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*Fraternial Correspondent:*

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION  
OF THE  
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ORDER EASTERN STAR  
OF THE STATE OF TEXAS



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NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER  
ORDER EASTERN STAR  
OF THE  
STATE OF TEXAS.

The nineteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas, was held in the Masonic Temple, City of Galveston, convening October 8th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The meeting was called to order by Grand Patron, Brother W. S. Hellyer, who announced that the hour for opening the regular session had arrived.

The Grand Matron, Mrs. Agnes V. Young, was escorted to her station in due form and after appointing Sister N. J. Phenix, Grand Adah, *pro tem*, Sister Elizabeth Bruce, Grand Electa *pro tem*, Sister Luella Ross, Grand Warder *pro tem* and Brother J. T. Cobb, Grand Sentinel *pro tem*, the Grand Chapter was regularly opened.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, which was adopted as read :

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

### GRAND OFFICERS - ONE VOTE EACH.

*Mrs. Agnes V. Young, Grand Matron.*

*W. S. Hellyer, Grand Patron.*

*Mrs. Kate M. Bryan, Associate Grand Matron.*

*Dr. A. C. McDaniel, Associate Grand Patron.*

*Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Grand Secretary.*

*Mrs. M. A. Sherburne, Grand Treasurer.*

*Mrs. Minnie Smith, Grand Conductress.*

*Mrs. Alma M. Walker, Grand Associate Conductress.*

*Mrs. Cassie Leonard, Grand Ruth.*

*Mrs. Kate Brownson, Grand Ruth.*

*Mrs. Portia Thompson, Grand Martha.*

*Mrs. G. W. Bennett, Grand Marshal.*

*Mrs. Alma H. Davis, Grand Chaplain.*

*Mrs. Fannie V. Ward, Grand Organist.*

*Mrs. Laura F. Seaman, Press Correspondent.*

### PAST GRANDS - ONE VOTE EACH.

*Mrs. A. A. Garrison, W. S. Hoskins, L. S. Garrison, J. T. Atchison, Sadie Hoskins, N. M. Karney, J. L. Miller, Jennie S. Randolph, Rachel M. Swaim.*

### GRAND DEPUTIES—ONE VOTE EACH.

*Mary McCanless, Mollie Grey, Ada Atchison, Carrie B. Lane, R. W. Lemond and J. S. Lillard.*

## REPRESENTATIVES.

No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PATRONS AND MATRONS.	PROXIES.	No votes.
1	Dallas	Mrs. Hattie Hamilton.		1
		A. F. Beddloe		1
2	Mizpah	Mrs. Carrie A. Chase.		1
		James J. Davis.		1
3	San Antonio	Mrs. Stella Kearney.		1
		R. F. Alexander.	Evelyn Hart.	1
4	Groesbeck	Mrs. Maggie Williams		1
		B. J. Williams		1
5	Paris	Mrs. Mary Hodges.		2
		Jas. A. Garland.		2
15	Alvin	Mrs. Emma G. Cobb.		2
		E. S. Stockwell		2
16	Western So.	Mrs. Alvina Lawrence	Mrs. N. Young.	2
		Joe M. Brown		2
17	Elm	Mrs. Janie Hendric.	J. T. Atchison.	2
		W. W. Grant.		2
19	Celeste	Mrs. Cordia Harrel.		2
20	Ruth	Mrs. Carrah Johnson.		1
			Alice Hiles.	1
22	Corn Hill	Mrs. Susie Wyatt.		2
		John Robertson		2
26	Pilot Point	Mrs. K. Bauer.		2
		Dr. O. C. Buster.		2
28	Merkel	Mrs. Mattie Leeman.		2
		A. A. Baker.		2
30	Abilene	Mrs. Mary Clinton.		1
		Miles Cape.	Mrs. J. B. Ruse.	1
31	Floyd City	Mrs. A. B. Duncan.		2
		Dr. R. C. Andrews.		2
37	Plainview	Mary V. Dye.		2
		Chas. McClelland		2
38	Lemond	Mrs. Mattie Smiley.		1
		R. W. Lemond.		1
39	Smithville	Mrs. Portia Thompson		2
		Theo. Smith.		2
40	Henrietta	Mrs. Ora Palmer.		2
		F. J. Barrett.		2
46	Thornton	Miss Beulah Spencer.	Mary Price.	2
		H. K. Price.		2
49	Adah	Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce.		2
		D. Childs.		2
56	Ladonia	Miss Ella L. Griffin.		2
		B. E. Statfield.		2
57	Mexia		Miss Luella Ross	2



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No.	NAME OF CHAPTER.	PATRONS AND MATRONS.	PROXIES.	No votes.
58	Colorado	Mrs. Celia McKenzie.		2
		F. E. McKenzie.	L. A. Phoenix.	
59	Godley	Mrs. T. Jack.		2
		C. H. Rodes.		
61	McKinney	Miss M. B. Dowell.		2
		W. R. Abernathy.		
63	Wolfe City	Mrs. Ruth Moore.	Rose Andrews.	1
		M. L. B. Seaman.	Laura F. Seaman.	1
65	Bright Star	Mittie Brown.		1
		Samuel Proud.		1
66	Matador	Mrs. L. B. Campbell.		2
		Henry R. Black.		
67	Big Springs	Mrs. Martha McKay.		2
		I. D. Maxwell.		
72	Selma Lee	Miss Tishie Robertson.		2
		S. H. Bowers.		
77	Gate City	Mrs. Pauline Henry.		2
		D. C. Clarke.		
82	Caddo Mills	Mrs. Ellen Buchanan.		2
		Alonzo Fagg.		
86	Miriam	Miss Annie Thaison.	E. J. Randolph.	2
		J. H. Tierney.		
96	Wortham	Mrs. Georgia Page.		2
		S. W. Pettus.		
109	Mart	Miss Cora Swaim.	Mrs. R. M. Swaim.	2
		L. B. Smyth.		
135	Ransford	Mrs. A. E. Kopf.		2
		J. B. Muir.		
149	Mt. Calm	Miss Alma Garrison.		2
		T. W. Wylie.		
158	Violet	Mrs. J. L. Hill.	Mrs. K. Brownson.	2
		N. Whips.		
159	Bethesda	Mrs. Irene Boren.		2
		W. W. Nelson.		
160	Winnie	Mrs. A. V. Triplett.		2
183	Carpenters	Mrs. R. E. Chambers.		2
		T. J. Kirchof.		
134	Tirzah		Anna Johnson.	2
Total Chapter votes.				86

## PAST MATRONS AND PATRONS--ONE VOTE EACH.

Mesdames Hetie Pope, S. J. Gee, S. J. Wolcott, Alice Slataper, M. B. Foster, M. F. Ruddock, M. L. Thompson, M. A. Maynard, Amelie Huvelle, Nellie C. Hubbard, Belle Pritchard, Jennie McGrew, E. J. Randolph, Anna Johnson, Rose Andrews, Misses Emma and Ida Kipp, Messrs. F. H. Shumate, J. B. Reese, T. J. Largent, J. T. Cobbs, Louis Blaylock, J. E. Flanders, J. B. Willett, A. W. Wilkerson, J. H. Kipp, T. L. Longbotham and Thos. G. Croft.

