearts.

Would that I could report having done more; but in all things and at all times, I have tried to do my duty and what seemed to me, for the best interests of our Order. When you look over my work, I trust that you will criticise with charity, remembering that "to err is human, to forgive divine."

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November 17th, 1885, I installed the officers of Queen Esther Chapter, which was granted a Chapter at our last Grand Session.

December 3rd, 1885, I granted special dispensation to Grand Ledge Chapter, to install their officers, they having neglected to do so at the proper time.

January 9th, 1886, received a communication from Leslie Chapter, saying they had a petition from a member of a Chapter that had held no meeting since its organization, and asking what course to take. I answered that if the petition be accepted, he should be initiated.

February 12th, Oriental Chapter asked permission to ballot upon an application for membership at a special meeting. I did not give them permission.

March 18th, received an invitation from sister C. B. Kendall, Grand Matron of Indiana, to attend their Grand Session at Indianapolis, April 14th, which invitation I had to decline.

March 18th, received a communication from the Worthy Matron of Sharon Chapter, asking if they could not refuse to give a member a demit, who did not wish to join another Chapter. I answered, as I understood it, a member in good standing who is clear on the Books of the Chapter, is entitled to a demit.

March 19th, I received from Sturgis Chapter the question: "Is a mason's daughter, married to a man not a mason, eligible to the Eastern Star degree." Ans.—She is.

May 3rd, Oriental Chapter asked to confer the degrees upon a candidate at sight at a regular meeting, May 11th, as she was going away and this would be the only opportunity, as the lady's husband had already been accepted by the Chapter. I gave them permission.

May 11th, received from Laurel Chapter, the question: "Can our Chapter grant a demit to a member, remaining in the town, who has no good reason for withdrawal?" Ans. —I know of no good grounds upon which a Chapter can refuse a demit to a member in good standing, who is clear on the books of the Chapter.

September 10th, I installed the officers of Middleville Chapter.

September 11th, received a letter from Sister Rupert, of Olive Branch Chapter, asking if it would make any differ-

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ence if they installed their Patrons elect at the next stated meeting, Oct. 6th, I referred her to the last clause of Sec. 2, Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, which says all the above named officers must be installed at, or before the first day of October.

September 13th, I granted Burr Oak Chapter special dispensation to hold their election of officers as sickness prevented them from so doing at the proper time.

September 18th, received from Queen Esther Chapter, the question; "Is our Worthy Matron, who has held the office the first year of our Chapter eligible to re-election?" Ans.—She is.

It has been my pleasure to visit seven Chapters during the year. I find some easily discouraged, while others do not allow trifles to hinder them, and I think, generally speaking, the Chapters through the state are in a good working condition.

February 23d, Middleville Chapter by invitation, visited Oriental Chapter, and were most cordially entertained. Great credit is due this Chapter for the success they have attained in the past two years, up to that time they met with many discouragements, indeed, few of us would had courage to brave the storm so long, and I know our own Chapter has been stimulated by their great achievements; during their trials one of the sisters said to me, "we have a great deal of encouragement from your Chapter." Now, we can say the same to them, and I think so it is, if we are socially related, we can lighten each others burdens, and sympathize in each others sorrows, and all rejoice in the prosperity of our beloved Order. And, here let me urge every member, and especially those holding offices, to become thoroughly acquainted with the ritual work; if perfectly understood by those giving the degrees, it certainly will be interesting to one who listens. Be regular in your attendance at the meetings of the Chapter, and do all in your power to make it interesting; the Matron cannot do all in this direction, she must be well supported, first by the officers, and second, by the members. Let each feel that it is their duty to make the meetings pleasing to all, and not stand back and say of the Matron, "she fails to keep up an interest, why don't she do so and so, or what made her say so," instead of this, my sisters, stop and think, "what have I

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in this whole year done to help her? Not even that she has asked of me." When we come together at our meetings, let us come as sisters and brothers of one family; at the door of the Chapter room, drop any and all prejudices that may arise outside, if we think a sister or brother has done any thing wrong, try and help them to be better by extending to them a helping hand, ever remembering not to "speak evil of a sister or brother, or perform any acts of injustice or unkindness toward them." Officers and members of the Grand Chapter, I am about to perform the last duties of the office you have twice given me; I wish to thank you for the honors conferred; while I feel you will select one more competent, I know you will find none more willing than I have been. MRS. M. C. GRISWOLD, Grand Matron.

The Grand Worthy Patron's address was read, which was as follows:

To the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan.

If it is a true saying that "brevity is the soul of wit," it seems to me that this, my second annual address, must be considered extremely witty, for on looking over the material at hand from which to make this address, I find the only conspicuous feature, is the entire absence of anything calculated to make it either long or interesting, therefore, without any long preamble, I will at once give you an outline of the few official acts which I have been called upon to perform.

In accordance with action taken at our last session, I notified the Worthy Matron of Ivanhoe Chapter, U. D. at Lakeview, that their Dispensation was continued in force for another year, and requested her to send the Charter of the old defunct Chapter at that place, to the Grand Secretary. She subsequently informed me that she had done so, but the Grand Secretary says he has not received it. I trust that this Chapter will present to you, so good a report of work done, that you will grant them a charter.

On March 19th, I granted a dispensation to the requisite number of petitioners, to organize a Chapter at Hesperia, Oceana Co., and a few weeks later, at their request, I visited that place and started the new Chapter at work, with an ef-

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ficient corps of officers, and fine prospects of future success. From letters since received from them, I learn that they are doing well, and I feel safe in recommending that you issue a Charter to them.

May 22d, received a petition signed by 50 names, asking for a dispensation for a Charter in Detroit, which I gladly granted, and on going to that place three weeks later, found that number about doubled, and organized Hayward Chapter with about one hundred charter members. I learn from correspondence with the Secretary, that they have been doing a good amount of work, and can heartily recommend them.

On Oct. 5th, received an application signed by fourteen petitioners residing at Omer, Arenac Co., asking for a dispensation for a Chapter at that place, but as it was so very near the time of this meeting of the Grand Chapter, I have deferred action upon it, and place the matter in your hands, recommending that the dispensation be granted.

With each of these applications, I have received the required fee of $10, and have placed the amount, $30, in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

This constitutes the history of my official acts for the year. A few questions have been submitted to me, but in all cases where they have involved a decision concerning the laws and usages of the Order, I have referred them to the Worthy Grand Matron.

Before closing, I wish to call your attention to the cramped condition of our finances, and recommend that you give careful and earnest attention to this important matter. The close of our last annual session found us without sufficient funds to print the proceedings, and consequently the Grand Secretary was obliged to wait a long time, until funds were received from dispensations granted, before that work could be done. I commend this matter of finance to your most careful attention, to see if some means cannot be devised, either to increase the revenue, or lessen the expenses of this Grand Chapter, so that in future, our Grand Secretary may not find himself in the situation of the ancient Israelites in Egypt, and be required to "make bricks without straw."

And now, in retiring from the honorable position, which by your expressed will, I have held for the past two years, I

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wish to thank all my sisters and brothers for the uniform kindness shown me, and for the many favors I have received at your hands, and I bespeak for my successor, the same evidences of esteem and good will which have been given to me. Respectfully submitted,

J. S. CONOVER, Grand Patron.

Motion by Brother Loren Day to refer the addresses of Grand Worthy Matron and the Grand Worthy Patron, to a committee of three, for division and reference. Motion prevailed. The Grand Worthy Matron appointed Sisters Watrous, Matteson and Brother Traverse Phillips, as such committee, and Standing Committees as follows:

Finance and Ways and Means—Sisters Davidson and Merrill and Brother W. H. Severance.

Unfinished Business.—Sisters A. A. Matteson, Mrs. D. W. Rupert and Brother Hathaway.

Pay Roll.—Sisters L. R. Barber, Marsh, and Brother L. Day.

Jurisprudence.—Sisters Plumb, Kent, and Brother W. H. Severance.

Appeals and Grievances.—Sisters Simmons, Marsh, and Brother B. R. Rose.

Dispensations and Charters.—Sisters A. A. Matteson, Rose, and Brother L. Day.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which is as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, the Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following named persons entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

Sister M. C. Griswold—Grand Worthy Matron.
Brother J. S. Conover—Grand Worthy Patron.
Sister M. M. Parsons—Grand Associate Matron.

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Brother H. L. Anthony—Grand Associate Patron.
Brother Dan. W. Sawyer—Grand Secretary.
Sister E. L. Pendleton—Grand Treasurer.
Sister Eudora E. Hall—Grand Conductress.
Sister L. R. Barber—Grand Associate Conductress.
Sister M. T. Goodyear—Grand Chaplain.
Sister A. J. Vannetter—Grand Adah.
Sister M. C. Plumb—Grand Ruth.
Sister E. J. Barber—Grand Esther.
Sister G. Rossman—Grand Martha.
Sister M. A. Morrill—Grand Electa.
Sister Jenny Gunnison—Grand Warder.
Sister B. R. Rose—Grand Marshal.
Brother H. G. Wright—Grand Sentinel.
Sister S. L. Marsh—Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

PAST GRAND WORTHY MATRONS.

Sisters E. L. Pendleton, D. C. Purinton, Eliza J. Barber, S. L. Marsh, Nellie S. Corey, B. R. Rose, H. L. Anthony, Mary A. Watrous.

PAST GRAND WORTHY PATRONS.

Brothers David Bovee, D. C. Purinton, Traverse Phillips, M. Douglass, J. S. Cross, B. R. Rose, W. H. Severence, A. C. Manly, G. W. Matteson, Loren Day.

Coldwater Chapter No 3.—Sister M. H. Parker, Worthy Matron; Sister J. S. Conover, Associate Matron; Brother N. Rosenbaum, Worthy Patron.

Olive Branch No. 4.—Sister Mary Rupert, Worthy Matron; Sister Silas Stowe, Associate Matron; Brother Crebillian Jacobs, Worthy Patron.

Leslie Chapter No. 6.—Sister May J. Aldrich, Worthy Matron; Sister Sara Sitts, Associate Matron; Brother Samuel Cochran, Worthy Patron.

Hastings No. 7.—Sister E. A. Rider, Worthy Matron; Sister E. Reynolds, Associate Matron; Brother E. H. Lathrop, Worthy Patron.

Quincy No. 12.—Sister Fanny Joseph, Worthy Matron; Sister Sara M. Throop, Associate Matron; Brother W. H. Lockerby, Worthy Patron.

Grand Ledge, No. 14.—Sister Frankie Kent, Worthy

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Matron; Sister Ruth Craine, Associate Matron; Brother A. B. Jones, Worthy Patron.

Middleville, No. 17.—Sisters A. A. Matteson, Worthy Matron; Sister Marion E. Geer, Associate Matron; Brother R. E. Combs, Worthy Patron.

Bangor, No. 18.—Not represented.

Sharon, No. 20.—Sister S. A. Gould, Worthy Matron; Sister S. A. Park, Associate Matron; Brother J. L. Gould, Worthy Patron.

Ivy Leaf, No. 22.—Sister Eliza Phenicie, Worthy Matron; Sister Loretta Miller, Associate Matron; Brother A. W. Bates, Worthy Patron.

Olivet, No. 24.—Sister E. J. Chappell, Worthy Matron; Sister M. C. Plumb, Associate Matron; Brother Oren Bugby, Worthy Patron.

Union No. 27.—Sister Julia Day, Worthy Matron; Sister May Weatherwax, Associate Matron; Brother A. H. Weston, Worthy Patron.

Burr Oak, No. 28.—Sister May Himebaugh, Worthy Matron; Sister Clara Wilson, Associate Matron; Brother Oliver Nichols, Worthy Patron.

Williamston, No. 29.—Sister E. A. Robson, Worthy Matron; Sister May Rockwell, Associate Matron; Brother Wm. P. Ainsley, Worthy Patron.

Dewitt, No. 30.—Sister Ella Lawrence, Worthy Matron; Sister E. Simmons, Associate Matron; Brother Hiram Simmons, Worthy Patron.

Laural Chapter, No. 31.—Sister C. M. Putnam, Worthy Matron; Sister Clara Garmes, Associate Matron; Brother W. Webster, Worthy Patron.

Oriental, No. 32.—Sister Lida Davidson, Worthy Matron; Sister T. W. Strahn, Associate Matron; Brother R. C. Hathaway, Worthy Patron.

Kedron, No. 33.—Sister Mary Staley, Worthy Matron; Sister Isabella Street, Associate Matron; Brother C. Q. Tappan, Worthy Patron.

Harmony, No. 34.—Sister Jennie Cheney, Worthy Matron; Sister Cordelia Bonner, Associate Matron; Brother Sylvanus Atherton, Worthy Patron. Proxies, Sister Eliza Mark and Brother M. B. Nash.

Queen Esther, No. 35.—Sister H. G. Wright, Worthy Matron; Sister C. Waterbury, Associate Matron; Brother Chauncey Waterbury, Worthy Patron.

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Ivanhoe, U. D., 36.—Sister Esther Macomber, Worthy Matron; Sister Minerva Moon, Associate Matron; Brother Allen Macomber. Worthy Patron.

Hayward, U. D., 37.—Sister L. I. Campbell, Worthy Matron; Sister Lizzie Hawes, Associate Matron; Brother Chas. LaTour, Worthy Patron.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Sister B. R. ROSE,
Sister M. E. SAWYER.
Brother W. H. SEVERANCE.

On motion of Brother Conover, the report was accepted.

Sister S. L. Marsh, as Committee on Foreign Correspondence, read her report for the year. [*See Appendix.*]

On motion by Brother Conover, to accept the report, and that the same be printed in the proceedings this year. Motion prevailed.

Brother Conover, (asking permission to do so,) read the following *Sentiment* sent by our venerable brother, Rob. Morris, of Kentucky.

The Eastern Star: "The Star of Bethlehem" once guided those wise men to the place where the infant Jesus lay. But the "Eastern Star" is this hour guiding fifty thousand wise *women* to the highest plane of earthly merit and usefulness. May the rays of light we cherish continue to guide us through middle life, through old age, and even through the darkness of the tomb to those green meadows by the crystal river, where the Tree of Life grows, and where faith is lost in sight, and hope ends in fruition.

Brother Conover also moved that the above be accepted and adopted, and that the same be printed in the proceedings. Motion prevailed.

A few remarks were made on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, by Sister M. M. Parsons, as the representative of the General Grand Chapter, which were very aptly responded to by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Conover, who gave a general, but brief history of the proceedings of the

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General Grand Chapter, at its last session in St. Louis, Mo.

Brother A. H. Heath, of Queen Esther Chapter, No. 35, announced the receipt of an invitation from the authorities of the State House of Correction, and the Asylum for Insane Prisoners, to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, to visit these institutions at 8:30 o'clock, to-morrow morning, and placing at the disposal of the Grand Chapter, a train of cars to convey them out and back.

On motion of Brother Conover, the invitations were accepted with thanks.

Remarks were made by several of the Sisters in behalf of the Chapter which each represented, all tending toward the the *Good of the Order.*

Sister Mrs. J. C. Merrifield, of Oakland, Cal., was called upon, and made a few complimentary remarks, in reference to the appearance of our Grand Chapter, and officers and members.

The Committee on Division and Reference, then being called for, submitted this report, as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Worthy Matron and Patron for division and reference would submit the following:

That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to decisions, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Grand Worthy Patron's address as refers to Ivanhoe Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to Hesperia Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to Hayward Chapter at Detroit, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as refers to the petition at Omer, Arenac

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Co., asking for a Dispensation for a Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed. M. A. WATROUS,
A. A. MATTESON,
T. PHILLIPS.

Which on motion of Brother R. C. Hathaway, was adopted.

Motion by Brother Severence, that all Sisters and Brothers of the Eastern Star in good standing, be invited to seats in this Grand Chapter. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported, "that they had been unable to find any unfinished business, and that they were pleased to be able to congratulate this Grand Chapter upon the completeness of the duties of committees appointed."

On motion, the report was adopted.

Motion by Brother R. C. Hathaway: That a committee be appointed to make a full digest of the laws and decisions of this Grand Chapter now in force; and the same to be without cost to this Grand Chapter.

No action was taken upon the motion.

The Committee appointed at last session to consider the feasability of a Widow's and Orphan's Home, reported as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Chapter, to report at this session regarding the establishment of a Masonic Home for the widows and orphans of Master Masons would report that, they find a committee of

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Master Masons have already made a start and are working upon the same matter, and in view of this fact, your Committee recommend that no action be taken by this Grand Chapter in this matter.

MRS. M. C. GRISWOLD.
J. S. CONOVER.
B. R. ROSE.
MRS. M. M. PARSONS.
Committee.

The report, on motion, was adopted.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, reported the following:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the decisions of the Grand Worthy Matron, would respectfully report that they have examined the same, and submit the following:

That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to subordinate Chapters, accepting those who held petitions from Chapters that held no meetings, be adopted.

That the decision of the Grand Worthy Matron on balloting on specials, be sustained by this Grand Body.

That so much of the Grand Worthy Matron's address as refers to Sharon Chapter, and Laural Chapter, on demits be referred to this Grand Body.

That the decision in the Grand Worthy Matron's address in reference to the daughter of a Master Mason, but the wife of a man who is not a Master Mason be referred to this Grand Body.

The decision in reference to Oriental Chapter, conferring the degrees at sight, we would recommend to be sustained.

That the Grand Worthy Matron be sustained in her decision in reference to installing officers in subordinate Chapters.

That we would recommend that the Grand Worthy Matron be sustained in her decision, in reference to Burr Oak Chapter having a special election, also her decision in reference to a Worthy Matron being eligible to re-election.

FRANKIE A. KENT,
MARY PLUMB,
W. H. SEVERANCE,
Committee.

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On motion of Brother Hathaway, the report was received, to be taken up *seriatim.*

After reading, and some remarks, section 1 was adopted. Finally the report of the Committee was adopted.

Brother Day, from Committee on Charters and Dispensations reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations, submit the following report:

Coldwater, No. 3, correct.
Olive Branch, No. 4, correct.
Leslie, No. 6, short.
Hastings, No. 7, dues, $2 short.
Quincy, No. 12, correct.
Grand Ledge, No. 14, correct.
Middleville, No. 17, correct.
Sharon, No. 20, correct.
Ivy Leaf, No. 22, dues 50 cents short.
Olivet, No. 24, correct.
Union, No. 27, correct.
Burr Oak, No. 28, dues $1.00 short.
Williamston, No. 29, correct.
DeWitt, No. 30, overpaid 75 cents.
Laural, No. 31, correct.
Oriental, No. 32, correct.
Kedron, No. 33, correct.
Harmony, No. 34, correct.
Queen Esther, No. 35, correct.

Your Committee would recommend that a charter be granted to Ivanhoe Chapter, U. D., to be numbered 36, also a charter to Hayward Chapter, U. D., to be numbered 37, and that Hesperia Chapter, U. D., be granted a charter to be numbered 38; also that the petition for dispensation at Omer, Arenac Co., be granted.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. A. MATTESON,
MRS. B. R. ROSE,
LOREN DAY.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

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Motion to have the Grand Chapter proceed to exemplify the work of the Order, by the initiation of an actual candidate, (Dr. A. B. Grant). The motion prevailed, and the work was performed in an exemplary manner.

Motion by Brother Loren Day, to extend to the representatives of those Chapters which had been granted charters at this session of the Grand Chapter, the privilege of voting upon all questions coming up at this session. Motion prevailed.

A supplemental report of Committee on Jurisprudence was, after some remarks, laid over until to-morrow.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor, until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron.

Motion by Brother Conover, to take from the table the motion under discussion last evening, in reference to demits from subordinate Chapters, etc., and to sustain the decision of the Grand Worthy Matron on that subject. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Secretary read his report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would respectfully submit the following report of moneys received and disbursed, during the Masonic year 1886.

1885.	
Oct. 15, To profits on 2 Rituals	$ 50
Dec. 14, To profits on 4 Rituals	1 00
1886.	
Feb. 10, To Donation from Hastings, No. 7	3 00
March 13, To profits on 9 Rituals	2 25
April 23, To profits on 6 Rituals	1 50
April 23, To Dispensation (Hesperia)	8 50
April 23, To Dispensation (Detroit)	8 50
May 26, To cash from Grand Treasurer	10 94
Oct. 13, To profits on 24 Rituals to date	6 00
Sept. 23, To dues from Middleville, No. 17	18 00
Sept. 27, To dues from Olive Branch, No. 4	17 25
Sept. 27, To dues from Laural, No. 31	15 50
Oct. 5, To dues from Harmony, No. 34	15 50

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Oct. 8, To dues from Kedron, No. 33	18 50
Oct. 8, To dues from Union, No. 27	11 25
Oct. 8, To dues from Olivet, No. 24	9 75
Oct. 9, To dues from DeWitt, No. 30	15 00
Oct. 11, To dues from Queen Esther, No. 35	16 25
Oct. 12, To dues from Burr Oak, No. 28	13 00
Oct. 18, To dues from Coldwater, No. 3	31 75
Oct. 13, To dues from Leslie, No. 6	13 00
Oct. 13, To dues from Hastings, No. 7	25 25
Oct. 13, To dues from Williamston, No 29	11 00
Oct. 13, To dues from Grand Ledge, No. 14	5 50
Oct. 13, To dues from Ivy Leaf, No. 22	11 75
Oct. 13, To dues from Sharon, No. 20	21 50
Oct. 13, To dues from Oriental, No. 32	25 75
Oct. 13, To dues from Quincy, No. 12	13 50
Oct. 13, To dues for 2 Rituals No. 6	50
Oct. 13, To cash for Dispensation, Omer, (Grace)	8 50
Oct. 13, To cash for Charter, Hayward, No. 37 (Detroit)	5 06
Oct. 13, To cash for Charter, Ivanhoe, No. 36 (Lake View)	5 00
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May 6, By cash paid for printing	30 00
Oct. 14, Balance on hand turned over	340 19
Oct. 14, Received from errors by Chapters	3 50
Total	$343 69

Yours fraternally,
DAN W. SAWYER, Grand Secretary.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means submitted the following report:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find them correct as read.

Sister O. L. DAVIDSON,
Sister D. A. MERRILL,
Brother W. H. SEVERANCE.
Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

Sister Hahn asked that permission be granted to Leslie Chapter, No. 6, to install two officers at the next meeting of their Chapter.

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On motion, the request was granted.

Motion by Sister Matteson that the first business of this afternoon session, be the election of the Grand Officers, for the ensuing year. Motion prevailed.

Brother Day, from Committee on Pay Roll, submitted report as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Pay Roll would submit the following report:

	MILES.	AMOUNT.
Grand Worthy Matron	55	$4 40
Grand Worthy Patron	116	9 28
Grand Associate Matron	34	2 72
Grand Secretary	110	8 80
Grand Treasurer	119	9 52
Grand Conductress	116	9 28
Grand Associate Conductress	78	6 24
Grand Ruth	64	5 12
Grand Esther	66	5 28
Grand Martha	60	4 80
Grand Electa	49	3 92
Grand Warder	46	3 68
Grand Marshal	66	5 28
Sister S. L. Marsh	110	8 80
PAST GRAND OFFICERS.		
Sister D. A. Merrill	116	9 28
Sister M. A. Watrous	96	7 68
Brother B. R. Rose	66	5 28
Brother T. Phillips	66	5 28
Brother Wm. Severance	55	4 40
Brother Loren Day	40	3 20
SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.		
Coldwater, No. 3	116	9 28
Olive Branch, No. 4	119	9 52
Leslie, No. 9	60	4 80
Hastings, No. 7	66	5 28
Quincy, No. 12	110	8 80
Grand Ledge, No. 14	26	2 08
Middleville, No. 17	55	4 40
Sharon, No. 20	96	7 68
Ivy Leaf, No. 22	127	9 66
Olivet, No. 24	64	5 12
Union, No. 27	40	3 20
Burr Oak, No. 28	124	8 92
Williamston, No. 29	52	4 16
DeWitt, No. 30	46	4 43
Laural, No. 31	78	6 24

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Oriental, No. 32	34	2 72	
Kedron, No. 33	135	10 80	
Harmony, No. 34	49	3 92	
			$231 25
Grand Secretary		49 20	
Grand Officers		5 00	
			54 20
			$285 45

On motion, the report was accepted and adopted.

A card of greeting was received from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of Ionia Co., which on motion, was received and placed on file, and ordered printed in the proceedings of this year.

Mrs. M. C. Griswold, Grand Worthy Matron:

The Woman's Temperance Union of Ionia Co., now in institute assembled, present sisterly greetings to your Chapter, and most respectfully commend our cause to you, individually, and as an organization.

MRS. L. G. MCVEAN.
State Supt. Department, W. C. T. U.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor, until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor, by the Grand Worthy Matron.

The Grand Secretary read a commission from the Grand Chapter of California, appointing Past Grand Worthy Matron Sister Mrs. D. L. Merrill, as Grand Representative of California, near this Grand Chapter.

Sister Merrill was thereupon conducted to the Grand East, introduced and welcomed with the Grand Honors.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of

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Officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Worthy Matron appointing as tellers, Sisters Watrous, Davidson, and Brother Charles Latour.

The Grand Worthy Matron also appointed as a Committee to receive invitations for meeting of next Grand Chapter, Brother L. Day, Sisters E. J. Barber and Marks.

Brother Severance offered the following resolution:

To the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

I would offer the following amendment to the Constitution: That the word "eight" in the fifth line in article 13, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, to read "six" in the place of "eight". W. H. SEVERANCE.

On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Motion by Brother Severance, to allow the Grand Secretary forty dollars for his services the past year. Motion prevailed.

The election of Officers, resulted as follows:

Grand Worthy Matron—Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Grand Rapids.
Grand Worthy Patron—Brother C. Waterbury, Ionia.
Grand Associate Matron—Sister Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville.
Grand Associate Patron—Brother Loren Day, Grandville
Grand Secretary—Brother Traverse Phillips, Hastings.
Grand Treasurer—Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.

The following amendment to Constitution was left on the Grand Secretary's desk, and read by him.

We would respectfully offer the following amendment, to be added to article 13, section 1, of the present Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, viz: "And provided further, that the mileage of all Grand

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Matrons, and Grand Patrons shall cease at the end of two (2) years after the expiration of their term of office."

MRS. C. M. PUTNAM,
MRS. E. J. BARWARTH.

On motion, the Amendment was laid on the table, for action at next Session.

Motion by Brother Severance, to allow the Grand Worthy Matron, and Grand Worthy Patron, $2.50 each, for postage etc., during the two years just past. Motion prevailed.

The Grand Secretary was allowed the account of $9.20 for postage, exchange, etc., for the year.

The following resolution was offered by Brother T. Phillips:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter are hereby extended to the members of Queen Esther Chapter, of Ionia, for the right royal manner in which they have entertained us, during the session of this Grand Body, and to the management of the Detroit Lansing & Northern R. R., for courtesies extended to us, in furnishing special train to and from the Prison, and to all other R. R., who have furnished us transportation at reduced rates from Grand Chapter; also to the Warden and Officers of the Prison, and Asylum, for special invitation to visit the same, and for courtesies extended while there.

The resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

By an error of the Finance Committee, an order was drawn for mileage of the Grand Conductress, (who is out of the State), and on motion, the amount, $9.28, was returned to the Treasury.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances, reported as follows:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances would submit the following report: That having had no business put into our hands, we find nothing to report.

Sister SIMMONS,
Sister MARSH,
Brother B. R. ROSE.

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Motion to invite the Conductress of Queen Esther Chapter No. 35, to exemplify the labyrinth. The motion prevailed, and the Sister did the work.

The Committee to receive invitations for a place for next Session reported, that they had received only one invitation, and that from Detroit, (Hayward Chapter, No. 37) and would submit report without recommendation.

On motion, the invitation was accepted.

The motion to accept invitation to Detroit was amended by a motion to leave the decision of location, with the first three officers of the Grand Chapter. Motion on amendment prevailed, and the motion as amended prevailed.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until 7 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION, 7 O'CLOCK.

The Grand Chapter was then called to labor by the Grand Worthy Matron. Brother Waterbury offered the following amendment to Article 11, Section 2, of the Constitution.

I offer the following amendment to article 11, section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, viz:

That all subordinate Chapters shall pay fifty cents for each member initiated during the year, which amount will include all dues to be paid the Grand Chapter for initiated member. C. WATERBURY.

On motion, the amendment was laid over until next Annual Session.

The Grand Treasurer reported as follows:

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your retiring Grand Treasurer, would respectfully submit the following report:

To cash on hand last session (1885)...	$9 94
To cash from Sister Mary Goodyear,.....	1 00
To cash received from Grand Secretary.....	340 19

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To cash received from Grand Secretary [Supplementary]	3 50
To cash from Grand Conductress order [by error of Finance Committee]	9 28
Total	$363 91

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By paid for printing proceedings, 1885	$10 94
By paid orders this Session	285 45
By paid for Treasurer's envelopes	20
By cash, balance on hand	67 32
Total	$363 91

Very Respectfully,

MRS. E. L. PENDLETON, Grand Treasurer.

The report was referred to Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

To the Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Officers, and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance and Ways and Means, would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Grand Treasurer, and find it correct as read.

MRS. O. L. DAVIDSON,
D. A. MERRILL,
W. H. SEVERANCE.

Sister Mrs. O. L. Davidson delivered the following address:

Grand Worthy Matron, Grand Worthy Patron, Sisters, Brothers and friends:

Another year has rolled around, and through the tender mercies of a kind and beneficent providence, we have been permitted to assemble around the family altar. We have assembled for the purpose of reviewing our work of the past year, and to lay plans, and take steps, for our future comfort and prosperity. Let us hope that all our deliberations have tended to enhance the best interest of our Order; to lay broader and deeper, the foundation of a temple reared to inculcate and perpetuate the noblest and most dearly cherished principles of humanity. The result of the deliberation can best be seen and obtained, by the manner in which these officers elect, perform the duties allotted to the re-

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spective positions, which you are called upon to fill. I need not remind you of these duties; they have already been shown to you, through the several changes, but I would say, that upon you rest the responsibility of the fulfillment. As you perform these duties, so will our beautiful Order, languish or flourish. Its honor and reputation are in your hands, and you should be mindful that by no act of yours, nor neglect of duty, its reputation is sullied, nor its good name dishonored. Inculcate and exemplify those ennobling precepts, upon which our beloved Order is founded, charity, truth, and loving kindness, fidelity to every trust and conviction, and glad in its execution. To you has been committed the care and welfare of our Order, for another year, till we meet again, and may it be said at its close, when you have been released from the duties of office, that the trust was well placed, and then receive the welcome plaudits, from grateful hearts, "well done, good and faithful servants."

The Grand Officers elected and appointed, were duly installed into the several officers named:

Grand Worthy Matron—Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Grand Rapids.
Grand Worthy Patron—Brother C. E. Waterbury, Ionia.
Grand Associate Matron—Sister Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville.
Grand Associate Patron.—Brother Loren Day, Grandville.
Grand Secretary—Brother Travers Phillips, Hastings.
Grand Treasurer—Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.
Grand Conductress—Sister Mrs. Philip Young, Grand Rapids.
Grand Associate Conductress—Sister Mrs. Mary Aldrich, Leslie.
Grand Adah—Sister Mrs. Chas. LaTour, Detroit.
Grand Ruth—Sister Mrs. H. M. Parker, Coldwater,
Grand Esther—Sister Mrs. Eva Bailey, Hastings.
Grand Martha—Sister Mrs. D. W. Rupert, Sturgis.
Grand Electa—Sister Mrs. Belle Corwin, Caro.
Grand Warder—Mrs. M. E. Sawyer, Quincy.
Grand Sentinel—Not appointed.

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Grand Marshal—Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.
Grand Chaplain—Not appointed.
Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Quincy.

The Installation was performed in a complete manner by the Grand Worthy Matron, Sister Mrs. M. C. Griswold; Sister Rose acting as Grand Marshal.

After a beautiful song rendered by members, for which the new Grand Worthy Matron, called for a rising vote of thanks, Brother J. J. Conover, Past Grand Worthy Patron, made some very pleasant and encouraging remarks; A few remarks were also made by Brother Waterbury, Brother Chas. LaTour, Hathaway, Hutchinson, N. B. Scribner, Johnson.

Brother P. H. Taylor being called upon, read an original poem, entitled, "What is Masonry?" a beautiful effort which was received with hearty applause.

Sister Marsh moved a vote of thanks to the retiring Grand Officers for the very efficient manner in which they have served us during the year, and for their courtesy and zeal in their labors. Adopted by a rising vote of the Grand Chapter.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form, to meet in Detroit, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1887, at 12 o'clock, M.

DAN W. SAWYER, Grand Secretary

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Reinstated.	No. of Members	Dues to Grand Chapter.
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	Sis. M. H. Parker	Sis. Franc P. Card	4		8				123	$31 75
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis	Sis. Mary Rupert	Sis. S. E. Williams	11		3	1			58	17 25
Leslie	6	Leslie	Sis. M. J. Aldrich	Sis. Pollie R. Hahn	5				1	1	46	11 50
Hastings	7	Hastings	Sis E. A. Rider	Sis. A. Blinston	10		5	4			101	25 25
Quincy	12	Quincy	Sis. Fanny L. Joseph	Sis. Josephine Cole	5		4		2		49	13 50
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	Sis. Frankie Kent	Sis. N. E. Byxbe	4				1		26	5 50
Middleville	17	Middleville	Sis. A. A. Matteson	Bro. Geo. W. Matteson	3		2		1		69	18 00
Sharon	20	South Bay City	Sis. S. H. Gould	Sis. Sarah E. Hazen	9		1	6		5	73	21 50
Ivy Leaf	22	California	Sis. Eliza Phenicie	Bro J. N. Hall	2						47	11 75
Olivet	24	Olivet	Sis. C. J. Chappell	Bro O. J. Chappell				6			39	9 25
Union	27	Grandville	Sis. Julia Day	Sis. Fannie Day	12						33	8 25
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	Sis. Mary Himebaugh	Sis. May Robinson	4				1	1	52	13 00
Williamston	29	Williamstown	Sis. E. A. Robson	Sis. A. J. Vanetten								11 00
DeWitt	30	DeWitt	Sis. Ella Lawrence	Bro. J. W. Gunnison			3		1		57	15 00
Laurel	31	Nashville	Sis. C. M. Putnam	Sis. Edith Fleming							62	15 50
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	Sis. Lida Davidson	Sis. Lizzie Andrews	23						80	25 75
Kedron	33	Caro	Sis. Mary Staly	Sis. Emma Parkhurst	12						62	18 50
Harmony	34	Sparta	Sis. Jennie Cheney	M. B. Nash	3				1		59	15 50
Queen Esther	35	Ionia	Sis. H. G. Wright	Sis L. E. Kimball	14						65	16 25
Ivanhoe	36	Lakeview	Sis. E. Macomber	John Lamoreux	12						24	
Hayward	37	Detroit	Sis. L. I. Campbell	Sarah J. LaTour	31	1					72	
					164	1	26	17	8	7	1197	$304 00

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APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Officers and Members of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Correspondence has received and reviewed the proceedings ef the following Grand Chapter.

ARKANSAS.

The tenth annual session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Arkansas, was held in Masonic Hall, Learcy, October 27th. The Hall was found to be beautifully decorated, and elicited much praise and many compliments from the Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapters. The session was opened in due form by the Grand Worthy Matron, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Six chartered Chapters were represented, and three under dispensation, eleven chartered, and ten U. D. reported, but were not represented. Visitors present: The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Jennie E. Matthews, of the General Grand Chapter, was received with marked distinction, saluted with the Grand Honors, and invited to a seat in the Grand East. The Grand Worthy Patron than gave his address. In his official report we find he has organized three new Chapters, and granted three dispensations for organizing nine, and re-organized one. He reports the last year as the largest increase of new Chapters, and urges upon all, the importance of pushing to victory, this noble Order in our State, believing it will make all happier and wiser, and be a benefit to the needy and distressed, and give comfort in the dark hours of affliction. The Grand Worthy Matron, in her

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welcome, urges them that they teach and be taught, and cheer each other on life's journey, that when the gavel shall sound, they may come ladened with sheaves. She believes the Order is being better understood, it is broadening and deepening in the hearts of many good Masons, and soon we shall expect it to extend tranquilly through the land of vine and roses, purple grapes and abundant sheaves. It is cheering to read these reports as they come in from our sister States, and find them all so hopefully striving to extend and enlarge the interests of our beautiful Order; for, my Sisters, it will only be by hard persistent work, overcoming here and there a prejudice, that we shall see the Order of the Eastern Star standing where our hearts desire. "Co-workers we are with the Masonic Brother", yet in many places they stand toward us, as on slippery ground, fearing they may fall or run on something, whereby their Masonic dignity receive a shock. The official visits made during the year by the Grand Worthy Matron, were thirteen; she has also written one hundred and sixty letters, in the interest of the Order. The Sister's address, and official work, with the words of good advice given, show her heart to be in the work she has on hand.

The treasury shows a cash balance of $314.27, and the returns a membership of 1,184. Officers elected: Rev. G. A. Donnelly, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Rosa Perry, Grand Worthy Matron; W. B. Massey, Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The twelfth annual session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Connecticut, was held in Masonic Hall, Bridgeport, Wednesday, October 14th, 1885. Eleven Grand officers present, and five pro-tem; Past Grand Officers present, three; visitors present, Brother J. Sproull, Past Grand Secretary, of N. Y., Sister Sarah J. Hoyt, Past Grand Adah, of N. Y. Thirteen Chapters were represented. The Grand Matron is short in her address, and still shows thirteen official visits. The Grand Patron reports several officials visits, made with the Grand Matron, and others of the Grand Officers; he gives much credit to the different Chapters, for the manner in which they exemplified their work, under remarks for the good of the Order; urges upon the Sisters and Brothers, the great necessity of strong feeling of unity, herein is their strength. There is nothing that so destroys the interest and good work of a Chapter, as

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the little jealousies that come up among its members. Another evil, is a desire and determination on the part of many members, that their own Chapter is supreme, owing no loyalty or allegiance to the by-laws and regulations of the Grand Chapter, acknowledging the incomplete state of our laws, believes this to be the time, when the Sisters need the Masonic brother well versed in Masonic laws and practice. Many do say, "as we have no part of masonry, why be governed by Masonic laws?" Because all organizations are governed, so far as practical, by the rules and laws of the Order that they are scion of, and as the Order of the Eastern Star would not exist without the Order of the F. A. M., he therefore recommends that they adopt Luke & Lockwood's Masonic Laws and Practice to govern them in the future where there is no written guide.

Balance in Treasury, $122.80. Total membership, 1,459. Officers elected: Mrs. Julietta Walks, Grand Worthy Matron; Mr. James M. Lone, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. Francis R. Martin, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of the State of Indiana, was held in the hall of Queen Esther Chapter, Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, beginning at ten o'clock A. M., April 14. As is the custom of this Grand Chapter at its opening, the Grand Officers are all in their places. Representatives from twenty-three Chapters, and they are honored with several Past Grand Officers, Honorary Members and many visitors from subordinate Chapters. The Grand Patron's address shows four new Chapters constituted, and the best of feeling prevailing. The Grand Matron's address covers eleven pages. Quoting: "There is one principle that we should all strive to emulate, that is, to perform faithfully and to the best of our ability whatever duty falls to our lot, that the person who fills the humblest office with dignity and pride and tries to excel in that duty is entitled to honor. This is so noticeable in many Chapters; those filling the humbler places seem to feel that it is little matter how their work is done, thus throwing the responsibility and dignity of the work upon those higher in office. This is not right, and every Worthy Matron should strive to impress upon their officers that every part must be nicely filled and held firmly in place, thus in-

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suring symmetry and completeness of the whole." Our sister has been active making official visits, granting dispensations and rendering decisions, many of the questions having been answered again and again by the different presiding officers of the States. In the different Chapters visited she finds all dwelling in harmony and working successfully. Wherever this is done you find the ritual work memorized. Do let us keep this in mind. Michigan receives no word of commendation; forgotten, but not dead.

Officers elected: George C. Garland, Grand Worthy Patron, LaPorte; Mrs. Carrie Fanning, Grand Matron, Butler; William H. Smythe, Grand Secretary, Indianapolis.

IOWA.

The Eighth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, was held at Eaton Rapids, June 5th, and was opened in due form by the Grand Worthy Matron. Rev. F. S. Parvin welcomed the Grand Chapter to the Library building in an eloquent address, which was responded to by the Grand Patron. There were found to be representatives from twenty-one Chapters and five U. D. In the Grand Patron's address, he gives it as his opinion that a Grand Patron should be a person that can be always ornamental and also useful when his services are needed. Hence, his official duties have been but few, instituted one Chapter, granted a few dispensations and written many letters. The Grand Matron writes at greater length. She says: "That person is not human who never makes a blunder, who never does a wrong, who never is inconstant, who has never fallen. Forget life's dishearteniug failures, forget its fascinating allurements, dwell not too long on what is gone, learn well life's lesson, but do not be a lifetime learning it. The youth, the knowledge, the wisdom, the courage that comes to us from the past are ours, the rest we bury in oblivion. The past is now a finished volume, clasped and sealed; there is no revision. It has made us what we are. The present is writing now its record, day by day another page is added to the fixed and lasting record." The Grand Matron made a number of visits during the year, official and social, and it seems to me that these visits from our Grand Officers must result in much good. It seems so easy for the subordinate Chapters to fall into that state of lethargy, that something must be done to rouse them up. I fancy I hear our Grand Patron say again as I did one ev-

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ening, "we are just waiting for an invitation to come to Quincy". Well, we did invite our brother down to see us once, thinking we were going to show him some fine work, but something prevented his coming—politics perhaps. Eight new Chapters have been instituted and two re-organized. The correspondence has been very large, over five hundred letters written, some fifteen dispensations granted, several good decisions rendered, but we do not find the usual question in regard to the half-sister, or adopted daughter of the Master Mason, so that question is, without doubt, settled in Iowa. Death has been among their ranks and they mourn the loss of ten of their number.