ELIZA J. RANDOLPH,

HATTIE HAMILTON,

J. J. DAVIS,

Committee.

## WELCOME ADDRESS.

*Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter O. E. S.*

To me has been delegated the pleasing privilege of extending to you, on behalf of Mizpah Chapter, a hearty welcome to our city. In accepting the duty I do so with feelings of pleasure, mingled with those of regrets; pleasure at being selected, regret that one of more ability, as a speech-maker, than myself, had not been chosen. Conjure in your minds all the nice things that you think I should say, then add one hundred per cent, and you can then have a faint idea of the feelings of joy and happiness we feel in being permitted to entertain this Grand Chapter.

One year ago we expected you to meet in our city, but, as you know, you were prevented, by the great storm, which the Grand Patron on high saw fit to visit on us. Need I say to you, that mingled with the regrets and sorrows following the storm, were those of not being able to entertain our Grand Chapter. We extended the invitation to meet with us this year, and were pleased when we knew you had accepted the same; so to-day we are privileged to enjoy that which was denied us one year ago.

In welcoming you to our city we do so with hearts filled with love and gratitude for the bountiful manner in which the members of this Order came to the assistance of our members, in the time of our sorrow. It is impossible for me to find words which can sufficiently express our gratitude. God grant that no other city

will ever be called upon to pass through what we passed through, but should misfortune or disaster ever befall any city, I can assure you that one of the first to come to their assistance will be Mizpah Chapter.

The entertainment that we have prepared for you, we hope will meet with your approval. It is offered as a slight token of our love and esteem. If there is anything you want that you see, ask for it; if there is anything you want that you don't see, ask for it. The latch string hangs on the outside, you have but to pull it, walk in, state your wish and every member of this Charter will vie with each other to see who can be the first to see that your wish is gratified.

May all your deliberations be began in peace, conducted in love and ended in harmony; that your visit may be pleasant and productive of much good; that you may safely return to your homes, having kind remembrances of your visit to our city; that you may all be F. A. T. A. L. is the wish of Mizpah Chapter.

J. J. DAVIS,

Worthy Patron, Mizpah Chapter No. 2.

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## RESPONSE.

BROTHER DAVIS AND MEMBERS OF MIZPAH CHAPTER:—In the name of the Grand Chapter I thank you for your words of welcome, which we feel come from the heart. We are proud to meet with you, the queen of Texas Chapters—surely none other has a history like yours; scarce three years old, perfect in harmony, peace and good management from the first, stricken all but dead with an awful calamity, yet arising like a fair Phoenix, within a year, from the ashes of its sorrow, triumphant, joyous, successful and prosperous.

I am always glad that our Grand Chapter meets in the golden October. These have been styled by the poet "the melancholy days, the saddest of the year," but to me they are joyful days, emblematic of a well spent life. All nature is resting from a year's labor; the harvest is gathered; the barns and granaries are overflowing; the trees are loaded with ripe fruit; in the woods "the sound of dropping nuts is heard," and our Grand Body meets here to-day to render an account of its year of work; here comes our Grand Matron, with her Deputies, bearing goodly sheaves—twenty-five new Chapters is the record—one of which

we may well feel proud. And here comes Mizpah Chapter, bearing her harvest of love, gratitude and good will, and a lively, active working membership of 136; a record to emulate, truly.

I trust that our deliberations here may be for the best good of all concerned, and that our kind hosts may never be sorry they entertained us. And that we may all grow in that spirit of charity, which is the noblest, purest and truest of all charity—that spirit which enables us to think or speak no evil one of another.

Laura B. Hart.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron was conducted to the East, introduced in a charming and complimentary manner by the Grand Matron and given all due honor by the Grand Body.

The following named Sisters were received as Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions: Mrs. M. A. Maynard, Mrs. Jennie S. Randolph, Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Mrs. Kate M. Bryan, Mrs. Amelia A. Garrison, Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins, Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne, Mrs. Agnes V. Young and Mrs. Laura B. Hart. Past Grand Patrons: J. L. Miller, J. T. Atchison, L. S. Garrison, N. M. Kearney and W. S. Hoskins were duly recognized; the same honors were accorded to Past Grand Matrons, Rachel M. Swaim, Sadie A. Hoskins, Jennie S. Randolph, Amelia A. Garrison and Laura B. Hart.

Letters of greeting were announced from other jurisdictions in such a number that space forbids their enumeration.

The following from our Right Worthy Grand Secretary was read and same was ordered printed in proceedings:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,  
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

CHICAGO, ILL., October 7, 1901.

*Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas:*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS—The invitation to attend the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Texas duly to

hand, and wish it were possible for me to accept and be with you in person. It would be a great pleasure for me to unite with the Sister and Brothers in the Lone Star State in honoring one who has been promoted to the position of Most Worth Grand Matron. Her zeal for our cause and her long service in your jurisdiction is convincing evidence that this honor is indeed merited. For eight years I have served with Sister Hart as Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Texas, and I am sure that I shall find her a most competent superior officer and one who I shall feel honored to serve. I can scarcely realize that your grief-stricken city of a year ago is sufficiently rebuilt to make it possible for you to gather there in annual session. I feel like extending my personal thanks to the Sisters and Brothers all over the United States for the very generous manner in which they responded to the call of want, as related to us in Detroit by dear Sister Hart. May God bless you all, is the sincere wish of

Yours very sincerely,

LONAINE J. PILKIS,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

The following committees were announced from the Clair:

DISTRIBUTION.

Sisters Sadie A. Hoskins, Rachel M. Swaim, Bro. L. S. Garrison.

FINANCE.

Sisters Mollie Gray, S. J. Wolcott, Bro. R. W. Lemond.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Sisters Anna Johnson, S. J. Gee, Bro. W. S. Hoskins.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

Sisters Mary E. Clinton, Mittie Brown, Bro. J. L. Miller.

CHARTERED CHAPTERS.

Sisters Mary V. Dye, Mamie B. Dowell, Bro. J. E. Flanders.

CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

Sisters Stella Karney, Mary McCatless, Bro. Thos. Longbotham.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Sisters T. Jack, Mary Price, Bro. L. S. Garrison.

BY-LAWS.

Sisters A. B. Duncan, Susie Wyatt, Bro. N. M. Karney.

MILEAGE.

Sisters Tishie Robertson, Alma Garrison, Bro. T. J. Largen.

ON TELEGRAMS.

Sisters Amelia Huvelle, Ora Palmer, Bro. B. E. Satterfield.

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GRAND MATRON'S ADDRESS.

*Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas.*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:

I bid you a glad welcome to this nineteenth annual convocation of our Grand Chapter in the beautiful City of Galveston.

To our hostesses and hosts I would say, we are happy to be with you today, and I assure you it is with pride and pleasure unalloyed, that we note your achievements during the past year, but we are not surprised, it is only the fulfilment of public prophecy that you would rise superior to your great calamity, and it is gratifying indeed to those who have been, and are, deeply interested in you that you have surpassed our expectations.

In glancing over the company here assembled I am happy to discern the features of Sisters and Brothers who have been gleaners in the field with us for many years gone by. How delightful it is to meet and greet you annually. And again there are faces less familiar to us, in fact they would be strangers within our gates, were it not for the beautiful tie that binds us in one great "Sisterhood." To you we extend a special welcome and warm reception. May you excel in zeal and become our most devoted members.

It is with heartfelt thankfulness that I am permitted to record the fact that our chain of Grand Officers has not been broken by the silent messenger, but a few of our number have been called to join the innumerable caravan. On February 4th, 1901, received the sad intelligence from Grand Patron Hellyer, by wire, that a beautiful light had gone out.

Bro. J. C. CARPENTER,

for whom Carpenter Chapter in Sherman had been named. He was born in Canandaigua, New York, November 19th, 1816. Had been a resident of Sherman twenty-six years; a Mason sixty-one years and Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Texas twenty-three years. Was a regularly ordained Baptist minister, but his voice failing in 1879 was compelled to abandon his calling. We who attended the Grand Chapter in Sherman had the felicity of meeting this grand old Patriarch. At the session that he attended he was always the guest of honor—the members hovering around him continually happy if they could be of any assistance to him—indeed it was entrancing and inspiring to witness the deference and attention paid this venerable brother. I gave the Grand Patron permission to procure a floral emblem to be tendered in behalf of the Grand Chapter and sent condolence to relatives, Chapter and friends.

June 9th, again we were called to mourn the loss of an esteemed member,

SISTER ANNIE LUDLOW,

wife of Past Grand Patron, D. Ludlow, and Past Matron of Adah Chapter No. 49, San Antonio. Of her can be truly said: she was a beautiful and most estimable woman. We grieve with the bereaved ones. More recently the home of our beloved Grand Treasurer has been entered and her husband, M. H. Sherburne, called to the Great Beyond to comply with the requirements of the Grand Patron on high. With our grief-stricken sister we deeply sympathize and remind her that "death may be to the dead what life is to the living." Have been informed that a few other links in different Chapters have been severed asunder, but as I have no official knowledge of this am unable to chronicle the names of their loved and lost much as I would like to do so. To these Chapters and families of departed ones we tender sincere expressions of our sympathy.

Though our jurisdiction has been lightly passed over by the Death Angel, other States have been less fortunate and many have been constrained to relinquish dear ones. Among them,

one executive has lost her husband, Sister Rebecca Niner, Grand Matron of New York and whom I have had the pleasure of personally meeting and by whom I was introduced and conducted to the Grand East at the Grand Chapter of New York in 1899, and Sister Harriet Ercanbrach, R. W. G. Treas. G. G. C., has suffered a similar affliction, to each of them we particularly tender assurances of sincere condolences, and refer them to the emblem at the fourth point of our Star, with its comforting admonition: "That the bitterest sorrow is often relieved by a trustful faith in God," "Believest thou this?" This portion of my report was left open, fully realizing the uncertainty of human life, but little did I dream it would be occupied in paying a tribute to our people's Chief Executive, Wm. McKinley, cut down ruthlessly in the vigor of perfect prime, diabolically, by a modern Judas Iscariot, incited not by thirty pieces of silver, but, I reluctantly write it, by woman's speech. Woman, woman, we pray you use your talents and persuasive powers towards the elevation of mankind and not for their destruction.

This is indeed a national humiliation, and a nation mourns. It was peculiarly characteristic of this gentleman that just before the assassin approached him, he shook hands with a little child and spoke to him in kind and simple terms. And as a child murmuring "God's way, not ours, be done," he was borne to the hall of martyrs to receive his coronation. In his wife's words, the nation can ill spare him, but let us emulate the touching submission he portrayed in his last moments and reiterate the refrain that comforted him, finding consolation in the thought that he only had attained a state of perfection adequate to fill the niche above.

Upon receipt of the announcement that death was imminent and later that life was extinct, my first impulse was to wire condolence in behalf of the Grand Chapter and then I was confronted with the thought, how little solace could be derived from a few words transmitted through the medium of telegraphy and I desisted. May the fortitude that has sustained the heart-broken wife during this crucial ordeal not forsake her in the hours to come.

Let us pause a moment in our proceedings, and as a tribute to our Chief Magistrate, and to all members of our Order, who have passed during the year, from this field of earthly labor to the broader liberty and perfect peace of the life eternal, rise and reverently bow our heads as we offer a prayer, and while the Grand Chapter joins in singing, "Lead Kindly Light," I will request the two Conductresses to appropriately drape the altar. (Altar draped and hymn chanted.)



I recommend that requisite space in our proceedings be suitably inscribed to the memory of our fallen President, whose death has been a universal grief, and to the departed members of our Order.

By solicitation, through correspondence with the various Grand Matrons, I secured their recommendations, as to the appointment of Grand Representatives, a course I much approve as it avoids confusion, accelerates the disposition of the work along this line, and taken as a whole is supremely satisfactory, and it should be the right of every executive to select whom she desires honored. Upon receipt of suggestions, with pleasure, I sent commissions to the hereinafter named Sisters:

- Indiana - Sister Alice E. Stewart, Marion.  
 Colorado - Sister Lida Jack, Florence.  
 Vermont - Sister Elma M. Miller, Grand Matron, Newport.  
 Wisconsin - Sister Clara E. Frothingham, Lancaster.  
 Michigan - Sister Helen E. C. Babner, Grand Matron, Lansing.  
 South Dakota - Sister Ida K. Hill, Alexandria.  
 Pennsylvania - Sister Mary J. Williams, West Pittston.  
 New York - Sister Mary A. Danielson, New York City.  
 North Dakota - Sister Letah Barnett, Fargo.  
 Kansas - Sister Mary N. Buck, Emporia.  
 Missouri - Sister Annie F. Goodrich, Cameron.  
 Oregon - Sister Jessie S. Vert, Grand Matron, Pendleton.  
 Wyoming - Sister Ada Wolcott, Cheyenne.  
 Nebraska - Sister Minnie Crites, Chadron.  
 Maine - Sister Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford.  
 Massachusetts - Sister Hattie E. Ewing, M. W. G. M., Orange.  
 Ohio - Sister Bessie R. Hastings, Delphos.  
 Iowa - Sister Harriet A. Ercanbrach, Annamosa.  
 New Jersey - Sister Kate McEch.  
 Louisiana - Sister Mary S. Herring, Grand Matron, Monroe.  
 Arkansas - Sister Frances M. Stark, Danville.  
 District Columbia - Sister Flora E. Zea, Washington.  
 California - Sister Maud E. Bowes, Grand Matron, Santa Ana.  
 Montana - Sister Irene Morshead, Butte.  
 Indian Territory - Sister Ruth McNeil, Marietta.  
 Connecticut - Sister Minnie E. Willis, Ansonia.  
 Maryland - Sister Anna D. Heer, Baltimore.  
 Illinois - Sister Jennie A. Freeman, Danville.  
 Rhode Island - Sister Fendora S. Clarke, Woonsocket.  
 New Hampshire - Sister Josephine Horne, Derry.  
 Tennessee - Sister Belle DeRossett, Crossville

Arizona—Sister Jennie Pritchard, Bisbee.