Officers elected: T. R. Ercanbeck, Grand Patron; Mrs. Mary C. Agnew, Grand Matron; Eugene B. Dyke, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

This Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star held their Eleventh Annual Session in Germania Hall, 62, 64 North Clark street, Chicago, October 6, at 11 A. M. The Grand Chapter was opened in due form by the Grand Matron, Sister Jennie A. Walker. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Jennie E. Matthews and Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Loraine S. Pitkin being present were escorted to the East and saluted with the Grand Honors. Grand Officers present, fourteen; Past Grand Officers, seven; Past Matrons, six; Past Patrons, ten; Representatives from thirty-eight Chapters and four under dispensation. As we read of the Grand Matron's work for the year we are not surprised; it will need energy and great interest to look after such a flock, but, having met Sister Walker at our last Grand Chapter, we know her to be equal to the task, and congratulate Illinois upon their choice of Grand Matron and Patron. Eight pages are taken up, and very concisely, too, by the Grand Worthy Matron in the business part of her address. The Grand Patron's Address shows he has not been idle.

The Treasurer's report shows balance on hand, $905.23. Total membership, 3,089. Officers: Jennie A. Walker, Worthy Grand Matron; Brother A. B. Ashley, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary A. Beal, Grand Secretary.

Michigan receives no notice.

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CALIFORNIA.

The Sixteenth Communication of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, was held in the city of San Francisco, the nineteenth of October. Grand Officers present, fourteen: Past Grand Officers, fourteen; Representatives from fifty chartered Chapters and two U. D. As we read the Grand Patron's address we note good decisions and much work done, but do not understand why the Grand Patron makes all the appointments and is the presiding officer, but he says in this, as in all kindred orders, woman is now on trial. Here she has an opportunity to act, and live down all the slurs that for ages have been cast upon her fitness to govern and take her place side by side with man; here she has an opportunity to prove that by exercising, she will develop all the latent powers of cleansing and purifying man that by nature are hers. But oh, how sadly are the golden moments neglected, when she forgets to control herself, and allows passion, hate, revenge and jealousies to trample down reason, love, charity, truth, and deny to others the rights she demands for herself; here she has place to demonstrate that she can and will obey constituted and legal authority; also, when called upon, she can govern in justice and truth and unselfishness. We wonder how long she must be on trial! Not long, for woman is making rapid advances in this direction. The Worthy Matron has done a large amount of work, has assigned ten new Chapters into districts since the last appointments. In this manner all the Chapters in the jurisdiction received official inspection but seven, which was not for any lack of zeal. The Grand Worthy Matron says the careful attention given by the Matrons to the study of our laws and regulations, their endeavors to see them strictly complied with, and the degree of proficiency acquired by them in the jurisprudence of our Order, are deserving of more than passing notice, and that the almost universal custom among the sisters of memorizing the work, has rendered it necessary, in order to keep pace with them, that the Patrons perfect themselves in the important portion of the work allotted to them. The memorial page shows many gone from their ranks.

Report of Treasurer shows a balance of $3,443.60. Officers elected: Mrs. Abbie E. Wood, Worthy Grand Matron; Ed-

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mond Wilson Roberts, Worthy Grand Patron; Kate Josephine Williats, Grand Secretary.

Michigan receives kindly notice from the correspondent. She recalls the fact that Brother and Sister Rose were our representatives to the General Grand Chapter, and is inclined to think that they, especially Sister Rose, had made a study of fitting their character to their name, which always reminds one of beauty and sweetness. We are with you Sister, in that assertion, and have always been proud of our representatives to the Golden City.

KANSAS.

The Tenth Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, convened at Masonic Hall, at Newton, Harvey county, March 9. The officers of the Newton Chapter assumed their respective stations, thus showing all due honor to their distinguished guests. The Worthy Matron in a neat address extended a cordial welcome to all. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron were escorted to the Grand East by the Conductress and the Associate Conductress, and saluted with the Grand Honors. The gavel of authority was then extended to the Grand Matron, after which the officers of Newton Chapter vacated their stations in honor of the Grand Officers present. The Grand Worthy Matron assuming command, called the Grand Officers to their stations, inviting all Past Grand Matrons and Patrons to the Grand East.

There were eleven Grand Officers present and six *pro tem*, with twenty-two Chapters answering to roll call. We read the Grand Matron's address with great interest. She feels that the future of the Eastern Star, will, to a certain extent, depend upon the sympathy and encouragement received from the members of the Masonic Fraternity, making it necessary that they should understand the relations of the order and be educated in its history. The writings from the pen of this sister will go far in educating the brothers and sisters of this order. Eighteen dispensations have been granted and several decisions given; nine official visits made in the interest of the order. I wish all might read of these visits, made by the Grand Officers in the different states. It would show some of our members the vast amount of work that can be done by officers and members if they are really interested in their work. Almost every Chapter memorizes, and

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really, if in the subordinate Chapters we had no other stimulant to do our work well, and thus make the first impression upon candidates as they seek admittance into our order, one of beauty and a home where they will delight to dwell.

There were thirteen Grand Representatives and a remarkable growth of the order. In the last year eleven new Chapters have been added. In this State prominent Masons are working in their behalf, which is very encouraging to the sisters. The Grand Patron was not able, for good reasons, to do much work himself, but gives great credit to the Deputies called upon to do the work of instituting the new Chapters. Death has taken a link here and there, leaving vacant places and sorrowing hearts. Michigan forgotten again by the correspondent.

Balance in Treasury, $473.66; membership, 1,877; officers elected: Mrs. Emma W. Part, Grand Matron; J. Ira Brown, Grand Patron; Mrs. Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Missouri, was held in Moherly, August 25, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The Grand Chapter opened in due form, and Sister Jennie E. Matthews, Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Sister Mary C. Snedden, Past Grand Matron of Kansas, and Sister Mary C. Agnes, Grand Matron, of Iowa, being present, were received and invited to seats in the East. The Committee on Credentials report nine chartered Chapters and two U. D. represented. The Grand Patron's address is very brief: has not visited any Chapter outside of St Louis; two Chapters were instituted, one at Kansas City and one at Taddonia. The Grand Matron says: "as the grand exponents of the order of the State of Missouri, a weighty responsibility rests upon them to adopt such measures and employ such means as are best calculated to build up the order—an order so well calculated to make us better men and women, to increase our love for those virtues which prompt us to speak words of kindness and cheer, to act with forbearance and charity, to live honestly and uprightly in union and harmony, and to restore peace to troubled minds, is worthy of our earnest labor and support." Amen, my sister; and if these principles were kept in view, every organized Chapter would have nothing but love and good will one for the other. Some

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space is given to the financial condition. She recommends that the tax paid by the subordinate Chapters be increased. that a part of every initiation fee be set apart as belonging to the Grand Chapter; also, higher charge for dispensations granted. This is a distress in which Michigan finds herself —want of funds. We also find district deputies in Missouri whose business it is to visit and encourage all the Chapters within their jurisdiction. Michigan received notice by the correspondent saying, "they were modestly omitted by the one from Michigan, but believes Illinois hoists such a large umbrella between them and Sister Michigan that they have been overshadowed, but this time we find your card and drop you a few crumbs.

Grand Officers elected: Benj. Lynds, Grand Patron; Mrs. Sarah C. Hibbard, Grand Matron; John R. Parson, Grand Secretary."

MASSACHUSETTS.

The Ninth Annual Session of the Order of the Eastern Star of Massachusetts, convened in Masonic Hall, Natick, May 12, 1885. Grand Officers all present but two. Grand Martha and Grand Warder, *pro tem.* Representatives from eleven Chapters. The Grand Matron has visited all the active Chapters in the State, and endeavored to reach the inactive ones by correspondence. There have been three new Chapters constituted and 133 letters written. I wish I could have space to tell you something of the visits. She says the present method of inspecting Chapters has done more toward the uniformity and accuracy of work, and believes that if steps could be taken whereby the entire corps of Grand Officers could visit Chapters once a year, it would give them an impetus toward higher attainments, and prove to the "doubting Thomases" that we are an established fact. The Grand Patron's address was brief but good.

Cash on hand, $197.39; total membership, January 1, 1885., 999; Michigan not remembered; officers elected: Mrs. Mary E. Gleason, Grand Worthy Matron; C. C. Dike, Grand Worthy Patron; David Seargrave, Grand Secretary.

The Tenth Annual Meeting of this Grand Chapter for 1886, was held in Springfield, May 11. Grand Chapter assembled at 12:15 o'clock, and was opened in ample form by

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the Grand Matron, Mrs. M. E. Gleason. Officers all present, Mrs. E. V. Clark, acting as Grand Chaplain. The Committee on Credentials report 61 members, 5 proxies and 4 visitors present. "A great disadvantage", she says. "which some Worthy Matrons have labored under, is non-attendance of the officers. If the sisters, particularly at the points of the Star, could realize how much the beauty of the work depends upon their prompt attendance, they would not, for a slight excuse, leave their chairs vacant. These empty chairs are very disheartening to the Worthy Matron. Visits have been made. The correspondence has been pleasant, and much valuable information received: There is much more that I would like to say of this but time and space forbid." The Grand Patron made several visits with the Grand Matron, granted several dispensations, and, assisted by several of the Grand Officers, constituted three new Chapters, and has written a great many letters.

Membership, 1,134; net gain, 105. The Grand Lecturer has many good things in his report. Not one word for Michigan in 1885 or 1886. Officers elected: Mrs. E. G. Berry, Grand Worthy Matron; Joseph W. Hill, Grand Worthy Patron; Daniel Seargrave, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was held in Zumbrota, Oct. 14, 1885; was called to order by the Grand Matron. Sister Loraine S. Pitkin, of Chicago, being present, was introduced and received with the Grand Honors. We have read carefully the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's addresses; also, received the edict issued by the Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, but feel that while we have our ideas, they are better unexpressed, and hope that harmony and peace will soon reign in the ranks of the Eastern Star throughout the State of Minnesota.

Officers elected: Sister H. A. Valentine, Grand Worthy Matron; Hon. Jonathan Smith, Grand Worthy Patron; Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The Eleventh Annual Session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, was held at Omaha, Nebraska, June 14, 1886; was opened in due form at three o'clock, with five

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Grand Officers present and eight *pro tem.* The Grand Patron says reports for last year need not be voluminous, that there is little that demands mention or attention from the Grand Chapter; he believes that a direct personal effort would be attended with gratifying results. Grand Matron's address brief; no official report except her own Chapter, but feels that it is a great State, and believes that the Order of the Eastern Star must grow, that in every town where there is a Masonic Lodge, there also should be a Chapter of the Eastern Star to work hand in hand for the general good of Masonry.

Money in hand, $191.43. Officers: F. E. Winning, Grand Patron; Mrs. C. Thompson, Grand Matron; Rev. H. A. Guild, Grand Secretary.

In closing my report, I will say, that as members of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, we feel that we have been greatly honored in the action taken by the General Grand Chapter in electing our present Grand Patron, Brother Conover, to the highest office that can be conferred upon a brother, and the General Grand Chapter will find that they have been as highly honored in the choice made. Michigan has been overlooked by most of the correspondents, and felt a little sensitive, but we are at the front now. I also wish to say a word in be half of Brother Sawyer, our Grand Secretary, on account of the lateness of our proceedings coming out. When we reached home last year, we found his pleasant home a hospital; an invalid sister and her only son had come to this sister and brother to be cared for and comforted in their last hours. This was most faithfully done, the son dying first, the mother lingering for months, clinging tenderly, in her weakness, to those so careful and attentive to every wish. I trust this will be sufficient excuse for Brother Grand Secretary, and that your great hearts will feel that he has done the best possible.

MRS. S. L. MARSH,
Correspondent

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

Grand Worthy Matron—Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons,..Grand Rapids.
Grand Worthy Patron—Brother E. C. Waterbury,.....Ionia.
Grand Associate Matron—Sister Mrs. A. A. Matteson,.Middleville.
Grand Associate Patron.—Brother Loren Day,.....Grandville.
Grand Secretary—Brother Travers Phillips,.....Hastings.
Grand Treasurer—Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton,.....Sturgis.
Grand Conductress—Sister Mrs. Philip Young,.....Grand Rapids.
Grand Associate Conductress—Sister Mrs. Mary Aldrich,....Leslie.
Grand Adah—Sister Mrs. Chas. LaTour, ...Detroit.
Grand Ruth—Sister Mrs. H. M. Parker, ...Coldwater.
Grand Esther—Sister Mrs. Eva Bailey,.....Hastings.
Grand Martha—Sister Mrs. D. W. Rupert, ...Sturgis.
Grand Electa—Sister Mrs. Belle Corwin,.....Caro.
Grand Warder—Mrs. M. E. Sawyer,.....Quincy.
Grand Sentinel—Not appointed.
Grand Marshal—Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh.....Quincy.
Grand Chaplain—Not appointed.
Com. on Foreign Correspondence—Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh..Quincy.

SECRETARIES WILL PLEASE READ.

The Secretary of each Chapter will please comply with the following rules:

1. Acknowledge promptly to the Grand Secretary the receipts of the proceedings sent.
2. Notify the Grand Secretary promptly of all changes in the office of Secretary.
3. Make your annual returns to the Grand Secretary before the first day of October in each year and inclose draft for the amount of dues.

NOTE.—The next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Detroit October 12th (being the second Wednesday), A. D. 1887, at 12 o'clock M.

T. PHILLIPS,
Grand Secretary, Hastings, Mich.

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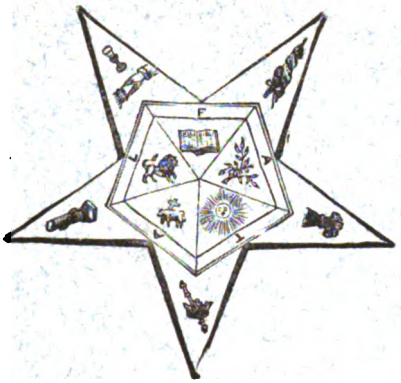

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION,

Grand Chapter of Michigan,

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

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OF THE

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR,

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN,

AT ITS

NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

AS THE GRAND CHAPTER AND 21ST. ANNUAL MEETING AS THE

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, being the Twenty-first Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan.

Masonic Temple, Grand Rapids, Michigan,
Wednesday, October 12, A. D., 1887.

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, assembled in its ninth annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

There were present:

Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Grand Worthy Matron.
Brother C. Waterbury, Grand Worthy Patron,
Sister A. A. Matteson, Grand Associate Matron.
Brother Loren Day, Grand Associate Patron.
Brother T. Phillips, Grand Secretary.
Sister E. L. Pendleton, Grand Treasurer.
Sister Philip Young, Grand Conductress.
Sister Mary Aldrich, Grand Associate Conductress.
Sister L. E. Olin, Grand Chaplain.
Sister Charles LaTour, Grand Adah.
Sister H. M. Parker, Grand Ruth.

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Sister Eva Bailey, Grand Esther.
Sister D. W. Rupert, Grand Martha.
Sister Belle Corwin, Grand Electa.
Sister H. L. Anthony, as Grand Warder.
Brother Fred A. Holcomb, Grand Sentinel.
Sister S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal, and Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

And sisters and brothers from nearly all of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form with prayer by Sister L. E. Olin, Bay City, as Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Worthy Matron announced as Committee on Credentials, Brother B. R. Rose, Sister E. J. Barber and Sister D. B. Purinton.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor until half past two o'clock, P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION—2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Grand Matron and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Sister Mrs. T. W. Strahan, of Oriental Chapter, gave the address of welcome, which is as follows:

Grand Worthy Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

In the name of Oriental Chapter No. 32, I give you greeting. We are now on the threshold of a new year, called together to retrospect the work of the past year, and to consider the welfare of the Grand Chapter and also the subordinate Chapters the coming year; perhaps rather arduous duties, still, as it brings with it its burdens and responsibilities, it also brings delightful social intercourse.

Oriental Chapter felt a little hesitancy at first with regard to entertaining the Grand Chapter, fearing that our cozy Chapter room, where we regularly meet, would be inadequate to hold all that would be in session at this time; when

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through the kindness of DeMolia Commandery, together with the officers of the Consistory, we were kindly tendered this beautiful Masonic Temple, then it was with a unanimous vote of the Chapter to give you a hearty welcome to our city and to our homes. And at the close of this Grand session, and the farewells are said, may we go forth having the trustful faith of "Martha," looking to Him who is able and willing to help us, that with patience we may meet all the trials of this life, cheered by a glorious hope beyond. And, as we join heart and hand in this our beloved Order, Oriental Chapter, as one voice, echoes, May you all be happy while with us.

The address was very appropriately responded to by Brother C. Waterbury, Grand Patron.

The Grand Worthy Matron read the following

ADDRESS.

Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Another year has passed since last we met, and to-day we are permitted to come together in this beautiful hall, dedicated to brotherly love, relief and truth.

To many of us, I doubt not, sickness and sorrow have come, shutting out for a time the bright sunshine of hope and joy from the heart, and to all of those, I extend my heartfelt sympathy.

It is said that one touch of nature makes the whole world kin; and to-day, my friends, I realize more acutely, if possible, than ever before, the need and power of sympathy, for during most of the past year, my time has been employed in ministering to the sick, and the grim messenger—Death—has entered our family circle, and claimed one of our loved ones.

In days of sorrow and affliction, we turn to our friends, more especially to the sisters and brothers of our beloved order, for kindly sympathy.

The teachings and true mission of our order, is, above all other things, to comfort the distressed, to render mutual

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aid and relief, and to promote true friendship among those who might otherwise be strangers.

As sisters and brothers of the Order of the Eastern Star, may we remember, at all times and in all places, to extend the hand of charity not only to our members, but to all others who may need our consolations and ministrations. If we can do no more, we can by little acts of kindness and golden words of comfort, cheer their sorrowing hearts.

In this connection, I would particularly call your attention to thoughts which, as we gather in these yearly meetings, should be uppermost in every mind, namely, to consider the best means of creating an interest and enhancing the power of the Order for the accomplishment of the great designs for which it was originated.

Some, no doubt, have become members mainly for the societary advantages. This in itself is commendable, yet if there were no other or higher motive, the Order would soon lose the interest and enthusiasm, which are essential elements to its life.

If we keep steadily in view, and resolve to work for the great objects of the order, which are to encourage brotherly love and intellectual culture, to promote unceasing charity and all manner of good works that shall be for the highest welfare of ourselves and others, there will be generated an "enthusiasm of humanity," which shall render *our* "Star" as imperishable as those orbs of which it is the emblem, and among all the diamond lights in the galaxy of the firmament there will not be found one more brilliant. Such enthusiasm would unite us in endless harmony, love and wisdom, and fit us for all the higher degrees of the universe.

Sisters of Michigan! are you aware of the great work entrusted to you? Let us arouse ourselves to the full realization of the true object and mission of the order, of which we are members. In the teachings of the obligation at the altar would it not be well for each Chapter to have that obligation repeated at each monthly meeting; repeated until the great moral and social principles become earnest, persistent and ever enduring? We ought, also, to make mankind at large feel the glory and beneficence of our teachings. Why are we not doing so? Are not golden opportunities pressing upon us every day?

There are many directions in which we might extend our noble work, and in emulation of Chapters in other states, I

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would suggest that we take, in our discretion, suitable young persons, whom we have reason to believe would become noble representatives of the charitable work we are doing, and educate them. I would suggest that a fund be created for this, and similar well defined purposes, such as the education of children, especially those of our order, should such a necessity arise, until they graduate into a higher, better and completer life.

What nobler mission could we engage in?

If the outlook of these suggestions is not deemed of sufficient magnitude, or suggestive enough of good works, then we have the Masonic Home of Michigan, which is to be established here in Grand Rapids. Let us make a united effort to create a fund which shall be called the endowment of the "Eastern Star."

October 21, 1886. I received a communication from Brother LaTour, of Haywood Chapter, of Detroit, asking permission to install their officers, Friday evening October 27. I granted the request and appointed Brother LaTour—their Past Patron—under dispensation, to install them.

February 20, 1887. Received a letter from Leslie, asking if an Associate Matron, or any officer of a subordinate Chapter could ask and receive a demit, such officer being clear on the books, and remaining in the jurisdiction of the Chapter, also what they would do to fill her place. I replied that she could receive a demit and that the office could be filled *pro tem.*

February 27. I received a letter from Brother LaTour, saying that some of the members of Haywood Chapter had come to the conclusion that their officers had not been legally installed, so sent for Brother Waterbury, G. W. P., to come and install them. The reason he gave was, that I had no power to appoint a Past Patron under dispensation, to do the installing. And now they wish to know could Brother Waterbury do that work at that time, without a special dispensation from the G. W. M. I answered: I consider the officers legally installed, and that it was necessary to have a special dispensation from the G. W. M. to re-install them.

April 4. I received a letter from Mrs. J. J. Decker, of Grace Chapter, of Omer, stating that the lady who was installed Associate Conductress had never attended a meeting since they were organized, and asking how they could fill her place for the remainder of the year, also asking if they

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could have their election of officers in September, the same as though they had a charter. I answered for the worthy Matron to select some sister who would willingly fill that office for the remainder of the year, and that they have their election in September, the same as if they had a charter.

June 30. I received a letter from Grand Ledge, asking if a lady who was divorced from her husband—who was a Master Mason—was eligible to membership. I answered that she was not, if having no other relationship to the Masonic fraternity.

September 12, 1887. I granted a dispensation to Queen Esther Chapter, of Ionia, to elect and install two officers, after their regular election.

September 20 and October 11. I granted a dispensation to Oriental Chapter, for special balloting.

Permit me to say to my sisters and brothers of this Grand Chapter that this is, in all probability, the last annual meeting that I can ever be with.

If in my associations within the last five years, if in words or deed I have done any good in the order, then I can go away to my southern home with the thoughts that my earnest and devoted love for the Order, has not been in vain.

At the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, if my life is spared I hope to meet some of you as a representative of a Grand Chapter in the state of Tennessee.

Thanking you for the kindly spirit of forbearance which you have ever graciously extended to me, and begging you to cover all my official misdeeds and short-comings as well as all others with the mantle of charity, I regretfully bid you an affectionate farewell. M. M. PARSONS.

The Grand Worthy Patron's address was read, which was as follows:

To the Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

To-day, through the indulgence of a kind Providence, the gavel falls on our ninth anniversary, counting from our reorganization into chapters.

Would it not be profitable to briefly review our history

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from that time and ascertain whether our prosperity has been such as to render our stewardship commendable.

The report of 1879 discloses a membership of 1183 and the report of 1886 shows a membership of only 1197, after a lapse of eight consecutive years.

Now if our prosperity and future prospects were to be measured by our increase of membership during the period mentioned, it would be enough to discourage Electa herself.

It may not be amiss to employ a few moments in ascertaining some of the causes which have conspired to prevent a greater increase of our numbers. As it would seem, living amidst such a world of enterprise, where activity permeates every branch of business, and success the only test of merit, our progress is far too limited. It is not my purpose to criticise my predecessors because the Order has not become numerically stronger but to discover wherein the difficulty lies, if any, and if possible profit by the lesson it may teach. First allow me to call your attention to the chapters that have been dropped since your re-organization of 1879. Out of 23 chartered chapters reported that year, 13 have gone down and one more on the verge of dissolution. There was reported three U. D., of which only one survived; hence, out of 26 Chapters inclusive, 16 have dissolved—nearly two-thirds of the whole—and that within the short space of eight years. On examination you will find that nearly if not all of the 16 defunct Chapters were organized in small villages of from 250 to, possibly, 1000 inhabitants, while those that have survived, with one or two exceptions, are from much larger towns. Does not this suggest the advisability of exercising much caution in the future with reference to instituting Chapters in small towns as the experiment so far has proved unsuccessful. Now the cause, resulting in the depreciation alluded to is local, and may be substantially corrected by the suggestion made, but there are other causes more general in their tendencies, the remedy for which was so admirably presented by Sister Griswold in her address of last year, where she urges the officers to become "thoroughly acquainted with the Ritual that it may be made interesting to those who listen. To be regular in attendance and at the door of the Chapter room drop any and all prejudices that may arise outside." These suggestions, if adhered to, would prove a tower ofstrength in building up and maintaining our subordinate Chapters.

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Again I am constrained to believe the Grand Chapter itself, perhaps not without some reason, has heretofore been masterly inactive in furnishing Grand Chapter proceedings and such other evidences of its existence as would be naturally in demand. To illustrate; when I entered upon the duties of this office, I had nothing but the Ritual as a guide and precedent. I expected from the Grand Secretary a supply, at least, of Grand Chapter proceedings, but, especially the constitution, rules and regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters seemed indispensable; he informed me he had but one copy and I was unable to obtain them elsewhere. About the middle of February last Brother Conover mailed me a copy of the Grand Chapter proceedings of 1879, which contained the constitution, rules and regulations for subordinate Chapters. Of course, all amendments made since together with rulings and decisions were yet to be obtained through the special exertions of Brother R. C. Hathaway. All proceedings from time of re-organizing into Chapters were at last procured, and we proceeded to make a compilation of rulings and decisions in the form of a Digest and had them printed, together with the constitution, rules and regulations and penal code, copies of which have been sent to all applying for them. We would submit the work for your inspection, and if found worthy, ask your indorsement. A liberal circulation of Eastern Star literature, among the members of the order, setting forth the purposes and principles for which we are organized would be productive of much good. The officers and members of Queen Esther Chapter regret to acknowledge that the restrictions contained in Sec. 9, page 13 of rules and regulations relative to balloting on candidates, has proved very oppressive in this that the ballot must be unanimous, without appeal. On examining constitution, rules and regulations of General Grand Chapter I found no allusion to method or manner of balloting, and supposed if thought desirable, the Grand Chapter could amend the section to which I have alluded until I accidentally found it in the Ritual under the head of "landmarks", which was conclusive that it originated in the General Grand Chapter. Now "landmarks" are supposed to be certain unalterable rules that age and experience have taught to be for the good of the order, adopting them, and that can be equitably applied under nearly all circumstances. But here we

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have a society young in years and experience, starting out with "landmarks," intended to be irrevocably binding, without the test of experience. It seems so un-American; so at variance with that delicate sense of equity and justice to the great majority, that to the conservative mind it seems incredible that it should be tolerated as fundamental. That it should be possible for any one member to hold the key to the prosperity or destruction of the Chapter to which he or she may belong by such a wholesale centralization of power as provided in Section 9, is, to my mind, taking a most absurd position and leaving subordinate Chapters open to most flagrant abuse. If not too late I would suggest that the delegate sent from this jurisdiction to the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter submit the following amendment or something similar: "Strike out Landmark No. 7, page 3, of the Ritual, and further provide that if but one negative ballot appears, the member casting it shall submit the reason in writing to the Worthy Matron prior to next regular meeting, who shall determine if objection is well taken. If she decides they are not, she will declare the candidate elected, at said next regular and vice versa." Some such provision certainly would divest the ceremony of balloting of those tyrannical features that embody in its exactions that perfection of moral rectitude too often found wanting even among well disposed members of the order.

Now this criticism is not to be construed as reflecting upon the efficiency of the General Grand Chapter, as they can furnish a formidable precedent for their action. But should not this society sever their connection with a "landmark" that merely furnishes a mantle that too often conceals an unmasonic act. The foregoing are among the prominent causes that operate to retard the growth of our institution. I submit them for your consideration.

I will now proceed to give a synopsis of my official action including such suggestions as may, on consideration, be deemed in the interest of the order.

DISPENSATIONS AND PERMITS.

November 13. Granted permission to Laurel Chapter No. 34, Nashville, to remove to new hall. On receiving Constitution of Grand Chapter discovered that this power was only

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vested in the G. W. M.; hence to her and Sister Anthony I offer an apology.

December 15. Issued Dispensation to Star of Bethlehem Chapter, Holland. Petition signed by 29 names.

March 7. Issued Dispensation to St. Clair Chapter at St. Clair. Petition signed by 75 names.

March 7. Issued Dispensation to Evergreen Chapter, at West Branch. Petition signed by 30 names.

March 8. Granted Dispensation to Kedron Chapter, at Caro, as substituted for Charter which was burned with hall and contents.

April 11. Issued Dispensation to Big Rapids Chapter, Big Rapids. Petition signed by 29 names.

May 10. Issued Dispensation to Arbutus Chapter, at Lansing. Petition signed by 22 names.

May 12. Issued Dispensation to Alma Chapter, at Alma. Petition signed by 21 names.

August 5. Issued Dispensation to H. C. Kimball Chapter, at Iron Mountain. Petition signed by 25 names.

DECISIONS.

December 2. Received communication from Sister La-Tour, secretary of Hayward Chapter, asking whose duty it was to approve of by-laws. Answered that they should have been submitted to Grand Chapter at last session; wrote her to send them to G. W. M., and if she could not be reached, send them to me and that either endorsement would be sufficient until Grand Chapter met. Approved them April 13, making such alterations as I deemed proper.

December 7. Received communication from Sister La-Tour, secretary Hayward Chapter, asking if more than one regular meeting could be held in each month and if a petition could be acted on under a month after being received and referred. Replied in the negative in each case.

January 20. Received communication from Brother Walter Webster, secretary Laurel Chapter, if they should grant or refuse Demits. Answered they could do as they chose about granting Demits, but if granted they could visit that Chapter but three times and other chapters but once if objection was made.

April 9. Received communication from M. Pollasky,

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Alma, saying they had met for the purpose of re-organizing under their charter which had not been used since October 2, 1878. Wrote him I thought the Grand Chapter would not recognize them as I had no doubt they had been dropped and that they could not restore themselves. Sent them application and advised them to organize as is if they had never existed.

August 1. Received communication from Sister Geo. F. Foster, W. M., Holland Chapter, asking if they were to pay Grand Lodge dues, and if they could elect and install officers same as if chartered. Wrote her they could not elect or install and that they had no Grand Chapter dues to pay.

September 14. Received communication from Sister C. C. Gilleo, Ivanhoe Chapter, Lake View, asking what to do with the furniture, as they had decided to surrender charter. Wrote her to have their Chapter send delegate to Grand Chapter, and submit their request to them and await their action.

OFFICIAL ACTS IN PERSON AND BY DEPUTY.

November 16. Deputized Sister L. A. Teall, P. W. M. of Sharon Chapter, to install the officers of Grace Chapter, at Omer. On receiving Grand Chapter proceedings found that the Chapter was U. D. Sister Teall reported an excellent showing on the partof Grace Chapter.

December 15. Deputized Brother Loren Day, G. A. P. to institute Star of Bethlehem Chapter, Holland.

December 17. Deputized Brother Allen Macomber, P. W. P. to install the officers of Ivanhoe Chapter No. 36 at Lake View.

January 18. Deputized Sister Mansfield, W. M. of Hesperia Chapter at Hesperia, to install the officers of said Chapter.

February 16. Commissioned Brother R. C. Hathaway as Deputy, to institute Chapters.

February 25. Installed the officers of Hayward Chapter No. 37, Detroit, by request. Found the Chapter zealous and increasing fast in membership; was very hospitably entertained by Brother W. H. Wilbur, W. P., and his estimable wife and family. The officers exemplified the work on several candidates and did it very acceptably; have no doubt of their success.

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March 23. Deputized Sister L. A. Teall to institute Evergreen Chapter, at West Branch; reported the Chapter in good condition.

May 11. Instituted Big Rapids Chapter, at Big Rapids, Brother P. H. Taylor assisting. Initiated about 50 charter members. They start under very favorable auspices; large and beautiful hall and pleasant surroundings.

May 12. Instituted Arbutus Chapter at Lansing. Initiated about 25 charter members. They also are beautifully situated and prospects favorable for a model Chapter.

August 8. Brother R. C. Hathaway instituted H. C. Kimball Chapter; started out with 23 members; much interest manifested.

October 3. Brother R. C. Hatheway instituted Alma Chapter, at Alma. Initiated about 30 members and writes he thinks the Chapter will do well.

In this connection would state that September 29 I received a communication from St. Clair Chapter, U. D., saying that in consequence of Blue Lodge difficulties they would be unable to organize and proceed with O. E. S. As Dispensation has been issued and Rituals forwarded, it may be the proper thing for the Grand Chapter to take some action in he premises as otherwise they may remain in *statuquo* indefinitely.

It may not be amiss to state as a matter of information that in the course of a somewhat voluminous correspondence the past year, many questions have been asked and occasionally some advice given that could hardly reach the dignity of a decision, and hence, not incorporated in this address, much of which probably would have been avoided had it been possible to have had the constitution, digest, etc., of Grand Chapters in circulation sooner.

Would call attention to the weekly *Free Mason*, which devotes a page each week to our order, as a medium of information. I would recommend it to all who wish to keep abreast of the times respecting current events in the Masonic world.

That no misapprehension may arise as to the specific duties of officers as set forth in our constitution, rules and regulations governing subordinate Chapters, and that no inconsistencies be made apparent as the result of hasty deliberation, I submit the following interrogatories:

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First.—Should a deputy appointed to install officers be a past or present Worthy Matron or Patron? Yes.

Second.—If the legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason is eligible as a candidate, why should not a step-mother be? Does not sustain the same relationship by law, and, therefore cannot become a member.

Third.—What papers require the seal of the Chapter? All official papers.

Fourth.—In case of suspension or expulsion, should not the Grand Chapter, at least, be notified of the fpct? Yes.

Fifth.—Should not at least three copies of the Grand Chapter proceedings be mailed to the secretary of General Grand Chapter, and each Grand Chapter and each one of our subordinate Chapters in the state? Yes.

CONCLUSION.

As I am about to relinquish the official position intrusted to me through your kindness it becomes apparent that under your supervision, the vital principles of our order will be perpetuated when found conducive to its interest.

I could not, in justice to myself and this numerous delegation, let this opportunity pass without leaving some testimonial of my appreciation of the uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me in all my personal and official relations with the members of the order. They will remain among my most pleasing recollections.

And now may we in the true spirit of kindness and forbearance one toward another continue to strenghen, build up and solidify this beautiful fabric of Masonry, and, as one by one each link shall fall away, may the consciousness of duty done, of blessings received and charities bestowed serve to illuminate our journey through this pilgrimage of human life so that in our declining years we may enjoy the happy reflections consequent on a well spent life and die in the hope of a glorious immortality.

CHAUNCEY WATERBURY.
Worthy Grand Patron.

On motion by Brother R. C. Hatheway, the addresses of the

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Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

Motion prevailed.

The Worthy Grand Matron appointed as such committee Sisters J. S. Conover, Eliza J. Barber and Brother R. C. Hatheway; and Standing Committees as follows:

Finance and Ways and Means—Sisters B. R. Rose, Spraker and Brother Dan. W. Sawyer.

Unfinished Business.—Sisters Strahn, Purinton and Brother Wright.

Pay Roll.—Sisters Watrous, Kimball and Brother Severance.

Jurisprudence.—Sisters Kent, Phillips and Brother Hutchinson.

Appeals and Greivances.—Sisters Griswold, Smith and Brother Day.

Dispensations, Charters and Returns.—Sisters Marsh, Plumb and Brother Conover.

The Committee on Credentials submitted their report, which is as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan,

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully submit the following named persons as being entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

Sister M. M. Parsons—Worthy Grand Matron.
Sister A. A. Matteson—Worthy Grand Associate Matron.
Brother C. Waterbury—Worthy Grand Patron.
Brother Loren Day—Worthy Grand Associate Patron.
Sister L. E. Olin—as Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Brother T. Phillips—Worthy Grand Secretary.
Sister E. L. Pendleton—Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Sister Philip Young—Worthy Grand Conductress.

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Sister Charles LaTour—Worthy Grand Adah.
Sister H. M. Parker—Worthy Grand Ruth.
Sister Eva Bailey—Worthy Grand Esther.
Sister D. W. Rupert—Worthy Grand Martha.
Sister Belle Corwin—Worthy Grand Electa.
Sister H. L. Anthony—as Worthy Grand Warder.
Sister S. L. Marsh—Worthy Grand Marshal.
Brother Fred A. Holcomb—Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Sister S. L. Marsh—Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

PAST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Sisters E. L. Pendleton, D. C. Purinton, Eliza J. Barber, S. L. Marsh, Nellie S. Corey, B. R. Rose, H. L. Anthony, D. A. Merrill, Mary A. Watrous, M. C. Griswold.

PAST WORTHY GRAND PATRONS.

Brothers David Bovee, D. C. Purinton, T. Phillips, M. Douglas, J. S. Cross, B. R. Rose, W. H. Severance, A. C. Manly, G. W. Matteson. Loren Day, J. S. Conover.

Coldwater Chapter No. 3.—Sister J. S. Conover, Worthy Matron; Brother C. R. Hutchinson, Worthy Patron; Sister G. W. Blackwell, Associate Matron.

Olive Branch Chapter No. 4.—Sister D. W. Rupert, Worthy Matron; Brother C. Jacobs, Worthy Patron; Sister Silas Stowe, Associate Matron; Sister L. S. Putney, proxy for Worthy Matron.

Leslie Chapter No. 6.—Sister Mary J. Aldrich, Worthy Matron; Brother Samuel Cochran, Worthy Patron; Sister Sara Sitts, Associate Matron; Brother E. C. Aldrich, proxy for Worthy Patron.

Hastings Chapter No. 7.—Sister B. R. Rose, Worthy Matron; Brother E. H. Lathrop, Worthy Patron; Sister Wm. Hitchcock, Associate Matron; Sister T. Phillips, proxy for Worthy Matron and Associate Matron.

Quincy Chapter No. 12.—Sister Sarah M. Throop, Worthy Matron; Brother Henry A. Graves, Worthy Patron; Sister Frank Finn, Associate Matron; Brother Dan W. Sawyer, proxy for Worthy Matron.

Grand Ledge No. 14.—Sister Frankie A. Kent, Worthy

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Matron; Brother A. B. Jones, Worthy Patron; Sister Ruth Crane, Associate Matron.

Middleville Chapter No. 17.—Sister M. E. Geer, Worthy Matron; Brother W. H. Severance, Worthy Patron; Sister Sarah L. Dowling.

Sharon Chapter No. 20.—Sister S. J. Gould, Worthy Matron; Brother J. L. Gould, Worthy Patron; Sister Kate Smith, Associate Matron.

Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 22.—Sister Eliza Phenecia, Worthy Matron; Brother A. W. Bates, Worthy Patron; Sister L. Miller, Associate Matron.

Olivet Chapter No. 24.—Sister M. C. Plumb, Worthy Matron; Brother Oren Bugby, Worthy Patron; Sister Emma Bosworth, Associate Matron.

Union Chapter No. 27.—Sister W. C. Ball, Worthy Matron ;Brother W. C. Ball, Worthy Patron; Sister F. Cadwell, Associate Matron; Sister A. Blake, proxy for Chapter.

Burr Oak No. 28.—Sister J. Gilson, Worthy Matron; Brother H. Gilson, Worthy Patron; Sister Mary E. Robinson Associate Matron.

Williamston No. 29.—Sister A. J. Vannetter, Worthy Matron; Brother Wm. P. Ainsly, Worthy Patron; Sister O. M. Lounsbury, Associate Matron; Sister Rose Leighton, proxy for Associate Matron.

Dewitt Chapter No. 30.—Sister L. M. Payne, Worthy Matron; Brother R. Simmons, Worthy Patron; Sister Ella Pennell, Associate Matron.

Laurel Chapter No. 31.—Sister C. M. Putnam, Worthy Matron; Brother B. F. Reynolds, Worthy Patron; Sister A. Beebe, Associate Matron; Sister B. F. Reynolds, proxy for Worthy Patron and Associate Matron.

Oriental Chapter No. 32.—Sister T. W. Strahan, Worthy Matron; Brother R. C. Hatheway, Worthy Patron; Sister F. W. Spraker, Associate Matron.

Kedron Chapter No. 33.—Sister Isabella Street, Worthy Matron; Brother Clarence L. Lappen, Worthy Patron; Sister Belle Corwin, Associate Matron; Sister L. A. Hunkerson, proxy for Worthy Matron.

Harmony Chapter No. 34.—Not represented.

Queen Esther No. 35—Sister Mary D. Stone, Worthy Matron; Brother A. S. Wright, Worthy Patron; Sister H. E.

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Bailey, Associate Matron; Sister L. E. Kimball, proxy for Associate Matron.

Ivanhoe Chapter No. 36.—Not represented.

Hayward Chapter No. 37.—Sister A. B. Smith, Worthy Matron; Brother Henry Stewart, Worthy Patron; Sister M. A. Wilber, Associate Matron; Brother F. W. Hawes, proxy for Worthy Patron.

Eureka Chapter No. 38.—Sister J. R. Mansfield, Worthy Matron; Brother P. H. Weaver, Worthy Patron; Sister Julia Dowdell, Associate Matron.

Evergreen Chapter, U. D.—Sister Addie Kurn, Worthy Matron; Brother M. McCrossen, Worthy Patron; Sister Emma Phelps, Associate Matron.

Star of Bethlehem, U. D.—Sister George Foster, Worthy Matron; Brother F. G. Churchill, Worthy Patron; Sister S. J. Higgins, Associate Matron.

Grace Chapter, U. D.—Sister Mary F. Decker, Worthy Matron; Brother Thomas Inglis, Worthy Patron; Sister Eva R. Weaver, Associate Matron.

Big Rapids Chapter, U. D.—Sister E. P. Clark, Worthy Matron; Brother O. D. Glidden, Worthy Patron; Sister A. L. Mason, Associate Matron.

Alma Chapter, U. D.—Sister Anna Messenger, Worthy Matron; Brother Michael Polasky, Worthy Patron; Sister Mary Yerrington, Associate Matron.

H. C. Kimball Chapter, U. D.—Sister Catherine F. Ingraham, Worthy Matron; Brother T. Burr Catlin, Worthy Patron; Sister Annetta McLane, Associate Matron.

Arbutus Chapter, U. D.—Sister Irma T. Jones, Worthy Matron; Brother Wm. Donovan, Worthy Patron; Sister Kate A. Spring, Associate Matron.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ELIZA J. BARBER,
D. C. PURINTON,
B. R. ROSE.

On motion of Brother J. S. Conover, the report was received and adopted with instructions to make such changes as the committee deemed necessary.

Motion prevailed.

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Brother J. S. Conover, Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the United States was conducted to the Grand East and received with the Grand Honors, after which he made appropriate remarks for the good of the Order.