Minnesota—Sister Adelaide F. Bissell, G. M., Litchfield.

Georgia—Sister Hattie May Delkin.

Alabama—Sister Susie Propst, Fayette.

Acknowledgments were received from most of the appointees graciously accepting the trust and expressing their appreciation of the honor conferred.

In every instance when asking a Grand Matron for a recommendation, I submitted the name of a sister for their consideration and am happy to say that in nearly every case the credentials were sent forthwith. Two Sister Grand Jurisdictions, Indiana and Michigan, however, honored your Grand Matron, and I thank them for the courtesy. My credentials are in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

#### APPOINTMENT.

Being unable to attend the General Grand Chapter, appointed Sister Laura B. Hart, R. W. A. G. M., as my proxy.

Later was delighted to hear that Sister Hart was advanced to the position of Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, an honor wisely bestowed and while I congratulate our Sister I also congratulate the General Grand in its choice of a pilot.

#### SECURITY BOND OF GRAND SECRETARY AND RENEWAL BOND OF GRAND TREASURER.

In accordance with the law made and provided in such cases, the Grand Secretary, Sister Laura B. Hart, and Grand Treasurer, Sister Marie A. Sherburne, executed their respective bonds for the faithful performance of their duties. These instruments were duly forwarded to me after having been approved by the Finance Committee, composed of Sisters Molly Gray, Sarah J. Wolcott and Brother W. L. Lane. They were placed on file in the Grand Matron's office together with the bond made by Brother Jesse T. Atchison, Trustee.

I herewith submit my official acts:

Immediately upon my return home or as soon thereafter as practicable, I appointed the following Deputies:

Districts 22, 27—Sister Ada M. Atchison, Gainesville.

" 36, 37, 41, 42—Sister J. J. Clinton, Abilene.

" 20, 21, 44, 54—Sister Ida Creager, Sherman.

" 7, 17—Sister Mollie Gray, Caddo Mills.

" 3, 4, 5, 6—Sister E. M. McKee, Texarkana.

Districts, 27, 31, 32--Sister Portia Thompson, Smithville.

" 1, 2, 51, 53--Sister Alma M. Walker, Galveston.

" 16, 18, 24--Sister Mary McCanless, Ennis.

" 10, 13, 14, 15, 25--Brother P. S. Park, Mexia.

" 8, 9--Brother Eugene Moss, Longview.

" 29, 30--Sister Kate M. Brownson, Victoria.

" 39, 40, 62--Brother R. W. Lemond, Hale Center.

" 33, 48, 49--Sister Annie A. Knox, San Antonio.

" 11, 12--Sister Carrie B. Lane, Houston.

Sister Kate M. Bryan, Dallas, Special for the State.

Brother W. S. Hoskins, Houston, Special for the State.

Brother J. S. Lilliard, Bowie, Special for the State.

Brother J. L. Miller, Wortham, Special for the State.

I close my appointments with that of Brother Wm. N. Coombs, Oakeliff, Special for State.

I also specially deputized the following:

Sister Lizzie Beck, Rockdale--To organize a Chapter at Taylor.

Sister Mollie Gray, Caddo Mills--To organize a Chapter at Farmersville.

Sister J. J. Clinton, Abilene--To organize a Chapter at Winters.

Sister J. J. Clinton, Abilene--To organize a Chapter at San Angelo.

Sister Charra Barlow, Ladonia--To visit and inspect Chapters.

Sister Portia Thompson, Smithville--To organize Chapter at Gatesville.

September 27, 1901.--Specially deputized Sister Carrie A. Chase, Galveston, to install Sister Alma H. Davis as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Texas.

October 18th, 1900.--Officially notified Sister Alma H. Davis, Quanah, of her appointment as Grand Chaplain

#### BY-LAWS APPROVED.

October 27th, 1900.--Approved by-laws of Colorado Chapter No. 58.

February 1st, 1901.--Legalized a meeting held without a Charter January 11th, 1901, under mitigating circumstances.

June 29th, 1901--Gave permission to Wichita Falls Chapter No. 42, to resume work, their dissolution for six months being due to the prevalence of small-pox in their town.

September 20th, 1901.--Gave permission to Mart Chapter No. 109 to resume work, their inaction being due to the loss of their hall by fire.

## REPORTS OF DEPUTIES.

October 30th, 1900, I was invited to install the officers of Bright Star Chapter No. 65 at Longview. The ceremony was held in the Methodist Church and witnessed by a large audience. The program, aside from the installation ceremony, was most interesting and was rendered almost entirely by persons not belonging to the Order. I was assisted by Past Worthy Patron F. H. Schumate as Grand Marshal. By request, I held a school of instruction on October 31st, and conferred the degrees on eight candidates. The officers were well up in the work when I left them, and these meetings seem to have marked the beginning of their prosperity, as they now report one of the best working Chapters in the jurisdiction.

I received an invitation from the Worthy Matron, Sister Gray, to visit Caddo Mills Chapter, No. 82, on December 28th, 1900. I was pleasantly surprised by finding the Grand Conductress, Sister Minnie Smith, also present on that occasion. Caddo Mills, although small in numbers, is mighty in knowledge, as I have never met with another Chapter in the State, in which every member was so proficient in the esoteric work. Long life to it!

I attended a public meeting of Mizpah Chapter, No. 2, on April 17th for the entertainment of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. The "Floral Work" and a most beautiful and elaborate drill were given by twenty young ladies, and their graceful evolutions were rewarded by constant applause. The members of the Grand Chapter have a treat in store for them at the next annual meeting, as Mizpah Chapter gives all the work in a manner which few can hope to equal.

On April 18th I visited Ransford Chapter, No. 135, and was the guest of Past Grand Matron, Sister Sadie A. Hoskins and her esteemed husband, Past Grand Patron, W. S. Hoskins. Their's is an Eastern Star household, and wandering Stars are met at the threshold with the glad hand. Ransford Chapter is in a very prosperous condition and perfect peace and harmony prevail in their ranks. There was a delightful social session at the close of the meeting, the program being voluntary and impromptu.

May 4th, I organized W. E. Owens Chapter at Waco with twenty charter members, being assisted by Past Worthy Patron, Brother Dugger, of California, as Grand Marshal. This Chapter began work under the most favorable auspices and when I visited them on June 11th, found them progressing nicely. In the absence of the Worthy Matron, the Associate Matron, Sister Journey presided in a highly creditable manner. The Conductress,

Sister Hill, performed her duties like a veteran. On September 5th, I paid this Chapter an official visit, and owing to a delayed train, went direct from the depot to the hall. I found them in the midst of an initiation and was much pleased with the manner in which the work was done. I inspected the Chapter and found the books had been kept in a business-like manner. There had been six initiations and their finances were in good condition. The meeting was followed by a social session, complimentary to the new member. Grand Adah, Sister Cora Swain, was also a visitor.