Brother R. C. Hatheway announced to the Grand Chapter an invitation from the O-wash-te-nong boat club to visit their rooms when convenient during the session of the Grand Chapter, which, on motion of Sister Barber, was accepted with thanks, and time set at nine oclock, sharp, to-morrow morning.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Brother Conover the Grand Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the Grand Chapters of Minnesota and Connecticut now in session.

Motion prevailed.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submited their report which was as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Patron and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to make the following report:

That the only unfinished business consists of three amendments offered at the last session of the Grand Chapter, and is not such business as would properly come before this committee. (See pages 23 and 25 of Grand Chapter proceedings of 1886.)

Signed,

A. S. WRIGHT,
D. C. PURINTON,
E. H. STRAHAN,
Committee.

The Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the

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Worthy Grand Matron and Patron for division and reference, submitted the following report:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee to whom was referred the addresses of of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron for division and reference, would submit the following:

That so much of the addresses as refers to decisions, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to a fund for assisting in establishing a Masonic Home be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of Worthy Grand Matron and Patron's address as refers to installation of officers of Hayward Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to Associate Conductress of Grace Chapter, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to Special Dispensation to Queen Esther Chapter to elect and install two officers after the regular election, and to Oriental Chapter for special election of candidates, be approved.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Patron's address as relates to the publishing of the Digest be approved.

That so much of his address as refers to section 9, of Rules and Regulations, be referred to the careful consideration of this Grand Chapter.

That so much of his address as refers to three copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter being sent to each subordinate be approved.

That so much of his address as refers to dispensations granted for new Chapters, be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much of his address as refers to approval of By-Laws of Hayward Chapter be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of his address as refers to furniture, etc., of Ivanhoe Chapter be referred to same Committee.

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That so much as refers to the instituting Chapters be approved.

That so much as refers to St. Clair Chapter under dispensation, be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much as relates to the *Weekly Free Mason* be referred to the careful consideration of all members of the order.

That so much as relates to his interrogatories be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

MRS. E. J. BARBER,
MRS. J. S. CONOVER,
R. C. HATHEWAY.

On motion of Brother Severance the report as read was accepted and adopted.

Motion prevailed.

Motion by Sister Barber that the special business for this evening be the exemplification of the work by the Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

This being the special time set for the exemplification of the work of the order, the Grand Officers proceeded to the work by initiating an actual candidate, Mrs. M. F. Palmer, of Grand Rapids, which was performed in a very impressive manner, accompanied with appropriate music.

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Brother Taylor, of Ionia, being called, recited a poem entitled, "The Mason's Goat."

Miss A. B. Smith recited a poem entitled, "Jeptha's Daughter, or the Maid of Mizpah." A very interesting piece, well rendered.

The Committee on Dispensations, Charters and Returns submitted the following report:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations respectfully submit the following report: Returns from

Coldwater Chapter No. 3, correct; no seal.
Olive Branch No. 4, correct; no seal.
Leslie No. 6, correct; no seal.
Hastings No. 7, correct, no seal.
Quincy No. 12, correct; no seal.
Grand Ledge No. 14, correct; no seal.
Middleville No. 17, correct.
Sharon, No. 20, $1.00 overpaid.
Olivet No. 24, correct.
Union, No. 27, correct; no seal.
Burr Oak No. 28, correct.
Williamston, No. 29, correct; no seal.
DeWitt No. 30, correct.
Laurel No. 31, correct; no seal.
Oriental No. 32, correct; no seal.
Kedron No. 33, correct; no seal.
Queen Esther No. 35, correct.
Hayward No. 37, correct; no seal. Thirty names not reported in account of work.
Eureka No. 38, correct; no seal.

Your Committee have also examined the report of work, the by-laws and records submitted to them from Chapters under dispensation, and would report thereon as follows:

The by-laws of Grace Chapter at Omer and Star of Bethlehem Chapter at Holland, provide for two regular meetings each month, the laws of our order permitting but one. We recommend that they make the necessary changes in that

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respect in their by-laws, and that charters be granted as follows: To Evergreen Chapter as No. 39; Star of Bethlehem as No. 40; Grace as No. 41; Big Rapids as No. 42; Alma as No. 43; H. C. Kimball as No. 44; Arbutus as No. 45.

All the Chapters under dispensation except Alma, Arbutus and H. C. Kimball report officers elected just previous to this meeting. Your Committee would call attention to the fact that no Chapter under dispensation elects officers.

Sharon Chapter No. 20 reports two regular meetings each month. We recommend that they be instructed to change their by-laws in that respect, to conform to the laws of the order, and that a new charter be granted Kedron Chapter without charge, to replace the one burned.

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. CONOVER,
S. L. MARSH,
M. C. PLUMB.
Committee.

On motion of Brother Hutchinson, the report was accepted and adopted.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called the Grand Chapter from labor until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, 9:30 A. M.

The Worthy Grand Matron called the Grand Chapter t labor and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to report as follows:

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That a Chapter under dispensation has no right to elect officers before a charter is granted, as provided for in section 3, article 10 of Constitution.

That the officers of Hayward Chapter No. 37 were not legally installed until such installation was performed by Brother Waterbury, Worthy Grand Patron. But if there was any official business transacted previous, we recommend that this Grand Chapter make such transactions valid.

That this Grand Chapter has no right or title in the furniture of Ivanhoe Chapter or any other subordinate Chapter after they surrender their charter. Amended so as to read *all* right *and* title.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to the Associate Conductress of Grace Chapter, be sustained.

That the by-laws of Hayward Chapter No. 37 be approved as corrected by the Worthy Grand Patron.

That this Grand Chapter concur in the removal of Laurel Chapter No. 34 to their new hall, which they have done without the permission of the Worthy Grand Matron, but that the Worthy Grand Patron be sustained in his action.

That the following answers be attached to the interrogatories in the address of the Worthy Grand Patron.

First. Yes.

Second. Does not sustain same relationship by law, therefore cannot become a member.

Third. All official papers.

Fifth. Yes.

C. R. HUTCHINSON,
MRS. T. PHILLIPS,
MRS. FRANKIE KENT,
Committee.

On motion of Brother Hatheway, the report was received, to be taken up *seriatim*.

After being amended in regard to title of furniture of de funct Chapters as above stated,

On motion of Brother Conover the report was adopted.

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The Committee on Pay Roll submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Pay Roll would respectfully report:

GRAND OFFICERS.

	MILES.	AM'T.
Worthy Grand Matron	—	—
Worthy Grand Patron	34	$2 72
Worthy Grand Associate Matron	21	1 68
Worthy Grand Associate Patron	8	64
Worthy Grand Secretary	31	2 48
Worthy Grand Treasurer	100	8 00
Worthy Grand Conductress	—	—
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress	89	7 12
Worthy Grand Adah	157	12 56
Worthy Grand Ruth	130	10 40
Worthy Grand Esther	31	2 48
Worthy Grand Martha	100	8 00
Worthy Grand Electa	166	13 57
Worthy Grand Warder	—	—
Worthy Grand Marshall	137	10 96
Worthy Grand Chaplain	132	10 96

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister D. A. Merrill	130	10 40
Sister M. A. Watrous	132	10 56
Sister B. R. Rose	31	2 48
Sister E. J Barber	81	2 48
Sister M. C. Griswold	21	1 68
Sister H. L. Anthony	100	8 00
Sister D. P. Purinton	130	10 40
Brother B. R. Rose	31	2 48
Brother W. H. Severance	21	1 68
Brother J. S. Conover	130	10 40

DELEGATES

Coldwater No. 3, J. S. Conover	130	10 40
Olive Branch No. 4, Sister L. S. Putney, proxy	100	8 00
Leslie No. 6, Brother E. C. Aldrich, proxy	89	7 12
Hastings No. 7, Sister T. Phillips, proxy	31	2 48
Quincy No. 12, Sister S. M. Throop, Worthy Matron	137	10 96
Grand Ledge 14, F. A. Kent, Worthy Matron	60	4 80
Middleville No. 17, Sister M. E. Geer, Worthy Matron	21	1 68
Sharon No. 20, Mrs. S. J. Gould, Worthy Matron	132	10 56
Ivy Leaf No. 22, Sister Eliza Phenecia, Worthy Matron	148	11 48

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Olivet No. 25, Sister M. C. Plumb Worthy Matron...	69	5 52
Union No, 27, Sister A. S. Blake, Worthy Matron....	8	64
Burr Oak No. 28, Sister J. Gibson, Worthy Matron	112	8 96
Williamston No. 29, Sister A. J. Vannetter, Worthy Matron	87	6 96
Dewitt No. 30, Sister C. M. Jayne, Worthy Matron	73	5 84
Laurel No, 31, Sister C. M. Putnam, Worthy Matron	44	3 44
Kedron No. 33, Sister L. Hankeson, Worthy Matron	169	13 52
Queen Esther No. 35, Sister M. D. Stone, Worthy Matron	34	2 72
Hayward No. 37, Sister A. B. Smith, Worthy Matron...	157	12 56
Eureka No. 38, Sister J. R. Mansfield, Worthy Matron	70	5 60

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BROTHER W. H. SEVERANCE,
SISTER M. A. WATROUS,
SISTER L. E. KIMBALL,
Committee.

On motion of Brother Day the report of the Committee was accepted and adopted.

Brother Hutchinson offered the following resolution:

That all Worthy Matrons and Patrons whose names appear on the Charters granted at this session who are present, be installed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Motion lost.

Resolved, that the subordinate Chapters be recommended to use the Eastern Star department of the Michigan *Free Mason* as a medium of communication between Chapter and members.

Motion prevailed.

AFTERNOON SESSION 1:30 P. M.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called the Grand Chapter from labor until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The following resolution was offered by Brother J. S. Conover:

WHEREAS, the Worthy Grand Patron did, on the 18th day of January, last, deputize Sister Mansfield to install the offi-

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cers of Eureka Chapter, U. D., she never having been installed as Matron, and

WHEREAS, said Eureka Chapter has completed the year's work without knowledge of such irregularity, therefore

Resolved, that the installation aforesaid be hereby legalized by this Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed.

Motion of Sister Rose that members present receiving charters at this session be allowed to vote in the Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed.

Brother C. R. Hutchinson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that the secretary of each subordinate Chapter send notice of all suspensions or expulsions to the Grand Secretary at once, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to report the same to all subordinate Chapters every three months.

Brother Conover offered the following resolution:

That the Constitution, Digest, Rules and Regulations as reprinted by Brothers Waterbury and Hatheway be adopted with this alteration. Page 19; Can a member retain his or her place in the Chapter who has become an infidel since joining the order? The Worthy Grand Matron in 1883 decided he can; this Grand Chapter says he cannot.

Adopted unanimously.

Resolution by Brother R. C. Hatheway:

That there may not be any further confusion of the subject of demits, I offer the following resolution:

Resolved, A Chapter may grant a demit to a member in good standing and clear of the books.

Adopted.

Resolution by Brother R. C. Hatheway:

That confusion may not arise from the following subject, once introduced into this body, I offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it is one of the Landmarks and fundamental

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principles of this order that all candidates for its privileges must signify a belief in the existence of a Supreme being, therefore be it hereby

Resolved, that any member of this order should not retain his or her place or membership in the Chapter, who has become an infidel since joining the Chapter.

Adopted.

Brother Hatheway introduced the following:

Add to instructions for instituting new Chapters, after the word "work" in 2d line of 3d clause, the words "and see them do all the work."

Amend section 2, article 7, of Constitution so it will read and stand in place of said section 2: A Chapter at its annual election of officers, may elect a representative to attend the following annual meeting of the Grand Chapter if neither delegate can attend; and each delegate may appoint a proxy to represent her or himself at such meeting, and every such representative and proxy shall be a member of the Chapter so represented and must present a certificate of such election and appointment, duly authenticated by the secretary of such Chapter.

Amend section 1, article 8 of Constitution by adding after the word "proxy" in 7th line (in parenthesis) the words: "who must be a Past Matron or Patron; and after the word order in 9th line, place a period and end the sentence; and in place of the word "to" in same line commence a new sentence with "she may."

Amend section 6, article 8, of Constitution by adding after the word "time" in the 6th line, the word: presenting; and after the word "the" in the 7th line, the words: "Grand Matron."

Amend section 2, article 10 of the Constitution by adding thereto: "and the installing officer of any such new Chapter should see the same duly and properly opened and closed and the work exemplified by such new officers."

Amend section 3, article 10 of the Constituton by adding after the word "except" in second line the words: "granting demits and"—.

The foregoing amendments were all accepted and laid over to the next session for action.

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Brother Hutchinson moved as follows:

That the Worthy Grand Patron be paid $15.00 for services rendered in re-printing Constitution, Rules and Regulations.

Motion prevailed.

Motion by Sister Barber:

That three o'clock this afternoon be made special hour for election of officers.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of T. Phillips orders were drawn as follows to be returned to Chapters that had overpaid:

H. C. Kimball Chapter, $7.00; Sharon Chapter $1.00; Hayward Chapter, $1.00.

Motion prevailed.

The Worthy Grand Matron appointed as committee to receive invitations to entertain Grand Chapter, Sisters H. L. Anthony, D. C. Purinton and Brother B. R. Rose.

Sister M. C. Griswold, Past Worthy Grand Matron was announced as having been appointed as Worthy Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California, Illinois, New Jersey, Indiana and Nebraska near the Grand Chapter of Michigan, was escorted to the East and received with the Grand Honors.

Motion of Brother Conover that that part of Worthy Grand Patron's address which was referred to the Grand Chapter for their action be laid on the table until next meeting of Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed.

Sister Olin moved that pages be set apart in the proceedings in memoriam of our esteemed dead.

Motion prevailed.

The Worthy Grand Secretary read his report as follows:

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To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Grand Secretary would respectfully submit the following report:

Oct, 18, To profits on two Rituals	$ 50
Nov. 10, To profits on 3 Rituals	75
Nov. 18, To profits on 1 Ritual	25
Nov. 21, To profits on 3 Rituals	75
Dec. 15 To profits on 4 Rituals	1 00
Dec, 16, Dispensation Star of Bethlehem	8 50
Feb. 8, To profits on 16 Rituals to date	4 00
Feb. 14, Cash of Grand Treasurer	11 00
March 7, Dispensation St. Clair	8 50
March 7. Dispensation Evergreen	8 50
March 7, To profits on 6 Rituals.	1 50
April 10, Dispensation Big Rapids	8 50
May 10, Dispensation Arbutus	8 50
May 12. Dispensation Alma	8 50
August 16, Cash of Hesperia (due last October charter.	5 00
August 16, To profits on 13 Rituals	3 35
August 16, To cash of Sister LaTour, 6 copies proceedings	60
September 14, Dues Hayward No. 37	44 50
September 19, Dues Sharon No. 20	21 25
September 21, Dues Eureka No. 38	16 50
September 21, For charter Evergreen U. D.	5 00
September 27, To profits on 15 Rituals to date	3 75
October 1, Dues Leslie No 6	9 75
October 1, Dues Dewitt No. 30	14 75
October 3, Dues Laurel No. 31.	12 75
October 4, Dues Olivet No. 34.	9 00
October 4, Union No. 27.	11 25
October 5, Burr Oak No. 28	11 25
October 5, Dues Burr Oak No. 28 (balance last year)	1 00
October 5, Dues Quincy No. 12	14 75
October 5, Charter H. C. Kimball	5 00
October 6, Dues Middleville No. 17	15 50
October 6, Dues Queen Esther No. 35	21 50
October 6, Dues Olive Branch No. 4	15 75
October 6, Dues Hastings No. 7	26 25
October 7, Dues Kedron No. 33	17 00
October 8, Dues Oriental No. 32	35 00
October 10, Profits on 9 Rituals H. C. Kimball	2 25
October 12, Dues Coldwater No. 3	34 75
October 12, Dues Grand Ledge No. 14	8 50
October 12, Charter fee Star of Bethlehem, U. D.	5 00
October 12, Charter fee Alma, U. D.	5 00
October 12, Profits on Rituals	25
October 12, Charter fee Arbutus, U. D.	5 00
October 12, Charter fee Grace, U. D.	5 00
October 12. Dues Williamston No. 29	10 50
Total	474 35

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By paid for printing proceedings	28 00
Total	446 35
October 13, To Dues Ivy Leaf No. 22	12 25
Total paid Grand Treasurer (for which I hold her receipt)	458 60

H. C. Kimball Chapter, U. D sent the Grand Secretary $12.00 intending $5.00 for Charter. As no dues are due from Chapters U. D., it is necessary to refund to them $7.00.

Yours Fraternally,

T. PHILLIPS, Worthy Grand Secretary.

The Worthy Grand Secretary was allowed the account of $15.07 for postage, exchange, etc., for the year.

The Worthy Grand Treasurer read her report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your retiring Grand Treasurer would respectfully submit the following report:

To cash on hand last session	$67 32
Received from Grand Secretary	458 60
Total	525 02
By paid for printing proceedings	11 00
By paid orders this session	374 60
By cash on hand	140 32
Total	525 92

Very Respectfully Submitted,

MRS. E. L. PENDLETON, Worthy Grand Treasurer.

The Committee on Finance, Ways and Means submitted the following report:

To the Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means would re-

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spectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Worthy Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Treasurer, and find them correct as follows:

Your Worthy Grand Secretary has received from all sources, as per report, $458.60 which has been duly turned over to the Worthy Grand Treasurer.

The Worthy Grand Treasurer's report shows total receipts including cash on hand last report, $525.92 which has been disbursed as follows:

Paid for printing, $11.00; paid orders as per report, $374.60; cash on hand, $140.32; total, $525.92.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER B. R. ROSE,
SISTER L. W. SPRAKER,
BROTHER DAN W. SAWYER,
Committee.

The election of Grand Officers resulted as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron—Sister A. A. Matteson, Middleville.

Worthy Grand Patron—Brother C. Waterbury, Ionia.

Worthy Grand Associate Matron—Sister O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids.

Worthy Grand Associate Patron—Brother Dan W. Sawyer, Quincy.

Worthy Grand Secretary—Brother T. Phillips, Hastings.

Worthy Grand Treasurer—Sister E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. State of Michigan:

Your Committee appointed to receive invitations to entertain the Grand Chapter at our next session would respectfull report that they have received but two; one from Grand Ledge and one from Caro, and your Committee have selected

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Grand Ledge as the next place of holding the next Grand Chapter.

BROTHER B. R. ROSE,
SISTER H. L. ANTHONY,
SISTER D. C. PURINTON,

On motion the report was accepted and adopted.

The Grand Chapter was called from labor until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION, 7:30 P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron and prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

The Committee on Appeals and Greivances report as follows:

That there has been no appeals or greivances presented to them for consideration. Peace and harmony seem to prevail within our borders.

BROTHER LOREN DAY,
SISTER A. B. SMITH,
SISTER M. C. GRISWOLD,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Sister S. L. Marsh, Committee on Foreign Correspondence read her report, and on motion of Brother Conover it was accepted and adopted and ordered printed in the proceedings. [*See Appendix.*]

Motion prevailed.

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Motion by Brother Hatheway:

That hereafter the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be printed with the proceedings without reading.

Motion prevailed.

Brother Waterbury offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that this Grand Chapter extend a vote of thanks to the officers and members of Oriental Chapter No. 32 for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained not only the Past and Present Grand Officers and delegates from subordinate Chapters, but all members and visitors from said Chapters. They have done themselves great credit, and the Grand Chapter desires to have Oriental Chapter feel that we appreciate their kindness; also,

Resolved, that we extend a vote of thanks to Dewitt Clinton Consistory and DeMolia Commandery for their kindness in permitting the Grand Chapter O. E. S. to occupy their beautiful rooms, probably the finest in the state, for our use during our protracted meeting. We shall ever entertain the most profound respect for their generosity, as nothing but a chivalric spirit could dictate such magnanimity; also,

Resolved, that we extend a vote of thanks to O-wash-tenong boat club for their kindness in allowing the Grand Chapter to visit their beautiful rooms and apartments. Time and space will not permit of a detailed statement of the arrangements we found, but suffice to say we hesitated to depart when time was called.

On motion of Sister Conover the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Motion by Brother Severance that the Worthy Grand Secretary be paid $50.00 for services during the year.

Motion prevailed.

Brother Severance offered the following:

Resolved, that an order be drawn in favor of Brother Holcomb, Worthy Grand Sentinel, for five dollars, as a slight renumeration for the efficient services which he has so cheerfully rendered for the comfort of this Grand body during the present session.

Motion was unanimously adopted.

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The Grand officers elected and appointed were duly installed into the several offices named:

Worthy Grand Matron—Sister Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville.

Worthy Grand Patron—Brother Chauncey Waterbury, Ionia.

Worthy Grand Associate Matron—Sister Mrs. O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids.

Worthy Grand Associate Patron—Brother Dan W. Sawyer, Quincy.

Worthy Grand Secretary—Brother T. Phillips, Hastings.

Worthy Grand Treasurer—Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, Sturgis.

Worthy Grand Conductress—Sister Mrs. F. J. Gunnison, DeWitt.

Worthy Grand Associate Conductress—J. S. Conover, Coldwater.

Worthy Grand Adah—Sister Mrs. E. Finn, Quincy.

Worthy Grand Ruth—Sister Mrs. Kate A. Spring, Lansing.

Worthy Grand Esther—Sister Mrs. J. W. McPherson, Detroit.

Worthy Grand Martha—Sister Mrs. C. M. Putnam, Nashville.

Worthy Grand Electa—Sister Mrs. D. W. Rupert, Sturgis.

Worthy Grand Warder—Sister Mrs. Mary A. Dowling, South Bay City.

Worthy Grand Sentinel—Brother Jacob DeWitt, Grand Ledge.

Worthy Grand Chaplain—Brother B. S. Pratt, Grand Ledge.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Sister Mrs. Eliza J. Barber, Hastings.

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The installation was performed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mrs. M. M. Parsons, Sister Mrs. S. L. Marsh acting as Worthy Grand Marshal, assisted by Sister Mrs. B. R. Rose. After listening to a beautiful duet rendered by members of Oriental Chapter.

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form to meet in Grand Ledge, Michigan, on the second Wednesday in October, 1888, at 12 o'clock M.

T. PHILLIPS, Worthy Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues to Grand Chapter.
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	Sis. J. S. Conover	Sis. Fannie Rose	12		2	6			127	$34 75
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis	Sis. D. W. Rupert	Bro. C Jacobs	3		2				60	15 75
Leslie	6	Leslie	Sis. Mary J. Aldrich				10				39	9 75
Hastings	7	Hastings	Sis. B. R. Rose	Sis. A. Blinston	3	1	1	2			100	26 25
Quincy	12	Quincy	Sis. Sara M. Throop	Sis. J. Cole	5			2			55	14 75
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	Sis. Frankie A. Kent	Sis. N. E. Byxbe	4				1		30	8 50
Middleville	17	Middleville	Sis. M. E. Geere	Bro. G. W. Matteson			5	2			62	15 50
Sharon	20	South Bay City.	Sis. S. J. Gould	Sis. Louisa Teall	8		2	4	1		73	20 25
Ivy Leaf	22	California	Sis. Eliza Phenecia	Bro. J. H. Hall			2	4			43	12 25
Olivet	24	Olivet	Sis. M. C. Plumb	Bro. O. J. Chappel			3				36	9 00
Union	27	Grandville	Sis. W. C. Ball	Sis. Fannie Day	6						39	11 25
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	Sis. J. Gibson	Bro. H. Robinson			2	5			45	12 25
Williamston	29	Williamston	Sis. A. J. Vannetter	Bro. E. A. Robinson	1		4				41	10 50
DeWitt	30	DeWitt	Sis. L. M. Payne	Bro. Mark T Woodruff	5		2	4	2		54	14 75
Laurel	31	Nashville	Sis. C. M. Putnam	Sis. Emma M. Fitch	2		3	14			49	12 75
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	Sis. T. W. Strahan	Sis. L. L. Carle	29		1				111	35 00
Kedron	33	Caro	Sis. Isabella Street	Sis. Anna Slaght	3						65	17 00
Queen Esther	35	Ionia	Sis Mary D. Stone	Sis. L. E. Kimball	10						79	21 25
Hayward	37	Detroit	Sis. A. B. Smith	Sis. L. J. LaTour	53		1		3		125	43 50
Eureka	38	Hesperia	Sis. J. R. Mansfield	Sis. Clara M. Carbine	9						57	16 50
Evergreen	U. D.	West Branch	Sis. Addie Kurn	Sis. L. Polhemus	47						47	
Star of Bethlehem	U. D.	Holland	Sis. Geo. Foster	Sis. Christine Herold	37						37	
Grace	U. D.	Omer	Sis. Mary F. Decker	Bro. J. H. Belknap	43						43	
Big Rapids	U. D.	Big Rapids	Sis. E. P. Clark	Bro. M. D. Carlisle	47						47	
Alma	U. D.	Alma	Sis. Anna Messenger	Bro. A. S. Adams	29						29	
H. C. Kimball	U. D.	Iron Mountain, U. P.	Sis. C. F. Ingraham	Bro. M. Flaherty	28						28	
Arbutus	U. D.	Lansing	Sis. Irma T. Jones	Sis. Helen J. Briggs	19						19	
					403	1	40	43	7		1760	$361 50

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In Memoria.

Sister FRANKIE BATEMAN,
Died March 24, 1887.
A member of Sharon Chapter, No. 25.

Sister HATTIE HERRING,
Died March 8, 1887.
A member of Haywood Chapter, No. 37.

Brother OVID N. CASE,
Died December 24, 1886.
A member of Haywood Chapter, No. 37.

Sister CHARLOTTE WILSON,
Died July 8, 1887.
A member of Haywood Chapter, No. 37.

Sister FRANCIS M. KENT,
Died April 26, 1887.
A member of Grand Ledge Chapter, No. 14.

Sister CELIA WHITE,
Died December 29, 1886.
A member of DeWitt Chapter, No. 30.

Brother GEORGE P. REED,
Died November 11, 1886.
A member of DeWitt Chapter, No. 30.

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APPENDIX.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

It has been the pleasant duty of your correspondent to review the following proceedings of the Grand Chapters received from the different states—Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Vermont.

ARKANSAS.

The eleventh annual communication of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Arkansas, convened in Masonic hall, Russellville, October 19, 1886. Present seven Grand Officers and seven pro tem. four Past Patrons and one Past Matron.

The Grand Chapter was opened in due form with music, and prayer by the Worthy Grand Patron. At call of roll it was found there were nine Chapters and one U. D. represented.

The Representative of the Grand Chapters of Illinois, Iowa and Kansas near the Grand Chapter of Arkansas—Sister S. Alice Cox—was received with the Grand Honors and invited to a seat in the East.

The Grand Patron, who was not able to be present at the session, sent his address and report of his official work. The past year has been an uneventful one for the Order in that state, but believes it to be on a firmer footing than ever before; thinks "it is the every day sunshine, the silent dews, and the refreshing rain that bring peace and prosperity, instead of the sudden and startling events which for the time captivate and amaze, but which generally end in disaster and defeat. The tempest, the tornado and the earthquake, however grand, are but destroying elements."

During the year he has visited several Chapters and granted dispensations to eight new chapters.

The Grand Matron's first official work was to appoint three district deputies for the purpose of visiting and advancing the Order in different parts of the state Granted dispensation to organize one new Chapter, making nine during the year, and two old ones revived. This certainly shows the order to be advancing

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in Arkansas, notwithstanding the seeming lack of interest shown by the Grand officers. We note but one member of the Star present that was appointed by the Grand Matron at the close of last session, and too many places among the elective offices that had to be supplied. She has arrested the Charter of one Chapter—cause, removal of members, want of interest and a failure to meet when ordered to do so. One Chapter surrendered its charter; cause—the brothers would not attend. Answered several questions and believes where we have no law governing a case, that the laws and usages of the Masonic fraternity must be complied with.

Under remarks of the good of the order, she says to the Worthy Matrons: See that the Ritual work be closely carried out without inovation. No officers should should be put into office if they have not pride enough to learn their parts and qualify themselves for any office within the gift of the Order. Recommends that each member memorizes the obligation, some one repeating it at each meeting before the Chapter, and appointing two each meeting to go through the eseteric work until every member is proficient in it.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of $260.69. Total membership 1,700 James M. Harkey, Worthy Grand Patron: Mrs. S. Alice Cox, Worthy Grand Matron; J. C. Higgs, Worthy Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of California commenced its fourteenth annual session in Laurel hall, in the City of San Francisco, October 18, 1886, at 10 o'clock A. M.

In the absence of the Worthy Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron, the Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron, Abbie E. Wood. Past Worthy Grand Patron G. H. Hob in the Worthy Grand Patron's chair. Several vacancies filled by appointment, and nine Past Grand Officers present.

The Grand Matron's first official work was to revive the Districts and appoint the Deputy Grand Matrons. This work in California is important and contains much valuable information and interest to those who have the good fortune to read their proceedings. The Worthy Grand Matron personally made fifteen official visits, not one of these visits being made without being reminded of the "great work we do, and the good that will come to us through the Order, if we will permit it." She speaks of the lovely floral decorations of different Chapter rooms. Says: picture to yourselves Adah's sword, Ruth's sheaf, Esther's crown, Martha's broken column, Electa's cup, the cabalistic word and many other emblems, all full size, and even the floor-star composed of the choicest flowers, filling the air with delightful fragrance.

There is no address from the Worthy Grand Patron, he not being present at the session, but we find he granted six dispensations for new Chapters.

The statistics show 546 initiations: total membership 4,585; balance in treasury, $1,310.75. John Nellis Young, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Mary B. Moore, Worthy Grand Matron: Mrs. Kate J. Willots, Worthy Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The thirteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Connecticut, was held in Odd Fellows' hall, Hartford, on Wednesday, October 18, 1886.

The Grand officers were all present but Grand Martha. There were fourteen Chapters and three U. D. represented by eighty-five representatives.

The Worthy Grand Matron's address gives her official visits as very pleasant, and finds the Chapters mostly in prosperous condition; still thinks there is room

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for improvement, and suggests a little more caution in the choice of chief officers, striving to elect those that love our order, and are competent to preside at the meetings.

The Grand Patron gives an account of his official visits, and has granted dispensations for two new Chapters.

The statistics show sixty-three initiated; total number of members 1384; balance in treasury $166.97. Miss Helen E. Battey, Worthy Grand Matron; J. M. Page, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Francis R. Martin, Worthy Grand Secretary. The correspondent reviews eleven proceedings, Michigan among the number.

INDIANA.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of this State was held in Masonic Temple, Indianapolis, beginning April 13th, 1887.

The Grand officers were nearly all present, also several Past Grand officers Honorary members, Addie C. T. Engle, Past Grand Matron, of Connecticut, and many visitors from the different Chapters of the State.

The report of the committee on credentials shows thirty-three Chapters represented.

The Grand Patron, in his address, is pleased and gratified to report the order in a prosperous condition. New constellations have been added which will become bright lights.

We quote his remarks from the most worshipful Grand Master of Indiana who is a member of our Order, andafter the close of iniation ceremonies was called upon, and in a happy way complimented the impressive manner in which the work was rendered, but took serious exceptions to the remarks of the Worthy Matron, when she announced that the Eastern Star, though closely related to the Masonic Fraternity, was no part of that ancient,institution, claiming that this Order, in his estimation, was becoming quite an important part of the Masonic institution; that his observations were that it had been and is now, of incalculable value to the craft, and thought it to be the duty of every good Mason to encourage this Order.

The Grand Matron, as is the custom in this State, has accomplished a large mount of work. Visited thirty Chapters, traveled over four thousand miles and corresponded with every Chapter in the Jurisdiction, and closes with a prayer to God that the Eastern Star may ever retain its present grand and noble position, and the virtues taught from its central Star may continue to shine clear as the noon day sun, so long as there is a tear to dry or a home to comfort.

The correspondent thinks so long a time is allowed to pass before the proceedings of Michigan are printed, that he wonders they are issued at all, but *we* believe it is better late than never.

Mrs. Carrie M. Fanning, Butler, Worthy Grand Matron; Edwin D. Palmer, Richmond, Worthy Grand Patron; William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Worthy Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

This report we always take up with great pleasure, for we are always sure to find good things, and much to learn from them.

The Grand Chapter of this State convened in its twelfth annual session, at Chicago, Oct. 5th., 1886, with Sister Jennie A. Walker, Worthy Grand Matron, and presiding officers. Several Past Grand officers being present were invited to seats in the east.

After the appointments of the several committees the Grand Matron read her

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address. She notes one broken link in the Grand Chapter chain, and 22 deaths among the different Chapters. Surely the messenger of death is abroad, gathering one here and another there to complete the circle above. Among the visits made she speaks of her visit to the Grand Chapter of Michigan, in company with the most Worthy Grand Matron, Jennie E. Matthews. There are none of us who had the good fortune to be present at that grand session but will remember the great pleasure and pleasant surprise this visit gave us; the interchange of thought and feeling and the suggestions given upon different points, we shall always remember with great good to ourselves.

The year has been a busy one for our sister. She has visited 23 Chapters, traveling 6,033 miles; also visited two Grand Chapters; one in California and the General Grand Chapter. She offered several recommendations and made some decisions. Among them, that the action of a Chapter demits a member whether they receive a demit or not. Also a Master Mason who is not a member of the Eastern Star, cannot be appointed Sentinel. We endorse that decission. Also that the installation of the officers of a Chapter is legal when the Marshal is a demitted member.

We find in the correspondents report that they feel Michigan takes a broader view in regard to the eligibility of the half-sister of the Master Masons, to the degrees of the Eastern Star, which decission was given by our Grand Matron, and recommended its adoption by the Jurisprudence committee. Another decision made by the Grand Chapter of Michigan is, that it was decided long ago that the legally adopted daughters of Master Masons are entitled to the degrees of our Order.

The Grand Patron gives as his opinion one great reason of the success of the Order in that State is the manner in which the circular authorized by that Grand body was received, and the support and sanction given by the Grand Master who was a member of the O. E. S. and cheerfully commended it to the craft.

Thirteen new Chapters added to the roll, being the largest number reported at any Grand session. He urges upon them the interest of Orphan's Home, and gives it, that the home is an established fact. And as recognition of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Patron was elected a member of its Board of Trustees.

The Treasurer's report shows $1,025.00 expended, leaving a balance of $928.69. Sopha C. Scott, Worthy Grand Matron; J. E. Pettibone, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary A. Beal, Worthy Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The ninth annual session of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star was held in Des Moines, Iowa, beginning June 3, 1886, was opened in due form by the Worthy Grand Matron as presiding officer. Grand officers all present.

The Worthy Grand Patron gives a very interesting and pleasant history of the Order in that state. The Grand Chapter was organized July 30, 1878, in Masonic hall at Cedar Rapids. There were twelve persons present who had received the degrees of the Order in Chapters holding Macoy charters Although the Grand Chapter started with but few members, it has rapidly increased in numbers and interest. It will be remembered that Iowa has been represented in the General Grand Chapter by Sister Jennie E. Matthews as Right Worthy Grand Matron.

The Worthy Grand Matron's address is good, gives several decisions, has visited several Chapters throughout the state and carried on an extensive correspondence. In speaking of the loved and lost, she says: "Man's hopes may sometimes fall, his affections be blighted, but like the fallen leaves, and the broken branches, they.

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too, shall feed and fertilize the soil from which they spring. To-day's emotions may die as do the blossoms of the flowers, and this tribute of respect will even fall from memory's grasp; but acts and deeds of kindness are the scaffolding on which we build the inner temple of the soul. The destroyer has invaded, and ten links of the golden chain have fallen away in death."

Twenty-one Chapters were represented by forty-one representatives. Michigan receives notice by the correspondent.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Worthy Grand Matron; Sabert M. Casey, Worthy Grand Patron; Eugene B. Dyke, Worthy Grand Secretary.

The tenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa met in the City of Davenport, June 7, 1887, called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. H. A. Escanbrack, with fifteen Grand Officers present.

The Worthy Grand Patron then gave his address. He advances the idea which we like very much, that all secretaries be instructed to send a copy of the proceedings to Grand Officers where it is not the custom, thus enabling the officers to better perform the duties of their respective offices, by having for reference the proceedings from different states, believing the wise decisions of other Grand Chapters may thus be taken advantage of to guide aright the cause our own Chapter, and thus bring about a uniformity of work. He says Iowa with its 1,786 members, ranks fourth in membership; California, Illinois and Kansas only outrank. The Worthy Grand Matron recommends that some means be adopted and enforced to cause the work to be committed by the several officers. In brief, more money and more mental energy are required to develop this Order and raise it to the position its merits deserve..

We smile as we read the remarks of the correspondent as he closes his review, and wonder who is doing a little bragging now; and think it is well for you my brother that you claim for the sisters of Iowa that they are not on trial.

Secretary's report shows number of members January 1st, 1.882. Balance in treasury, $861.30. Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, Worthy Grand Matron: A. J. Jackson, Worthy Grand Patron, Eugene B. Dyke, Worthy Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The eleventh annual meeting of this Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was held at No. 730 Washington street, Boston, May 10th, 1887. At roll call it was found fifteen Chapters were represented.

The Worthy Grand Matron, after announcing the credential, finance and jurisprudence committees, read her address, beginning with a welcome to this their first meeting in good old Boston. She has visited during the year, all the Chapters but three; reports a marked improvement in the work. Death has also visited this Grand Chapter and called the Worthy Grand Associate Conductress to her home above.

We find the work was not exemplified by the officers of this Grand Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Patron's address covers ten pages, is well written and many good recommendations and a digest of decision, embodied and appended to his address, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence to report upon at the session to be held in 1888.

The Worthy Grand Secretary reports fifteen Chapters which are working and

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holding meetings in the jurisdiction, and two that are not. Total membership 1,291. Cash on hand, $195.75.

Mrs. A. B. Huntress, Worthy Grand Matron; G. C. Fish, Worthy Grand Patron; Daniel Seagrove, Worthy Grand Secretary.

Michigan was remembered by the correspondent.

MINNESOTA.

The eighth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, held in Minneapolis, October 13 and 14, 1886, was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Helen A. Valentine.

The Committee on Credentials report five Chapters represented. Six Past Matrons, four Past Patrons, one Past Grand Matrons and one Past Grand Patron.

We admire the spirit of never-give-up shown by the Grand officers in this jurisdiction, with the adverse winds that have blown upon them for the past year, but congratulate them upon the termination of the trouble that has existed and the manner in which it was adjusted, and presume now all will go smoothly.

Mrs. Charlotte A. Wescott, Worthy Grand Matron; Charles A. Chapman, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, Worthy Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The seventeenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey met in the rooms of Esther Chapter No. 4, 23 and 25 Newark avenue, Jersey City, September 14. Ten Grand Officers present and seven pro tem. Several Past Grand Patrons and Matrons were welcomed and invited to seats in the East.

The Grand Matron reports the Order in a prosperous condition. Granted three special dispensations. No decisions required. Several questions asked; none of importance enough to occupy the attention of the Grand Body. Visited six Chapters; found little to criticise and much to commend.

The Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Associate Patron are both brief; this latter address we do not find practiced in any other state except New York.

Total membership, 389; balance in hands of Treasurer, $100.50.

Augusta M. Ladd, Worthy Grand Matron; William E. Boone, Worthy Grand Patron; Ellen W. Cole, Worthy Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The eighteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of New York was held in the Austin room, Masonic hall, New York City, commencing June 7th, 1887. The Grand Chapter was called to order by Nicholas T. Travis, Right Worthy Grand Marshal, who directed the Right Worthy Grand Associate Conductress to retire and inform the Most Worthy Grand Matron that the Chapter was assembled and awaited her pleasure. She was announced, and accompanied by the Grand officers entered the room and was properly received.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were escorted to the East and received with the Grand Honors. The Most Worthy Grand Matron assumed her station and directed the Grand Officers to resume their several stations. There were present nineteen Grand Officers, Past Matrons and Patrons, and Representatives from 24 Chapters. The Grand Matron congratulates the Grand Body upon the peace and prosperity within its borders. Have issued dispensations to organize four new Chapters, issued several letters of dispensation, and answered a few questions, in company with the Grand Officers made thirteen official visits.

The Grand Patron says though his office has been a subordinate one, it has af-

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forded him much pleasure and benefit. We also read addresses from the Associate Grand Matron and Patron.

Secretary's report shows members initiated during the year, 305; total number 1420; balance in treasury, $478.50. No report of Michigan. Sadie E. McKelvey, Worthy Grand Matron; George W. Decker, Worthy Grand Patron; Christiana Buttrick, Worthy Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of Vermont, held its thirteenth annual session in Northfield, beginning June 2d, 1886. The Committee on Credentials report representatives from eleven Chapters, six Past Grand Officers present, and several visitors from the different Chapters. The Grand Patron is brief, five new Chapters organized, and decided that all who cannot produce a demit or give satisfactory evidence of once having belonged to a Chapter, other than their word, must be admitted in the usual form; also recommends that the State be divided into districts, and deputies appointed.

The Grand Matron says although we are not a Masonic institution, still as we are dependent upon those institutions for our laws, it becomes necessary for Matrons as well as Masters to study those laws. Masons being our neighbors, at east live upon the same "square" are willing to enlighten and assist us as far as governing Masonicly is concerned. Then, if we do our duty, the Matron should make the Chapters what the truly wise Master does the Lodge, a place of intellectual, moral and social enjoyment, a place where members love to congregate, and no one, officer or member, should be indifferent to their duties and responsibilities.

The Grand Secretary gives an extended and thorough account of his stewardship.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance for 1886 of $320.12.

Wm. G. McClintic, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Flora E. Haviland, Worthy Grand Matron; H. L. Stillson, Worthy Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

The eleventh annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, convened in Masonic Hall, Topeka, March 8th, 1887, at 2 o'clock P. M. As is the custom of this state to do everything beautifully, the officers of Beulah Chapter assumed their stations in their lovely decorated home, and the Worthy Matron requested the Conductress and the Associate Conductress to escort the Grand Matron and Patron to the East, where they were welcomed with the Grand Honors. The Worthy Matron then delivered an address of welcome to the Grand delegates present, at the close of which she extended the gavel of authority to the Grand Matron, who having ascertained that a quorum of the Chapters were present by their representatives, proceeded to open the Grand Chapter with eleven Grand officers in their stations, and five pro tem. Several distinguished visitors and Past Grand officers present. There were 25 Chapters and five U. D. represented by eighty-five representatives. The Grand Worthy Matron reports the growth of the Order as rapid as the most eager could desire, and, in her own mind wonders if it has not been more so than desirable; says there have been Chapters within the last two years organized in towns that scarcely support a Masonic Lodge, they go down in two or three years at least. She believes it would be better to organize less and select larger places where they will receive better support. She says, we as representatves of Adoptive Masonry, must seek to build wisely and well. We cannot afford to carry ignorance or lukewarmness, but should seek to

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encourage all intellectual efforts, remembering that knowledge and culture elevates the race, elevates the order, and elevates each individual member. A number of dispensations have been granted and among the decisions there are several questions answered of great interest. And we agree with the Sister that if Worthy Matrons and Patrons would make themselves thoroughly familiar with the constitution, by-laws, and regulations of the Grand Chapter, that it would relieve the Grand Matron of much work, making her correspondence much less. The Grand Matron has written over eight hundred letters, and sent out twenty-one petitions for dispensations.

The Grand Patron's address is full of good things. Thinks the feeling, that the Order of the Eastern Star does not amount to much, by the Masons is being rapidly overcome, and if they had studied the history of the Order, and of Masonry as well as some of the Sisters of this Order, they would not be prejudiced against it. And Sisters, as we all feel and know that the success of our Order depends greatly upon the sympathy of our Masonic Brothers, let us do everything in our power to cultivate and extend our knowledge, so that we may feel competent to stand side by side with the Brothers in the great work we are striving to do. Michigan kindly remember by the correspondent.

Officers elected: Mrs. Rinda E. Cheney, Worthy Grand Matron; R. E. Stevenson, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary C. Tuedden, Worthy Grand Secretary.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The reading of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, gives us much instruction, and is full of interest for all of us. The Grand Patron in his address seem fully to realize that no organization of such magnitude, can be so managed as to avoid unpleasant frictions; and believes through these national meetings, where there is an interchange of views and experiences, lessons may be gained from the past to guide the future interests and welfare of our Order, that having discovered the dangerous rocks and shoals, we may avoid them in the future.

We find the great Central Star around which the lesser lights cluster, and from which should emanate rays to shed beauty over all, has its eclipses and controversies that casts a shadow over its brilliancy. At the same time we are glad to know that all differences are settled, and peace again reigns. These little clouds darken, and are not for the good of our order. And when they emanate from the fountain we loose confidence and regret their occurence.

I have greatly enjoyed the reviewing of the several proceedings that have come to me, and wish it were possible for me to claim the ability and space to bring before this Grand Chapter a great deal more of the ways and doings of other Grand Jurisdictions, the many hints thrown out for the good of our order, and the wise decisions rendered. While I find my own ideas enlarged, and my love for the Order increased. I would be glad to have every one of you enjoy the reading of the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters, but fear the selections I have made will give you a very imperfect idea of the great work being done in the Order and different States; and would like so much that our Grand Officers could attend some of the other State meetings, it would do us good. Let us hope many of us from Michigan may attend the next session of the General Grand Chapter to be held in Indianapolis, October, 1889.

Respectfully Submitted,

SISTER S. L. MARSH,
Committee on Correspondence.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

W. G. Matron—Sister Mrs. A. A. Mattison.....Middleville
W. G. Patron—Brother Chauncey Waterbury.....Ionia
W. G. Asso. Matron—Sis. Mrs. O. L. Davidson.Grand Rapids
W. G. Associate Patron—Brother Dan W. Sawyer..Quincy
W. G. Secretary—Brother T. Phillips.....Hastings
W. G. Treasurer—Sister Mrs. E. L. Pendleton.....Sturgis
W. G. Conductress—Sister Mrs. F. S. Gunnison....DeWitt
W. G. Asso. Conductress—Sister Mrs. J. S. Conover Coldwater
W. G. Adah—Sister Mrs. E. Finn.....Quincy
W. G. Ruth—Sister Mrs. Kate A. Spring.....Lansing
W. G. Esther—Sister Mrs. J. W. McPherson.....Detroit
W. G. Martha—Sister Mrs. C. M. Putnam.....Nashville
W. G. Electa—Sister Mrs. D. W. Rupert.....Sturgis
W. G. Warder—Sister Mrs. M. A. Dowling.South Bay City
W. G. Sentinel—Brother Jacob DeWitt.....Grand Ledge
W. G. Chaplain—Brother B. S. Pratt.....Grand Ledge
Committee on Foreign Correspondence—
Sister Mrs. Eliza J. Barber.....Hastings

SECRETARIES WILL PLEASE READ.

The Secretary of each Chapter will please comply with the following rules:

1. Acknowledge promptly to the Worthy Grand Secretary the receipts of the proceedings sent.
2. Notify the Worthy Grand Secretary promptly of all changes in the office of Secretary.
3. Make your annual returns to the Worthy Grand Secretary before the first day of October, in each year and inclose draft for the amount of dues.

NOTE.—The next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Grand Ledge, October 10th (being the second Wednesday), A. D. 1888, at 12 o'clock M.

T. PHILLIPS,
Worthy Grand Secretary, Hastings, Mich.

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22D ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,

STATE OF MICHIGAN.



ALSO THE

CONSTITUTION, RULES OF ORDER,

Rules and Regulations,

PENAL CODE AND DIGEST.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the 22d Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan.

Masonic Temple, Grand Ledge, Michigan,
Wednesday, October 10, A. D., 1888.

At 12 o'clock, M., the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan, assembled in its 22d annual session, pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter.

There were present:

Sister Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother C. Waterbury, Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Mrs. O. L. Davidson, Worthy Grand Associate Matron.

Brother William H. Severance, as Worthy Grand Associate Patron.

Brother T. Phillips, Worthy Grand Secretary.

Sister E. L. Pendleton, Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Sister F. S. Gunnison, Worthy Grand Conductress.

Sister Mrs. J. S. Conover, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.

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Brother B. S. Pratt, Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Sister Mrs. E. Finn, Worthy Grand Adah.
Sister Mrs. Kate A. Spring, Worthy Grand Ruth.
Sister Mrs. J. W. McPherson, Worthy Grand Esther.
Sister Mrs. C. M. Putnam, Worthy Grand Martha.
Sister Mrs. D. W. Rupert, Worthy Grand Electa.
Sister Mrs. M. A. Dowling, Worthy Grand Warder.
Brother Jacob DeWitt, Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Sister S. L. Marsh, Worthy Grand Marshal.
Sister Eliza J. Barber, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

And sisters and brothers from nearly all of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form with prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Brother B. S. Pratt, of Grand Ledge.

The Worthy Grand Matron then announced as Committee on Credentials, Sisters Strahn and Teall and Brother Severance.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Grand Matron and prayer by Sister Olin.

Brother Jacob DeWitt, Grand Sentinel, never having been installed, was introduced by the Worthy Grand Marshal, and duly installed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister H. A. Kent, of Grand Ledge Chapter, then gave the address of welcome, which is as follows:

To the Worthy Matron, Brothers and Sisters, Greeting:

Once more we are gathered from our various jurisdictions for another session of this Grand Chapter. And in behalf of the Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14, I bid you a most hearty welcome. Welcome not only to our humble little Chapter,

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but to our hearts and homes as well, where I trust you will find warm hospitality. Welcome also to our beautiful little village, the resort of pleasure-seekers from all parts of the state, and we trust that your stay among us may prove mutually pleasant and profitable. But, my friends, we come together not simply for pleasure, to spend a pleasant vacation; we come for work, to devise ways and means for the upbuilding and advancement of our noble Order. We are happy to have you with us, and to listen to these reports of these grand workers, hoping by their encouraging words to be stimulated to greater efforts in behalf of our own home Chapter. We regret that our numbers are so few, but hope that the influence of this grand body may be the means of an increase in our membership. We are often asked the pertinent question, "Of what good is your Order? What is it its object?" and I think it well that we consider whether we are realizing the full measure of our hopes and anticipations.

Ought we not to have an object and an influence in a community which would make that question unnecessary? No two of us possess the same quality of character or thought. The All-wise Father has given to all talents—varying, it is true, but to each He has given an appointed work. One may have the gift of speech, another of song, and others talents equally valuable, but whatever our particular gifts, we should use them as the Good Father intended, and He alone shall measure results. Above all, let us cultivate a spirit of charity one toward another; and may we seek to have perfect harmony in our Subordinate Chapters. May each member feel a personal responsibility and interest in the advancement and perpetuity of our noble cause. I congratulate the Order on the achievements and sucesses of the past, and hope the future may show still more glorious results. Many of us never before had the privilege of meeting in Grand Chapters, and perhaps ere you convene again, some may be called from labor to reward. But we hope to form many pleasant acquaintances, and believe that ties will be woven here that shall be severed only in death.

Once more we bid you welcome, and hope at the close of this session that we all may be able to say, "It is good for us to be here." And when you review this time in the light of memory, may you recall nothing unpleasant from our

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hands, but feel that you have been treated in a true, fraternal manner by every member of this Order. Finally, when our mission on earth shall have been accomplished, our work all done and approved by the Master, may we find abundant entrance into the Grand Chapter above, to go no more out for ever.

Just a few more days of sorrow,
A little more of grief and pain;
Then we'll hear the welcome summons
To reunite again.

There we'll go to meet the Chapter
In the lodge-room up on high;
There never, never more to part,
Nor lisp the sad good-bye.

MRS. H. A. KENT.

Response to address of welcome, by Sister B. R. Rose, of Hastings Chapter, which is as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of this Grand Chapter:

In behalf of the delegates of this grand body, as well as from the depths of my own heart, I thank you for the beautiful words of welcome and the kindly greeting that you have extended to us, we esteem it a great privilege thus to meet you, we have looked forward to this time with bright anticipations. Most of us are strangers, yet we come with hearts filled with love and sympathy for this work, and you have received us as sisters and brothers. We thank you for the warm and generous hospitality you have shown in welcoming us to your beautiful little town, and to your abundant homes.

We are glad to be here, for we need the wholesome excitement of personal exchange of thought, and a renewed inspiration in the Eastern Star work. We feel that we are weak, and our influence may be limited. But the weakest may be of service in this work, for has not God chosen the weak things of this world to confound the things which are mighty. The question is often asked, "What can I do to make this world better?" In our zeal to do some great, grand and good work, let us not forget the little duties and

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friendly courtesies to each other, for even a pleasant smile or a warm clasp of the hand has cheered many a weary one.

We hope that the words of wisdom that we shall gather here may incite us to greater zeal and activity. Let us press forward, hoping that for new difficulties new strength will be given; then shall life be be a joyous pilgrimage. And when our setting sun shall sink beneath the horizon, we shall look back upon the past and hear the soothing whisper that we have not lived in vain. When we shall have passed safe on the other side and seen the King in His beauty, may He say to each and every one of us as He did to Mary, "She hath done what she could."

The Worthy Grand Matron then read her address, which is as follows:

Brothers and Sisters:

Another year has passed, and to-day we meet in our 22d Annual Session. We meet an unbroken band, no link is missing in our golden chain, and for this great blessing let us bow in grateful acknowledgment to Him from whom cometh all wisdom and strength. Although death has not entered the ranks in our Grand Chapter, I doubt not that many in Subordinate Chapters have been called to mourn the loss of loved ones. To all such we extend our heartfelt sympathy, and bid them look for comfort and consolation to the Father who always chasteneth in love.

One has fallen, during the year, whom we cannot pass without an expression of more than ordinary respect and esteem, one whose memory will ever be cherished by all members of the Eastern Star, wheresoever they may be. I refer to Brother Robert Morris, Patriarch of the Order, who died at his home in LaGrange, Kentucky, July 31st, aged seventy years.

Memorial services have been held in nearly all Chapters in the State, but I would further recommend that resolutions on his death be passed at this grand session that shall appear in the proceedings, and that a memorial page be set apart for our distinguished Brother.

Sisters and Brothers, we are about to enter upon the work

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of another year; let us strive to make this session one that shall surely be for the upbuilding of the Order throughout the State. In reviewing the work of the year, let us glean from what we may that has been for our mutual good, correct whatever mistakes that may have occurred, and lay well our plans for the coming year.

In behalf of the Grand Officers I extend to each and all a cordial welcome, and thank you for your attendance, thereby showing your love for, and interest in, our beloved Order.

In accordance with the usual custom I will now give you a report of my official acts:

October 14. Granted a special dispensation for Grace Chapter No. 41, Omer, to elect and install their officers October 23d, and deputized Sister L. A. Teall, Past Matron, of Sharon Chapter, to install the officers.

October 19. I received a letter from the Secretary of Evergreen Chapter No. 39, asking permission to ratify the election of officers held September 12. I wrote them their election was illegal, and ordered a new election for November 14, and deputized Sister L. A. Teall to install the officers the same evening.

October 24. I received a letter from a Past Matron of Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14, inquiring as to the legality of their installation of officers. She did not give date of installation nor other particulars. I therefore wrote to the Secretary of No. 14 a letter of inquiry, and learned that on the evening of October 7, they opened their Chapter and installed their officers, and that not one of the first three officers was present. I then wrote them that the installation was illegal, and referred them to the rules and regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters. I also ordered them to call a meeting for November 23, when I would meet them and install their officers.

November 23. I visited Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14 for the above named purpose, Only six of the officers elect were present, and after talking the matter over with the Grand Patron, who was also present, we decided to continue the old officers until the annual meeting for 1888.

November 1. I granted a special dispensation to Coldwater Chapter, No. 3, to ballot on a petition the same evening it was recieved.

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November 1. I gave Eureka Chapter No. 38 permission to install their Associate Conductress Ruth, and Martha, sickness preventing them from being present the regular night of installation.

November 9. I gave Alma Chapter No. 43 permission to defer their installation until December 27, and a special dispensation to confer degrees before their installation.

November 10. Received from the Worthy Matron of Oriental Chapter No. 32, a request for a dispensation for balloting at a special meeting. Did not grant the request.

November 10. I gave H. C. Kimball Chapter No. 44 permission to defer their installation. Also a special dispensation to confer degrees before the officers were installed. It may be well to state here as a reason for deferring this installation indefinitely, that H. C. Kimball Chapter is located at Iron Mountain, Upper Peninsula. There was no one near eligible to install them, and it was thought by waiting later the work could be done without making so much expense; and if not, that by allowing them to work on, they would be better able to meet the necessary expense.

November 22. I visited Arbutus Chapter No. 45, and installed their first board of officers, Sister Gunnison, our Worthy Grand Conductress, acting as Worthy Marshal. This Chapter is small but rapidly increasing, and is well calculated by their earnestness to make every meeting interesting and beneficial. I predict for them a bright future. I had the pleasure, while visiting this Chapter, of meeting about twenty-five of the members of Williamston and Dewitt Chapters.

December 1. In company with the Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and Worthy Past Grand Matron, Sister Griswold, I visited Holland for the purpose of installing the officers of the Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 40, which I did, the Worthy Associate Grand Matron acting as Worthy Marshal. This Chapter we found somewhat discouraged, their Worthy Matron having left Holland soon after they were organized, and none of the other members had ever known anything about the work. They are willing workers, but were much need of advice and instruction, which we gave as well as we could in the short time me had. I learn from correspondence with their Secretary that they are working with a growing interest.

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December 14. Deputized the Worthy Grand Patron to install the officers of Alma Chapter No. 43 December 27.

December 16. Received from Hastings Chapter No. 7, the following question: "We have a petition from a Brother who was formerly a member of Woodland Chapter, O. E. S. That Chapter has gone down, but has not surrendered its charter. What can, or shall, we do?" I answered that they could not accept the petition as Woodland still had its charter. I then ordered the surrender of said charter, and directed the Grand Secretary, should the Brother be found clear on the books, to issue a certificate that would allow him to affiliate with Hastings Chapter.

December 17. I granted a special dispensation for Grace Chapter No. 41, to receive and ballot upon a petition the same evening, reasons being given that I deemed sufficient.

December 17. The following was received from a Worthy Matron: "When our Chapter was under dispensation, a number of petitions were presented by a Brother who was desirous of increasing our membership. These petitions were not signed by the parties, but by the Brother in their behalf, and in one case without the knowledge of the lady. This we did not know at the time, so the petitions were acted upon in the usual manner, and the candidates declared elected. This was more than a year ago. These persons have never presented themselves for initiation. Two of the ladies say they do not wish to become members of the Chapter. Shall we continue holding open doors for them, or prohibit them from entering." Answer: Their petitions were not in regular form, therefore illegal. See sections 7 and 8, rules and regulations. We might well add that we thought the Brother had more zeal than discretion.

I also received this question from the same Chapter: "A Master Mason intended coming into our Chapter as a charter member, but was absent. He has never presented himself for initiation. If he does, shall we take him without application or ballot?" Answer: If his name appears in the petition for a dispensation, initiate him. Otherwise he must petition in the regular manner. I would recommend that the Chapter referred to, and all others, provide in their by-laws the length of time a petitioner may have before they forfeit their right to initiation.

January 19, 1888. I received a letter from the Worthy Pat-

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ron of Big Rapids Chapter No. 42, asking permission to ballot upon a petition at a special meeting January 24. I did not give them permission.

January 24. In company with the Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Associate Grand Matron, I visited Big Rapids Chapter and installed their officers, the Worthy Associate Grand Matron acting as Worthy Grand Marshal. After the installation ceremonies the work was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. I see no good reason why this Chapter should not rank with any in the State. They have plenty of material and a fine hall. The evening closed with an elegant banquet.

January 13. In company with a goodly number from Hastings Chapter No. 7, and Middleville No. 17, I visited Oriental Chapter No. 32 at Grand Rapids. We were met at the cars by a committee and escorted to their hall on West Bridge street. An hour was spent in fraternal greetings and social conversation. We were then invited to the banquet hall where all done ample justice to the good things provided. Then the work of the evening—two candidates were initiated. The work was rendered in a beautiful and impressive manner, entirely without the aid of rituals. Short speeches from a number of both visitors and members closed the evening. We all returned to our homes with the expressed wish that this might not be our last visit to Oriental Chapter.

February 10. By special invitation I visited Quincy Chapter No. 12. This is one of the oldest working Chapters in the State. I was agreeably surprised to meet about twenty-five members of Coldwater Chapter No 3. Four candidates were initiated, and the work was well done. After Chapter closed we were invited to the hotel where a bountiful supper was served, and I think the Quincy Sisters and Brothers will agree with me when I say that here each one done their part well. I was entertained during my stay, at the pleasant home of Sister S. L. Marsh, Worthy Past Grand Matron.

February 14. Granted a special dispensation to Coldwater Chapter No. 3, to receive and ballot upon a petition at their regular meeting in March, good reasons being given for the request.

February 21. I visited Hastings Chapter No. 7. The

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visit was entirely unexpected. There were no initiations, but the regular work of the evening was well done, and the attendance good. I was entertained at the home of our Grand Secretary.

February 24. I granted Middleville Chapter No. 17 a dispensation for balloting.

February 14. I received a letter from Ivanhoe Chapter No. 36, saying they wanted to pay their dues and start anew, and asked how to proceed. As they were only one year in arrears, I wrote them to forward their dues to the Grand Secretary and continue work. I hope to see them represented at this Grand Session.

February 21. I granted a special dispensation to Aurora Chapter, U. D., at Ironwood, to receive and act upon petitions at their first meeting after the Chapter was instituted.

March 23. I visited H. C. Kimball Chapter No. 44, Iron Mountain, and installed their officers. After the installation the work was exemplified, that I might give them instruction if any was needed. They are enthusiastic, earnest workers, with but very little use for rituals during work. The Worthy Patron is deserving of especial mention, as he done the whole of his part without the book, and it was his first evening in the chair. I find it is the exception and not the rule, for the Worthy Patron to commit their work. I examined the Secretary's books and found them neatly and correctly kept. I shall always remember my visit to H. C. Kimball Chapter as one of the pleasantest of the year.

April 30. I received a letter from the Secretary of Aurora Chapter, U. D., asking for a special dispensation to confer degrees upon Master Masons, their wives daughters, mothers, sisters and widows who lived in Wiconsin. This being in the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, I wrote to Brother Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron, asking him to grant said dispensation. I also asked for one for H. C. Kimball Chapter, and May 14th I received the dispensations and immediately forwarded them to the above named Chapters.

May 1. In company with about twenty-five members of Oriental Chapter, I visited Queen Esther Chapter No. 35, at Ionia. We were met at the cars by a large number from Queen Esther Chapter, and escorted to the Bailey House

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where an elegant supper was served. We then repaired to hall, Chapter was opened, and an address of welcome was tendered the guests by the Worthy Matron, Sister Mary D. Stone. Two candidates were initiated, the officers of Oriental Chapter officiating during the conferring of degrees. There is a spirit of friendly rivalry between Oriental and Queen Esther Chapters as to who shall best do their work, and it would be difficult to choose, for I doubt if there is better work done in the State than by these two Chapters. After the Chapter closed, cake and ice cream were served. An original poem was read by Brother P. H. Taylor, and another pleasant and enjoyable evening was closed.

May 5. I received an invitation to attend the silver wedding of Brother and Sister J. S. Conover May 12, which invitation I regretted being obliged to decline.

May 14. I attended a reception given by the members of Arbutus Chapter. The occasion was their first anniversary. I had the pleasure of meeting nearly all the members, and about one hundred invited guests.

May 15. I visited Sharon Chapter No. 20, Bay City. The afternoon was spent in driving around the city and calling on members of the Order. In the evening the work was exemplified in a very pleasing manner. The few suggestions made were kindly received. I was entertained at the home of Worthy Past Matron Sister L. A. Teall.

May 16. I organized Fidelity Chapter at Roscommon. This Chapter starts with twenty-one members. I trust they will submit to this Grand Chapter such a good report that a charter will be granted them.

May 17. I visited Evergreen Chapter No. 39, at West Branch. The afternoon was spent with a number of the members at the beautiful home of Sister McCrossen. Supper was served at the hall before the work was exemplified. This Chapter has had many discouragements, but is determined to overcome them all. The attendance was good and the work well done.

May 18. I visited Grace Chapter No. 41 at Omer. The members of this Chapter are scattered, many of them living seven and ten miles away. The night being very stormy, the attendance was small. The work was rendered better than might have been expected, with so many of the regular

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officers absent. I had hoped to be able to visit this Chapter again before the year closed, but have been unable to do so. I was cordially welcomed and entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Decker.

September. 13. I received the following from Star of Bethlehem Chapter, Holland. "A lady who is visiting here, but resides in one of the Eastern States, has applied for admission to our Chapter. Her son is a member of the Chapter can we confer the degree upon her?" Answer, "If there is a Grand Chapter in the state in which she resides, she is under the jurisdiction of the Chapter nearest her home. If there is none, then she is under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter." I advised them to apply to the Most Worthy Grand Patron for permission to confer the degrees.

September 14. I installed the officers of Middleville Chapter No. 17.

September 28. I granted Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 40, a special dispensation to elect and install a Worthy Grand Patron October 1st, the one elected at the regular meeting in September refusing to serve.

October 2. I granted a special dispensation to Oriental Chapter No. 32, to receive two petitions, ballot and confer the degrees the same evening, October 9th. There were good reasons for the request.

October 4. I gave Star of Bethlehem Chapter permission to install their Worthy Associate Matron at their next stated meeting.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

I have during the year ordered the surrender of the charters and books of Woodland Chapter No. 25, Acacia Chapter No. 1, and Springport Chapter No. 26. I gave Springport permission to retain their books and regalia, as there is a prospect of their reorganizing. I have had some correspondence with them, have also forwarded to them a petition for a dispensation, but as yet nothing has been effected. In corresponding with the last Worthy Patron of Acacia Chapter No. 1, I found they had not changed their charter when the new work was adopted, but had worked under the old charter, with the new ritual, I would recommend that if there are any other Chapters in the state who have thus neg-

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lected to procure their charters under the new work, that they be instructed to attend to the matter at once.

REPRESENTATIVE.

I have been honored with appointments as Representative of the Grand Chapters of California, Illinois and Iowa, near this Grand Chapter, and have deposited my credentials with the Grand Secretary.

INVITATIONS.

I have received invitations to attend the Grand Chapters of Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Illinois, Arkansas and Massachusetts, all of which I have been obliged to decline.

QUESTIONS.

"Can a lady become a member of the Eastern Star, whose brother was a Master Mason, but who has been dead several years?" Answer: She can.

"Can a petition be withdrawn after it has been referred to a committee?" Answer: It can. See Rules and Regulations, section 8.

"Can a Worthy Matron who has been re-elected install the officers, and she herself not be re-installed?" Answer: She can.

"Can a ballot be taken on more than one candidate at the same time?" Answer: It cannot.

"Is not every subordinate officer obliged to obey the orders of the Worthy Matron when Chapter is in session?" Answer: They are.

"When a Chapter is called to form a circle at the altar, in what manner would you join hands?" Answer: Just as the ritual directs. I have had this question from two different Chapters, and right here would recommend that all who give instructions to new Chapters make no innovations on the ritual.

"Should an alarm be given by the Worthy Sentinel when the Worthy Associate Conductress wishes to enter the Chapter room, when out to ascertain if there are candidates in waiting?" Answer: No. See ritual.

"Can a Chapter grant their Worthy Matron a demit?" Answer: A Worthy Matron cannot demit while she re-

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mains within the jurisdiction of the Chapter. This question and answer has led to a lengthy correspondence, and I take the position that, provided they remain within the jurisdiction, a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron and Worthy Associate Matron cannot demit, they are under obligations to their Chapter from which there is no release.

"If a member of a Chapter becomes responsible for an initiation fee and the petition is accepted, and then the person is not initiated, is the member holden for the fee?" Answer: She is. Petitions should not be received without the fee, but should a member vouch for it, then she is responsible to her Chapter.

A Chapter U. D., voted to make their dues, from the time they were organized to September 1st, one dollar. It was a clear vote, but now the question has come up: "Had we a right to vote dues for that length of time. (Six months) Was it legal?" Answer: It was legal, the vote being unanimous.

In addition to the above questions, many have been asked and answered that I do not deem of sufficient importance to give them a place on this report, but all have been answered as soon as possible after their receipt. During the year, I have written three hundred and seventeen letters' visited fourteen Chapters, and at all times have endeavored to do what seemed for the best interests of the Order.

The record for the year is made, and at its close I desire to express to this Grand Body my sincere thanks for the honor conferred, when one year ago you honored me with the office of Worthy Grand Matron.

And now as I am about to surrender this exalted position, I wish to assure you that I have made an earnest effort to perform the duties of my office in a manner that would merit your charitable commendation.

To my Worthy Associate Grand officers, I wish to extend my sincere thanks for their uniform kindness.

And now to my successor I cheerfully yield, and ask for her, the same kindness and love that has been given to me.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. A. MATTESON,
Worthy Grand Matron.

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The Worthy Grand Patron then read his address, which is as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Again we meet to review, discuss and ratify or reject, the acts of the officers selected to transact the business of the Grand Chapter during the past year, and to further perform such duties as the delegates to this Grand Chapter may elect.

It certainly is obvious that the progress of our Order depends much upon the wisdom and sagacity exercised by this body in not only confirming and amending past, but in creating new legislation.

While it is not my purpose to annoy you with a long address, yet my interest in the prosperity of this Order compels me to offer on this occasion, a few words of caution.

There are two tendencies in shaping legislation, and while perhaps more strikingly exemplified in the government of state and nation, yet none the less applicable to organized societies. One is in the direction of local self-government, or the greatest liberty consistent with progress and perpetuity. The other is that tendency to centralization of power in the legislative body and the officers representing it, that while it derives its vested powers from and nominally admits the sovereignty of its constituency, is nevertheless disposed to dictate such laws as they deem expedient regardless of the popular will.

The General Grand Chapter of our Order wisely refrained from crippling the action of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the respective States with few exceptions, merely by establishing such regulations as are common in principle to all societies, leaving all questions that must necessarily arise to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters

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themselves. Now upon examination we find that the General Grand Chapter only authorizes the instituting of Grand Chapters when desired by five or more Subordinate Chapters legally chartered. Hence it is evident that this Grand Chapter can arrogate to itself no greater powers than the Subordinate Chapters of this State through their delegates see fit to confer upon it, and it is at this point I would raise a cautionary signal.

As an organization we are yet in our infancy. At present our Subordinate Chapters are not fettered or handicapped by scores of rulings and decisions made by Grand Officers and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter, but as time advances decisions will multiply, and this Grand Chapter will be called to pass judgment. While his may be unavoidable, I would say to the delegates in attendance from the various Subordinate Chapters, it remains for you to see that this Grand Chapter assumes no privileges and concentrates no power within its grasp that has a tendency to abridge your freedom of action or personal responsibility as a Subordinate Chapter, or as an individual member thereof. A succession of years will increase your list of Past Grand officers, being of a necessity well versed in the rules and regulations, they may be disposed to be radical in the observance of all technical and really non-essential points, and further in their zeal for the welfare of the Order assume to dictate rules and regulations to Subordinate Chapters, that in practice amount to an absurdity, and alike insulting to the intelligence and ability of its members. Now the basis of our organization is the social feature. Mutual association, friendly interchange of sentiment and amicable discussion, are among the grand objects to be obtained, and for which we claim existence. These are worthy of our fostering care, and can be best promoted and rendered most satisfactory and harmonious by permitting the broadest range of individual action and discussion, consistent with the dignity of this body, and the self-respect of those who compose it. Hence, in conclusion, allow me again to remind the delegates to this Grand Chapter that the tendency to those in power is to centralization.

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The royal scepter of sovereignty, of individual freedom, is now in your possession. As you value those lovely attributes which now distinguish us, as you cherish its precepts and principles, and feel that you are honored in being one of the many to aid in building up and maintaining this gem as second to none but auxiliary to all sister organizations of like faith, never suffer the individuality of your Subordinate Chapters, or yourselves, to lose your identity by being engulfed in the mælstrom of centralization, ever bearing in mind that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

I will now briefly recite my official acts for the past year, and while they have not been extensive by way of instituting Chapters, still they have been of an encouraging nature:

Received petition dated January 9, from Stanton, 40 names attached. Deputized Brother P. H. Taylor, who instituted them February 8, under the name of "Crescent."

Received petition dated January 17, from Lyons, 18 names attached. Deputized Brother P. H. Taylor, who instituted them under the name of "Electa."

Received petition dated February 20, from Ironwood, Geogebic county, 20 names attached. Brother R. C. Hathaway instituted them under the name of "Aurora," February 20.

Received petition dated March 6, from Escanaba, Delta county, 22 names attached. Brother R. C. Hathaway instituted them March 6, under the name of "R. C. Hathaway."

Received petition dated April 12th, from Roscommon, Roscommon Co., with 20 names attached, deputized Sister A. A. Matteson, our Worthy Matron, who instituted them May 16th, under the name of Fidelity.

Received petition dated May 1st, from Tecumseh, with 27 names attached, deputized Brother J. S. Conover, who instituted them May 31st, under the name of Tecumseh.

Received petition dated June 8th, from Detroit, with 18 names attached, instituted them personally June 15th, under the name of Keystone.

Received petition dated July 24th, from Luther, Lake Co., with 44 names attached, instituted them personally August 28th, under the name of Luther.

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Was deputized by the Worthy Grand Matron to install the officers of Alma Chapter, which I did December 27th, and found the Chapter in a thriving condition.

Have sent blank petitions to Cedar Springs, Kalamazoo, Grayling, Carson City, Wayland and Ithaca on request, but as yet have received no report. Most of them without doubt will crystalize in due time.

Have visited at Grand Rapids, Big Rapids and Grand Ledge.

Have received many communications from the Brethren, many of which I have answered, but all those requesting a decision on any point touching Constitution Rules and Regulations, I have invariably turned over to the Worthy Grand Matron, who alone is authority on Jurisprudence when Grand Chapter is not in session.

At this point allow me to congratulate my Sisters and Brothers in behalf of nur Grand Secretary, who so tastefuliy arranged and accurately published the Grand Chapter proceedings for 1887. May he be allowed another opportunity to distinguish himself.

And now Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members, permit me to offer my sincere thanks to you for the kindness shown and support so cheerfully accorded whenever solicited, during my term of office. It would have pleased me had more time been at my disposal to nave visited Chapters and extended my acquaintance with the Brethren, but of one thing I can assure you, and that is, that I have experienced the most pleasing sensation whenever asked to explain some point seemingly not provided for in Rules and Regulations, by simply referring it to the Head of this department, who proved not only willing but able to give the desired information. And if there is one distinctive feature in this Society dearer to me than another, it arises from the fact that the responsibility of its growth and prosperity or its decline and failure, depends upon the Sisterhood. From present indications they have adopted the *git thar* tactics.

C. WATERBURY,
Worthy Grand Patron.

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On motion of Sister S. L. Marsh the addresses of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

Motion prevailed.

The Worthy Grand Matron appointed as such committee Sisters Merrill, Williams and Brother B. R. Rose; and Standing Committees as follows:

Finance and Ways and Means—Sisters S. L. Marsh, Lizzie Hawse and Brother Hutchinson.

Unfinished Business—Sister A. J. Vannetter, Kate A. Rider and Brother James J. Decker.

Pay Roll—Sisters H. A. Tenney, H. L. Anthony and Brother A. S. Wright.

Jurisprudence—Sisters B. R. Rose, Polhemus and Brother O. D. Glidden.

Appeals and Grievances—Sisters Williams, Dowling and Brother Phonecia.

Dispensations, Charters and Returns—Sisters Barber and Reynolds, and Brother Stewart.

Foreign Correspondence—Sister H. L. Anthony.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Michigan:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully submit

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the following named persons as being entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

Sister A. A. Matteson—Worthy Grand Matron.

Sister O. L. Davidson—Worthy Grand Associate Matron.

Brother C. Waterbury—Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Daniel W. Sawyer, Worthy Grand Associate Patron.

Brother T. Phillips—Worthy Grand Secretary.

Sister E. L. Pendleton—Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Sister F. S. Gunnison—Worthy Grand Conductress.

Sister J. S. Conover—Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.

Sister E. Finn—Worthy Grand Adah.

Sister Kate A. Spring—Worthy Grand Ruth.

Sister J. W. McPherson—Worthy Grand Esther.

Sister C. M. Putnam—Worthy Grand Martha.

Sister D. W. Rupert—Worthy Grand Electa.

Sister M. A. Downing—Worthy Grand Warder.

Brother Jacob DeWitt—Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Rev. Brother B. S. Pratt—Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Sister Eliza J. Barber—Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Sister S. L. Marsh--Worthy Grand Marshal.

PAST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Sisters E. L. Pendleton, D. C. Purinton, E. J. Barber, S. L. Marsh, Nellie S. Corey, B. R. Rose, H. L. Anthony, D. A. Merrill, M. A. Watrus, M. C. Griswold.

PAST WORTHY GRAND PATRONS.

Brothers David Bovee, D. B. Purinton, T. Phillips, W. Douglass, J. S. Cross, B. R. Rose, W. H. Severance, A. C. Manly, G. W. Matteson, Loren Day, J. S. Conover.

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Coldwater Chapter No. 3.—Sister J. S. Conover, Worthy Matron; Sister Fannie Rose, as proxy for Worthy Matron; Sister G. W. Blackwell, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother C. R. Hutchinson, Worthy Patron.

Olive Branch Chapter No. 4.—Sister S. E. Williams, Worthy Matron; Sister Silas Stowe, Worthy Associate Matron; Sister Clara Sturgis, proxy for Worthy Associate Matron; Brother T. J. Collins, Worthy Patron.

Leslie Chapter No. 6.—No report.

Hastings Chapter No. 7.—Sister Kate A. Rider, Worthy Matron; Sister L. Barber, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother J. E. Hogle, Worthy Patron; Sister A. M. Hayes, proxy for Worthy Associate Matron; Sister T. Phillips, proxy for Worthy Patron.

Quincy Chapter No. 12.—Sister Sarah M. Throop, Worthy Matron; Sister Frank Finn, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother H. A. Graves, Worthy Patron; Sister H. H. Graves, proxy for Worthy Patron.

Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14.—Sister Ella Snow, Worthy Matron; Sister Helen Billings, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother V. M. Kent, Worthy Patron.

Middleville Chapter No. 17.—Sister M. F. Dowling, Worthy Matron; Sister Della Matteson, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother M. C. Griswold, Worthy Patron.

Sharon Chapter No. 20.—Sister Kate Smith, Worthy Matron; Sister Lizzie Morrison, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Joseph Simmerson, Worthy Patron; Sister L. E. Olin, proxy for Worthy Patron.

Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 22.—Sister Delia S. Hall, Worthy Matron; Sister Lucy R. Tift, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother David L. Phenecie, Worthy Patron; Sister Eliza Phenicia, proxy for Worthy Associate Matron.

Olivet Chapter No. 24.—Sister P. R. Martin, Worthy Matron; Sister E. J. Bosworth, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother O. J. Chappell, proxy for Worthy Patron.

Union Chapter No. 27.—Not represented.

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Burr Oak Chapter No. 28.—Sister Mary E. Robinson, Worthy Matron; Sister Clara Nilson, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother David A. Hiembaugh, Worthy Patron.

Williamston Chapter No. 29.—Sister A. J. Vannetter, Worthy Matron; Sister F. K. Rockwell, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother A. M. Lounsbury, Worthy Patron; Sister Rose Leighton, proxy for Associate Matron.

Dewitt Chapter No. 30.—Sister Lizzie Payne, Worthy Matron; Sister Ella Pennell, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother J. W. Gunnison, Worthy Patron; Sister Mattie Simmons, proxy for Worthy Associate Matron.

Laurel Chapter No. 31.—Sister C. M. Putnam, Worthy Matron; Sister A. J. Beebe, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother W. S. Powers, Worthy Patron; Sister M. Reynolds, proxy for Worthy Matron.

Oriental Chapter No. 32.—Sister T. W. Strahan, Worthy Matron; Sister F. W. Spraker, Worthy Associate Matron: Brother N. W. Johnson, Worthy Patron; Sister E. M. Johnson, proxy for Associate Matron.

Kedron Chapter No. 33.—Sister Lucy A. Hankerson, Worthy Matron; Sister Belle Corwin, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother L. B. Bissell, Worthy Patron.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 35.—Sister R. C. Stone, Worthy Matron; Sister H. E. Bailey, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother A. S. Wright, Worthy Patron.

Ivanhoe Chapter No. 36.—Not represented.

Hayward Chapter No. 37.—Sister Lizzie G. Hawes, Worthy Matron; Sister Millie Sperry, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Henry Stewart, Worthy Patron.

Eureka Chapter No. 38.—Sister J. Rose Mansfield, Worthy Matron; Sister Julia E. Dowdall, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Philip Weaver, Worthy Patron.

Evergreen Chapter No. 39.—Sister C. F. Cochran, Worthy Matron; Sister C. J. Phelps, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother M. A. Randall, Worthy Patron.

Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 40.—Sister Alice Rogers,

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Worthy Matron; Sister Sarah J. Higgins, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Frank G. Churchill, Worthy Patron; Sister Mary Williams, proxy for Associate Matron.

Grace Chapter No. 41.—Sister Julia Inglis, Worthy Matron; Sister Eva R. Weaver, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother James J. Decker, Worthy Patron; Sister Mary F. Decker, proxy for Worthy Matron.

Big Rapids Chapter No. 42.—Sister E. P. Clark, Worthy Matron; Sister A. A. Mason, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother O. D. Glidden, Worthy Patron.

Alma Chapter No. 43.—Sister L. A. Turck, Worthy Matron; Sister Emma H. Reynolds, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Michæl Polasky, Worthy Patron.

H. C. Kimball Chapter No. 44.—Sister T. B. Catlin, Worthy Matron; Sister H. P. Colburn, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Robert P. Tutru, Worthy Patron.

Arbutus Chapter No. 45.—Sister H. A. Tenney, Worthy Matron; Sister Kate A. Spring, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother A. H. Heath, Worthy Patron.

Electa Chapter U. D.—Sister Nellie Hale, Worthy Matron; Sister C. N. Isham, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Jonathan Hale Worthy Patron.

Crescent Chapter, U. D.—Sister Mary E. Hinds, Worthy Matron; Sister B. E. Smith, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother H. H. Hinds, Worthy Patron.

Aurora Chapter, U. D.—Sister Ida Whelden, Worthy Matron; Sister E. Brewer, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother George H. Durkee, Worthy Patron.

R. C. Hathaway Chapter, U. D.—Sister S. H. Ralph, Worthy Matron; Sister Anna Rogers, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother T. Farrell, Worthy Patron.

Fidelity Chapter, U. D.—Sister Frank Converse, Worthy Matron; Sister E. W. Mason, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother H. H. Woodruff, Worthy Patron.

Tecumseh Chapter, U. D.—Sister A. James, Worthy Matron; Sister J. F. Hicks, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother S. P. Hosmer, Worthy Patron.

Keystone Chapter, U. D.—Sister Mary S. Coffin, Worthy Matron; Sister Thusa Winslow, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother John Budge, Worthy Patron.

Luther Chapter, U. D.—Sister Annie P. Robinson, Wor-

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thy Matron; Sister Alta Atwood, Worthy Associate Matron; Brother Charles I. Bellaney, worthy Patron.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. H. STRAHAN,
LOUISA A. TEALL,
W. H. SEVERANCE.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted, with instructions to the Committee to make such further changes as they may deem necessary.

Motion prevailed.

The amendments offered by Brother Hathaway on page 29, proceedings of 1887, were at this time taken up, separately, and after some discussion were all adopted as recommended, and will appear in the Grand Chapter Constitution published herewith.

Brother Conover moved that the amendment offered to article 13, section 1, of the Grand Chapter Constitution, as appears on pages 23 and 24, proceedings of 1886, and laid upon the table in 1887, to be taken therefrom; which motion prevailed.

And after being pretty thoroughly discussed by several members of the Grand Chapter, Brother Johnson, of Oriental Chapter, made motion that it be adopted, which motion was lost.

Sister E. L. Pendleton offered the following motion:

That every wife use her own initials in this Order.

Motion prevailed.

Brother J. S. Conover offered the following amendment to the Grand Chapter Constitution:

Amend section 1, article 2, by inserting after the word Past Grand Patrons in the 11th line, the words Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

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Which goes over for action until next year, under the rules.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, now in session:

FAIR HAVEN, Oct. 10, 1888.