June 8th, 1901, I organized Vashti Chapter at Temple, with twenty charter members, and was assisted by Sister Lena Townsend, of Missouri, as Grand Marshal. I held a meeting at night and conferred the degrees on five candidates. There were five affiliations and I left them with thirty members. On September 3rd, not quite three months later, made an official visit to this Chapter, and cannot say too much in praise of the manner in which the officers did their work, only two using Rituals. The degrees were conferred on three candidates in a highly impressive manner, these making seventeen additions to the Chapter since organization. The members have bought a beautiful piano which was in evidence in the fine musical program that followed the meeting.

On August 5th, I made an official visit to Ruth Chapter, No. 20, at Cleburne. This Chapter has been suspended from work from February until the last of June, on account of a fire which destroyed the Masonic Hall, but were fortunate in saving all their property and were able to resume work as soon as the hall was completed. The new hall is one of the prettiest in the State and bears no resemblance to their old quarters. The work was very nicely done and prospects for building up the old interest in Ruth Chapter are very flattering. Harmony prevails among the members, and this added to energy insures a prosperous future. On September 2nd, I was invited to install their officers, but owing to a heavy rain storm, the attendance was small. A delightful social hour followed, spent in the new banquet hall.

June 11th, I made an official visit to Selma Lee Chapter, No. 72, at Troy, inspected their Chapter and held a school of instruction. Selma Lee is in fine condition, was ten months old at the time of my visit, and had twenty-six members. The work was well done, and the most perfect harmony prevails among them. By invitation, I installed the officers of Selma Lee in public on August 31st, assisted by Brother Zimmerman as Grand Marshal. All Masons and their families had been invited to be present on this occasion, and the hall was filled with a highly appreciative audience. The installation ceremony was followed by the most

sumptuous banquet of which it was ever my good fortune to partake. The regular monthly meeting was held in the afternoon, and by special request, a school of instruction on Eastern Star customs and ceremonies was held.

By request of the members of Prairie Hill Chapter, No. 51, I went there on September 4th to make the attempt to revive their Chapter which had done no work for two years. After two days of fruitless efforts to secure enough new material to insure a live Chapter, the faithful few reluctantly decided to surrender their charter and affiliate elsewhere. I most heartily commend them to the fraternity, and congratulate the Chapter with which they may affiliate.

I have accepted an invitation to install the officers of Godley Chapter, No. 59, on September 14th, after which I will pay them an official visit and hold a school of instruction.

I have also attempted to carry out your instructions by visiting Georgetown, Rockdale, Joshua and Morgan, but failed in each case. I found it impossible to get into correspondence with any members of Hadassah Chapter who seemed interested in the revival of their Chapter. I received a message while en route to Rockdale, that they had changed their minds and preferred an official visit later in the season. The great expense forbade any renewal of the attempt.

I have no direct reply to communications from Morgan, hence can make no report. After various efforts I heard from the Secretary at Joshua that their Chapter had not held a meeting since its organization, that all its members had moved away except himself, and he did not think an official visit would be of much benefit under the circumstances.

This closes the record of my year's work as your Special Deputy, and the result seems very small when compared with what I would have been glad to accomplish. In the discharge of my official duties I have written one hundred and fifty-four (154) letters and made use of both the telephone and telegraph, all at my own expense, whenever it would facilitate my work. I have organized two Chapters; will have installed the officers in four; have officially visited fifteen Chapters and held twelve schools of instructions, to accomplish which, I have traveled 2,350 miles, a part of which was by private conveyance overland. Fraternally yours,

KATE M. BRYAN,

A. G. M. and Special Deputy.

In February I wrote letters to fourteen Masonic Lodges that I thought could support Chapters, and to three where Chapters had

existed. Received replies from ten, with prospects for most interest at Italy, Hillsboro, Waxahachie; three letters to each of Corsicana and Athens brought no reply.

I wrote to the four Chapters, besides my home Chapter, inquiring of their condition, plans and prospects; replies came from three.

Mt. Calm, No. 139, reported as not very live, just a few attending and doing the work as best they could. I visited them at their regular meeting, June 9th; the work was fully exemplified, two candidates initiated. The hall was tastefully decorated and the Star officers wore robes and carried flowers of appropriate colors, which added much to the beauty of the work. I saw the need of some instruction and made some corrections. It being ten minutes till Sabbath morning when the work was finished, and refreshments awaited us in the hall, there was no time for suggestions or drill. So, I hoped to have the opportunity of giving them some assistance later. They report seven initiations, and a new corps of officers are installed.

Itasca Chapter, No. 70, reported March 17th, as much in need of help; lack of interest among the members, and imperfect knowledge of the work. I went to them April 26th, the full form of work was exemplified, two candidates initiated. I gave suggestions as they were needed in the work, and at the close, a drill in the secret work, and did what I could to encourage them. June 28th, on my way to Files Valley, I visited this Chapter again. Four visitors were from Files Chapter. Every Officer but one was in her station, I was happily surprised at this and much more at the great improvement in the work, as the result of drill and study given the work since my visit. One candidate was initiated. On my return from Files, I gave further instruction to some of the officers where it was particularly needed, and trust they will find the work more pleasant and profitable.

Report from Files Chapter No. 13 was most encouraging, and asking for a few days' instruction, I visited them June 29th. There were two visitors from Itasca Chapter and two from Auburn. One candidate was initiated. The work fully exemplified and seemed well understood, but practice was needed. I spent two days, holding two sessions each day, which from eleven to twenty attended and seemed to enjoy the work as well as to learn it well.

May 14th, visited my own, Winnie Chapter, No. 160. Threatening weather prevented a good attendance and few officers were in their places. One candidate was initiated and the full work given. This Chapter is most fortunate of any in my district, hav-

ing for its Worthy Matron Sister Maud Gatewood, whose interest and efforts for the welfare and prosperity of this Chapter has never waned and cannot be excelled or surpassed.

July 20th, visited Auburn Chapter. A heavy rain delayed the meeting and only four members came out. Three visitors from Files Chapter and I assisted in the work. I had written two letters to this Chapter, had no replies and could learn nothing of it until I met Brother and Sister B. F. Brown at Files, who told me it was in a sad condition, no meeting held since last July, many members moved away; no election or installation last year. On my visit I found the books badly neglected, dues far behind and everything predicting an early death. Those present promised to secure a meeting in August, elect officers, collect dues and try to revive the work as the Masons had just built a new hall that would be so pleasant to do our work in. The last news is that only two members came to the meeting, a show having attracted the others, and they would give up all hopes and property.

July 23d, organized Italy Chapter with twenty charter members, fifteen being present. Held three sessions to give the work thoroughly. Returned to receive three charter members and install two officers on the 8th of August. Spent a day with them August 30th and gave them a good drill and instructions for the Grand Chapter reports, delegate, etc. They have the work nicely and prospects bright for a successful Chapter.

July 29th, organized Annie M. Chapter, at Hillsboro, with twenty charter members, one being absent. Held three sessions to give the work fully and thoroughly. Returned to them the 9th, to assist in the practice, and was present at their regular meeting August 29th. They seemed much interested, and bid fair to do their work well. Two new members have been received.

September 3rd, organized at Waxahachie, Samaria Chapter, with twenty charter members. Twelve members of Winnie Chapter, No. 160, exemplified the full work. Returned to them on the 7th, to deliver the supplies and dispensation, and to complete the business of the previous meeting and to have the officers to go through the work. Obligated two charter members and initiated one. The work of the Chapter is very encouraging.

I have urged all my Chapters to get in touch with the work of other Chapters, by correspondence, fraternal visits, and reading our O. E. S. papers. Extending invitations and exchanging visits has proved pleasant and encouraging to each. Fraternally submitted,

MARY McCANLESS.



Upon assuming the duties of the high position you honored me by granting jurisdiction over Districts 29 and 30, my heart failed me, knowing my oversight included a dreary field, and I feared like the humble gleaner of old, I would answer your summons with empty hands. There is but one Chapter alive in the above districts, viz: Violet, of Victoria, No. 158.

On March 7th I wrote to the following Chapters: Yoakum at Yoakum, Stayton at Cuero, Evergreen at Goliad, Elizabeth at Blanconia, Martha Ellis at Beeville, Port Lavaca at Lavaca, Harwood at Harwood, Waelder at Waelder, Sam Devall at Hallettsville. I tried to revive courage and hope, urging them to attempt reorganization; with a few exceptions courteous and prompt replies were returned, and while the cause was hopeless there was, without exception, a regret that the life of the Chapter was gone. Evergreen and Goliad sent an inventory and asked for more time. Sister J. R. Harris at Waelder wrote August 22d, that there was a prospect of revival, inviting me to visit them. This involved a long journey for me, so at my request Sister Karney was authorized to go there. From March to August I waited and on the 22d of August I wrote the above mentioned Chapters, excepting Waelder Chapter, for which there is hope, to forward per express all belongings of demised Chapters to Grand Secretary, Sister Laura B. Hart at San Antonio, and to kindly furnish me a copy of inventory so I might include same in my report to Grand Matron; no replies have been received to date. Letters written, thirty-one. Violet Chapter of Victoria, organized by Past Grand Matron Sister Sadie A. Hoskins in 1894, has maintained a continuous useful existence; it has furnished a Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Grand Martha, Grand Esther, Grand Associate Conductress and Grand Conductress. I will give but one instance of some of the duties of the Chapter: An aged lady, impoverished and bed-ridden, sent us her credentials as wife of a Master Mason and ex-member of the O. E. S., and begged that when her death came she be not put away with the profane. Under seal of the Chapter our Worthy Matron gave the promise that in the event of death she should be given burial befitting the rank of a widow of a Master Mason, and this is her consolation while waiting in the dark valley.

To add to my report, already lengthy, you request my opinion of methods, etc., with my limited knowledge would say the signs of decay are not of recent origin. When a Chapter fails to send a delegate to Grand Chapter the decadence is begun. Then follows indifference, lack of pride, sickness, and then the death for which there is no "rehabilitation." A Chapter must have a

working Body of Master Masons behind it, the members must possess "staying qualities;" there should be rotation of officers, and members should be governed by the precept of the "Golden Rule," then we will have fulfilled the mission outlined by our Patron Brother, Rob Morris, whose natal day is observed by our annual installation.

Fraternally submitted,

KATE M. BROWNSON.

On June 29th, 1901, I organized Head's Prairie Chapter, in Limestone County. I gave full instructions in the esoteric work and predict success for the Chapter. July 20th, I organized Abbott Chapter, at Abbott, in Hill County. I did not instruct the Chapter as fully as I would desire, owing to lack of time, but I contemplate visiting the Chapter in the near future, when I will instruct the officers and members more fully. During the year I have visited several Chapters, and have given instructions and encouragement to the best of my ability. Most of the Chapters I have met appear to be doing fairly well. Owing to short crops in the State many of the lodges will not attempt to organize Chapters, that had intended to this fall.

J. L. MILLER.

I have organized one Chapter, at Lubbock, in Lubbock county. Have made some effort to organize at Hereford and Canyon City, however, these towns are not in my jurisdiction, but I think I can organize them in the near future. I am pleased to state that in nearly every instance the ladies who become members of our beautiful Order, are pleased and soon become very zealous. Owing to the fact that our membership is so badly scattered, it is difficult to get them to attend the meeting regularly sometimes; but when we do meet we have great times. I hope to be in attendance at the Grand Chapter at Galveston, and that I may have the pleasure of a conversation with you, and make some explanations, and perhaps some suggestions, as to the best interests of our beautiful Order on the plains.

R. W. LEMOND.

As Special Deputy, I beg to report that the only work that I have done during the year was the constituting of a Chapter at Crockett, Texas, which was set working on 6th of July, with a good membership, and prospects of success. Have since heard from them and they are doing well. Have made no visits to Chapters officially. Ransford Chapter at Houston is in good condition and doing well. Fraternaly,

W. S. HOSKINS.

Early in the year I ascertained the name and number of the strongest Masonic Lodges in said districts, then wrote letters addressed to either the Secretary or some Mason who was supposed to have an interest in the O. E. S., but failed to receive any encouragement. Being anxious to have a good Chapter in our town, Mr. A. and myself determined we would try and organize a new Chapter if possible. We found it required much more hard work to institute a Chapter where one had demised than in a town where none had existed. After a long struggle, on the thirteenth of August, we instituted Belle Moon Chapter with full complement of charter members.

After I had the Chapter to work, they received sixteen of the old members of Lone Star Chapter, No 71, by affiliation, they having dimitts from the Grand Chapter. We have devoted our time in instructing them in the work and from interest shown, have hopes that the Chapter will succeed. I visited Era Chapter, No. 41, installed their officers. Allow me to say, I found their Past Matron, Sister Josie Gist, one among the most enthusiastic workers I have ever met in our Order. I was to have been at St. Jo on Sept. 6th, to install the officers of Elm Chapter, No. 17, but being unavoidably detained in Waco, I telephoned Brother Atchison to take the first train out there, and do the work for me, which he did. After installing the officers, he instructed them in the work and reports good material and good work. On Sept. 7th, I visited Nocona Chapter, No. 62. Installed their officers and gave them such instructions in the work as they needed, although this is a small young Chapter, they responded nobly by sending \$10.00 to the relief of the Galveston storm sufferers. Thus you see I have visited all the Chapters but one in my districts and I have good reports from Western Social, No. 16, and feel gratified with the condition of the Order in those districts. I have delayed writing, hoping to organize another Chapter.

ADA ATCHISON.

On May 22d I organized a Chapter at Ben Franklin, after my second attempt. I was ably assisted by Brother, J. L. Dennis, Past Worthy Patron of Ladonia Chapter, also Brother Santefield, of same Chapter, Mrs. C. E. Johnson, Worthy Matron of Carpenter Chapter. Our trip was made very pleasant by the thoughtfulness of Brother Dennis, and our many new Sisters and Brothers we met, who were very enthusiastic in their new work.