To the Grand Chapter of Michigan, O. E. S., in session at Grand Ledge:

May your future be as bright as your past.

To which the Grand Secretary responded.

On motion of Sister Teall, this evening was set apart for the exemplification of the work of the Order.

The Worthy Grand Matron then called the Grand Chapter from labor until 7 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.

The Worthy Grand Matron called Grand Chapter from refreshment to labor, with prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Rev. Brother B. S. Pratt not having been present at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter, was duly installed by the Worthy Grand Matron.

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations made their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of the State of Michigan:

Your committee would respectfully submit the following report: Returns from

Coldwater Chapter No. 3, correct.

Olive Branch No. 3, no seal; 2 years.

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Leslie No. 6, no report.
Hastings No. 7, correct; no seal.
Quincy No. 12, correct.
Grand Ledge No. 14, correct.
Middleville 17, correct.
Sharon No. 20, correct.
Olivet No. 24, correct; no seal.
Union No. 27, no report.
Burr Oak No. 28, correct; no seal.
Williamston No. 29, correct; no seal.
Dewitt No. 30, correct; no seal.
Laurel No. 31, correct; no seal.
Oriental No. 32, correct.
Kedron No. 33, correct.
Queen Esther No. 35, correct.
Ivanhoe No. 36, not represented.
Hayward No. 37, 25 cents overpaid.
Eureka No. 38, correct.
Grace No. 41, correct.
Ivy Leaf No. 22, correct.
Arbutus No. 45, correct.
H. C. Kimball No. 44, $4.75 short on new members.
Alma No. 43, correct.
Star of Bethlehem No. 40, $2.00 short.
Big Rapids No. 42, no report, but the returns are coarect.

Your Committee would further recommend that charters be granted as follows, to Chapters now under dispensation: To Electa Chapter as No. 46; Crescent as No. 47; Aurora as No. 48; R. C. Hathaway as No. 49; Fidelity as No. 50; Tecumseh as No. 51; Keystone as No. 52; Luther as No. 53.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. J. BARBER,
E. REYNOLDS,
HENRY STEWART,
Committee.

Which on motion was accepted and adopted.

This being the hour set apart for the exemplification of the work of the Order, the Grand Officers proceeded to the

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same, which was done in a very appropriate and impressive manner, accompanied with music. In fact, very many were heard to say that they never saw the work better done.

The Worthy Grand Matron appointed Sister S. L. Marsh and Brother W. H. Severance as Committee to receive invitations to entertain the Grand Chapter next year.

Brother J. S. Conover offered the following:

Resolved, That all members of the Order of the Eastern Star under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, who shall or may have been non-affiliated by reason of their Chapter becoming defunct, or from any other cause, and who shall remain non-affiliated longer than one year, shall forfeit their standing in the Order, and shall be entitled to none of the rights and benefits of the Order.

Which on motion was unanimously adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 11, 1888.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron, and prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Brother O. D. Glidden offered the following:

Resolved, That no Sister be eligible to the office of Worthy Matron in a Subordinate Chapter unless she has served at least one term as Associate Matron.

Resolution lost.

The Committee on unfinished business submitted their report as follows:

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To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg to make the following report:

We find no business to come before this Committee except the proposed amendment to section 1 of article 13, of the Constitution, referring to the mileage of Representatives to the Grand Chapter, which still remains as unfinished business. Your Committee would respectfully recommend that the same article remain unchanged.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER A. J. VANNETTER,
SISTER KATE A. RIDER,
BROTHER JAMES J. DECKER,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted.

The Committee to whom was referred the address of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron for division and reference reported as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron for division and reference, would submit the following:

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's addresses as refer to installation of officers of new Chapters, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to charters surrendered, be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to Chapters still working under old Grand Lodge

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charters, be referred to Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to decisions be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Patron's address as refers to dispensations granted for new Chapters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's and Worthy Grand Patron's addresses as refer to deputizing the Worthy Grand Patron to install officers be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER D. A. MERRILL,
SISTER ALLIE WILLIAMS,
BROTHER B. R. ROSE,
Committee.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committe on Appeals and Grievances having found no business of this character, and that all is peaceful throughout our borders, we have no further report to make.

SISTER ALLIE WILLIAMS,
SISTER S. L. DOWLING,
BROTHER D. L. PHENECIE,
Committee.

Brother J. S. Conover offered the following:

Worthy Grand Matron and Membvrs of the Grand Chapter:

I wish to say just a word in reference to a Brother of this

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Order, who has been active in working for the Order in the State and in the city where he resides, and who is now, and has been for several months, prostrated by illness from which he probably will never recover. I refer to Brother C. LaTour, of Hayward Chapter No. 37, who has requested that I convey to this Grand Chapter his warmest regards and best wishes for the prosperity and harmony of the Grand Chapter. I know that every member of this Grand Chapter heartily sympathizes with our afflicted Brother and his family, and prays that he may be restored to health; but that if it be ordered otherwise, that the good Father may comfort him in his affliction, and give him the trustful faith of Martha, which looks beyond this world of sorrows to that blessed land where pain and sickness are unknown.

The Committee on Pay Roll submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee on pay roll would respectfully report:

GRAND OFFICERS.

	MILES.	AM'T.
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister A. A. Matteson	68	5 44
Worthy Grand Patron, Brother C. Waterbury	26	2 08
Worthy Grand Associate Matron, Sister O. L. Davidson	33	2 64
Worthy Grand Associate Patron, Brother W. H. Severance	68	5 44
Worthy Grand Secretary, Brother T. Phillips	57	4 56
Worthy Grand Treasurer, Sister E. L. Pendleton	119	9 52
Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister F. S. Gunnison	20	1 60
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress, Sister Mary I. Conover	91	7 28
Worthy Grand Adah, Sister Mrs E. Finn	84	6 72
Worthy Grand Ruth, Sister Kate A. Spring	12	96
Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Lizzie McPherson	97	7 76
Worthy Grand Martha, Sister C M. Putnam	45	3 60
Worthy Grand Electa, Sister D. W. Rupert	119	9 52
Worthy Grand Warder, Sister A. Downing	89	7 12
Worthy Grand Marshal, Sister S. L. Marsh	84	6 72

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

Sister E. J. Barber	57	4 56

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Sister B. R. Rose	57	4 56
Sister H. L. Anthony	119	9 52
Sister D. A. Merrill	91	7 28
Sister M. A. Watrous	88	7 04
Brother B. R. Rose	57	4 56
Brother G. W. Matteson	68	5 44
Brother J. S. Conover	91	7 28

DELEGATES.

Coldwater No. 3, Sister Fannie Rose, Worthy Matron	91	7 28
Olive Branch No. 4, Sister Allie Williams, Worthy Matron	119	9 52
Hastings No. 7, Sister Kate A. Rider, Worthy Matron	57	4 56
Quincy No. 12, Sister E. L. Throop, Worthy Matron	84	6 72
Middleville No. 17, Sister M. F. Dowling, Worthy Matron	68	5 44
Sharon No. 20, Sister Kate Smith, Worthy Matron	88	7 04
Ivy Leaf No. 22, Sister D. S. Hull, Worthy Matron	95	7 60
Olivet No. 24, Sister P. R. Martin, Worthy Matron	38	3 04
Burr Oak No. 28, Sister Mary E. Robinson, Worthy Matron	108	8 64
Williamston No. 29, Sister A. J. Vannetter, Worthy Matron	26	2 08
Dewitt No. 30, Sister L. M. Payne, Worthy Matron	20	1 60
Laurel No. 31, Sister M Reynolds, Worthy Matron	41	3 28
Oriental No. 32, Sister T. W. Strahan, Worthy Matron	53	4 24
Kedron No. 33, Sister L. A. Hunkerson, Worthy Matron	108	8 64
Queen Esther No. 35, Sister Mary D. Stone, Worthy Matron	26	2 08
Hayward No. 37, Sister Lizzie G. House, Worthy Matron	96	7 68
Eureka No. 37, Sister J, Rose Mansfield, Worthy Matron	115	9 20
Evergreen No. 39, Sister J. G. Polhemus, Worthy Matron	142	11 36
Star of Bethlehem No. 40, Sister Alice M. Purdy, Worthy Matron	78	6 24
Grace No. 41, Sister Mary F. Decker, Worthy Matron	135	10 80
Big Rapids No. 42, Brother O. D. Glidden, Worthy Patron	93	7 44
Alma No. 43, Sister Louisa A. Turck, Worthy Matron	79	6 32
H. C. Kimball No. 44, no representative	..	.....
Arbutus No. 45, Sister H. A. Tenny, Worthy Matron	12	96
Total		$274 56

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER H. A. TENNEY,
SISTER L. M. ANTHONY,
BROTHER A. S. WRIGHT,

The report of the Committee was accepted and adopted, with instructions to make any corrections necessary.

Your Committee appointed to receive invitations to entertain Grand Chapter next year would submit the following:

That we have received invitations from Arbutus Chapter

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No. 45, at Lansing, and from Hayward Chapter No. 37, at Detroit, and would recommend going to Lansing.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Committee.

SISTER S. L. MARSH,
BROTHER W. H. SEVERANCE,
Committee.

Brother Hutchinson made motion that we accept the invitation from Lansing.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Brother Hutchinson the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were allowed ten dollars each for postage, stationary, etc., for the year.

Motion by Sister Teall that 2 o'clock this afternoon be set apart for election of officers.

Motion prevailed.

On motion the Worthy Grand Secretary was allowed $50 for his services for the year.

No further business offering, the Grand Chapter was called from labor until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Worthy Grand Matron called Grand Chapter from refreshment to labor, with prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

The following resolution was offered by Sister S. L. Marsh:

That the Grand Chapter instruct the Worthy Grand Matron to appoint Grand Representatives to the Grand Chapters of the different States, and the Worthy Grand Secretary to procure the proper credentials.

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Adopted.

Brother C. Waterbury offered the following:

That the Worthy Grand Secretary be instructed to procure all proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its first organization into Lodges, and all proceedings since, including 1879, the date of reoganizing into Chapters, and have them bound, and to be present at all sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed.

The special hour for election of offices having arrived, the Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:

Worthy Grand Matron—Sister A. A. Matteson, Middleville.
Worthy Grand Patron—Brother C. Waterbury, Ionia.
Worthy Grand Associate Matron—Sister O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids.
Worthy Grand Associate Patron—Brother C. R. Hutchinson, Coldwater.
Worthy Grand Secretary—Brother T. Phillips, Hastings.
Worthy Grand Treasurer—Sister Kate A. Winans, Lansing.
Worthy Grand Conductress—Sister Mary A. Wilber, Detroit.
Wrothy Grand Associate Conductress—Sister Rosella Leighton, Williamston.

The Grand Officers were appointed as follows:

Worthg Grand Adah—Sister Lottie Polhemus, West Branch.
Worthy Grand Ruth—Sister Kate A. Rider, Hastings.
Worthy Grand Esther—Julia E. Clark, Big Rapids.
Worthy Grand Martha—Sister A. M. Purdy, Holland.
Worthy Grand Electa—Sister Mary F. Decker, Omer.
Worthy Grand Warder—Sister Jane Chappel, Olivet.
Worthy Grand Sentinel—Brother J. H. Hall, California.

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Worthy Grand Chaplain—Brother B. S. Pratt, Grand Ledge.

Worthy Grand Marshal—Sister S. L. Marsh, Quincy.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Sister H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.

The Committee on Jurisprudence submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worhy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of the State of Michigan.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence would respectfully submit the following report:

In the by-laws of Keystone Chapter we recommend that the word election in section 3 of article 3, and section 8 of article 4, be changed to installation; and that sections 3 and 4 of article 7 be stricken out of said by-laws.

That the by-laws of Luther Chapter be approved as presented.

That we sustain the action of the Worthy Grand Matron in her decision regarding the installation of officers of Grand Ledge Chapter.

That the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron concerning the installation of officers of H. C. Kimball Chapter be sustained.

That the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron in relation to the question "Can a Chapter grant their Worthy Matron a demit?" be not sustained, but we think the proviso attached to the answer is correct.

That all other decisions of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron not mentioned in this report be sustained.

That the action of the Worthy Grand Patron in relation to granting dispensations to new Chapters be sustained.

That the action of the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron in relation to deputizing Worthy Grand Patrons to install officers in various Chapters be sustained.

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That we recommend that the resolution of Brother W. H. Severance, refering to the eligibility of a Worthy Matron in Subordinate Chapters be not adopted.

Signed, MRS. B. R. ROSE,
MRS. LOTTIE POLHEMUS,
O. D. GLIDDEN,

Motion of Brother Conover that this report be adopted, was carried.

Brother J. S. Conover offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the constitution and laws of this Grand Chapter, together with all approved decisions to date, printed and bound with the proceedings of this session, and also to have one hundred copies of same bound separately.

J. S. CONOVER.

Resolution adopted.

Sister A. J. Vannetter offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter extend a vote of thanks to Sister E. L. Pendleton for the very able manner in which she has performed the duties of the office of Grand Treasurer for the past six or seven years.

SISTER A. J. VANNETTER.

Resolution adopted.

On motion of Brother Hutchinson, the sum of ten dollars was paid Grand Ledge Chapter for use of Church during session of Grand Chapter, this amount being paid by them.

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The Grand Secretary then read his report, as follows:

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan, in account with T. Phillips, Grand Secretary:

1887.	Cr.
October 13, cash, charter fees, Big Rapids	$5 00
December 16, Draft of Grand Treasurer	22 90
1888.	
January 21, By profits on 8 Rituals to date	2 00
February 1, By cash dispensation Electa Chapter at, Lyons	8 50
February 1, By cash, dispensation Crescent Chapter at, Stanton	8 50
February 17, By profits on 16 rituals to date	4 00
February 24, By profits on 6 rituals to date	1 50
February 24, By cash for dispensation, Aurora Chapter at Ironwood	8 50
March 8, By profits on 10 rituals to date	2 50
March 8, By cash dispensation R. C. Hathaway Chapter	8 50
March 14, By profits on 8 rituals to date	2 00
March 26 By cash, dues Ivanhoe	6 00
April 16, By cash dispensation, Fidelity Chapter, Roscommon	8 50
May 11, By cash dispensation, Tecumseh Chapter	8 50
June 7, By profits on 8 rituals to date	2 00
June 13, By cash dispensation, Keystone Chapter	8 50
July 26, By cash dispensation, Luther Chapter	8 50
September 21, By profits on 12 rituals	3 00
September 17, By Grand Chapter dues, Middleville No 17	15 50
September 24, By Grand Chapter dues, Laurel No. 31	14 25
September 25, By Grand Chapter dues, Olive Branch No. 4	15 25
September 25, By Grand Chapter dues, Grace No. 41	16 00
September 29, By Grand Chapter dues, Evergreen No. 39	12 25
September 29, By Grand Chapter dues, Arbutus No. 45	16 75
October 1, By Grand Chapter dues, Eureka No. 38	12 50
October 1, By Grand Chapter dues, Hayward No. 37	33 00
October 1, By Grand Chapter dues, H. C. Kimball No. 44	12 00
October 1, By Grand Chapter dues, Star of Bethlehem No. 40	11 00
October 2, By Grand Chapter dues, Quincy No. 12	23 00
October 2, By Grand Chapter dues, Burr Oak No. 28	10 50
October 3, By Grand Chapter dues, Alma No. 43	15 13
October 3, By Grand Chapter dues, Dewitt No. 30	12 25
October 4, By Grand Chapter dues, Queen Esther No 35	24 75
October 5, By Grand Chapter dues, Kedron No 33	17 25
October 5, By Grand Chapter dues, Sharon No. 20	25 00
September 28, Cash of Aurora U. D., Ironwood, charter fee	5 00
October 6, Cash of Hastings No. 7, Grand Chapter dues	24 50
October 8, Cash of Oriental No. 32, Grand Chapter dues	36 75
Union, no returns	....
October 10, Tecumseh, U. D., charter fee	5 00
October 10, Luther, U D., charter fee	5 00
October 10, R. C. Hathaway, U. D., charter fee	5 00

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October 10, Coldwater No. 8, Grand Chapter dues		38 75
October 10, Ivy Leaf No. 22		8 25
October 10, Lyons, U. D. charter fee		5 00
October 10, Stanton, U. D, charter fee		5 00
October 10, Big Rapids No. 42, Grand Chapter dues		12 50
Total		$548 40
October 10, Cash of Keystone, U. D., charter fee		5 00
October 10, Cash of Big Rapids, balance dues		1 25
October 10, Cash of Grand Ledge, balance dues		25
		$554 90
Cash for 300 certificates	$3 00	
Cash for 70 blanks	2 80	
Cash for printing proceedings	32 60—	$38 40
Total paid Grand Treasurer		$516 50

EVENING SESSION, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron, and prayer by the Worthy Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Secretary's account for postage, stationery, express, etc., was presented as follows:

The Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Michigan, in account with T. Phillips:

1887.	Dr.
October 14, To paid transfer Grand Chapter trunk	$ 25
November 19, To postage to date	88
December 16, To postage and express to date	3 12
December 16, To paid exchange	10
1888.	
March 8, To paid postage to date	1 74
August 4, To paid postage and express to date	2 79
October 2, To paid postage and express to date	4 53
October 5, to stationery for the year	3 90
October 5, to paid for 50 cards of invitations to other Grand Jurisdictions	2 25
October 11, To paid for telegram to Fair Haven	65
October 11, To paid for telegram to George E. King	43
October 11, To paid transfer Grand Chapter trunk	25
Total	$20 89

Last year at the close of the Grand Chapter, there was voted to Brother Halcomb, who so faithfully performed the duties of Worthy Grand Sentinel, the small sum of $5, which order was drawn after the Worthy Grand Treasurer's

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report was made up, which will make the amount in her hands $5 less than shown by her report.

The following Chapters have returned their Charters during the year: Woodland at Woodland, January, 1888; Acacia at Rockford, May, 1888; Springport, at Springport, July 1888.

As soon as the proceedings were printed I mailed them to the officers of the General Grand Chapter, the Worthy Grand and Past Grand Matrons and Patrons of our own Grand Chapter, so far as I could get their P. O. addresses, and to the Grand Secretaries of the following Grand Chapters: Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, Texas and Vermont. Much of the delay in getting out the proceedings this year is on account of the campaign, as it was impossible to get the publishers to do anything at them until after election.

On motion the Grand Secretary's account was referred to the Finance Committee.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., State of Michigan:

Your Grand Treasurer would submit the following report:

Cash on hand last session	$140 32
Received from the Worthy Grand Secretary	516 50
Total	$656 82
Paid order or Brother Halcomb	$5 00
Paid for printing proceedings	23 00
Paid orders	344 91
Balance on hand	$283 91

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. L. PENDLETON, Treasurer.

Which on motion was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Committee on Finance, Ways and Means submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your Comuittee of Finance, Ways and Means would

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respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Worthy Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Treasurer, and find them correct as follows:

Your Worthy Grand Secretary has received from all sources as per report $526.50, which has been duly turned over to the Worthy Grand Treasurer.

The Worthy Grand Treasurer's report shows total receipts including cash on hand last report, $656.82, which has been disbursed as follows:

Paid for printing proceedings, $23.00; paid orders as per report, $349.91; cash on hand, $283.91; total; $656.82.

We further recommend that the Worthy Grand Secretary's bill for stationery and expenses, as read in his bill of items be allowed, and an order drawn for the amount, $20.89.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER S. L. MARSH,
SISTER LIZZIE G. HAWES,
BROTHER C. R. HUTCHINSON,
Committee.

Sister Barber offered the following motion:

That a Committee of three be appointed to propose a new opening and closing for the Grand Chapter, and that they report at the next annual session.

Motion prevailed.

And the Worthy Matron appointed as such Committee Sister Barber, Sister Davidson, and Brother J. S. Conover.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install its officers as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron—Sister A. A. Matteson, Middleville.

Worthy Grand Patron—Brother C. Waterbury, Ionia.

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Worthy Grand Associate Matron—Sister O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids.

Worthy Grand Associate Patron—Brother C. R. Hutchinson, Coldwater.

Worthy Grand Secretary—Brother T. Phillips, Hastings.

Worthy Grand Treasurer—Sister Kate A. Winans, Lansing.

Worthy Grand Conductress—Sister Mary A. Wilber, Detroit.

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Worthy Grand Ruth—Sister Kate A. Rider, Hastings.

Worthy Grand Esther—Julia E. Clark, Big Rapids.

Worthy Grand Martha—Sister Alice M. Purdy, Holland.

Worthy Grand Electa—Sister Mary F. Decker, Omer.

Worthy Grand Warder—Sister Jane Chappel, Olivet.

Worthy Grand Sentinel—Brother J. H. Hall, California.

Worthy Grand Chaplain—Brother B. S. Pratt, Grand Ledge.

Worthy Grand Marshal—Sister S. L. Marsh, Quincy.

Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Sister H. L. Anthony, Sturgis.

The installation was performed by the Worthy Grand Matron, Sister A. A. Matteson, Sister Marsh acting as Grand Marshal.

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No further business appearing the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form to meet in Lansing, Mich., on the second Wednesday in October, 1889, at 12 o'clock, M.

T. PHILLIPS, Grand Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Died.	Reinstated	Number of Members.	Dues to Gd. Chap.
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	Sis. J. C. Conover	Sis. Fannie Rose	8	....	3	5	....	1	....	127	$33 75
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis	Sis. S. E. Williams	Sis. H. L. Anthony	2	..	2	....	....	1	....	59	15 25
Hastings	7	Hastings	Sis. Kate A. Rider	Sis. J. A. Willison	5	3	....	12	....	....	....	93	24 50
Quincy	12	Quincy	Sis. Sarah M. Throop	Sis. Josephine Cole	20	....	1	2	....	....	....	72	23 00
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	Sis. Ella Snow	Sis. V. M. Kent	1	....	....	....	....	....	....	35	9 00
Middleville	17	Middleville	Sis. S. L. Dowling	Bro. Geo. W. Matteson	4	....	....	8	....	....	....	58	15 50
Sharon	20	South Bay City	Sis. Kate Smith	Sis. Louisa A. Teall	15	....	4	4	....	....	1	85	25 00
Ivy Leaf	22	California	Sis. Della S. Hall	Bro. A. W. Bates	....	....	....	8	....	1	....	39	8 25
Olivet	24	Olivet	Sis. P. R. Martin	Bro. Oren Bugbee	....	....	3	10	....	1	....	24	6 00
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	Sis. Mary Robinson	Sis. L Lowe	....	....	....	1	....	....	....	42	10 50
Williamston	29	Williamston	Sis. A. J. Vannetter	Sis. O. M Lonsbury	10	....	3	....	....	1	....	46	14 00
Dewitt	30	Dewitt	Sis. Lizzie Jayne	Bro. H. N. Webb	..	....	2	3	....	....	....	49	12 25
Laurel	31	Nashville	Sis. C. M. Putnam	Sis. Emma W. Fitch	6	....	..	2	....	....	....	51	14 25
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	Sis. T. W. Strahan	Sis. Lyn L Carle	20	....	3	....	....	1	....	127	36 75
Kedron	33	Caro	Sis. Lucy A. Hankerson	Sis. Grace Howell	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	67	17 25
Queen Esther	35	Ionia	Sis. R. C. Stone	Sis. Addie L. Merritt	17	....	2	6	....	....	....	82	24 75
Haywood	37	Detroit	Sis. Lizzie G. Hawse	Sis. S. J. LaTour	17	....	23	....	....	....	....	114	33 00
Eureka	38	Hesperia	Sis. J. Rose Mansfield	Sis. Jennie Tibbetts	1	....	....	7	....	....	....	48	12 50
Evergreen	39	West Branch	Sis. C. F. Cochran	Sis. J. G. Polhemus	1	....	....	....	....	1	....	48	12 25
Star of Bethlehem	40	Holland	Sis. Alice Rogers	Sis. C. Harold	8	....	....	....	1	....	....	44	11 00
Grace	41	Omer	Sis. Julia Inglis	Bro. Joseph Stover	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	55	16 00
Big Rapids	42	Big Rapids	Sis. E. P. Clark	Sis. W. D Carlisle	8	....	2	....	....	1	....	52	15 00
Alma	43	Alma	Sis. Louise A. Turck	Sis. A. S. Adams	9	3	....	....	....	....	....	41	12 50
H. C. Kimball	44	Iron Mountain	Sis. T. B. Catlin	Bro. John Hathaway	19	....	....	....	....	....	....	48	16 75
Arbutus	45	Lansing	Sis. H. A. Tenney	Sister S. K. Winans	22	4	....	..	....	....	....	45	16 75
Electa	U. D	Lyons	Sis. Nellie Hale	Bro. R. P. DeVore	13	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	.....
Crescent	U. D.	Stanton	Sis. Mary E. Hinds	Sis. Nellie Knight	9	....	....	....	....	....	....	41	.....
Aurora	U. D.	Ironwood	Sis. Ida V. Sheldon	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	30	.....
R. C. Hathaway	U. D.	Escanaba	Sis. S. H. Ralph	Sis. Eva Ephraim	12	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	.....
Fidelity	U. D.	Roscommon	Sis. Frank Conover	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	27	.....
Tecumseh	U. D	Tecumseh	Sis. A. James	Bro J. H. Smith	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	29	.....
Keystone	U. D.	Detroit	Sis. Mary S. Coffin	Bro. Geo. A. Winslow	16	....	....	....	....	....	....	32	.....
Luther	U. D.	Luther	Sis. Annie P. Robinson	Sister B. M. Bovee	2	....	....	....	....	....	....	37	.....
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In Memoria.

Brother

Robert Morris,

Founder of Our Beloved Order,

Died July 31st, 1888,

At His Home in

La Grange, Kentucky.

Who, who would live always away from his God,
Away from yon heaven, that blissful abode,
Where the rivers of pleasure flow o'er the bright plains,
And the noontide of glory eternally reigns?

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In Memoria.

Sister ADDIE JOHNSON,
Died June 5, 1888.
A Member of Coldwater Chapter, No. 3.

Sister CATHARINE HILL,
Died December 28, 1887.
A Member of Olive Branch Chapter, No. 4.

Sister MARIAH GRATRICK,
Died October 6, 1887.
A Member of Williamston Chapter, No. 29.

Sister W. H. SMITH,
Died February 1, 1888.
A Member of Big Rapids Chapter, No. 42.

Sister A. L. MARTIN,
Died January 5, 1888.
A Member of Olivet Chapter, No. 24.

Sister SARAH L. HOLCOMB,
Died February 16, 1888.
A Member of Ivy Leaf Chapter, No. 22.

Brother LEWIS H. BROCKWAY,
Died October 18, 1887.
A Member of Evergreen Chapter, No. 39.

Sister MARY PHELPS,
Died December .., 1887.
A Member of Oriental Chapter, No. 32.

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APPENDIX.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your Committee has reviewed the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters:

ILLINOIS.

Thirteenth Annual Session of the Grand Chapter convened at Germania Hall, Chicago. October 4th, 1887, at 11 A. M., Worthy Grand Matron Sister Sopha C. Scott presiding, with sixteen Grand Officers present and two absent. The Worthy Grand Conductress escorted to the East seven Past Grand Officers, where they were saluted with Grand Honors. The Grand Secretary reported twenty letters of regret, containing kind greetings and wishes from sisters and brothers of other Grand Chapters.

The Worthy Grand Matron made few official visits, because of ill health, but adopted a system of work through correspondence, writing 1,452 letters. Fifteen new Chapters were instituted under dispensation, and six reorganized. The Worthy Grand Matron rendered a number of decisions, the ninth being very "familiar"—Is a legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason one who will inherit the same as though she was an own daughter, eligible to the Degrees of our Order? Answer, I find nothing in our laws to the contrary. The Worthy Grand Patron recommends that the Worthy Grand Matron shall be the only one to make decisions of the Grand Chapter, which was sustained by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Balance in Treasuary, $742.17; total membership, 4,019 Michigan received notice.

Grand Officers elected: Sopha C. Scott, Maton, Worthy Grand Matron; John E. Pettibone, Chicago, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary A. Beale, Chicago, Worthy Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

Twelfth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Hall, Harrison, September 14th, 1887, at 10 o'clock A. M. Grand Officers all present. The Worthy Grand Patron presented his address first. He talks like an energetic,

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earnest worker. He says: "But, after all, let us remember that Masonry must lie in the heart and life rather than in ritual and in ceremony. That precept, to be of value, must be joined to practice." He granted thirty dispensations, two-thirds of which were for the organization of Chapters.

The Worthy Grand Matron's address contains many good things. She says: "The past year has not been to me one of folded hands and early slumber." And we think not, by the large amount of work done, writing 320 letters, 125 postal cards, and sending 650 circulars to different Masonic Lodges, granting sixteen dispensations. She offered a number of recommendations and answered several questions, one which is often asked: In what position should the square and compass be placed on the Bible? Answer, the same as those on the Worthy Patron's badge. The Memorial Page contains eleven names. Thirty-three Chapters made report. Amount in Grand Treasury, $519.52. Michigan received notice.

Election of Grand Officers: Mrs. Hettie E. Penn, Harrison, Worthy Grand Matron; J. M. Harkey, Russelville, Worthy Grand Patron; J. C. Higgs, Conway, Worthy Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The eighteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter was held in Masonic Hall, Patterson, Tuesday, September 13, 1887, commencing at 10:15 o'clock. Sister Augusta M. Ladd, Worthy Grand Matron, presiding, with fourteen Grand Officers present, nine Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and several Grand Visitors who were conducted to the East and received with Grand Honors. The addresses of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were very brief, covering but three pages. No decisions called for. No new Chapters instituted, six represented. A resolution was offered and adopted to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter. Total membership 383; cash on hand $91.36. Michigan not noticed. Grand Officers elected: Caroline T. Earlsburg, Worthy Grand Matron; Lewis F. Lyne, Worthy Grand Patron; Mary Martin, Worthy Grand Secretary, Patterson.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter convened in its Fourteenth Annual Convocation at Lyndonville, June 8th, 1887, at 9 o'clock A. M., with nine Grand Officers present, nine Past Grand Officers, visitors, and representatives from ten Chapters. The Grand Chapter was then opened in ample form by the Worthy Grand Patron. His address was brief, but he says, "I have not been idle, and I trust that the time may come when there may be a harvest from the efforts I have made." He granted seven dispensations, answered many questions and made six recommendations, one being worthy of note being the "adopted daughter." He would suggest that when she is adopted, before she is five years of age and her name changed, and she made heir-at-law, that she be eligible to the Order, which was concurred in.

The address of the Worthy Grand Matron was very short, but contained many good words. She said: "Let us ask ourselves and each other, are we earnestly striving to make a practical use of the light and knowledge given to us by the principles taught in our Order?" We think that question of great importance, and it should be engraven upon our memories. She made some wise suggestions, and right here allow me to make one: "Place your gavel in the hands of a woman If it is a woman's work let her preside over it." We do not approve of giving a Brother the highest office—no, not even in the General Grand Chapter.

Ten Chapters made report; no new ones added to their roll. The Memorial Page contains six names. Disbursements, $322.95; balance in treasury, $302.76; total membership, 656. Michigan received notice. Grand Officers elected: Wm.

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McClintock, Morrisville, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Flora Haviland, Danville, Worthy Grand Matron; H. L. Stillson, Bennington, Worthy Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The fourteenth Annual session convened at Meridan, October 12th, 1887. The Grand Chapter was duly opened and presided over by the Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Matron, Miss Helen E. Battey, being absent on account of illness. Sixteen Grand officers were present and two absent. Six Past Grand Officers and three Grand Visitors, including Brother Willis D. Engle, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, were invited to seats in the East, and received with Grand Honors. The address of the Worthy Grand Matron was read. She said: "I am conscious I have not accomplished much, but I have written to every Chapter in the State." She granted seven special dispensations. The Worthy Grand Patron reports many pleasant visits to Chapters during the year, The Memorial Page contains eight names. Total membership, 1,413; amount in Grand Treasury, $165.31. Twenty Chapters made returns. No notice of Michigan.

Grand Officers elected: Mrs. Carrie B. Konald, Worthy Grand Matron; Frank G. Bassett, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Francis R. Martin, Worthy Grand Secretary, New Haven.

MINNESOTA.

The first annual session and reunion of the Grand Chapter was held St. Paul beginning at 2:30 o'clock, May 11th, 1887. Fourteen Grand Officers were present and four absent; representatives from seven Chapters. The Worthy Grand Matron, in her address, said the clouds that overshadowed us are fast passing away, and whatever remains to be done by us in the future, let us do in a spirit of faith and prayer. Her address covers four well written pages, and contains very many encouraging words to the members, and also said the "Order" is worthy of all the support we can give. The Worthy Grand Patron had no address. Six Chapters made report and four new ones were added to the list. Total membership 228; balance in Treasury, $10:35. The Memorial Page contains three names. I will copy a verse taken from that page:

Fairest of souls above
Are those who suffered here.
They gave the sacrifice of love
To prove their birth sincere.

Michigan is kindly remembered.

Grand Officers elected: Sophia M. Hodges, Worthy Grand Matron; Solomon I. Wing, Worthy Grand Patron; Lucy A. Plowteaux, Worthy Grand Secretary, Minneapolis.

INDIANA

The fourteenth annual meeting was held in Masonic Temple in the city of Indianapolis, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M., April 11th, 1888, Grand Officers all present, and nine Past Grand. Honorary member, Addie C. S. Engle, Worthy Past Grand Matron, of Connecticut, and representatives from forty-four Chapters, and a large number of visitors, were present. The Grand Chapter was opened in full form by the Worthy Grand Matron, and so proclaimed by the Worthy Grand Marshal. The Worthy Grand Patron then entered and took his station The Worthy Grand Matron appointed the Standing Committees, and then the Worthy Grand Patron stepped to the front with his address. He granted eleven dispen-

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sations to institute new Chapters. He said: "I think it in good taste to name all Chapters after the name of the city or town where they are located. If it is desired to sail under a fanciful name, then let the name be printed or painted within the walls of the Chapter for adornment, and to please the eye." We think the Brother sound on that question.

Short and pleasing was the address of the Worthy Grand Matron. She granted two dispensations, instituted five Chapters, answered fifteen questions, eleven relating to the eligibility of "woman," visited forty-one Chapters which, with the exception of a very few, were prospering finely, and very many doing the work entire without the ritual. She wrote nearly six hundred letters, traveled nearly five thousand miles, and corresponded with every Chapter in the State. She said with twenty-five hundred members and over $1,200 in our Treasury, I think we have abundant reason for congratulation. Forty-five Chapters made report. The Memorial Page contains eighteen names, one being their Worthy Grand Sentinel William M. Black, who held the office from the organization of the Grand Chapter until his death, over thirteen years. Michigan received a brief notice for 1887. The correspondent, in writing the names of the Grand Officers, gives the name of the Worthy Grand Patron first, which I wish to correct. Our Worthy Grand Matron holds the highest office in the State.

Grand Officers elected: Worthy Grand Patron, David J. Thompson, Rensselaer; Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Anna V. Lakin, Terre Haute; Worthy Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

CALIFORNIA.

This Grand Chapter held its fifteenth annual session in San Francisco, commencing October 17th at 1 o'clock P. M., with ten Grand and nineteen Past Grand Officers present. Fifty-eight Chartered Chapters were represented, and one under dispensation. The Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, the new opening ceremony being used, with music and prayer. The Worthy Grand Patron read his address. He immediately entered upon the discharge of his duties by making an official visit the same evening after being installed. He appointed a number of Standing Committees, approved the by-laws of several Chapters, declared the charters of several Chapters forfeited, rendered a number of decisions, made quite a large number of official visits, and speaks very highly of the work and appearance of the members. A feature especially noticeable was the uniform proficiency of all the officers in their ritualistic work. He said one very encouraging feature in this jurisdiction is the fact that the most progressive, energetic and devoted Masons are fast discovering the merits of our Order, and aiding us by their presence and influence. We would like to hear such a good report from all the States.

The Worthy Grand Matron's address was not so brief, it occupying thirty-five pages. She gives considerable space to the reports of her Deputy Grand Matrons, ten in number, who visited nearly all the Chapters in the State, and gave her full reports of their visits. The Worthy Garnd Matron visited sixteen Chapters, granted fifteen dispensations and offered six recommendations, the first being the "adopted daughter." She said the laws of the State recognize her, and why should not the Eastern Star? I know of cases where active, earnest members are losing interest, from the fact that their only daughters, estimable young ladies who would be an honor to us, are not eligible. Another case where the daughter did not know that she was adopted until our Order, devoted to charity and loving kindness, informed her.

The Worthy Grand Secretary reports seventy-six Chapters, with a membership

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of 4,802. Balance in Treasury, $1,371.17. A full list of the officers and members of all Chapters in California is published as an appendix to the proceedings. The Memorial Page contains six names. Michigan gets a graceful notice.

Grand Officers Elected: John Hatfield Gray, Worthy Grand Patron, San Francisco: Mrs. Gertrude Freeman, Worthy Grand Matron, Woodland; Mrs. Kate J. Willats, Worthy Grand Secretary, 103 Montgomery Street, San Francisco.

KANSAS.

The twelfth annual communication of the Grand Chapter convened in Masonic Hall at Fort Scott, March 19th, 1888. This elegant hall was profusely decorated with hand-painted satin banners, rare cut and ornamental flowers which wafted welcome fragrance to the Grand Officers, who were escorted to the Chapter room by the Worthy Grand Conductress and Worthy Grand Associate Conductress of Olive Chapter. The Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron were received at the East by their Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary A. Hepler, who with her usual dignity and ease, thus extended a welcome greeting to all:

"Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron: In behalf of Olive Chapter I welcome you in our midst to-day, and extend to you the cordial greeting and hospitality which we hope will ever characterize our Olive Branch. Sisters and Brothers, we present to you our Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron. You will greet them with the Grand Honors."

The officers of Olive Chapter vacated their official stations in honor of the Grand officers, who were presented with bouquets of flowers of appropriate colors. Nine Grand Officers present. All Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were escorted to the Grand East and saluted with the Grand Honors. The Worthy Grand Matron announced her Standing Committee, and then read her annual address. She commences it with a beautful verse of poetry:

> As we stand in the morning twilight
> Of the year that begins to-day,
> Let us offer our thanks to the Father
> Who has brought us thus far on our way.

She said as we meet but once a year, the days spent in Grand Chapter should be "red letter" days in our life's history; days when we leave care and trouble behind and exchange fraternal greeting, renew old friendships and form new ones, the memory of whose cheering words will help us to take up the burdens of life anew as we return to our homes.

The Worthy Grand Matron instituted four new Chapters and set them to work, granted nineteen dispensations, gave fourteen decisions, and was asked two more which she was unable to answer: First, how can a Sister make herself known throughout the domain of Masonry as entitled to its protection, where Master Masons are not members of the O. E. S.? Second, What is our hailing sign, and what is our cry of distress? She said, "I blush to answer, we have none." She also visited several Chapters and found them doing good work

The Worthy Grand Patron's address is brief, and his work also. He granted a number of dispensations, eleven being to institute new Chapters, and made one visit; no decisions.

The Worthy Grand Secretary's report shows thirty-nine Chapters which have made returns, 310 initiations, total membership 2,676; balance in treasury, $846.10. Memorial Page contains fourteen names.

Election of Grand Officers: Mrs. Georgiana SeCoy, Worthy Grand Matron; Z. T. Walrand, Worthy Grand Patron; Mrs. Myra Mottram, Worthy Grand Secretary. Installation the same evening with invited guests. The program

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consisted of recitations interspersed with music. The Grand Officers were then installed, and after this all were invited to partake of a delicious luncheon of choice tropical fruits, ice cream and cake. We agree with Sister Marsh in saying that "the Grand Chapter of Kansas is most beautifully entertained." Michigan is very gratefully remembered.

MISSOURI.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Grand Chapter was held at Masonic Hall, Sedalia, commencing Tuesday, August 16th, 1887, at 9 o'clock A. M. The Grand Chapter opened in regular form with nine Grand Officers present. The Worthy Grand Matron then appointed the Committee on Credentials, who reported twelve Chapters represented.

The Worthy Grand Patron then delivered his address, which was very brief. He said he granted five charters for instituting Chapters. "We supposed it was the duty of all Grand Chapters to issue the charters." In conclusion he said he felt like comparing his work with the requirement of Brother Conover, who gave as his opinion that the "duty of Worthy Grand Patrons is to sit by the Worthy Grand Matron and look wise."

The Worthy Grand Matron granted dispensations, rendered decisions, one question being quite laughable—"Can a young lady, whose grandfather and two uncles were Master Masons in good standing, become a member of the Order of Eastern Star?" She made some very pleasant official visits, and also visited the General Grand Chapter. She gave a good report from five district deputies. Balance in Treasury, $226.45. Memorial Page contains seven name. No notice of Michigan.

Address of Grand Officers: S. L. C. Rhoades, Worthy Grand Patron, Kansas City; Mrs. Cora B. McPherson, Worthy Grand Matron, St. Louis; John R. Parson, Worthy Grand Secretary, St. Louis.

IN CONCLUSION.

My duty is done. In revising the different Grand Chapter work, I found it very pleasant and instructive. In copying I omitted to say much that was interesting, fearing too lengthy a report, for our Most Worthy Grand Patron said "Brevity is wit."

Fraternally submitted.

MRS. E. J. BARBER, Committee.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

OF THE

STATE OF MICHIGAN.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

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CONSTITUTION

Of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter shall be known by the name and style of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM IT CONSISTS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Conductoress, Associate Grand Conductoress, Grand Chaplain, Grand Marshal, Grand Adah, Grand Ruth, Grand Esther, Grand Martha, Grand Electa, Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, together with the Matrons, Patrons, and Associate Matrons (or their proxies regularly appointed) of all Subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction, whose official character shall be duly certified to the Grand Chapter by the several secretaries of their respective Chapters, and such Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, as shall remain in good standing in some subordinate Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. All the above named Grand Officers shall be Sisters, except the Grand Patron and Associate Grand Patron; provided that the Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary and Grand Sentinel, may be either Sister or Brother.

SEC. 3. The first six officers above named shall be elected,

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the remaining to be appointed by the Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

SEC. 4. The foregoing Grand officers, Past Grand officers and Delegates only, shall be entitled to vote and take part in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter. They shall have but one vote each on every question, except the presiding officer, who, in case of a tie, may give the casting vote; provided, that any member may call for a vote by Chapters, when each Chapter shall be entitled to as many votes as it is entitled to representatives, which may be cast by one or more of them.

ARTICLE III.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 1. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Chapter, in this jurisdiction, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Chapter, subject to the restrictions, contained in Section two, Article two; provided, that no one shall be elected Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron, Grand Patron or Associate Grand Patron, unless he or she be a Past Matron or Past Patron of some Subordinate Chapter of the Order.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER.

SEC. 1. This Grand Chapter being supreme in all matters appertaining to its affairs, has the sole right to superintend and govern all Chapters of the Order within its jurisdiction. It has power to grant dispensations and charters for forming and holding new Chapters and to extend or revoke the same; to enact rules and regulations, issue edicts, and to amend or repeal the same; to discipline, censure, suspend or annul Chapters for wilful violation or infringment of the constitution, regulations or edicts of this Grand Chapter, to decide all appeals from Subordinate Chapters, their officers, or the officers and committees of this Grand Chapter, to exercise all rights of sovereignty within the limits of its jurisdiction, subject to the General Grand Chapter; and all powers not specially delegated to Subordinate Chapter are inherent in, and reserved to this Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE V.

TIME OF MEETING.

SEC. 1. There shall be one annual meeting of the Grand

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Chapter beginning at 12 o'clock, M., on the second Wednesday in October of each and every year, at such place as shall be agreed upon at any annual meeting.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be ordered by the Grand Matron, or in her absence or disability, by the Grand Patron, at such time or place as in her or his opinion the interests of the Order require; provided that each Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be notified at least thirty days previous to such called meetings, and no business except such specified in the call shall be transacted at such special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

SEC. 2. Representatives or proxies, regularly appointed, of five Subordinate Charters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VII.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

SEC. 1. It shall be the duty of the Matrons, Patrons and Associate Matrons of Subordinate Chapters, to attend all meetings of the Grand Chapter, and they shall present to the Grand Chapter a certificate from the Secretary, authenticated by the seal of their respective Chapters, of their election and installation into office.

SEC. 2. A Chapter at its annual election of officers may elect a representative to attend the following meeting of the Grand Chapter, if neither delegate can attend; and each delegate may appoint a proxy to represent her or himself at such meeting, and every such representative and proxy shall be a member of the Chapter so represented, and must present a certificate of such election and appointment, duly authenticated by the Secretary of said Chapter.

ARTICLE VIII.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The Grand Matron shall open, preside over and close the Grand Chapter, appoint all committees not otherwise specially appointed; see that the Rules and Regulations of the Order are strictly enforced, and that the officers faithfully perform their respective duties, and give such instruc-

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tions and directions as the good of the Order may require. She has power to convene a Chapter within this jurisdiction (in person or by proxy, who must be a Past Matron or Patron), to preside therein, to inspect the proceedings and require conformity to the laws of order; she may suspend for good cause, for a limited period or until the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, and to require the attendance of and information from, any Grand Officers respecting her or his office. She shall decide all questions of law and usage submitted to her; subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Chapter, and until such decisions and opinions are reversed by the Chapter, they shall be in force and binding as between the parties thereto. During the vacation of the Grand Chapter she shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as they are made the duty of the Grand Patron; she shall report to the Grand Chapter at each annual meeting all her official acts. She may call upon the Grand Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 2. The Grand Patron shall assist and advise the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties. He has power to grant dispensations for new Chapters upon proper application; provided no new Chapter shall be formed in any town or city where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town or city; to delegate authority to confer the degrees, at sight, upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns and cities, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter. He shall preside whenever called upon by the Grand Matron, and in the absence of both the Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron he shall call the Grand Chapter to order, and appoint some Past Matron present to act as Grand Matron *pro tem.*

SEC. 3. The Associate Grand Matron shall assist the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties; be subject to the order of the Grand Chapter and her superior officers; and in case of the death, absence, or disability of the Grand Matron, she will assume her powers and prerogatives, and discharge her duties.

SEC. 4. The Associate Grand Patron shall assist the Grand Patron in the discharge of his duties; be subject to the order of his superior officers and the Grand Chapter; and in case

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of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Patron, he shall assume his duties.

SEC. 5. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to keep a faithful record of all the transactions of the Grand Chapter, to collect all moneys due the Grand Chapter, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, taking her receipt for the same; to make annually a report in writing, or oftener if required by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, of the amount collected; to execute such orders as may be issued by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, and to deliver to his or her successor in office all books, papers, and and other property belonging to the Grand Chapter, in her or his possession.

SEC. 6. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies from the hands of the Grand Secretary, and give her receipt therefor. Shall pay all orders from the monies on hand, as may be directed by the Grand Chapter, carefully number and file all vouchers, and annually, or oftener if required by the Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, make in writing a full statement, at the same time presenting the books and vouchers to the Grand Matron for examination. She shall deliver to her successor in office all books, vouchers, papers and monies, or other property belonging to the Grand Chapter which may be in her hands.

SEC. 7. The remaining Grand Officers are to perform such duties as are appropriate to their several stations, and such as may be assigned them by the Grand Matron or the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. All officers shall be elected or appointed annually, and installed after the regular business of the Grand Chapter shall have been completed; provided, the installation ceremonies may be public or private, as may be determined by the Grand Chapter. No officer may officiate in her or his station until she or he has been legally installed.

ARTICLE X.

DISPENSATIONS.

SEC. 1. During the recess of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Patron may grant dispensations, attested by the

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Grand Secretary, and authenticated by the seal of the Grand Chapter, for the formation of new Chapters. Such Dispensation shall expire at the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, when, if their work is approved, such Chapters shall receive charters with an additional fee of five dollars.

SEC. 2. No charter shall be granted a new Chapter until the Grand Chapter shall be satisfied that the proposed officers are thoroughly qualified to discharge their duties properly, and the installing officer of any such new Chapter should see the same duly and properly opened and closed, and the work exemplified by such new officers.

SEC. 3. Chapters under dispensation shall have all the rights and privileges of chartered Chapters except granting demits and to be represented in this Grand Chapter, and to elect and install officers.

ARTICLE XI.

REVENUE.

SEC. 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from the following sources, viz: For every dispensation, including three copies of the ritual, ten dollars.

SEC. 2. Every Chapter shall pay annnally to the Grand Chapter on or before the 1st day of October, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it on the 1st day of September preceeding, and twenty-five cents for each initiation during the year; and no Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE XII.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

SEC. 1. Each Subordinate Chapter shall send to the Grand Secretary, on or before the 1st day of October of each year, an abstract of its proceedings for the year ending September 1st next preceeding. This report shall include the names of the officers last elected and installed, the number last initiated, the number affiliated, the number withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died, and the number of remaining members, setting out the names of each class in full alphabetical order, making a distinction by prefixing the

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title Mrs. or Miss to the names of Sisters. [Secretaries read the above and govern yourselves accordingly.]

SEC. 2. Any Chapter failing to make such report, and pay Grand Chapter dues for two consecutive years without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its charter at the discretion of the Grand Chapter—and it is made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XIII.

PAY OF GRAND OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 1. The Grand Officers, Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and Worthy Matrons of each Subordinate Chapter shall receive from the funds of the Grand Chapter such sums as it may appropriate for attending to the business and meetings of the Grand Chapter; provided, no such payment for attending the meetings of the Grand Chapter shall exceed eight cents per mile for the distance by the nearest traveled route from the location of the Subordinate Chapter to which such Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer or Worthy Matron belongs, to the place of meeting of this Grand Chapter; and, provided further, that no Worthy Matron shall be paid a greater amount than the dues paid by her Chapter to the Grand Chapter for that year.

ARTICLE XIV.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committee of the Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specified duties, to-wit:

On Credentials.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name and number of the Chapter represented.

On Finance and Ways and Means.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also to take into consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measure which in their opinion will be for the benefit financially of the Grand Chapter.

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Unfinished Business.—It shall be the duty of the Committee of Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous annual meeting, and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

On Pay Roll.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Pay Roll to ascertain and report the amount due each representative and member of the Grand Chapter.

On Jurisprudence.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the constitution, by-laws and general regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage and make report thereon in writing to the Grand Chapter.

On Appeals and Grievances.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance when presented to them, with such recommendations for the action of the Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

On Dispensations and Charters.—The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the returns of chartered Chapters and their by-laws, when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal and illegal proceedings, and report the same to the Grand Chapter with their recommendations. They shall also eaxmine the work, records and by-laws of all Chapters under dispensation, and the proceedings of the Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the Grand Chapter with their reeommendations.

On Foreign Correspondence.—The Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall have the charge of all matters of foreign correspondence referred to them, review all the printed or written proceedings emanating from other Grand Chapters, and report to the Grand Chapter by resolution or otherwise.

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing at an annual meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, they shall lie over until the next annual meeting, when, if adopted by a majority vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

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RULES OF ORDER.

For Conducting the Business of the Grand Chapter.

1. At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, the Grand Matron shall take the chair at 12 o'clock M., and if there is a constitutional number of Chapters represented, see that the Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem*, and open the Grand Chapter in usual form. The Grand Matron, immediately after opening the Grand Chapter at each annual meeting, shall appoint the Standing Committee on Credentials, to consist of three members.

2. After the Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires. They shall pay due respect to the presiding officer—to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

3. The business of the Grand Chapter (unless otherwise directed) shall be disposed of as follows, viz:

1. Appointment of Committee on Credentials.
2. Annual address of Grand Matron.
3. Annual address of Grand Patron.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Unfinished business.
6. Report of Special Committees.
7. Report of Secretary.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Report of Standing Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Installation of Officers.

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4. All committees shall be appointed by the Grand Matron, and consist of three members each—the first named to be Chairman, unless outherwise ordered by the Grand Chapter.

5. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing and presented to the Grand Secretary and read, with the name of the mover indorsed thereon; when, upon being duly seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the Grand Chapter.

6. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the Constitution, or by consent of the Grand Chapter.

7. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

8. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer of the Grand Chapter.

9. Any member may call for a division of a question if divisable, and three may demand a vote by yeas and nays.

10. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, except the report of the Committee on Pay Roll, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee of Finance.

11. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off and to close, shall be decided without debate.

12. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer, before they shall be open for debate or action. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

13. Any member persisting in the violation of these rules of order after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

14. Parliamentary law, not in conflict with the foregoing regulations, shall govern the deliberations of the Grand Chapter.

15. These regulations may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

For the Government of Subordinate Chapters of the State of Michigan.

SEC. 1. Every Subordinate Chapter must have a charter or dispensation from this Grand Chapter, or a dispensation from the Grand Patron, attested by the Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter or dispensation, nor shall Chapters outside the jurisdiction be considered legal or regular unless they hold an unreclaimed dispensation or charter from a Grand Chapter having jurisdiction, or from the General Grand Chapter; and all communications, public or private, by Chapters of this jurisdiction, or the members thereof with such illegal Chapters, is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

SEC. 2. The Elective Officers of a Chapter shall consist of Matron, Patron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress and Associate Conductress, and shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceeding the first day of October. The appointed officers shall consist of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warder and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and Organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the 1st day of October.

SEC. 3. Vacancies in the elective offices, except Matron, Patron and Associate Matron, may be filed by ballot at a stated meeting, the members being summoned for that purpose.

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SEC. 4. The presence of the Dispensation or Charter, one of the first three officers, and six other members, are indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. No person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, by initiation or affiliation but Master Masons, their wives, mothers, sisters, daughters, widows and legally adopted daughters. Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age. No person shall be a member of more than one Chapter; nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a Chapter until all dues and indebtedness are paid or remitted.

SEC. 6. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than one dollar, which amount shall accompany the petition.

SEC. 7. All petitions for initiation or membership shall be in writing, signed by the applicant and two members of the Chapter, at a regular meeting, be reported to a committee for investigation, and lay over until the next regular meeting.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and, if a lady, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report in writing; and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter, at the written request of the petitioner, at any time before balloting.

SEC. 9. A separate ballot must be taken on every petition for membership or the degrees, which must be inviolably secret, without debate, and no inquiries permitted or statements made as to the character of any man's vote. One or more negative votes reject the applicant. In case but one negative vote appears, the Matron shall order a second ballot, which shall be final. Every member present must vote.

SEC. 10. After an applicant for initiation or membership shall have been rejected, the petition may be renewed at the next stated meeting. No rejected applicant shall be initiated without the consent of the rejecting Chapter.

SEC. 11. Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own By-Laws, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 12. The Matron shall preside at the meetings of the

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Chapter, except when the degrees are being conferred; see that the Constitution, rules and regulations are strictly enforced; appoint all committees, and see that the officers faithfully perform all their duties. She may call upon the Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 13. The Patron shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter; advise with and assist the other officers; preside during the conferring of the degrees, and whenever invited to do so by the Matron.

SEC. 14. The Associate Matron shall perform the duties appertaining to her office, and, in the absence of the Matron, assume her power, duties and prerogatives.

SEC. 15. The remaining officers shall perform the duties indicated by the several titles and stations; be subject to the order of the Chapter and to their superior officers.

SEC. 16. Every Chapter shall, within one year from the date of its charter, procure a seal, with the name, number and location of the Chapter, and such other device as it may deem proper, engraved thereon, and no document emanating from such Chapter shall be deemed authentic without the seal affixed.

SEC. 17. The jurisdiction of Chapters, for all purposes, shall extend to a point geographically half way between them; provided that in towns and cities where two or more Chapters shall be organized, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction; and it shall be the duty of each and every Chapter to take cognizance of the conduct of every member of the Order within his jurisdiction—whether affiliated or not—for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the laws of the Order, and maintaining its good name.

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PENAL CODE.

SEC. 1. Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, or a violation of the laws of the State or of the United States, is an offense against the principles of this Order, and must be promptly dealt with.

SEC. 2. Any member of the Order who disobeys the order of the presiding officer, or in any manner disturbs the harmony of the Chapter, must be held to a strict account therefor, and upon a repetition of the offense, suspended for a time from the privileges of the Order.

SEC. 3. Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues for two or more consecutive years, may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order, by a two-thirds vote of the Chapter at any stated meeting.

SEC. 4. The only penalties recognized are four:

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite time.
3. Suspension indefinitely.
4. Expulsion.

SEC. 5. No member can be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, for any crime whatever, except upon written charges and specifications, and ten days' notice of the time and place of trial; except as heretofore provided in Section 3, for nonpayment of dues.

SEC. 6. Any affiliated member has the right to prefer charges, but in no case can this right be extended to one who is not affiliated.

SEC. 7. Complaints against a Matron or Patron for official misconduct, must be made to the Grand Matron during vacation, or the Grand Chapter while in session.

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SEC. 8. Charges against a Matron or Patron, for any offense not growing out of the discharge of her or his official duties, must be made to the Grand matron, and if approved by her she will fix a time for trial, and notify the Chapter with a copy of the charges and specifications, and instruct the Secretary of the Chapter to serve a copy upon the accused, at which time she or her deputy shall preside.

SEC. 9. In all things relating to the trial of a Matron or Patron, by his or her Chapter, except as otherwise specified in these rules, the proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members.

SEC. 10. All charges must be made in writing, signed by the party making them, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the accusation and the time and place of its commission, including the names of witnesses. It shall be presented at a stated meeting, read in open Chapter, and spread upon the record. The presiding officer shall then set a time for trial, and order the Secretary to serve upon the accused a true copy of the charges, and notify him or her of the time set for trial.

SEC. 11. Upon the trial of a Sister, at the request of a majority of the Sisters present, the Brethren shall retire; and upon the trial of a Brother, at the request of a majority of the Brethren present, the Sisters shall retire.

SEC. 12. The Secretary may serve the notice either in person or by mail; but when sent by mail twenty days shall be allowed for the accused to receive it.

SEC. 13. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are members of the Order, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by the Secretary when ordered by the Matron or Chapter.

SEC. 14. At the time set for trial, if the accused fails to appear in person or by counsel, or has absconded before notice is served, the presiding officer may continue the case to some future time, or appoint a competent member to appear for the accused and hear and decide upon the case as though the accused were present.

SEC. 15. Should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charge and specifications, no further evidence is necessary, and the Chapter shall at once proceed to affix the penalty.

SEC. 16. Any affiliated member of the Order may act as counsel for the accused or the Chapter.

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SEC. 17. All charges must be heard and decided by the Chapter; in no case can this be left to a committee.

SEC. 18. The accused when on trial, cannot be allowed to vote on any question growing out of her or his case.

SEC. 19. After the evidence shall have been presented, and the prosecution and defendant, by themselves or counsel, have had an opportunity being heard, the defendant shall retire, and the Chapter shall proceed to decide by taking a separate ballot upon each charge and specification; first, whether the accused is guilty or not guilty, as charged, and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the penalty, commencing with the highest grade and so on down until some penalty is determined on.

SEC. 20. Should definite suspension be decided upon, the time must be fixed upon motion, but the longest time must be voted upon first.

SEC. 21. Should the Chapter refuse by a majority vote to inflict any penalty, after having voted on any grade, the Secretary shall, within three days, certify the fact to the Grand Matron, who may arrest the charter of the Chapter.

SEC. 22. The rules of evidence shall be so far as applicable the same as in courts of law, except that no oath or affirmation shall be required as witnesses.

SEC. 23. When a witness is a non-resident, and cannot attend in person before the Chapter, her or his evidence may be taken before a Matron or Patron, certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the witness may reside, both the accused and the accuser having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

SEC. 24. The accused shall be a competent witness, but shall not be required by the Chapter to give evidence unless he or she shall offer to testify.

SEC. 25. The evidence of members of the Order who may not be able to attend trial, and of persons not members of the Order, shall be taken in writing by a committee appointed by the presiding officer, of which both parties shall have due notice.

SEC. 26. At the time and place appointed the committee shall proceed to take the evidence of such witnesses, and after reading to each her or his evidence in the case, request her or him to sign the same. The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Chapter at the time of trial.

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SEC. 27. All the evidence given must be reduced to writing and preserved by the Secretary.

SEC. 28. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony offered, and all points of law and order that may be raised.

SEC. 29. The suspension of a member precludes for the time being all privileges and benefits of the Order whatever.

SEC. 30. A sentence of suspension or expulsion will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until reversed by the Chapter or the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 31. Any one refusing to submit to the penalty of reprimand, is subject to discipline, and upon conviction thereof may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 32. The expiration of time for which a member stands suspended, restores her or him to all the rights and privileges which she or he possessed before the trial.

SEC. 33. The payment of dues—for non-payment of which a member was suspended—restores him or her to full membership; but to restore to that condition a member who has been suspended or expelled for any other cause, shall require a petition for restoration received at a previous stated meeting, which must have been referred to and reported upon, by committee of investigation, when it shall require a majority vote to restore one suspended, and a unanimous vote one who has been expelled.

SEC. 34. A Chapter may remit the dues of a member, for non-payment of which she or he was suspended, and thereby restore her or him to membership.

SEC. 35. Any member who has been expelled or indefinitely suspended, may be restored to membership by the Chapter pronouncing the sentence; or if said Chapter has ceased to exist, then by the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

SEC. 36. A new trial may be granted by the Chapter that tried the cause, when a member has been suspended or expelled, in the following cases, and upon the following conditions:

1. Upon newly discovered evidence which would indicate, with reasonable certainty, a change in the finding of the Chapter.

2. When the finding of a Chapter is contrary to the evidence, and law, and usage, or the penalty excessive.

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SEC. 37. Application for a new trial must be made in writing, and contain a statement of the causes upon which the application is founded, be presented within ninety days after the trial was had, or within ninety days after the accused is informed of the action of the Chapter.

SEC. 38. Application for a new trial shall be addressed to the Chapter, and in all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules shall govern as in the first instance.

SEC. 39. Any member feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter or the presiding officer, may appeal to the Grand Chapter within one year from the date of such decision, by filing her or his prayer therefor in writing, with the Secretary of the Chapter, stating therein the error or decision appealed from; when it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out a full, true and complete copy of all the proceedings had, and evidence taken in the case, and certify to the same, together with a copy of the appeal to the Grand Secretary within sixty days after said application is made.

SEC. 40. The Grand Matron or Grand Chapter, on receipt of the transcript or appeal, shall proceed to examine the same upon the papers and evidence so transmitted, and without additional testimony, shall decide the cause by confirming the judgment already rendered, or remanding the cause for a new trial, with instructions how to proceed, provided. that an appeal will lie from the decision of the Grand Matron to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 14. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed at any meeting by the amendment being proposed in writing, referred to and reported upon by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 42. It is hereby made the duty of Subordinate Chapters, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to so amend their By-Laws as to conform in all respects to these Regulations.

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DIGEST

Of Approved Decisions of Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons and Rulings of Grand Chapter with Adopted Resolutions Now in Force.

Compiled by C. WATERBURY and R. C. HATHAWAY.

Candidates When Eligible.

A lady is eligible whose son is a M. M., if her husband is not.
Nellie S. Corey, G. W. M., 1880, Pg. 5. (address)—adopted, Pg. 19.

A lady is eligible for initiation who is the daughter of a M. M., not living, even if married to a man not a Mason.
Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1880, Pg. 21.

A woman who is a stepmother to a M. M. cannot become a member of the O. E. S., by reason of such relationship.
Geo. W. Matteson, G. W. P., 1882, Pg. 11, adopted, Pg. 23.

The half sister of a M. M. is eligible to the Order.
Mrs. M. C. Griswold, G. W. M., 1885, Pg. 6, adopted, Pg. 18.

Daughters legally adopted are entitled to the Degrees of the Order. See Sec. 5 of Rules and Regulations.
Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1882, Pg. 23.

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Changing Name of Chapter.

The Worthy Grand Patron may change name of Chapter.
Loren Day, G. W. P., 1884, Pg. 7, adopted, Pg. 15.
(I understand this to refer only to Chapters U. D.,) C. Waterbury.

Call to the Chair.

If proper to call a P. W. Matron to the Chair, the transactions of the Chapter will be legal while such P. W. Matron presides.
Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1885, Pg. 16 and 18.

Demits.

A member in good standing and clear of the books is entitled to a demit.
Mrs. M. C. Griswold, G. W. M., 1886, Pg. 7, adopted, Pg. 19.

Dispensations.

The Grd. W. Matron may grant dispensations (if requested), to elect an officer in place of one elected but not installed.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill, G. W. M., 1883, Pg. 6.

Dues.

Payment of dues during suspension is discretionary with Subordinate Chapters.
Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1885, Pg. 5 and 18.

Entitled to a Seat in Chapter.

Those who have taken the Eastern Star Degrees in any other than a regular Lodge or Chapter are not entitled to seats as visitors or otherwise.
Nellie S. Corry, G. W. M., 1880, Pg. 5, adopted Pg. 18 and 19.

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A Sister having married a second husband not a Mason whose first husband was a M. M., is entitled to membership.
Proceeedings Grd. Ch., 1880, Pg. 20.

A Sister retains her membership who became such through her brother, although her husband was not a M. M.
Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1880, Pg. 21.

Persons not initiated in a Regular Constituted Chapter. but have had the Degrees conferred by a Patron or Deputy before the Order had been thoroughly organized, cannot be admitted to membership in the Chapter.
Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1882, Pg. 23.

Can a member retain his or her place in the Chapter who has become an infidel since joining the Order?
(Grd. Ch. took no action.)
"He can." G. W. M., 1883, Pg. 6.
Resolved, That any member of this Order should not retain his or her place or membership in the Chapter, who has become an infidel since joining the Chapter.
Adopted. Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1887, Pg. 19.

A married lady initiated under her maiden name is a member in good standing.
Mrs. D. A. Merrill, G. W. M., 1883, Pg. 6, adopted Pg. 17.

The standing of a Sister wife of a M. M. is not affected by husband procuring a divorce after her initiation.
Mary A. Watrous, G. W. M., 1884, Pg. 4, adopted Pg. 15.

Instructions for Instituting New Chapters.

First. The officer authorized to institute the Chapter should satisfy himself that all the applicants for the degrees are eligible and entitled to the same.
Second. Administer the obligation to all applicants present not members of the Order.
Third. Place the officers in their respective stations and exemplify the work, and see them do all the work, giving

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them correct instruction in so doing, and be sure that the signs and passes are given and understood by the officers of the new Chapter correctly.

FOURTH. Have the officers open and close the Chapter in form as laid down in the Ritual.

Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1882, Pg. 18.

Membership in Grand Chapter.

A Grand Officer continues to hold the offices to which they were elected or appointed, after the Chapter to which they belong has neglected to make returns or pay dues to the Grand Chapter.

Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1882, Pg. 23.

Masonic Year.

The year of a Subordinate Chapter commences and closes at the annual election in September.

Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1885, Pg. 19.

Printed Blanks Required.

Printed Blanks for Petitions and Reports of Committees on Candidates recommended by Committee; on Jurisprudence and recommendation adopted.

Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1880, Pg. 21.

Special Meetings.

Subordinate Chapters cannot transact business legally at a special meeting, except such as is named in the call.

Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1880, Pg. 20, adopted Pg. 23.

Removal of Chapter.

Chapters cannot move from one room to another without permission from the Grand Worthy Matron.

Mrs. H. L. Anthony, 1882, Pg. 6, adopted Pg. 22.

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Repealed.

SEC. 3. Rules and Regulations of Subordinate Chapters. Now any Sister can be elected Matron or Associate Matron. (See Proceedings Grd. Ch., 1882, Pg. 19 and 24.)

Resolutions to be acted upon by Grand Chapter at annual meeting in 1887:

That the word eight in the fifth line, Act 13 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter to read six in place of eight.

W. H. Severance, 1886, Pg. 23.

Was taken up in 1887 and was not adopted.

To be added to Art. 13, Sec. 1, of present Constitution of Grand Chapter, viz.: "Provided further that the mileage of all Grand Matrons and Grand Patrons shall cease at the end of two years after the expiration of their term of office."

Mrs. C. M. Putnam, E. J. Barwarth, 1886, Pg. 23 and 24.

Was laid over to 1887, and then laid on table until 1888, when it was taken up and was not adopted.

To amend Art 11, Sec. 2, Constitution of Grand Chapter, viz.: "That all Subordinate Chapters shall pay fifty cents for each member initiated during the year, which amount will include all dues to be paid to Grand Chapter for initiated members." C. Waterbury, 1886, Pg. 25.

Laid over until 1887, and was taken up and was not adopted.

To amend Sec. 1, article 2, Constitution of Grand Chapter, by adding after the words Past Grand Patron, in the eleventh line, the words Past Matrons and Past Patrons.

J. S. Conover, 1888, Pg. 26.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

W. G. Matron—Sister A A. Matteson.....Middleville
W. G. Patron—Brother C. Waterbury.....Ionia
W. G. Asso. Matron—Sister O. L. Davidson...Grand Rapids
W. G. Asso. Patron—Brother C. R. Hutchinson..Coldwater
W. G. Secretary—Brother T. Phillips.....Hastings
W. G. Treasurer—Sister Kate A. Winans.....Lansing
W. G. Conductress—Sister Mary A. Wilber.....Detroit
W. G. Asso. Conductress—
Sister Rosella Leighton.....Williamston
W. G. Adah—Sister Lottie Polhemus.....West Branch
W. G. Ruth—Sister Kate A. Rider.....Hastings
W. G. Esther—Sister Julia E. Clark.....Big Rapids
W. G. Martha—Sister Alice M. Purdy.....Holland
W. G. Electa—Sister Mary F. Decker.....Otsego
W. G. Warder—Sister Jane Chappel.....Olivet
W. G. Sentinel—Brother J. H. Hall.....California
W. G. Chaplain—Brother B. S. Pratt.....Grand Ledge
W. G. Marshal—Sister S. L. Marsh.....Quincy
Committee on Foreign Correspondence—
Sister H. L. Anthony.....Sturgis

SECRETARIES WILL PLEASE READ.

The Secretary of each Chapter will please comply with the following rules:

1. Acknowledge promptly to the Worthy Grand Secretary the receipts of the proceedings sent.

2. Notify the Worthy Grand Secretary promptly of all changes in the office of Secretary.

3. Make your annual returns to the Worthy Grand Secretary before the first day of October in each year, and inclose draft for the amount of dues.

NOTE.—The next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Lansing, October 9th (being the second Wednesday), A. D. 1889, at 12 o'clock M.

T. PHILLIPS,
Worthy Grand Secretary, Hastings, Mich.

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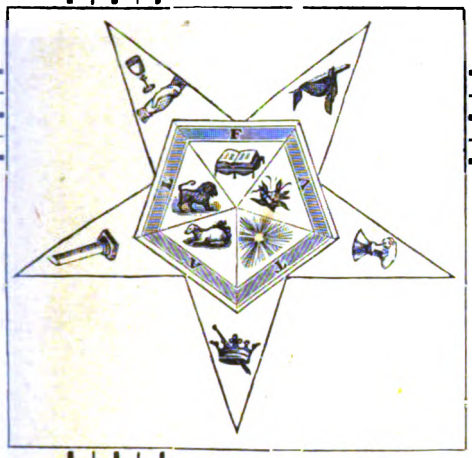

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Grand Chapter of Michigan of the Order of the Eastern Star. Twenty-third Annual Communication, Held in the City of Lansing, Oct. 9th and 10th, 1889.

The 23d annual communication of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, convened in Masonic Temple, in the City of Lansing, Oct. 9th, at 12 o'clock M., pursuant to the provision of the constitution of the Grand Chapter.

The Chapter room is large and commodious, with an elegant suit of rooms throughout. The seats at the points of the star were nicely decorated with emblems and flowers of the appropriate colors.

There were present:

Mrs. A. A. Mattason, Worthy Grand Matron.
C. Waterbury, Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. O. L. Davidson, Grand Associate Matron.
C. R. Hutchinson, Grand Associate Patron.
T. Phillips, Grand Secretary.
Mrs. S. K. Winans, Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Mary A. Wilbur, Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Rosella Leighton, Grand Associate Conductress.
Mrs. Lottie Polhemus, Grand Adah.
Mrs. K. A. Rider, Grand Ruth.

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Mrs. Julia E. Clark, Grand Esther.
Mrs. Alice M. Purdy, Grand Martha.
Mrs. Mary F. Decker, Grand Electa.
Mrs. Jane Chappell, Grand Warder.
J. H. Hall, Grand Sentinel.
Mrs. S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal.
Mrs. H. L. Anthony, Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

And representatives from nearly all of the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Chapter was opened in regular form, with prayer by Bro. Waterbury as Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Matron then announced as Committee on Credentials, Sisters Mary D. Stone, of Ionia, L. A. Hankerson, of Caro, and Brother B. R. Rose, of Hastings.

The Grand Matron then called the Grand Chapter from labor until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to order by the Grand Matron and prayer by Sister S. A. Phillips as Grand Chaplain.

It having been announced that the Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the World, Mrs. Nettie Ransford of Indianapolis, Indiana, was present, she was escorted to the Grand East and received with the Grand Honors.

Sister Mrs. H. A. Tenney, of Arbutus Chapter, at Lansing, then gave the address of welcome as follows:

Worthy Grand Matron, Patron, Officers, Members and Visitors, of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Michigan:

In behalf of Arbutus Chapter, No. 45, I extend to you a cordial greeting, and bid you a hearty welcome to this pleas-

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ant Chapter room, dedicated to Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness. May this be a "red letter day" in our life's history. May the remembrance of the few pleasant hours we spend together at this time, planning and working for the future growth of our loved order be kept in memory's storehouse that in after years they may furnish subjects for many pleasant thoughts.

"There are store-houses full of memories
That would seem a heavy load
Were it not for the many gem thoughts
To cheer us on our road,"

One year ago Arbutus Chapter was the infant Chapter in the Constellation of Chapters constituting this Grand Chapter, having been the last one to pass through the labyrinth of our Star, and having received its Charter was able to answer at roll call when the last, though not least of the numbers., 45 was reached. A goodly number of golden links have been added to the chain that binds us so closely together as a band of sisters and brothers, having received their charters and been admitted to into full membership. And still others working under the spell of those mystic letters U. D. are knocking at the door seeking admission.

May your short stay with us be pleasant and profitable, and may the years to come be filled with increasing joys.

Your sister Chapter located here under the shadows of the capitol of our noble state assures you that each and every member feels a happiness in being able to add to your pleasures.

May the Dove within the Star, hover over you, admonishing us all that we should labor for the peace and harmony of this Grand Chapter in all of its deliberations.

Yours Fraternally,
SISTER HARRIET A. TENNEY.

Sister S. L. Marsh gave the response to the address of welcome as follows:

Worthy Matron, Officers and Members of Arbutus Chapter:

The words of welcome with which you have greeted this Grand Body to your beautiful Chapter and family circle, is

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to many of us like words kindly spoken from dear and pleasant friendships formed in other days, but as we look around we see strange faces, to such as representative of this Grand Chapter we add another cordial greeting among us, and urge upon our sisters and brothers a pleasant recognition and happy cheery words to all those who appear in our midst for the first time, that in coming here they may find those beautiful words verified that greet them upon their entrance into our Chapter rooms, that this Order is dedicated to "Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness." And my sisters in behalf of the officers, delegates and visitors of this Grand Chapter I accept with great pleasure the warm greeting and welcome which you have extended to us. And as we sit under the shadow of our capitol building, its grand dome towering above us in such magnificence, may we feel our hearts beating with new inspiration to legislate, to plan and suggest ways and means whereby our noble order may be extended and the greatest amount of good accomplished.

Sisters and brothers as I respond to this greeting my thoughts are mingled with great sadness, as I remember one pale sad face, who is still holding with feeble hand her frail hold in the golden circle that binds our hearts so closely together—I refer to Sister L. A. Merrill—all the older members of this Grand Body will remember this dear sister. In our last proceedings we may see her name on the different committees, which has become in our Grand Chapter, a household name. Sister M. was for several years W. M. of Coldwater Chapter, and occupied the high position of Worthy Grand Matron of the State of Michigan for two years, none but will remember with delight her pleasant, courteous and ladylike ways while filling the high station to which her "associates were pleased to call her," her last work in our last session was to assist in the installation of the present Grand Officers and place upon you your badges of office, to-day she feels that her work has all been accomplished in this order she has loved so well, and has ever with her means, good judgment and delightful presence, endeavored to advance its interests. A few days since it was my sad privilege to sit beside my dear sister and hear her talk of the beautiful home to which she was going, still lovingly her feeble thoughts turned to this gathering, and as I arose to go she turned her head for a moment as though asking for strength and said.

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"must I say goodbye, Sister Marsh, I am not afraid to die, but willing to go when the Father calls, bear to the sisters and brothers of the Grand Chapter my greeting, and that I am just waiting the sound of the gavel, and though the link which binds me to sisters and brothers may "fall away in death, the parting will be temporary and the meeting eternal, in that world where death comes not." I trust some pleasant message from this Grand Body which has been Sister Merrill's home for 13 years, may be conveyed to her and her afflicted husband.

Again my sisters we accept your cordial greeting, and may we strive in all our deliberations to temper justice with mercy and govern all our actions with unselfish loyalty to the wellfare of others.

S. L. MARSH.

Sister Julia E. Clark, Grand Esther, who was not present at the opening of the Grand Chapter and having never been installed was at this time escorted by the Grand Marshal to the East, and by the Grand Matron duly installed and seated at the third point of the Star.

The Worthy Grand Matron then read her address as follows:

Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

One by one the years follow each other in quick succession. It seems but yesterday we parted, and yet, a year is gone, gone with its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures.

As we gather to-day around our altar let us not forget to return thanks to the kind Father who has watched over and kept us during the year, and permitted us to meet once more an unbroken band.

To the sisters and brothers who mourn the loss of those near and dear to them, we extend our deepest sympathy, may you be comforted, by the Father, who has promised to strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of His power. We would also extend our sympathy to the Chapters that

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have lost by death zealous workers, who by their example and work, have helped to make our order what it is. In behalf of the Grand Officers I welcome you, one and all, especially would we greet and welcome those who meet with us to-day for the first time; may your meeting with us, result in mutual good, and may you return to your Chapters with a new enthusiasm, and a better understanding of our objects and aims. We meet in these annual sessions to review the work of the past, and plan for the year that is before us, we hope by coming together in counsel to make the work of the coming year productive of grand results. May each representative go to their home Chapter with the feeling that they have an individual responsibility in the upbuilding of our beautiful order.

In accordance with requirements of our order I present to you the following

REPORT.

October 11th, 1888, I gave Hastings Chapter, No. 7, permission to install their Associate Matron at their regular meeting in October.

October 11th I gave Eureka Chapter, No. 38, permission to install their Associate Conductress at their next regular meeting.

October 12th I gave Williamston Chapter permission to move into the new Masonic Hall.

November 5th I gave the Worthy Matron of Williamston Chapter permission to install four of her officers, they being unable to attend the September meeting.

November 14th I deputized Brother R. C. Hatheway, Past Patron of Oriental Chapter, No 32, to install the officers of R. C. Hatheway Chapter at Escanaba, Nov. 23d, and those of Aurora Chapter at Ironwood, Nov. 26th, 1888.

November 20th I installed the officers of Luther Chapter. After installation the work was exemplified in a manner that reflects credit on the officers of Luther Chapter, although only four months old, I found them with seal, jewels, floor star, and all things needed by a good working Chapter.

November 21st I visited Big Rapids Chapter, No. 42. One candidate was initiated. It was about a year after my first visit to this Chapter. Their work is evidence that it has not been a year of idleness.

November 23d I deputized Most Worthy Grand Patron,

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Brother J. S. Conover to install the officers of Keystone Chapter No. 52, Nov. 27th.

December 4th I installed the officers of Electa Chapter, at Lyons. Examined the work, and gave them necessary instruction.

December 4th I deputized Sister Addie Kurn, Past Matron of Evergreen Chapter to install the officers of Fidelity Chapter at Roscommon.

December 6th I publicly installed the officers of Tecumseh Chapter No. 51.

December 11th I deputized the Worthy Grand Patron to install the officers of Crescent Chapter, at Stanton, Dec. 14th.

December 18th I granted Queen Esther Chapter No. 35, a special dispensation to elect an Associate Matron, the one regularly elected having removed from the jurisdiction.

December 22d I received from the Worthy Grand Patron a warrant authorizing me to receive petitions, issue dispensations and institute new Chapters.

January 2d, 1889, I granted Oriental Chapter No. 32, a special dispensation for balloting.

January 2d, 1889, I granted Williamston Chapter permission to do the regular work of our order in the new Masonic Hall before it was dedicated, the Grand Master of Michigan having granted the same privilege to the blue lodge.

January 2d, 1889, I granted Laurel Chapter No. 31, a special dispensation for balloting.

January 10th I gave R. C. Hatheway Chapter, No. 49, permission to change their time of meeting from the last Friday to the second Tuesday of each month.

January 18th. In company with Sister E. J. Barber, Past Grand Matron, I visited Laurel Chapter, No. 31, at Nashville. Two candidates received the degrees. We were cordially welcomed and entertained at the home of the Worthy Matron, Mrs C. M. Putnam.

January 22d I visited Oriental Chapter, No. 32, Grand Rapids. The degrees were conferred upon two candidates in the beautiful and impressive manner for which Oriental Chapter is justly noted.

January 25th. By special invitation I visited Hayward Chapter, No. 37, at Detroit. Hayward Chapter is well officered, and much praise is due them for the almost perfect rendering of the ritual work. Two candidates were initiated

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and after they were welcomed, toasts were responded to by past and present officers of Hayward Chapter. At the close Brother George Heigho in the name of Hayward Chapter, presented me with a beautiful Eastern Star Jewel. Words cannot convey to you my surprise, also my appreciation of the beautiful gift. I was entertained during my stay in the city at the hospitable home of Brother and Sister Wilber. Just before going to the Chapter, Brother Wilber presented me an elegant corsage boquet, composed of flowers appropriate to the degrees of our order. I wish thus publicly to express my thanks.

January 28th I gave Eureka a special dispensation for balloting.

February 25th I granted H. C. Kimball Chapter, No. 44, a special dispensation to extend the time a candidate may have before presenting themselves for initiation. Their By-Laws provide six months and they do not wish to amend them; in the case referred to the secretary had neglected to notify the candidate of her election.

March 2d, By request I sent a petition for dispensation to Athens, Calhoun county. April 3d I received the petition with 31 names attached and instituted them April 16th under the name of Naomi. Mrs. A. C. Blanchard, W. M.; A. E. Underwood, W. P.; Mrs. L. A. Kyes, A. M.

March 11th I sent a petition to Cooper, Kalamazoo county. March 16th, received the petition with 27 names attached and instituted them April 4th, under the name of Wickwire. Mrs. Myra Wickwire, W. M.; E. H. Glen, W. P.; Mrs. Augusta Bryant, A. M.

April 20th, at the request of the Worthy Grand Patron, I instituted Hart Chapter, at Hart, Oceana county, 53 charter members.

April 8th I received a letter of inquiry from Newaygo relative to forming a Chapter. I gave them necessary instructions, also sent them a petition for dispensation. Four days later I received the petition with 16 names attached, and instituted them, assisted by the Associate Grand Matron, April 23d, under the name of Unity. Mrs. Minnie A. Watrous, W. M.; S. D. Thompson, W. P.; Mrs. Mattie Pittwood, A. M.

I have also sent petitions for dispensations to Pentwater.

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Ludington, Spring Lake, St. Ignace, Menominee, East Saginaw and Alpena.

March 7th I gave Quincy Chapter, No. 12, permission to move into the Odd Fellows Hall, the Masonic hall being condemned, also gave them permission to change their night of meeting from the Friday on or before, to the Tuesday after the full moon.

April 1st I granted Williamston Chapter, No. 29, a special dispensation for balloting.

June 11th I visited Oriental Chapter, No. 32. seven petitions were received and referred and a large amount of other business transacted; there were initiations.

July 9th in company with Sister S. J. LaTour, Secretary of Hayward Chapter, No. 37, I visited Hastings Chapter, No. 7. We spent the afternoon at the pleasant home of the Worthy Matron, Sister Kate Rider. At five o'clock we were invited to the hall, where we found a goodly number of sisters and brothers and an elegant supper awaiting us. After partaking of the good things provided, and spending an hour in social enjoyment, the gavel sounded and Chapter was opened for the transaction of business. There were no initiations.