On July 11th I organized a Chapter at Plano, assisted by Brother Kirchhof of Carpenter Chapter, Brother Abernathy

Worthy Patron of McKinney Chapter, also, Sisters Plemmons, Gerrish and Melton. They manifested much interest. I wrote to Bonham, Leonard, Collinsville and Cannon, but did not get replies. I also wrote to Farmersville to Brother Hamilton, did not get a reply, but noticed that they have since organized. I did not write Blue Ridge, didn't think they were strong enough to support a Chapter. Denton, I wrote to three parties, first did not think that we could establish a Chapter, as several ineffectual attempts had been made, the second was out of town, and the third did not answer at all.

I made two trips to Whitewright and Grand Patron one, with same results—they were anxious for a Chapter, but wanted it organized and see whether it would live before they would go into it. Talked with Past Patron of Mantua Chapter, at Van Alstyne, also several members and they felt it useless to do anything.

I have visited Gate City Chapter twice during the year, but not officially. On August 31st, they had several candidates and went through their work beautifully. Visited Carpenter Chapter officially on September 3rd. It is working in peace and harmony and same old enthusiasm.

Wishing you a pleasant meeting at Galveston. Thanking you very kindly for the commission and many pleasant thoughts and wishes expressed during the year.

IDA CREAGER.

I am sorry not to report more done this year. I have visited several Chapters including Western Social, No. 16, Bowie, Henrietta Chapter, No. 40, Henrietta. I was also at Floydada, Floyd County, and met a number of Floyd City Chapter and found them working efficiently and in harmony. Sister Stark, the Worthy Matron, has the work well and all appreciate the Order.

I visited the Blue Lodge at Estacado, Crosby county, while out there and encouraged them to organize a Chapter and they want to have me there before the meeting of Grand Chapter and I am expecting their petition every day. Hope I may report them as organized at Grand Chapter. I have had such a busy year, I have not done as much as I should.

J. S. LILLIARD.

When I received your commission for Districts 27, 31, 32. I had great hopes of organizing a number of Chapters, but as nearer

and nearer came the time for me to make my final report I realized that it could not be.

On June 14th, I organized Mina Chapter, at Bastrop, with twenty charter members, think they have splendid material for a fine Chapter. Several of the ladies called on me at the hotel and Mrs. McCord, the Worthy Matron, drove me over the town. By special commission I organized Bonner Ruby Chapter, at Gatesville, on Sept. 12th. The Worthy Matron intended to have a committee to meet me at the depot, but owing to the steady down-pour of rain there was no one there. Was driven to the Atkinson Hotel and there found awaiting my arrival, Mrs. Macbeth, Worthy Matron, and Mrs. Martin. After dinner, Mrs. Macbeth and myself drove all over town, through the rain and called on nearly all the charter members. It poured down all the time I was there and I had a chance to see what kind of material the Chapter was composed of and found them not wanting. The Chapter was organized under great difficulty and they all deserve credit, especially the Worthy Matron. I wrote to nearly all the Secretaries of the Masonic Lodges in my Districts and out of all, only received three answers. Received encouraging letters from Secretaries at San Marcos and Giddings, think Chapters can be organized there in the near future. Our home Chapter is in a flourishing condition. I wish to thank you for your kind letters, advice and assistance.

PORTIA THOMPSON.

When I accepted the appointment as Deputy for Districts No. 1, 2, 51, 53, I hoped to accomplish much in the way of organization. Most encouraging answers to my letters were received, and had it been possible for me to visit the several places, and exert a personal influence, I am sure my efforts would have been more successful.

I am confident that in the near future we will have an Eastern Star Chapter at Beaumont, and Lufkin also promises to organize soon.

It was my intention to visit Alvin, but information was received from the Worthy Matron of that Chapter that they had not recuperated from the effects of the storm and were in no condition to receive a visit.

As you are perhaps aware, the first few months of the fiscal year were necessarily devoted to re-organizing myself and my household affairs, besides having to perform the duties of Worthy Matron in my own Chapter.

To relieve the distress of our members, and instill in their minds a spirit of cheerfulness and hope for the future, was my constant care, and I am pleased to say that with the assistance and earnest endeavor of our faithful workers, we succeeded in a measure far beyond my expectations, as the average attendance, interest shown, and increased membership of Mizpah, No. 2, will testify. Forty new names were added to its roll during the year, and we have now a membership of 130, four of our beloved members having left to join the Grand Chapter on high.

About the first of June, owing to ill health of my husband, it became necessary for me to absent myself from the City for a period of nearly three months, therefore you will see my time for accomplishing much in the way of organization was limited.

ALMA M. WALKER.

In District No. 7, there are three Chapters, Wolf City, No. 63, Celest, No. 9, Caddo Mills, No. 82. There are no live Chapters in District No. 17. On August 6th, I visited Celest. Chapter, but on account of sickness, and some of the members away, they failed to have a meeting, but on September 6th, I visited them again. While there were not many out, we had a very pleasant meeting; as they have never sent out a representative to the Grand Chapter, I insisted on them sending one this year, so the Worthy Matron decided she would attend. Wolf City Chapter is doing very nicely. I failed to get to visit them, but have had several nice letters from their Secretary, Sister Seaman. I being the Worthy Matron of the Caddo Mills Chapter, did not consider it necessary to visit them officially, but will say that I think we have as fine a Chapter as there is in the State. I do not think there is a Chapter in the State that is better up in the secret work. On July 18th, by special commission, I organized a Chapter at Farmersville, with seventeen of the twenty charter members present. I think this Chapter will soon be the "Banner" Chapter of the State. I have written about forty letters in the interest of the Order in my district.

MOLLIE GRAY.

Your letter was received some days ago and I have been trying to plan some way to attend the approaching session of the Grand Chapter. I realize how very important it is that all officers should be present and am more than sorry that it will be impossible for me to meet you in Galveston. My time is now engaged in

teaching and the interests of my school will not permit me to lose a week's time so near the beginning. Since receiving my commission of Special Deputy the latter part of July, I have visited Wolf City Chapter, No. 65, and installed their officers on the evening of September 2nd, 1901. I inspected the work of this Chapter and found all in order, as every one would expect with Sister Rose Andrews as Worthy Matron and Sister Laura F. Seaman as Secretary. The new officers seem enthusiastic and began at once to instruct themselves in their several parts. On the evening of September 15th I installed the officers of Ladonia Chapter, No. 56, with Sister Ella Grimm as Worthy Matron and Brother J. L. Dennis as Secretary. We may expect a successful year for Ladonia.

CHARRA BARLOW.