QUESTIONS.

"Have we a right to receive dues from a brother who has been suspended from the blue lodge for non-payment of the same?" For answer, referred to page seven of ritual.

"Can a petition be balloted on without knowing whether the candidate is eligible or not?" Answer, no.

"Is it not the duty of the investigating committee to write to the secretary of the lodge to which the man belongs, through whom, the lady claims admission, and ascertain his standing there?" It is. See section 8, page 14, rules and regulations.

Received the following from a Worthy Matron: "While our Chapter was in session, a sister called me a fabricator, I made a true statement pertaining to lodge affairs and she contradicted me flatly; in such a case what should be done?" Answer: You could and should require an apology from the sister in open Chapter, and if not made, proceed according to section 2, of penal code.

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"Can we elect by vote a new secretary, or must we appoint one every meeting, the one elected and installed refuses to serve?" For answer referred them to section 3, rules and regulations, for the government of subordinate chapters.

March 6. Received a letter from a Worthy Matron, asking permission to resign her office. Referred her to my decision on the same question in 1888.

"At our last meeting we had two petitions to ballot upon, the ballot was spread, found not clear, and the Worthy Matron without asking if all had voted said, the ballot is not clear therefore not elected; was that legal, and can we not act upon the petition at our next regular meeting the same as if nothing had ever been done with it, or, by re-considering it. If not, will you give us a special dispensation to present the petition and ballot the same evening?"

Answer: You cannot act upon the petition at your next regular meeting the same as if no action had been taken. The Worthy Matron has declared the candidate not elected and that disposes of that petition. She can however petition again at your next regular meeting. Second, A Worthy Matron need not ask if all have voted, nor declare the ballot closed, it is her business to *know* when the ballot box has been carried to every one present whether all have voted. The manner of balloting is very plain on pages five and six of ritual. Third, I cannot grant a special dispensation for balloting unless there is some special emergency.

"Can the secret work of the order go out of the hands of the first three officers?" Answer: The secret work should not go out of the hands of the first three officers, and should be under lock when not in use.

"If installation ceremonies are public must the Chapter be opened in due form?" Answer: At public installations the Chapter should be declared open with one sound of the gavel. See ritual.

"Is it proper to leave rituals where persons not members of the order can read them?" It is not proper, while not secret they were not intended for the public.

"Can a sister or brother object to a member of the order sitting in Chapter, if he or she knows the member to be unworthy?" Answer: If the sister or brother is a member of your own Chapter charges must be preferred

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and sustained to debar her or him, if a visitor, any sister or brother may object, and not be obliged to state reasons. (*Masonic Law*), also inferred from Landmark 12.

"Is it proper, or legal, for a Worthy Matron to call a brother from the floor to preside during conferring degrees when there is a Past Patron present?" Answer: A Worthy Matron *may* call any brother she chooses, but it surely shows a lack of courtesy to the Past Patron.

"A brother has been elected and installed Worthy Patron, afterwards a demit is granted him from the blue lodge. Has he a right to hold the office of Worthy Patron and confer the Eastern Star degrees?" He has, the fact that a demit was granted him is evidence of his good standing. X.

"A sister was elected and installed, afterwards it was discovered that no record was made of the meeting at which she was initiated, her name does not appear on the records. The initiation was three years ago. What shall we do?" Answer: The fact that the sister's name does not appear on the records does not affect her standing, the fault was with your secretary. It *must* be a careless Chapter that lets a meeting pass without a record of the business transacted. Would recommend that you take due notice of the duties of secretaries as given on page 20 of ritual and govern yourselves accordingly.

"Can a member of our order unaffiliated and visiting a Chapter, act on committee?" Answer: No.

"If a special meeting is called must the Chapter be opened and closed in regular form. Answer: Chapter must always be opened in due form, but may be declared closed.

"Three petitions were received and balloted upon, the petitions were not signed by the applicants and the fee did not accompany the petitions, but were vouched for by a brother and accepted, was this legal?" Answer: No. See section 7, rules and regulations.

"A petition was received signed by the applicant, unaccompanied by the fee, vouched for by a brother; the candidate was elected, but the fee has not been paid, is not the brother holden for the fee?" Answer: He is. Would recommend that all Chapters be required to observe section 7, rules and regulations.

"When a person is admitted by demit have they to be re-obligated?" Answer: No.

"Can we receive the petition of a widow whose first hus-

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band was master mason but the second was not? Answer: No. 3.

"A young lady just past seventeen, daughter of a sister in our Chapter, has lately married a brother in the Chapter, question, can we receive the lady?" Answer: Yes.

"One of our members has a daughter who is anxious to join our Chapter, she is well educated but unfortunately deaf. She can, however, talk enough to repeat the obligation and make herself understood, can she join our Chapter?" Answer: Yes.

"In the absence of the Worthy Matron, Associate Matron, and Past Matron, who would be the proper person to take the chair?" Answer: As any brother may be called to the Worthy Patron's chair, so, in my judgment any sister may, in the absence of the above named officers, be called, (after the Worthy Patron has opened the Chapter) to do the work that properly belongs to the Worthy Matron.

"Must we notify Chapters near us when we have rejected a candidate and give the name?" Answer: Yes. Also notify the Grand Secretary.

"If the Associate Matron is not satisfied that all present are members of the order, how should she make the examination?" For answer I gave them instruction in accordance with the manner of purging our Grand Chapter.

"Is a woman whose adopted son is a Master Mason in good standing eligible to the degrees of our order?" Answer: She is not eligible.

"In what order shall the ballot box be passed?" Answer: First to the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Secretary, members, Treasurer, then to the Star officers inside the chairs beginning with Electa, then to the A. M.

"How long must a person reside in a jurisdiction before they can join a Chapter?" Answer: There is no specified time.

"Is a step-daughter eligible to membership in our order although married to a man not a Mason?" Answer: She is not eligible whether married or single.

"Can an officer be installed by proxy?" Answer: No.

A Worthy Matron may affix the seal of her Chapter to any correspondence she may have with the Grand Matron, whether ordered by her Chapter or not, but all decisions given in answer to such correspondence is the property of the Chapter.

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September 9th I received a letter from a Past Matron of Crystal Chapter, saying they wished to re-organize. Their Chapter ceased work when the Masonic hall was burned. A duplicate charter was granted them, but they had no place of meeting. The new Masonic hall is now finished and dedicated; I advised them to call a meeting and report to me, when I would appoint a deputy to re-instate them, have heard nothing since. Should they report to this Grand Body I would recommend that their back dues be remitted and they permitted to resume work.

September 10th I gave Burr Oak Chapter permission to move into the new Masonic hall.

September 13th, by invitation I installed the officers of Middleville Chapter, No. 17.

September 26th I granted R C. Hatheway Chapter a special dispensation to install their secretary at their regular meeting Oct. 8th.

September 28th I granted a special dispensation to Fidelity Chapter to hold their election and installation Sept. 30th.

REPRESENTATIVES.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at the last Grand Session, I have appointed as Grand Representatives the following Grand and Past Grand Matrons:

Mrs. Sopha C. Scott, Illinois.
Mrs. Gertrude Freeman, California.
Mrs. Annie B. Huntress, Massachusetts.
Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indiana.
Mrs. Hettie E. Penn, Arkansas.
Mrs. Augusta M. Ladd, New Jersey.
Mrs Emma W. Port, Kansas.
Mrs. Flora E. Haviland, Vermont.
Mrs. Cora B. McPherson, Missouri.
Mrs. C. Thompson, Nebraska.
Mrs. Eliza Demorest. New York.
Mrs. Virginia Tucker, Texas.
Mrs. H. E. Battey, Connecticut.
Mrs. Emma S. Peck. Minnesota.

I have been honored with appointments as representative of the Grand Chapters of California, Illinois and Minnesota.

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INVITATIONS.

I have received invitations to visit the Grand Chapters of Illinois, California, Arkansas and Iowa, all of which I was obliged to decline. Also received an invitation to attend the silver wedding of Brother and Sister Wilber, of Hayward Chapter, March 27th, I sincerely regretted being obliged to decline this invitation.

I have issued invitations to all Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to attend this Grand session. I have received letters of regret from Iowa, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana and Massachusetts.

I take pleasure at this time in welcoming into our ranks, our new sisters, the Grand Chapters of Washington, Ohio. Indian Territory, and South Dakota.

September 25th, 26th and 27th, it was my privilege to attend the sixth stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, held at Indianapolis, Ind. The entire session was devoted to legislation for the general good of the order, the report of the Most Worthy Grand Patron shows a great amount of work accomplished during his term of office.

The work done during the Session, that will be of most interest to this Grand Body, was the acceptance of the report of the committee on rituals, this committee has been at work on a revision of the ritual for the past six years, and have now completed their work. As soon as the new rituals are published they will be sent to the several Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter free of charge, and the rituals now in use are to be returned to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

By an action taken at this session, the Most Worthy Grand Matron is made the official head in reality, whether this action was a wise one remains to be seen.

The report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shows the

Total receipts	$7,199 09
Totat expenditures	3,370 73
Balance on hand	$3,828 36

October 2d I received a letter from a brother who was formerly a member of Springport Chapter, asking for

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a demit for himself and wife, that they might affiliate with Unity Chapter, Newaygo. For answer I sent him a copy of the resolution adopted at our last Grand Session and advised them to unite with Unity Chapter by petition.

October 4th I granted Keystone Chapter, No. 52, a special dispensation to install officers Tuesday evening, October 8th.

I have during the year written five hundred and twenty-six letters, while this has been done most willingly and cheerfully I can say, if officers in chapters would make themselves thoroughly familiar with the constitution, rules and regulations for the government of subordinate chapters very many of them would have been unnecessary.

Sisters and brothers I present to you this report, which you will accept or reject as in your judgment seems best. I doubt not, many mistakes have been made, but I assure you that I have, at all times, done what seemed for the best interests of our beloved order.

The office of Worthy Grand Matron is one of great responsibility and I deem it no small mark of your esteem and confidence to be twice chosen to fill that high position.

As I am about to perform the last duties of office as your Grand Matron I desire to express once more, my earnest heartfelt thanks to this Grand Body for the many marks of fraternal regard. Especially are thanks due to my Associate Grand Officers for their unvarying kindness and loyal support.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. A. MATTESON,
Worthy Grand Matron.

The Worthy Grand Patron then read his address as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter:

Through the kindness of an all-wise providence, we are again assembled to perform the duties incident to the annuals of the order. As it is one of the special duties of the Patron to have in charge the supervision of the ceremonial

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department of the order, suppose we mentally make use of a large magnifying lens and bring the subordinate chapters at close range. All members of special chapters, if interested in their advancement, are, naturally curious to know how the ritualistic work is interpreted and presented by sister chapters. None will deny that uniformity of delineation throughout this state at least would not only be desirable but should be obtained. As yet we are not able, were it necessary, to employ a Grand Lecturer to hold schools of instruction, in fact our ritual is not obscure and there are but few points that are questionable as to the intention of the author and yet we find ourselves frequently interrogated on this or that point as to the proper rendering. Visiting other chapters enables us to place in contrast the different ways employed, if any, and we seldom fail to notice some point that is not superior to our own; at this time permit me state that the work should be thoroughly memorized. It is not only rendered much more impressive to the candidate but more enjoyable to members and visitors. It is also an important factor in procuring a good attendance. There is reason to believe that much advancement has been made, in the exemplification of the work for the last year or two, and to all holding official positions in any chapter, I would repeat, memorize your work. The nature and object of the order demands it; it avoids delay and confusion, encourages discipline, and at once brings your chapter into prominence. On a previous occasion I suggested an amendment relative to the black ball, as the Grand Chapter did not concur, its arbitrary use, in many instances, is still a source of much annoyance, if not discouragement, and without doubt in some instances the situation is aggravated by bitter criticisms among the friends of the candidate as to the motive which resulted in the adverse ballot. In regard to this a few words may be justifiable in causing a better understanding as to our duty on such occasions. A judicious use of the black ball is indispensable, but the motive which prompts its use should be entirely eliminated from personality or prejudice. If we know the candidate to be unworthy of our support, and if elected would prove a detriment to the order, then we are not only justified in casting a black ball but would be recreant to our duty and unfaithful to the trust imposed if we did not. It is evident to me that when a chapter is undergoing the ex-

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perience incident to the rejection of any or all candidates, perhaps month after month, silence and a quiet submission to the inevitable usually results in restoring harmony and the chapter finds itself again in working order. As there is no restrictions made relative to casting the ballot, and whether the black ball is cast from the merest caprice, or most stalwart principle, the effect on the candidate is the same, hence it becomes us as sisters and brothers aspiring to emulate the virtues radiating from the several points of the Star to treat the friend who knocks at our door for admission in a manner that "Truth, Justice and Honor will warrant."

There are many things relative to the conduct and management of subordinate chapters that might be profitably discussed. I have alluded only to those that may be deemed vital if not inseparable to their growth and prosperity. Matters of minor importance are sooner or later adjusted as experience and observation teach us their relative values in rendering the work gracefully or transacting the business of the chapter in compliance with the rules of the order and by-laws of our respective chapters.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

December 14, I installed the officers of Crescent Chapter at Stanton, having been deputized by the Worthy Grand Matron.

November 23, Brother R. C. Hatheway organized a chapter at Manistique, Northern Peninsular, Schoolcraft county. Petition dated Nov. 20, with 40 names attached.

Received petition, dated Feb. 2, from Mt. Pleasant, Isabella county, with 17 names attached. Instituted them personally under the name of Mt. Pleasant.

Received petition, dated Jan. 16, from Ithaca, Gratiot county, with 33 names attached. Organized the Chapter Feb. 15, under the name of Iris, afterward changed to Myrtle.

Received petition, dated March 14, from Cooper, Kalamazoo county, with 27 names attached. The Worthy Grand Matron instituted the Chapter, April 4, under the name of Wickwire.

Received petition, dated March 16, from Ft. Gratiot, St. Clair county, with 59 names attached. Brother Wilbur instituted the Chapter, April 5, under the name of Mystic.

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Received petition, dated April 1, from Athens, Calhoun county, with 31 names attached. The Worthy Grand Matron instituted the Chapter April 16, under the name of Naomi.

Received petition, March 13, from Hart, Oceana county, with 53 names attached. The Worthy Grand Matron organized the Chapter April 20, under the name of Hart.

Received petition, dated April 11, from Newaygo, Newaygo county, with 16 names attached. The Worthy Grand Matron organized them April 24, under the name of Unity.

Received petition, dated May 4, from Carson City, Montcalm county, with 16 names attached. Instituted the Chapter personally, May 14, under the name of Beulah.

Thus substantially completing my official action during the year save and except much correspondence, most of which I referred to the Grand Matron. And now sisters and brothers my term of office is approaching the vanishing point. Your generosity in twice calling me to the position of Grand Patron, your cordial support in my endeavors to advance the interest of the order, your charity and forbearance exhibited in my behalf for errors committed, will ever be treasured by me as a grateful acknowledgement of your appreciation of my good intentions however crude and indifferent they may have appeared.

My chief desire is for the promotion of the order, and so far as time and circumstances will permit hope to be found in the ranks.

C. WATERBURY, Worthy Grand Patron.

On motion of Sister Mary D. Stone the addresses of the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were referred to a committee of three for division and reference.

The Grand Matron appointed as such committee, Sisters McPherson, Sutliff and Brother Rose; and the following standing committees:

Finance, Ways and Means—Sisters May E. Hinds, Lizzie McPherson and Brother George F. Beardsly.

Dispensations and Charters—Sisters F. J. Gunnison, Sarah Bridge and Brother N. W. Johnson.

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Unfinished Business—Sisters E. J. Barber, S. L. Dowling and Brother James J. Decker.

Pay Roll—Sisters H. A. Tenney, Grace I. Catlin and Brother John Bridge.

Jurisprudence—Sisters S. L. Marsh, M. A. Griswold and Brother R. Simmons.

Appeals and Grievances—Sisters A. J. Vannetter, L. A. Phillips and Brother W. H. Wilbur.

The committee on credentials reported as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on credentials would respectfully submit the following named persons as being entitled to seats in this Grand Chapter:

Worthy Grand Matron—Sister A. A. Matteson.
Worthy Grand Patron—Brother C. Waterbury.
Worthy Grand Associate Matron—Sister O. L. Davidson.
Worthy Grand Asso. Patron—Brother C. R. Hutchinson.
Worthy Grand Secretary—Brother T. Phillips.
Worthy Grand Treasurer—Sister S. K. Winans.
Worthy Grand Conductress—Mary A. Wilbur.
Worthy Grand Associate Con.—Sister Rosella Leighton.
Worthy Grand Adah—Sister Lottie Polhemus.
Worthy Grand Ruth—Sister Kate A. Rider.
Worthy Grand Esther—Sister Julia E. Clark.
Worthy Grand Martha—Sister Alice M. Purdy.
Worthy Grand Electa—Sister Mary F. Decker.
Worthy Grand Warder—Sister Jane Chappel.
Worthy Grand Sentinel—Brother J. H. Hall.
Worthy Grand Chaplin—Brother B. S. Pratt.
Worthy Grand Marshal—Sister S. L. Marsh.

PAST GRAND MATRONS.

Sisters E. L. Pendleton, D. C. Purinton, E. J. Barber, S. L. Marsh, Nellie S. Corey, B. R. Rose, H. L. Anthony, D. A. Merrill, M. A. Watrous, M. C. Griswold.

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PAST GRAND PATRONS.

Brothers David Bovee, D. V. Purinton, T. Phillips, W. Douglass, J. S. Cross, B. R. Rose, W. H. Severance, A. C. Manly, G. W. Matteson, Loren Day, J. S. Conover.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Coldwater Chapter No. 3.—Worthy Matron, Sister G. W. Blackwell; Worthy Patron ———; Associate Matron, Sister Sarah Stevens.

Olive Branch Chapter No. 4.—Worthy Matron, Sister Stella Sturgis; Worthy Patron, Brother Chas. J. Lockwood; Associate Matron, Sister F. H. Church.

Hastings Chapter No. 7.—Worthy Matron, Sister A. M. Hayes; Worthy Patron, Brother Ed. Hogle; Associate Matron, Sister S. J. Slingerland.

Quincy Chapter No. 12—Worthy Matron, Sister Franc Finn; Worthy Patron, Brother E. W. Herrick; Associate Matron, Sister Jennie Graves.

Grand Ledge Chapter No. 14.—Worthy Matron, Sister H. A. Kent; Worthy Patron, Brother Ben. Hulce; Associate Matron, Sister Libby Krupp; proxy for Associate Matron Sister S. M. Nostrand; proxy for Worthy Patron, Brother Frank Rambo.

Middleville Chapter No. 17.—Worthy Matron, Sister Sarah L. Dowling; Worthy Patron, Brother Samuel C. Rich; Associate Matron, Sister Della Matteson.

Sharon Chapter No. 20.—Worthy Matron, Sister Lizzie Morrison; Worthy Patron, Brother Joseph Summerson; Associate Matron, ———; proxy for Worthy Matron, Sister M. A. Miller; proxy for Worthy Patron, Sister L. A. Teall.

Ivy Leaf Chapter No. 22.—Worthy Matron, Sister D. S. Hall; Worthy Patron, Brother J. H. Hall; Associate Matron, Sister Lucia R. Lift.

Olivet Chapter No. 24.—Worthy Matron, Sister E. J. Bosworth; Worthy Patron, Brother O. Bugbee; Associate Matron, Sister M. E. Jewett.

Burr Oak Chapter No. 28.—Worthy Matron, Sister Clara Wilson; Worthy Patron, Brother Henry Robinson; Associate Matron, Sister Hattie Bordner

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Williamston Chapter No. 29.—Worthy Matron, Sister Rosella Leighton; Worthy Patron, Brother A. M. Lounsbury; Associate Matron, Sister A. J. Vannetter; proxy for Worthy Matron, Sister A. J. Vannetter.

Dewitt Chapter No. 30.—Worthy Matron, Sister Elizabeth Simmons; Worthy Patron, Brother Mark T. Woodruff; Associate Matron, Sister Mattie Simmons.

Laurel Chapter No. 31.—Worthy Matron, Sister C. Putman; Worthy Patron, Brother B. F. Reynolds; Associate Matron, Sister E. Parady.

Oriental Chapter No. 32.—Worthy Matron, Sister Rachael Tubbs; Worthy Patron, Brother Andrew W. Johnson; Associate Matron, Sister Minnie Folger.

Kedron Chapter No. 33.—Worthy Matron, Sister Lucy A. Hankerson; Worthy Patron, Brother Arthur T. Slaght; Associate Matron, Sister Annie Bissell.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 35.—Worthy Matron, Sister R. C. Stone; Worthy Patron, Brother J. T. Pickham; Associate Matron, Sister Carrie Bolton.

Hayward Chapter No. 37.—Worthy Matron, Sister Mary A. Wilbur; Worthy Patron, Brother J. W. Wilson; Associate Matron, Sister Lizzie McPherson; proxy for Worthy Matron, Brother W. H. Wilbur.

Eureka Chapter No. 38.—Worthy Matron, Sister J. Rose Mansfield; Worthy Patron, Brother P. H. Weaver; Associate Matron, Sister Julie E. Dowdall; proxy for Worthy Matron, Sister Esther Haight.

Evergreen Chapter No. 39.—Worthy Matron, Sister Belle Cochran; Worthy Patron, Brother Dr. C. F. Cochran; Associate Matron, Sister Emma Phelps; proxy for Worthy Patron, Sister Annie Kurn.

Star of Bethlehem Chapter No. 40.—Worthy Matron, Sister Ida Churchill; Worthy Patron, Brother Otto Breymen; Associate Matron, Sister Dolly Huling; proxy for Associate Matron, Sister Sarah Clark.

Grace Chapter No. 41.—Worthy Matron, Sister E. R. Weaver; Worthy Patron, Brother James J. Decker; Associate Matron, Sister Kittie Gorie; proxy for Associate Matron, Sister Julia Inglis.

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Big Rapids Chapter No. 42.—Worthy Matron, Sister A. A. Mason; Worthy Patron, Brother Charles Gay; Associate Matron, Sister E. C. Raub.

Alma Chapter No. 43.—Worthy Matron, Sister Louise Surck; Worthy Patron, Brother Michael Polasky; Associate Matron, Sister Annie Messinger.

H. C. Kimball Chapter No. 44.—Worthy Matron, Sister Grace Catlin; Worthy Patron, Brother Dr. J. D. Jones; Associate Matron. Sister H. P. Colburn; proxy for Worthy Patron and Associate Matron, Sister Grace Catlin.

Arbutus Chapter No. 45.—Worthy Matron, Sister Harriett A. Tenney; Worthy Patron, Brother A. H. Heath; Associate Matron, Sister Eliza M. Sutliff; proxy for Worthy Patron, Brother George H. Saxton.

Electa Chapter No. 46.—Worthy Matron, Sister Flora Isham; Worthy Patron, Brother Delos Mills; Associate Matron, Sister Gertrude Faling.

Crescent Chapter No. 47.—Worthy Matron, Sister Mary E. Hinds; Worthy Patron, Brother Seymour Underwood; Associate Matron, Sister Kinney; proxy for Associate Matron Sister Anna Beardsley; proxy for Worthy Patron, Sister B. E. Smith.

Aurora Chapter No. 48.—Worthy Matron, Sister Emma C. Monroe; Worthy Patron, Brother George Brewer; Associate Matron, Sister Elizabeth Brewer.

R. C. Hatheway Chapter No. 49.—Worthy Matron, Sister Libbie S. Anthony; Worthy Patron, Brother Theodore Farrell: Associate Matron, Sister Sarah Farrell.

Fidelity Chapter No. 50.—Worthy Matron, Sister Franc Converse; Worthy Patron, Brother John Mason; Associate Matron, Sister J. M. Yakr.

Tecumseh Chapter No. 51.—Worthy Matron, Sister J. F. Hicks; Worthy Patron, Brother S. P. Hosmer; Associate Matron, Sister Alice Hardenburgh.

Keystone Chapter No. 52.—Worthy Matron, Sister Mary S. Coffin; Worthy Patron, Brother John Bridge; Associate Matron, Sister Sarah Bridge; proxy for Worthy Matron, Brother John Bridge.

Luther Chapter No. 53.—Worthy Matron, Sister Alta E.

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Atwood; Worthy Patron, Brother Charles J. Bellamy; Associate Matron, Sister Addie Baldwin

All of which is respectfully submitted by this committee.

M. D. STONE,
B. R. ROSE,
L. A. HANKERSON.

On motion the report was accepted and adopted and the committee were instructed to make any corrections necessary.

On motion of Brother Rose the representatives of Grace Chapter, No. 41, were given seats in the Grand Chapter, their returns and dues having been sent they said but not received by the Grand Secretary.

Brother Hutchinson made same motion in regard to Star of Bethlehem Chapter, No. 40, their returns and dues not having been received by the Grand Secretary. The delegates agreeing that the dues should be forthcoming. Motion prevailed.

On motion this evening was set apart as the time to exemplify the unwritten work by the initiation of two candidates.

On motion of Sister Marsh the following telegram was sent to Sister and Brother Merrill of Coldwater.

LANSING, Oct. 9th, 1889.

The sympathy and regrets of this Grand Chapter are extended to Sister and Brother Merrill.

MRS. S. L. MARSH.
MRS. E. J. BARBER.
MRS. M. C. GRISWOLD.
MRS. B. R. ROSE.

Brother C. R. Hutchinson made the following motion which was carried unanimously:

That the Worthy Grand Matron's expenses amounting to twenty-two dollars in attending the General Grand Chapter at Indianapolis be paid by this Grand Chapter.

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Communications from the Grand Patron of Arkansas and from the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron were here read, sending hearty good wishes for our beloved order.

On motion of Brother Wilbur the Grand Secretary was ordered to send greetings by telegram to the Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Texas, now in session.

The following telegrams were sent:

LANSING, Oct. 9th, 1889.

To the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star now in session at San Antonia, Texas. The Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Michigan, now in session, sends greetings. God bless you.

T. PHILLIPS, Grand Secretary.

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 9th, 1889.

To the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star, now in session at Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Grand Chapter of Michigan, now in session at Lansing, sends greetings. God bless you.

T. PHILLIPS, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Chapter was now called from labor until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.

The hour of 7 o'clock having arrived the Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

This evening being the time set apart for the exemplification of the work of our order the Grand Officers proceeded to do the work in a very able manner, each and every one acting their part most nobly.

After the work was completed and all questions satisfactorily answered, Sister Mary A. Wilbur, Grand Conductress,

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gave a recitation, entitled "The King's Decision" in a very able manner.

The Grand Matron then called the Grand Chapter from labor until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

MORNING SESSION.

Thursday morning, Oct. 10th, 9 a. m. The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother M. Pollaski offered the following resolution:

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter is supposed to be governed by rules and regulations of other similar bodies, and

WHEREAS, It is unjust and unreasonable to exact dues from members initiated in subordinate chapters during the year, be it therefore

Resolved, That the words "on the first day of September preceding," in Art. No. 11 of Sec. No. 2, in the constitution of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, be stricken out.

M. POLLASKI.

The resolution was lost.

The committee on division and reference then made their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on division and reference respectfully report as follows:

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's report as refers to a Sister calling a Worthy Matron a fabricator, be referred to the committee on appeals and grievances.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's decision as refers to a Master Mason being called to the Worthy Patron's chair during the conferring of the degrees, be referred to the

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committee on jurisprudence. (This conflicts with a former decison).

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's report as refers to a person becoming a member not having attained the age of eligibility, would refere them to general regulations.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's report as refers to the Worthy Grand Matron using the seal of her chapter, be referred to this Grand Chapter.

That so much of the Worthy Grand Matron's report as refers to the remitting of dues of Crystal Chapter, be referred to this Grand Chapter.

That the remainder of the address of the Worthy Grand Matron be approved by this Grand Chapter.

That the report of the Worthy Grand Patron be approved bv this Grand Chapter.

MRS. LIZZIE MCPHERSON,
MRS. SUTLIFF,
B. R. ROSE.

Brother C. Waterbury made the following motion:

On motion that part of the report of the committee on division and reference that refers to certain portions of the Worthy Grand Matron's report be adopted, also that the balance of the report be referred to the committee on jurisprudence.

C. WATERBURY.

The following amendment to the Grand Chapter constitution was offered by Brother Waterbury:

Resolved, That Sec. 2 of Art. 8 of the constitution shall be made to read as follows:

The Grand Patron shall assist and advise the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties. He has power to grant dispensations for new chapters upon proper application, provided no new chapter shall be so formed in any town or city where one or more chapters exist, except there be *500 or more Master Masons in any such jurisdiction;* and upon the recommendation *and desire* of at least 20 Master Masons not members of this order and residents of said town or city; to

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delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns or cities for the purpose of organizing a new or another chapter. He shall preside whenever called upon, etc.

C. WATERBURY, Grand Patron.

Which under the rules goes over one year for action.

The Grand Secretary read a letter from Sister Margaret A. Comstock, Worthy Matron of Iris Chapter, under dispensation, sending her regrets and wishing our beloved order God's blessing.

Brother Waterbury offered the following:

To amend Art. 15, of constitution so it may read as follows: "All amendments to this constitution must be submitted in writing at an annual meeting, and referred to the committee on jurisprudence. All those presented during the first day of the session, if approved by a majority of the committee on jurisprudence, the same may be acted upon at that session, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, they shall become a part of the constitution; and all resolutions presented subsequent to said first day, if approved by the committee as above, they shall lie over until the next annual meeting, unless the same should be approved by a unanimous vote, in which case they can take immediate effect."

On motion the following named persons were appointed as a committee to receive invitations to entertain Grand Chapter next year: Sister H. L. Anthony, Sister Grace I. Catlin, Brother C. R. Hutchinson.

The Grand Secretary read his report, which on motion was referred to the committee on finance:

The Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Michigan in account with T. Phillips, Grand Secretary.

	Cr.
October 18, 1888, Draft of H. C. Kimbal Chapter balance dues	$4 75
October 31, By cash of Fidelity Chapter, charter fee	5 00
November 13, By cash of Star of Bethlehem Chapter, balance dues	2 00
December 7, By cash of R. C. Hatheway, for dispensation and charter fee to Ida Chapter at Manistique	13 50

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February 1, 1889, By cash of Grand Patron, dispensation to Myrtle Chapter at Ithaca 8 50
February 5, By cash of Grand Patron, dispensation to Mt. Pleasant Chapter at Mt Pleasant..... 8 50
February 18, By draft of Grand Treasurer..... 40 00
February 28, By draft of Sister Mrs. H. VanSalsbury formerly member of Adrian lodge, now of Brooklyn, New York, 18 years dues to this Grand Chapter..... 4 50
March 18, By cash of Grand Patron, dispensation to Hart Chatper at Hart... 8 50
March 18, By cash of Grand Matron, dispensation to Wickwire Chapter at Cooper 8 50
March 27, By cash of Grand Patron, dispensation to Mystic Chapter at Fort Gratiot..... 8 50
April 4, By cash of Grand Matron, dispensation to Naomi Chapter, at Athens 8 50
April 13, By cash of Grand Matron, dispensation to Unity Chapter at Newaygo..... 8 50
June 22, By cash of Grand Patron dispensation to Beulah Chapter at Carson City..... 8 50
June 22, By profits on 54 rituals 13 50
September 15, By cash of Hayward No. 37, Grand Chapter dues..... 48 25
September 16, By cash of Arbutus No. 45, Grand Chapter dues..... 16 75
September 16, By cash of Olive Branch No. 4, Grand Chapter dues..... 16 25
September 17, By cash of Unity U. D. charter fee 5 00
September 17, By cash of Dewitt No. 30, Grand Chapter dues..... 13 75
September 23, By cash of R.C. Hatheway No. 49, Grand Chapter dues..... 14 00
September 23, By cash of Laurel No. 31, Grand Chapter dues..... 11 00
September 24, By cash of Naomi at Athens, U. D. charter fee..... 5 00
September 25, By cash of Coldwater No 3, Grand Chapter dues..... 35 75
September 26, By cash of Tecumseh No. 51, Grand Chapter dues..... 19 50
September 30, By cash of Kedron No. 33, Grand Chapter dues..... 17 00
September 30, By cash of H C. Kimball No. 44, Grand Chapter dues..... 13 25
October 1, By cash of Keystone No. 52, Grand Chapter dues..... 14 75
October 1, By cash of Burr Oak No. 28, Grand Chapter dues..... 10 75
October 1, By cash of Olivet No. 24, Grand Chapter dues..... 6 75
October 1, By cash of Oriental No. 32, Grand Chapter dues..... 41 75
October 2, By cash of Quincy No. 12, Grand Chapter dues..... 20 50
October 3, By cash of Luther No. 53, Grand Chapter dues..... 15 50
October 3, By cash of Fidelity No. 50, Grand Chapter dues..... 6 25
October 4, By cash of Myrtle, U. D., charter fee 5 00
October 4 By cash of Middleville No. 17, Grand Chapter dues 16 25
October 4, By cash of Evergreen No. 39, Grand Chapter dues..... 10 75
October 4, By cash of Queen Esther No. 35, Grand Chapter dues..... 31 25
October 5, By cash of Aurora No. 48, Grand Chapter dues..... 12 00
October 6, By cash of Alma No. 43, Grand Chapter dues..... 15 25
October 7, By cash of Mystic, U. D., charter fee 5 00
October 7, By cash of Big Rapids No. 42, Grand Chapter dues..... 20 75
October 7, By cash of Hastings No. 7, Grand Chapter dues..... 25 25
October 9, By cash of Crescent No. 47, Grand Chapter dues..... 15 75
October 9, By cash of Sharon No. 20, Grand Chapter dues..... 22 50
October 9, By cash of Williamston No 29, Grand Chapter dues..... 12 50
October 9, By cash of Grand Ledge No. 14, Grand Chapter dues..... 9 50
October 9, By cash of Ivy Leaf No. 22, Grand Chapter dues..... 7 75

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October 9, By cash of Eureka No. 38, Grand Chapter dues	12 75
October 9, By cash of Wickwire, U. D charter fee	5 00
October 10, By cash of Hart, U. D. charter fee	5 00
October 10, By cash of Mt. Pleasant, U. D. charter fee	5 00
Total	$718 25
Grand Secretary's account	100 58
Balance paid to Grand Treasurer	$617 67

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T PHILLIPS, Grand Secretary.

	Dr.
October 12, 1888, Paid transfer of Grand Chapter trunk	$ 25
October 12, Paid for telegrams to and from Secretary Michigan Railway Association	70
October 12, Paid for telegram Minnesota	43
October 12, Paid postage to Jan. 10, 1889	1 40
January 10, 1889, Paid for 100 certificates for Grand Matron	6 00
January 10, Paid for large envelopes	1 00
February 11, Paid postage on proceedings	3 30
February 18, Paid postage	28
February 18, Paid Dennis & Slingerland, for printing proceedings 250 copies and 100 copies Grand Chapter Constitution	64 45
February 18, Paid postage and exchange	45
February 18, Paid postage and express	70
May 6, Paid Barlow Bros. binding proceedings up to 1889	1 25
May 6, Paid postage and express to date	1 25
June 6, Paid postage to date	49
July 20, Paid postage to date	70
August 24, Paid postage to date	65
September 7, Paid for 100 blank returns	4 00
September 7, Paid for stationary	1 40
September 7, Paid postage	70
September 15, Paid postage	40
September 26, Paid postage	30
September 30, Paid postage	60
September 30, Paid for telegraphing to Geo. E. King	89
October 1 and 2, Paid postage and stationary	1 40
October 5, Paid Dennis & Slingerland for circular letter	1 00
October 9, Paid transfer of Grand Chapter trunk	25
October 9, Paid for cards of invitation for Grand Matron	2 25
October 9, Paid for 100 seals	25
October 9 Paid for paper	35
October 9, Paid for stationary	70
October 9, Paid exchange and ink and paper	60
October 9, Paid for telegram to Sister and Brother Merrill	55
October 9, Paid telegram to Grand Chapters of Texas and Connecticut	1 49
Total	$100 58

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One year ago your Grand Secretary was instructed by vote of this Grand Chapter to procure proceedings of this Grand Chapter from its first organization into lodges, and all proceedings since, including 1889, the date of re-organizing into chapters, and have them bound, and present at all sessions of the Grand Chapter.

In compliance with this order I commenced writing to parties of whom I thought I could get copies, there being only a few in the Grand Secretary's office, and I assure you it was with much difficulty that I obtained a full set, some having copies needed positively refusing to let them go. I finally succeeded in getting them together about May 1st, and have them bound and present for your inspection. Thanking you all for the courtesy extended me during the present year I am

Fraternally yours,

T. PHILLIPS, Grand Secretary.

I was also instructed to get printed 100 extra copies of Grand Chapter Constitution, Rules and Regulations, which I have done, but no instructions were given as to the disposal of the same.

Brother Waterbury offered the following motion:

That the Grand Secretary be instructed to sell copies of the Grand Chapter Constitution at 25 cents each.

Which motion prevailed.

On motion of Brother Wilbur the Worthy Grand Matron and Patron were each allowed $25.00 for postage, stationary, etc., during the year.

On motion of Brother R. C. Hatheway the Grand Secretary was allowed $75.00 for his services for the year.

The committee on unfinished business made report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your committee on unfinished business hereby make the following report:

We find only one item of business to come before this committee, as follows:

The resolution of Brother J. S. Conover to amend Sec. 1 Art. 2, of the Grand Chapter Constitution, by inserting after the words "Past Grand Patrons," in the eleventh line, the

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words "Past Matrons and Past Patrons." Which we submit to this Grand Chapter without recommendation.

E. J. BARBER,
S. L. DOWLING,
JAS. J. DECKER,
Committee.

Adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Brother R. C. Hatheway offered the following motion:

That the committee on division and reference be and are hereby instructed to make their report as soon as the first evening of the sessions of this Grand Chapter.

Motion prevailed.

On motion of Brother Wilson, of Detroit, the hour of 3:30 o'clock this afternoon was set apart for the election of officers.

The following resolution was here offered by Brother John Bridge:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify the secretaries of each subordinate chapter, to state in their annual returns, the number of miles traveled by their Worthy Matron, or proxy, to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapter, by the nearest traveled route.

Resolution adopted.

The committee on jurisprudence submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on jurisprudence would respectfully submit the following report:

That we do not concur in the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron in regard to calling a brother not a Worthy

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Patron to confer the degrees. But would recommend that in the absence of a Patron or Past Patron, a Worthy Brother be called to the chair.

That the decision of the Worthy Grand Matron in regard to the eligibility to membership be not sustained. (See page 1 of the ritual).

That we recommend the adoption of that portion of the Worthy Grand Matron's address referred to us by this Grand Chapter.

S. L. MARSH,
J. C. GRISWOLD,
R. SIMMONS.
Committee.

Report was accepted and adopted.

Brother R. C. Hatheway, Past Patron of Oriental Chapter, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Worthy Grand Chapter, of the Order of the Eastern Star of Michigan:

Resolved, That one of the standing resolutions of this Grand Chapter shall be as follows:

"The Worthy Matron and secretary of each subordinate chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction are requested and expected to notify the secretary, or secretaries, of the chapter, or chapters, where this Grand Body is to be held, of about the number that will attend such session of the Grand Chapter from their chapter; and such notice shall be sent within the fifteen days preceding any such session."

And that such notice and request shall be published each year hereafter on the cover of all proceedings published.

R. C. HATHEWAY,
Past Patron Oriental Chapter.

The following telegram was received from the Grand Chapter of Texas, now in session at San Antonia.

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OCTOBER, 10th, 1889.

T. Phillips, Grand Secretary, Order of the Eastern Star, Lansing, Mich.:

Your greetings received with heartfelt thanks. The Grand Chapter of the Lone Star state returns your greetings with Electa's motto. Signed,

STEPHEN GOULD,
Grand Secretary, *Pro Tem.*

The Grand Chapter was now called from labor until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The committee on pay roll submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan.

Your committee on pay roll would respectfully report:

GRAND OFFICERS.

	MILES.	AM'T.
Worthy Grand Matron, Sister A A. Mattason	36	$4 48
Worthy Grand Patron, Brother C. Waterbury	37	2 96
Worthy Grand Associate Matron, Sister O. L. Davidson	65	5 20
Worthy Grand Associate Patron, Brother C. R. Hutchinson	79	6 32
Worthy Grand Secretary, Brother T Phillips	45	3 60
Worthy Grand Treasurer, Sister S. K. Winans		
Worthy Grand Conductress, Sister M. A. Wilbur	85	6 80
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress, Sister R. Leighton	14	1 12
Worthy Grand Adah, Sister Lottie Polhemus	130	10 40
Worthy Grand Ruth Sister Kate A. Rider	45	3 60
Worthy Grand Esther, Sister Julia A. Clark	98	7 84
Worthy Grand Martha, Sister Alice M Purdy	90	7 20
Worthy Grand Electa, Sister Mary F. Decker	113	9 04
Worthy Grand Warder, Sister Jane Chappell	26	2 08
Worthy Grand Sentinel, Brother J. H. Hall	89	7 12
Worthy Grand Marshal, Sister S. L. Marsh	72	5 76

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Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Sister L. A. Anthony	102	6 16
Worthy Grand Chaplain, *pro tem*, Sister L. A. Phillips	45	3 60
PAST GRAND MATRONS.		
Sister E. J. Barber	45	3 60
Sister M. C. Griswold	54	4 32
Sister D. E. Purington	79	6 32
Sister R. Rose	45	3 60
Sister M. A. Watrous	77	6 16
PAST GRAND PATRON.		
Brother B. R. Rose	45	3 60
DELEGATES.		
Coldwater Chapter, No. 3, Sister M. L. Blackwell, worthy matron.	79	6 32
Olive Branch Chapter, No. 4, Sister Stella Sturgis, worthy matron.	102	8 16
Hastings Chapter, No. 7, Sister A. M. Hayes, worthy matron	45	3 60
Quincy Chapter, No. 12, Sister Frank Finn, worthy matron	72	5 76
Grand Ledge Chapter, No. 14, Sister H. A. Kent, worthy matron.	12	96
Middleville Chapter, No. 17, Sister S L. Dowling, worthy matron,	56	4 48
Sharon Chapter, No 20, Sister Mary Miller, proxy for worthy matron	77	6 16
Ivy Leaf Chapter, No. 22, Sister D L. Hall, worthy matron	89	7 12
Olivet Chapter, No 24, Sister J. Bosworth, worthy matron	26	2 08
Burr Oak Chapter, No. 28, Sister Clara Wilson, worthy matron	96	7 68
Williamston Chapter, No. 29, Sister A. J. Vanneter, worthy matron	14	1 12
Dewitt Chapter, No. 30, Sister Elizabeth Simmons, worthy matron	8	64
Laurel Chapter, No. 31, Sister C. Putnam, worthy matron	33	2 64
Oriental Chapter, No. 32, Sister Rachel Tubbs, worthy matron	65	5 20
Kedron Chapter, No. 33 Sister Lucy A. Hunkerson, worthy matron	98	7 84
Queen Esther Chapter, No. 35, Sister Mary D. Stone, worthy matron	37	2 96
Hayward Chapter, No. 37, Brother Wilbur, proxy for w'thy matron	87	6 96
Eureka Chapter, No 38, Sister Esther Haight, worthy matron	122	9 76
Evergreen Chapter, No. 39, Sister Bell Cochran, worthy matron	130	10 40
Star of Bethlehem Chapter, No. 40, Sister Ida Churchill, worthy matron	90	7 20
Grace Chapter, No. 41, Sister E. R. Weaver, worthy matron	113	9 04
Big Rapids Chapter, No. 42, Sister A. A. Mason, worthy matron	105	8 40
Alma Chapter, No. 43, Sister Louise Turck, worthy matron	69	5 42
H. C. Kimball Chapter, No. 44, Sister G I. Catlin, worthy matron	472	13 25
Electa Chapter, No. 46, Sister Flora Isham, worthy matron	32	2 56
Crescent Chapter, No. 47, Sister M. E. Hinds, worthy matron	62	4 96
Fidelity Chapter, No. 50, Sister Franc Converse, worthy matron	154	6 25
Tecumseh Chapter, No. 51, Sister J. F. Hicks, worthy matron	70	5 60
Keystone Chapter, No. 52, Brother J. Bridge, proxy for worthy matron	85	6 80
Luther Chapter, No. 53, Sister Stella Atwood, worthy matron	142	11 36
Total		$302 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SISTER HARRIET A. TENNEY,
SISTER GRACE I. CATLIN,
BROTHER JOHN BRIDGE,
Committee.

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Which on motion was and accepted adopted with instructions to make such change and corrections as necessary.

The committee on appeals and grievances submitted their report as follows, which on motion was accepted and adopted.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your committee on appeals and grievances submit the following report for your consideration:

We find on examining the grievance of H. C. Kimball Chapter, No. 44, that it is no business of this Grand Body, but the business of H. C. Kimball Chapter, No. 44, itself, and we would recommend that it be referred back to said chapter for disposal.

The business relating to a sister calling a Worthy Matron a fabricator. we consider no matter to come before this committee, as we understand from the Worthy Grand Matron that it has been satisfactorily settled.

All of which we respectfully submit,

A. J. VANNETER.
MRS. T. PHILLIPS,
W. H. WILBUR,
Committee.

The committee to receive invitations to entertain Grand Chapter next year, made their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron and Worthy Grand Patron Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee for receiving invitations for the meeting of the Grand Chapter in 1890, would respectfully report that they have received only one. which was in writing, and stated that Hayward Chapter, No. 37, of Detroit, had voted unanimously to extend to this Grand Chapter an invitation for them to hold their next annual meeting with them.

Your committee would recommend the acceptance of the invitation.

Your committee would further recommend that this Grand

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Chapter accept no invitation of meeting with a subordinate chapter, except it come in writing or by a vote of the chapter sending it, and under the seal of the chapter.

H. L. ANTHONY,
C. R. HUTCHINSON,
GRACE I. CATLIN,
Committee.

The committee on charters and dispensations reported as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Coldwater No. 3, correct.
Olive Branch No. 4, correct.
Hastings No. 7, correct; no seal for 2 years.
Quincy No. 12, correct.
Grand Ledge No. 14, short $2.50.
Middleville No. 17, correct.
Sharon No. 20, correct.
Ivy Leaf No. 22, correct.
Olivet No. 24, correct.
Burr Oak No. 28, correct.
Williamston No. 29, correct; no seal for 2 years.
Dewitt No. 30, correct.
Laurel No. 31, correct.
Oriental No. 32, correct; but shows only 121 members instead of 144.
Kedron No. 33, correct.
Queen Esther No. 35, correct.
Hayward No. 37, over-paid $2.25.
Eureka No. 38, correct.
Evergreen No. 39, correct.
Star of Bethlehem No. 40, no report.
Grace No. 41, no report.
Big Rapids No. 42, correct; no seal.
Alma No. 43, correct.
H. C. Kimball No. 44, no seal; short $1.50.
Arbutus No. 45, correct.
Electa No. 46, correct.

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Crescent No. 47, correct.
Aurora No. 48, no seal; short 25 cents.
R. C. Hatheway No. 49, correct; no seal.
Fidelity No. 50, no seal.
Tecumseh No. 51, correct; no seal.
Keystone No. 52, correct.
Luther No. 53, correct; no seal.

Your committee would further recommend that charters be granted as follows, to chapters now under dispensation:

Mt. Pleasant No. 54, Mt. Pleasant Mich.
Unity No. 55, Newaygo, Mich.
Naomi No. 56, Athens, Mich.
Wickwire No. 57, Cooper, Mich.
Ida No. 58, Manistique, Mich.
Myrtle No. 59, Ithaca, Mich.
Hart No. 60, Hart, Mich.
Mystic No. 61, Ft. Gratiot, Mich.

Also that Carson City Chapter at Carson City, be continued under dispensation one year. (See section 16, page 15, rules and regulations governing subordinate chapters).

All of which is respectfully submitted.

We would take the liberty of remarking that the by-laws of Unity Chapter and Wickwire Chapter are worthy of great commendation. The other four chapters working under a dispensation have offered no by-laws for our inspection.

F. JENNIE GUNNISON,
SARAH BRIDGE,
A. W. JOHNSTON,
Committee.

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan.

Your Grand Treasurer would submit the following report:

Cash on hand at the close of last session		$252 77
Received from Grand Secretary		617 67
Total		$870 44
Paid order of Grand Secretary for printing proceedings, etc	$40 00	
Paid orders (pay roll)	302 30	
Paid other ordres, (salary of secretary, etc.)	147 00	
		489 30
Leaving in my hands a balance of		$381 14

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SUSAN K. WINANS,
Treasurer.

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Which on motion was accepted and adopted.

The hour having arrived set apart for the eletion of Grand Officers, the Worthy Grand Matron appointed as tellers Sister Mary D. Stone and Brother W. H. Wilbur. The Grand Chapter then proceeded to ballot for Grand Officers with the following result:

Worthy Grand Matron—Sister O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids.
Worthy Grand Patron—Brother James J. Decker, Omer.
Grand Associate Matron—Sister Mary D. Stone, Ionia.
Grand Associate Patron—Brother John Bridge, Detroit.
Grand Secretary—Brother T. Phillips, Hastings.
Grand Treasurer—Sister S. K. Winans, Lansing.
Grand Conductress—Sister Effie Tunison, Detroit.
Grand Associate Conductress—Sister L. A. Teall, South Bay City.
Grand Adah—Sister Mary E. Hinds, Stanton.
Grand Ruth—Sister Stella Sturgis, Sturgis.
Grand Esther—Sister Jennie Graves, Quincy.
Grand Martha—Sister L. A. Turck, Alma.
Grand Electa—Sister Grace I. Catlin, Iron Mountain.
Grand Chaplain—Sister D. C. Purinton, Coldwater.
Grand Warder—Sister Frank Converse, Roscommon.
Grand Sentinel—Brother Fred Kruger, Detroit.
Grand Marshal—Sister Jennie Griswold, Lowell.
Committee on Foreign Correspondence—Sister Rosanna Rose, Hastings.

The finance committee submitted their report as follows:

To the Worthy Grand Matron, Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan:

Your committee of finance, ways and means would respectfully report that they have examined the reports of the Worthy Grand Secretary and Worthy Grand Treasurer, and find them all correct and a pleasure to audit as follows:

Your Worthy Grand Secretary has received from all

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sources, as per report read, $718.25; Grand Secretary's account, $100.58; paid Grand Treasurer, $617.67.

The Worthy Grand Treasurer's report shows total receipts, including cash on hand last session, of $252.77; received from Worthy Grand Secretary, $617.67; total, $870.44; which has been disbursed as itemized and read, leaving a balance on hand of $381.14.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

MARY E. HINDS,
LIZZIE J. MCPHERSON,
GEORGE F. BEARDSLEY,
Committee.

The Grand Matron then called the Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment until 7 o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Chapter was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Matron, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Brother R. C. Hatheway offered the following:

To amend Sec. 1 of Art. 11, Grand Chapter Constitution, by adding to such section the following, viz.: And for each and every charter granted a body working under dispensation, five dollars; and for every charter granted direct by this Grand Chapter, without any dispensation having been previously granted, fifteen dollars.

Which under the rules goes over until next year for action.

Sister L. A. Teall offered the following:

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter extend a vote of thanks to the officers and members of Arbutus Chapter, No. 45, for the generous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained the officers of this Grand Chapter, and delegates during the session of this Grand Chapter.

Also the following:

That a vote of thanks be given the Worthy Grand Matron

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and Patron for their zealous and efficient performance of the duties of their office during the past year.

Which was adopted unanimously.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to install its officers. The Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, Sister Nettie Ransford, of Indianapolis, acting as installing officer.

The installation ceremony was performed in a most beautiful manner, with music appropriate to the occasion, by Sister S. L. Marsh, Grand Marshal, after which the Most Worthy Grand Matron gave us a short and very beautiful address, giving to the members of the Grand Chapter such encouragement as they needed; and may God bless her in her work for our beloved order, is the prayer of your Grand Secretary.

It was ordered that memorial pages be made in the proceedings in memory of our beloved dead.

Brother R. C. Hatheway, Past Patron of Oriental Chapter, No. 32, offered the following resolution which was adopted

To the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of the State of Michigan.

Change the wording of Sec. 1, Art. 12, of Grand Chapter Constitution by eliminating from the end of the 5th line the word *last*, and from the 6th line the words *the number* in two places, and add after the word *died* the words, during the past year.

There being no further business appearing the Grand Chapter was closed in due and ample form, to meet in Detroit, Mich., on the second Wednesday in October, 1890, at 12 o'clock, M.

T. PHILLIPS,
Grand Secretary.

MRS. A. A. MATTASON,
Worthy Grand Matron.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

Name of CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	Initiated.	Affiliated.	Demitted.	Suspended.	Died.	Reinstated.	No. of Members.	Dues to Grand Chapter.
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	14	....	10	..	2	...	129	$35 75
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis	4	....	..	...	....	..	61	16 25
Hastings	7	Hastings	4	...	2	....	2	4	92	25 25
*Quincy	12	Quincy	6	...	2	....	....	....	76	20 50
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	10	....	....	...	....	....	38	12 00
Middleville	17	Middleville	6	....	..	5	....	...	59	16 25
Sharon	20	South Bay City	3	....	1	3	1	1	85	22 00
Ivy Leaf	22	California	...	....	6	....	....	....	31	7 75
Olivet	24	Olivet	2	....	...	....	1	....	28	6 75
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	3	1	....	2	...	....	43	11 50
Williamston	29	Williamston	2	....	....	....	....	...	48	12 50
Dewitt	30	Dewitt	6	....	...	....	1	....	54	15 00
Laurel	31	Nashville	2	....	3	7	1	...	42	11 00
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	23	....	....	2	1	....	144	41 75
Kedron	33	Caro	2	....	3	...	...	...	66	17 00
Queen Esther	35	Ionia	21	...	....	....	...	....	104	31 25
Hayward	37	Detroit	38	...	2	4	2	2	146	46 00
Eureka	38	Hesperia	....	....	....	....	..	....	51	12 75
Evergreen	39	West Branch	...	....	....	5	....	....	43	10 75
Star of Bethlehem	40	Holland	4	....	....	....	....	...	48	12 00
Grace	41	Omer	5	....	2	3	1	....	54	14 75
Big Rapids	42	Big Rapids	16	...	....	....	1	....	68	21 00
Alma	43	Alma	10	....	....	....	...	....	51	15 25
H. C Kimball	44	Iron Mountain	5	....	....	....	...	...	54	14 75
Arbutus	45	Lansing	11	...	....	....	....	....	56	16 75
Electa	46	Lyons	11	...	..	..	....	....	49	15 00
Crescent	47	Stanton	7	....	....	....	1	....	56	15 75
Aurora	48	Ironwood	8	....	....	....	1	....	41	12 25
R. C. Hatheway	49	Escanaba	13	....	....	....	1	....	43	14 00
Fidelity	50	Roscommon	3	...	....	....	...	....	25	7 00
Tecumseh	51	Tecumseh	23	...	....	....	1	...	55	19 50
Keystone	52	Detroit	23	2	....	..	....	....	59	20 50
Luther	53	Luther	8	....	....	....	...	....	46	13 50
Ida	U. D.	Manistique	14	....	...	....	.	....	54	.....
Mt. Pleasant	U. D.	Mt. Pleasant	7	....	....	....	....	....	37	.....
Myrtle	U. D.	Ithaca	18	....	....	....	....	....	51	.....
Wickwire	U. D.	Cooper	5	....	....	....	....	....	31	.....
Mystic	U. D.	Fort Gratiot	7	....	....	....	...	....	66	.....
Naomi	U. D.	Athens	2	....	....	....	....	....	33	.....
Hart	U. D.	Hart	5	....	....	....	....	....	56	.....
Unity	U. D.	Newaygo	36	....	....	....	..	....	36	.....
†Carson City	U. D.	Carson City	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
			387	3	31	31	17	7	2369	$584 00

*Expelled, 31.

†Continued under dispensation another year.

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Names of Chapters, Matrons and Secretaries for 1889-90; also Times of Meeting.

Name of CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	REGULAR MEETINGS.
Coldwater	3	Coldwater	Sis. G. W. Blackwell		Second Friday of each month.
Olive Branch	4	Sturgis	Sis. Stella Sturgis	Sis. Lou M. Anthony	Wednesday before full moon.
Hastings	7	Hastings	Sis. A. M. Hayes	Sis. T. J. Brosseau	Tuesday on or before full moon.
Quincy	12	Quincy	Sis. Franc Finn	Sis. J. Cole	Friday on or before full moon.
Grand Ledge	14	Grand Ledge	Sis. H. A. Kent	Sis S. W. Nostrand	Friday on or before full moon.
Middleville	17	Middleville	Sis. S. L. Dowling	Bro G. W. Matteson	Friday on or before full moon.
Sharon	20	South Bay City	Sis. L. Morrison	Sis. L. McLaughlin	Third Friday of each month.
Ivy Leaf	22	California	Sis. D. S. Hall	Bro. A. W. Bates	Saturday after full moon.
Olivet	24	Olivet	Sis. E. J. Bosworth	Sis. May M. Warner	Wednesday before full moon.
Burr Oak	28	Burr Oak	Sis. Clara Wilson	Sis. Nettie Allen	Wednesday after full moon
Williamston	29	Williamston	Sis. R Leighton	Sis. O. M. Lounsbury	Second Wednesday on or before the full moon.
Dewitt	30	Dewitt	Sis. E. Simmons	Sis. Mary G. Scott	Friday on or before full moon of each month.
Laurel	31	Nashville	Sis. C. M. Putnam	Sis. Emma Fitch	Friday on or before full moon of each month.
Oriental	32	Grand Rapids	Sis. R. Tubbs	Sis. F. J. Stephenson	Second Tuesday of each month.
Kedron	33	Caro	Sis L. A. Hankerson	Sis. Sarah Olin	Tuesday on or before the full moon each month.
Queen Esther	35	Ionia	Sis. R. C. Stone	Sis. Wm Dunn	First Tuesday of each month.
Hayward	37	Detroit	Sis. Mary Wilbur	Sis. S. J. Latour	Second and fourth Friday of each month.
Eureka	38	Hesperia	Sis. J. R. Mansfield	Sis. M. McCallum	Wednesday on or before the full moon.
Evergreen	39	West Branch	S s. B. Cochran	Sis. J. McCrossen	Second Monday of each month.
Star of Bethlehem	40	Holland	Sis. Ida Churchell	Sis. M. M. Markham	First Thursday of each month.
Grace	41	Omer	Sis. E. B Weaver	Bro. Jos. H. Belknap	Each fourth Saturday.
Big Rapids	42	Big Rapids	Sis. A A. Mason	Sis. M. Walker	Second Wednesday of each month.
Alma	43	Alma	Sis. L. A. Turck	Sis. A. S. Adams	First Friday of each month.
H. C. Kimball	44	Iron Mountain	Sis. Grace I. Catlin	Bro. S. H. Shiels	Second Tuesday of each month.
Arbutus	45	Lansing	Sis H. A. Tenney	Sis S K. Winans	First Saturday of each month.
Electa	46	Lyons	Sis. Flora Isham	Bro Jos. F. Baker	Second Tuesday of each month.
Crescent	47	Stanton	Sis. M. E Hinds	Sis. B. Smith	First Tuesday after full moon of each month.
Aurora	48	Ironwood	Sis. E. C. Monroe	Sis. B. Keere	Last Tuesday of each month.

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Name of CHAPTER.	Number.	LOCATION.	WORTHY MATRON.	SECRETARY.	REGULAR MEETINGS.
R. C. Hatheway...	49	Escanaba	Sis. L. S. Anthony....	Sis. M. S. Matthias...	Second Tuesday of each month.
Fidelity	50	Roscommon.....	Sis. F Converse.....	Bro. Frank Converse.	Thursday on or before full moon.
Tecumseh.....	51	Tecumseh.....	Sis. J F. Hicks.	Sis. E. B. Wood	Thursday on or before full m· on.
Keystone.....	52	Detroit	Sis. Mary S. Coffin....	Sis. Celia A. Lozee....	Second Tuesday of each month.
Luther	53	Luther	Sis. A. E. Atwood.....	Sis. B. M. Bovee.....	First Tuesday of each month.
Ida.....	U. D	Manistique.....	Sis. I. Ephraim.....	Bro. E. Ashford.....	Friday on or after the full moon each month.
Mt. Pleasant.....	U. D.	Mt. Pleasant....	Sis. A. E. Chatterton.	Sis. W. Doughty.....	Tuesday on or after the full moon each month.
Myrtle.....	U. D.	Ithaca.....	Sis. Wm. W. Comstock	Sis. Nettie Comstock.	Tuesday before the full moon of each month.
Wickwire	U. D.	Cooper	Sis. Myra Wickwire..	Sis. N. B. Sherman...	Tuesday before the full moon of each month.
Mystic.....	U. D.	Fort Gratiot.....	Sis. H. Hyde	Sis E. Grarell.....	First Friday of each month.
Naomi.....	U. D	Athens	Sis. S Blanchard....	Sis. I. Peck.....	Wednesday on or before full moon each month.
Hart.....	U. D.	Hart.....	Sis. A. Hyde.....	Sis. C. Gunny.....	Saturday on or before full moon of each month.
Unity.....	U. D	Newaygo	Sis. M. A. Watrous....	Bro. S. S. Watrous....	Wednesday on or before full moon each month.
Carson City.....	U. D.	Carson City.....	Sis. L. G. Miner.....	.....	....

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In Memoriam.

Sister M. A. Barahat,

Of Coldwater Chapter, No. 3.

Died February 4, 1889.

Sister C. R. Hutchinson,

Of Coldwater Chapter, No. 3.

Died March 31, 1889.

Brother Wm. S. Goodyear,

Of Hastings Chapter, No. 7.

Died October 31, 1888.

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In Memoriam.

Brother Eli B. Throop,
Of Hastings Chapter, No. 7.
Died June 11, 1889.

Sister Minnie Broughton,
Of Sharon Chapter, No. 20.
Died February 16, 1889.

Brother A. E. Jewett,
Of Olivet Chapter, No. 24.
Died March 18, 1889.

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In Memoriam.

Brother Franklin L. Smith,
Of Dewitt Chapter, No. 30.

Brother A. C. Stanton,
Of Laurel Chapter, No. 31.
Died August 31, 1889.

Brother Lynn L. Carl,
Of Oriental Chapter, No. 32.
Died February, 1889.

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In Memoriam.

Brother Charles Latour,
Of Hayward Chapter, No. 37.
Died December 10, 1888.

Sister Anna Berger,
Of Hayward Chapter, No. 37.
Died December 10, 1888.

Brother Thomas Inglis,
Of Grace Chapter, No. 41.
Died March 4, 1889.

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In Memoriam.

Sister Mary Sheilds,

Of Big Rapids Chapter, No. 42.

Died October 28, 1888.

Sister Mary J. McLain,

Of Crescent Chapter, No. 47.

Died March 28, 1889.

Brother J. H. Johns,

Of Aurora Chapter, No. 48.

Died July 31, 1889.

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In Memoriam.

Sister Anna C. Sessions,

Of R. C. Hatheway Chapter, No. 49.

Died February 10, 1889.

Sister Alfred James,

Of Tecumseh Chapter, No. 51.

Died February 18, 1889.

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OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

1889–1892.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis, Indiana, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Benjamin Lynds, St. Louis, Missouri, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas City, Kansas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

James R. Donnell, Greenbrier, Arkansas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, 1471 Fulton St. Chicago, Illinois, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa, Iowa, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Robert T. King, Columbus, Ohio, Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.

Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville, Mich., Worthy Grand Conductress.

Mrs. R. Emily Little, Boston, Mass., Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Oakland, Cal., Worthy Grand Ada.

Mrs. Mary E. Cooper, Zumbrota, Minn., Worthy Grand Ruth.

Mrs. Emily J. Scott, Osceola, Neb., Worthy Grand Esther.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Hadley, San Antonia, Texas, Worthy Grand Martha.

Mrs. J. E. Edmiston, Dayton, Washington, Worthy Grand Electa.

Mrs. May H. Monks, Watertown, South Dakota, Worthy Grand Warder.

Mrs. Sarah W. Burns, Indianapolis, Ind., Worthy Grand Sentinel.

John Rennie, Lehigh, Indian Territory, Worthy Grand Marshal.

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GRAND CHAPTERS, CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Sallie C. Reynolds, Regno, Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, Greenbrier, Grand Patron.
J. C. Higgs, Conway, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Annie E. Brigg, Hollister, Grand Matron.
Jesse B. Fuller, Marysville, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Kate J. Willats, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Peoria, Grand Matron.
E. L. Palmer, M. D., Noble, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary A. Beale, Gross Park, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Mary E. Masen, Bluffton, Grand Matron.
Edward J. Church, La Porte, Grand Patron.
William Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Mary E. McClure, Oklohomo City, Grand Matron.
John Rennie, Lehigh, Grand Patron.
Edmond H. Doyle, McAlester, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Mrs. Harriett A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa, Grand Matron.
H. I. Jackson, Monticello, Grand Patron.
Eugene B. Dyke, Charles City, Grand Secretary.

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KANSAS.

Mrs. Lottie E. Young, Ottawa, Grand Matron.
George W. Clark, Lyons, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Rinda E. Chesney, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Anna E. Bullard, Westboro, Grand Matron.
Robert C. Huntress, Stoneham; Grand Patron.
Daniel Seagrave, Worcester. Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN

√Mrs. O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids, Grand Matron.
√James J. Decker, Omer, Grand Patron.
√Traverse Phillips, Hastings, Grand Secretary:

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Victoria C. Little, Tracy, Grand Matron.
Charles L. Davis, Red Wing, Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, Farmington, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Hattie M. Warner, Kansas City, Grand Matron.
John R. Parson, St. Louis, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Emily J. Scott, Osceola, Grand Matron.
William N. Nason, Omaha, Grand Patron.
Rev. H. A. Guild, Lincoln, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Mrs. Mattie E. Felton, Cleveland, Grand Matron.
Robert T. King, Columbus, Graud Patron.
Mrs. M. C. Mitchel, Eaton, Grand Secretary.

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SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. May H. Monks, Watertown, Grand Matron.
J. H. Baldwin, St. Lawrence, Grand Patron.
Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, San Antonia, Grand Matron.
J. W. Ellender, Cedar Bayou, Grand Patron.
Stephen Gould, San Antonia, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Helen E. Edmiston, Dayton, Grand Matron.
Edward R. Hare, Tacoma, Grand Patron.
B. W. Coiver, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

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INDEPENDENT GRAND CHAPTERS.

CONNECTICUT.

Mrs. Sarah U. Wright, New Haven, Grand Matron.
Frank G. Bassett, Seymour, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Francis R. Martin, New Haven, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Mrs. Ellen W. Cole, Jersey City, Grand Matron.
James Martin, Patterson, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Martin, Patterson, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Mrs. Helen A. Robins, Northport, Grand Matron.
Edwin Selvage, Brooklyn, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Christina Buttrick, New York City, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Mrs. S. J. Fairman, Windsor, Grand Matron.
James E. Curran, Montpelier, Grand Patron.
H. L. Stillson, Bennington, Grand Secretary.

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APPENDIX.

Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Michigan.

We have received during the year, returns from the following states:

New York, New Jersey, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Minnisota, Nebraska, Missouri, Arkansas and California.

VERMONT.

The Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, held its fifteenth annual session, June 16th, 1888, at Bennington. Nine Grand Officers were present, and representatives from twelve subordinate Chapters. Worthy Grand Patron, Wm. G. McClintock, organized three Chapters during the year, and recommends that the Worthy Matrons of subordinate chapters, cause to be read, at least three times a year, the principal proceedings of the Grand Chapter; and recommends that the work be done with as much uniformity as possible. The address of the Grand Matron, Mrs. Flora E. Harilen, follows. Receipts for the year $519.25; disbursements, $315.31; balance in the treasury, $213.14.

Grand Officers elected: Worthy Grand Patron, D. K. Simonds, Manchester; Worthy Grand Matron, H. Loring, Bennington; Grand Secretary, H. L. Stillson, Bennington.

Michigan received notice by Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

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INDIANA.

The fourteenth annual convocation of Indiana was held in Indianapolis, April 11th, 1888. Thirteen Grand Officers were present, and nine Past Grand Officers. The Worthy Grand Patron, E. D. Palmer, issued eleven dispensations for Chapters. He says, "I think it in good taste, to name all Chapters after the name of the city or town in which the chapter is located. If it is desired to sail under a fanciful name, then let the name be printed or painted within the walls of the chapter for adornment and to please the eye. I also think it in bad taste to name a chapter after any living person. A fancy name does not add to the proficiency or good of the chapter; nor does it make the sisters and brothers any more energetic to excel in zeal our most devoted members. To name the chapter after the town, at once locates it.

The Grand Worthy Matron made twenty-four official visits, and in her address says: "In the performance of my duties I have written nearly six hundred letters, which to me was quite a task. I have traveled nearly six thousand miles, through all kinds of weather, by night, as well as by day. * * I have corresponded with every chapter in the state, and am pleased to say I have received answers to all such communications."

Two chapters have been raised from a dormant condition. Financial reports show: Receipts, $895.96; disbursements, $531.96; balance on hand, $1207.34.

Grand Officers elected: Worthy Grand Patron, David J. Thompson, Renselar; Worthy Grand Matron, Annie V. Larkin, Terre Haute; Grand Secretary, W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

Michigan received notice.

Whole number of members, 2,500. Number of deaths, 19; of which one was a member of the Grand Chapter.

CALIFORNIA.

The sixteenth annual session of California was held in San Francisco, Oct. 15th, 1888. Twelve Grand Officers were present, and seven Past Grand Worthy Matrons and Patrons. The Grand Chapter of California consists of 76 chapters and 6 under dispensation. The Grand Patron, Brother J. H.

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Gray, has visited twenty-four different chapters and issued seven dispensations. Grand Matron, Gertrude S. Freeman, divided the state into twelve districts, with a deputy Grand Matron for each district. Each deputy gives the number of chapters visited, and a statement of her work to the Grand Matron. The Grand Matron herself, visited twenty-five chapters. I regret that I shall be unable to give in this brief sketch, the remarks of the Grand Patron on the death of Brother Robert Morris; and also the chapter of sorrow held in his honor.

Total membership 5,139. Memorial page contains 53 names, of which two were Past Grand Matrons.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Patron, Thomas Flint, San Juan; Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Oakland; Grand Secretary; Kate J. Willats, San Francisco.

NEW JERSEY.

The nineteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was held in Hoboken, Sept. 10th, 1888. There were eleven of the Grand Officers present; seven Past Grand Matrons, and three Past Grand Patrons. Six chapters were represented, and two organized and under dispensation. James Martin, Past Patron, has a prepared form for starting new chapters in the work. One chapter in New Jersey is working with German rituals, and transacting business in the German language. There is also a German chapter in New York. The Grand Worthy Matron, Caroline Kalsburg, in her address, reports having visited every chapter in the state. Membership, 445, and but four deaths reported.

The Grand Treasurer received $247.71; disbursed $114.35; balance on hand, $127.36.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Anna Garrabrant, Newark; Worthy Grand Patron Lewis F. Lynne, Jersey City; Grand Secretary, Mary Martin, Patterson.

The proceedings of eleven Grand Chapters were received, Michigan being one of the number.

NEW YORK

The nineteenth annual communication of New York, convened in New York City, June 5th, 1888. Chapter called to order by Brother George S. Barber, Right Worthy Grand

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Marshal, who directed the Right Worthy Grand Associate Conductress to introduce the Grand Officers, all of whom being present, they were thus honored by the titles of the General Grand Chapter. Five Past Grand Matrons and Patrons were present, and eight Past Grand Officers from Connecticut. Twenty-six chapters were represented. The presiding officer, Sadie E. McKelvey, says, she helped to constitute four new chapters, and granted six dispensations to hold open chapters; and made twenty-two official visits. Worthy Grand Patron, George W. Decker, then read his address, stating his official acts in a brief and business like manner; followed by short addresses by the Grand Associate Matron, and Grand Associate Patron. Michigan received favorable notice

Total membership, 1,766, Memorial page contains eleven names who have been called up higher. Treasurer's receipts, $615.83; disbursement, $391.79; balance on hand $224.04.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Martha Travis, Brooklyn; Worthy Grand Patron, Henry L. Fowler, Binghamton; Grand Secretary,Christina Buttrick, New York.

IOWA.

The eleventh annual session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held in Colfax, Sept. 11th, 1888. Were present thirteen Grand officers. The Grand Patron, A. J. Jackson, read his address first, followed by the Grand Matron, Harriet A. Ercanbrack, who gives honor to all the Worthy Patrons throughout the state, for instructing their respective chapters so well, that but few questions have been asked her. She visited fifty chapters, which includes all but three; and has eleven under dispensation. Thirty-four chapters were represented, and but six names on the memorial page.

Financial report shows: Receipts, $1,517.52; disbursements, $310 66; balance on hand, $1,206.86.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa; Worthy Grand Patron, A J. Jackson, Monticello; Grand Secretary, Eugene B. Dyke, Charles City.

Michigan received mention.

ILLINOIS.

The fourteenth annual session of Illinois was held at Chicago, Oct. 2nd, 1888. Were present, thirteen Grand

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Officers. Forty chapters were represented. The Worthy Grand Matron, Sophia Scott Clark, reported fifteen new chapters, and two re-organized, making a total of one-hundred and one chapters, contributing to the Grand Chapter, with an aggregate membership of about five-thousand. Illinois is divided into seventeen districts with a deputy Grand Matron for each. The Worthy Grand Matron has made ten official visits, and presents a bill for her expenses of $93.33. Worthy Grand Patron, W. O. Butler, read a short and interesting address. He sent out circulars to all the lodges in the state where there was no Eastern Star Chapter, calling their attention to the Order. Nine distinguished visitors were escorted to the East and received the Grand Honors. The Grand Secretary reported letters of regret and kind greetings from fifteen different states. Receipts of Grand Treasurer $2.568.-58; disbursements, $1.371.87; balance on hand. $1.196.71.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Sophia Scott Clark, Mattoon; Worthy Grand Patron, E. L. Palmer, Noble; Grand Secretary, Mary A. Beale, Gross Park. Michigan received notice.

MINNESOTA.

The tenth annual conclave of Minnesota, was held in Minneapolis, Oct. 10th, 1888. There were present fourteen Grand Officers, and five past Grand Officers. Eight chapters were represented. Worthy Grand Matron, Emma S. Peck, gave a short and concise address, followed by Worthy Grand Patron, C. A. Chipman, who read a beautiful address. In speaking of the money value of the chapter he says: "But vastly more important is it that we consider how our account stands in the sight of God and Angels, how much we can carry to our credit in the score of good deeds done, and those virtues cultivated which are the foundation of Masonry, and the inspiration of all good deeds among men. * * * Freemasonry is not a thing to be measured by a tape-line, nor the worth of sublime principles set down in columns of figures." Charters granted to two new chapters. There is but one name on the memorial page for the past year. Sister Jennie A. Walker, Past Grand Matron of Illinois, was a distinguished visitor. The Grand Treasurer reported, Receipts $179.78; disbursements, $76.75; balance on hand $103.01.

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Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Mary A. Cooper, Zumbrota; Worthy Grand Patron, L. D. Valentine, Minneapolis; Grand Secresary, M. Louise Lewis, Farmington.

MISSOURI.

The fourteenth annual session of Missouri, was held in Holden, Aug. 28th, 1888. Twelve Grand Officers being present and seven Past Grand officers. Twelve chapters were represented. Two distinguished visitors were present, Sister Mary C. Senden, Grand Matron of Kansas, and Benj. Lynds, Associate Grand Patron, of Kansas, were introduced and invited to seats in the East. The address of Worthy Grand Patron, Samuel C. L. Rhodes, was given first, and he reports visiting sixteen chapters. He says: "Admit to your chapters only those who will be an element of good. Men and women of intelligence and character who will learn the beautiful lessons of our order and faithfully apply them." He speaks of his jurisdiction being invaded by J. S. Conover and his charming wife and daughters. Worthy Grand Matron, Cora B. McPherson, has made twelve official visits. Total membership 1,197. Grand Treasurer received $787.98, disbursements, $318.80; balance on hand $469.18.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Patron, John R. Parsons, St. Louis; Worthy Grand Matron, Flora M. Clarkson, Moberly; Grand Secretary, Sallie E. Dillon, St. Louis. Michigan received notice.

ARKANSAS,

The thirteenth annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, met in Little Rock, Nov. 26th, 1888. Twelve of the Grand Officers were present, and forty-five representatives of chapters. Worthy Grand Patron, J. M. Harkey, read his address before the Grand Matron's. He has granted dispensations to organize 19 chapters, and his deputies organized 4. One of the many questions answered by him was, "can a Master Mason's half sister become a member of the Eastern Star?" Answer, yes. Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Penn, read her address in the evening. She has written 175 letters and mailed 67 circulars. Seven charters were granted. Total number of members, 1,928. Died, 20. Receipts, $782.60; disbursements, $468.30; balance on hand,

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$813.17. The report of Foreign Correspondence is by J. M. Mallett. She ably reviews fifteen Grand Chapters. Michigan receives notice.

Grand Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Hattie E. Penn, of Harrison; Worthy Grand Patron, J. R. Donnell, of Greenbrier; Grand Secretary, J. C. Higgs, of Conway.

Nebraska.

The thirteenth annual session of Nebraska convened at Lincoln, June 20th, 1888, with thirteen Grand Officers present. Worthy Grand Patron, J. B. Bruner, appointed all committees, after which he read an address; he organized three chapters during the year, and recommends that fifty dollars be set apart for expenses of Grand Patron in visiting chapters; by committee on finance it was reduced to twenty-five. The Worthy Grand Matron, Mary A. Webster, read her address in the evening, it contains much good advice in reference to locating Grand Chapters in small towns. Grand Treasurer received $341.87; disbursements $117.30; balance on hand $224.57. There were 13 chapters that paid dues; total membership 585; memorial page contains three names.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, A. J. Snider; Worthy Grand Patron, Wm. N. Nason; Grand Secretary, H. A. Guild.

Connecticut.

The twelfth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, was held in Fair Haven, Oct. 10, 1888. Worthy Grand Matron, Carrie B. Konold, opened the chapter with the Grand Officers in their respective places. Past Grand Matrons, Past Grand Patrons and visitors were invited to seats in the East. Twenty-five chapters were represented. The Grand Matron visited thirteen chapters, and in the majority of them *no books* were used. In exemplifying the work in two chapters however, she speaks of the books being not all discarded. Oh! could Michigan, *our* Michigan, boast the same. Worthy Grand Patron, Frank G. Bassett, visited eight chapters and granted dispensations to three. In a very efficient and able address he says, all members should take it upon themselves to speak a good word for the order whenever an opportunity presents itself. "Let us as members

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professing to be sisters and brothers, with mutual love and forbearance assist each other to work out the designs that will advance our condition and make this order a perfect success." Grand Treasurer received $633.61; disbursements $226.26; balance on hand $367.26. Whole number of members 1,640. Memorial page contains 14 names of sisters and brothers who have crossed the dark river. Committee on foreign correspondence very ably reviews ten Grand Chapter proceedings, Michigan receiving one and one-half pages of fine type by Frances R. Martin.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Frances E. Holroyd, Bridgeport; Worthy Grand Patron, Frank G. Bassell, Sycamour; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Frances R. Martin and committee on foreign correspondence. An exceedingly *Frank* election, however, they were the only franc-ses among them.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The twelfth Grand Chapter of Massachusetts assembled at Ashland, May 8th, 1888, and opened with due ceremony by Worthy Grand Matron, Annie B. Huntress. Sixteen Grand Officers were present and seventeen chapters were represented. In speaking of those called to a higher life, the Worthy Grand Matron quotes

"One by one each link must fall;
Deaths stern mandate comes to all;
May our golden chain of love,
Miss no links when joined above."

She visited seventeen chapters, and reports the work thoroughly memorized. She has written during the year, 225 letters and visited all the chapters, and found them in a harmonious and prosperous condition, meetings well attended, officers ambitious, and not only have the work memorized, but render it with expression; and their records reflect honor upon their secretaries. Grand Officers have been received throughout the state, in a most corteous and cordial manner, bountiful colations have been served, and the utmost pains taken to make the visits pleasant to the officers, and profitable to the members, and says, "we do proclaim the Eastern Star to be an organization whose principles and teachings, if faithfully heeded will lead us upward and make us nobler, purer and better. Worthy Grand Patron, C. G. Fisk, reports

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an increase of membership of 424; he constituted two new chapters, and visited fourteen; he has written in the interest of the order 167 letters. Whole number of members 1,715. Five brothers are laid at rest. Grand Treasurer reports receipts $357; balance on hand $77.80.

Officers elected: Worthy Grand Matron, Josie E. Crane, of Millbury; Worthy Grand Patron, N. W. Farrar, of Easthampton; Grand Secretary, Daniel Seagrave, of Worcester; committee on foreign correspondence, Mary C. Hodgson.

Brothers and sisters of the Grand Chapter. I realize that my report seems statistical, and that the great underlying morals, beauties and charities of the order throughout the union, is not to be measured by the reports of treasurers, or increase of membership, but the full extent of the record is recorded by an immortal hand, and in a grand gathering in the future, we shall be enabled to read it in letters of gold. I know that my views of the order have been expanded during the duties of my office, and I find so many competent workers everywhere, I feel that it is quite an educator and recommend that it be passed on as an instructor to the other members of the Grand Chapter, unless it is given over to the Grand Secretary, as it is many states.

We live in deeds, not words; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on the dial; we should count time by heart throbs; he most lives who thinks the most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

LOU M. ANTHONY,
Committee.

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ADDRESS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

W. G. Matron—Sister O. L. DAVIDSON.....Grand Rapids.
W. G. Patron—Brother JAMES J. DECKER.....Omer.
W. G. A. Matron—Sister MARY D. STONE.....Ionia.
W. G. A. Patron—Brother JOHN BRIDGE.....Detroit.
W. G. Secretary—Brother T. PHILLIPS.....Hastings.
W. G. Treasurer—Sister S. K. WINANS.....Lansing.
W. G. Conductress—Sister EFFIE TUNISON.....Detroit.
W. G. A. Conductress—Sister L. A. TEALL..South Bay City.
W. G. Adah—Sister MARY E. HINDS.....Stanton.
W. G. Ruth—Sister STELLA STURGIS.....Sturgis.
W. G. Esther—Sister JENNIE GRAVES.....Quincy.
W. G. Martha—Sister L. A. TURCK.....Alma.
W. G. Electa—Sister GRACE I. CATLIN....Iron Mountain.
W. G. Chaplain—Sister D. C. PURINTON.....Coldwater.
W. G. Warder—Sister FRANK CONVERSE.....Roscommon.
W. G. Sentinel—Brother FRED KRUGER.....Detroit.
W. G. Marshal—Sister JENNIE GRISWOLD.....Lowell.
Committee on Foreign Correspondence—
Sister ROSANA ROSE.....Hastings.

SECRETARIES WILL PLEASE READ.

The Secretary of each Chapter will please comply with the following rules:

1. Acknowledge promptly to the Worthy Grand Secretary the receipts of the proceedings sent.

2. Notify the Worthy Grand Secretary promptly of all changes in the office of Secretary.

3. Make your annual returns to the Worthy Grand Secretary before the first day of October in each year, and inclose draft for the amount of dues.

"The Worthy Matron and secretary of each subordinate chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction are requested and expected to notify the secretary, or secretaries, of the chapter, or chapters, where this Grand Body is to be held, of about the number that will attend such session of the Grand Chapter from their chapter; and such notice shall be sent within the fifteen days preceding any such session."

NOTE.—The next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter will be held in Detroit, October 8th (being the second Wednesday), A. D. 1890, at 12 o'clock M.

T. PHILLIPS,
Worthy Grand Secretary, Hastings, Mich.

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