On receipt of commission as District Deputy I immediately wrote letters to the Worshipful Masters of each Masonic Lodge in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth districts, setting forth the objects and aims of our beautiful Order, with instructions as to manner of arranging preliminaries of organization, requesting that they bring the matter before their lodge, and upon advice of any desire to form a Chapter I would take pleasure in giving them additional information and assist them to organize at the proper time. To these various letters, I received but one reply, and that of a discouraging nature. Following this I made diligent effort to organize a Chapter in Texarkana, but a large portion of the desirable material who became interested lived on the Arkansas side of the line, this with a combination of local reasons, made it impossible to organize there. Later I spent two days in New Boston, endeavoring to interest those who were eligible in reorganizing the demised, or forming a new Chapter. Considerable interest was manifested by some and I came away with their promise to arrange for reorganization, but so far have not been advised of any definite action taken by them. I believe another trip among them, a fairly good Chapter could be instituted. My plans to return to them, as well as visit the other principal places in my district with a view to organizing Chapters was interfered with by fire which occurred in our home July 11th, 1901, making it necessary to secure and furnish another residence and have just recently become settled in our new home. While I have apparently accomplished but little in the past year, it has not been from the lack of interest or effort, and trust that the seed sown in this year's work may bring forth fruit

in the years to come. I desire to extend my appreciation for your prompt and courteous replies to my letters during the year.

E. M. MCKER.

In reply to your letter of September 6th would say there are only two O. E. S. Chapters in my district. Ransford Chapter, since its existence, has never been so prosperous as at the present time.

I have visited this Chapter all the year, in fact, missed but two or three meetings. The attendance has been good. All the members are united in whatever is for the good of the Chapter. The Treasury is well supplied. Cedar Bayou Chapter is so situated that I could not visit them, but I communicated with their Secretary and found that they were doing well for so small a place. I shall try to attend the Grand Chapter if possible. I trust we will have an instructive and harmonious session.

CARRIE B. LANE.

I returned from Beaumont a few days ago and found your letter of the 6th awaiting my attention. Hope the delay has caused you no inconvenience. Replying to same will say, I have done practically nothing this year for the advancement of the Order further than keeping in touch with the Chapters in my immediate vicinity (Limestone County) and am glad to state that they are all in good, healthy condition, and doing some work from time to time, which is very gratifying. My absence from home this year has interfered very materially with my plans and prevented me from doing what I had intended for the Order.

Trusting we may have a pleasant and profitable meeting at Galveston, and with kindest regards, remain yours fraternally,

P. S. PARK.

I corresponded with the Masters of the A. F. & A. M. of all the towns having as many as twenty-five members in a lodge, receiving answers from nearly all. Most are anxious for Chapters, but some are not ready. The letters from which I keep for reference for another Deputy for same district, and I should recommend all out-going Deputies to do the same, as it will save others some trouble.

On November 8, 1880, with the assistance of Brother J. S. Morton, I organized an Eastern Star Chapter at Springtown, Parker County, with twenty members on charter list. It being



my first experience in that work I was very grateful for our Brother's assistance.

On November 10, 1900, with the assistance of Brothers Sam L. Byrd and J. S. Morton, we succeeded in getting names for a Chapter at Weatherford, which I organized November 12, 1900, afterward working with them again on November 16, leaving them in good order.

Visited Prudence Chapter, Mineral Wells, the night of November 10, 1900. Found that their worthy Matron had not sent them their charter which was granted them the 12th of October, (an oversight on her part). When I explained that they were about to forfeit their charter they elected their officers. On November 12 I gave them a public installation. On November 15 the printed report of same I sent (a copy) to our Worthy Grand Matron, Associate Grand Matron and Grand Secretary. After the installation the members of Prudence Chapter gave a banquet, which was pronounced a success by every one present. I left them in good fellowship, one with the other, which they still continue to have for one another. I still keep up my correspondence with the Masters of the lodges.

In May I received a letter from the Grand Matron that the people of Blanket, Brown County, were anxious for a Chapter. I wrote, stating that I would be with them May 29th. Organized, May 30th, with membership of twenty. Had dinner at hall. Worked all that day, brought dinner next day and worked all day, making two days I worked with them.

On my return from Brownwood, I stopped off at Blanket and visited the Chapter. They initiated two members, went through with the work nicely. On the twenty-fourth of June the Masons at Blanket had a picnic. I was present and marshalled the Eastern Star Chapter at head of column. The Patron, Brother Blanton, gave an address on the work and benefits of our Order, which I would have liked to have taken down for the benefit of others. After a letter was read by Miss Meekie Anderson, the Associate Conductress. Subject: Order of the Eastern Star. What it is; its Aims, Objects and Results. Covering twenty pages, which I shall send to Grand Matron with this report to be read if she thinks best. While at Blanket I was entertained by Mrs. Al Routh. Thought she had the best right, as I had corresponded with her husband concerning the Chapter work. Went from there to Winters by special dispensation, June 1st. Organized a Chapter there, and owing to a misunderstanding on their part about the work, they thought they could get it all in about two hours, all the time they allotted me, so returned there

on June 20th, and gave them two days more, after which I visited Brownwood Chapter, No. 110, and found them working about as they pleased, changing their time of meeting just to suit the convenience of members, without consulting the Grand Matron. They thought that as they made some of their by-laws, they could change when they wanted to. Appointed time of meeting Thursday evening. Went to hall, but as it looked like rain, no one came, but met Friday morning at ten o'clock. They said they could not meet on Friday night, their regular night, as there was to be a banquet in another part of town and some of the members had to be there. So they set Tuesday night for meeting as it would be convenient for most of the members. The present Worthy Matron had never seen charter. I had them look for it, and after half an hour's search, found it all dirt among mud-dauber's nests, old books of Blue Lodge and empty boxes.

Inspecting their other work, they did very well except their Secretary's book. They did not think it worth while to keep account of dimitted nor suspended members—thought it enough to keep account of present ones. June 3rd, I went to Zephyr, visited Chapter, found books all right; working together in harmony; just a little rusty in signs and answers, but easily corrected.

July 1st, organized a Chapter at May, Brown County, which they named Mt. Zion. Called to order with twenty members, working with them two and a half days. They initiated five members the last morning I was with them. Left them with bright prospects ahead. I hear they are doing all right, and will send a delegate to the Grand Chapter, which I trust they will do.

This makes five Chapters organized by myself, and visited three since November 8th, 1900.

Thurber wants an Eastern Star Chapter as soon as they complete their new hall, which they think will be some time in October. Fraternally submitted,

MRS. J. J. CLINTON,

D. D. G. M., Abilene, Texas.

Received the following affective and truly Fraternal letter from Sister Jessie S. Vert, Grand Matron of Oregon:

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,

OFFICE OF

THE WORTHY GRAND MATRON

MRS. JESSIE S. VERT.

PENDLETON, OREGON, November 30th, 1900.

To the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas, Greeting:

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—The Great heart of our mem-

bership is at this moment throbbing deeply with sympathy for our bereaved Sisters and Brothers of the "Lone Star State." The contents of your circular letter was by me immediately communicated to the subordinate Chapters of the Oregon Jurisdiction, and I take pleasure in forwarding the amount thus far subscribed, \$275.00, which I trust will yet be considerably augmented. I can assure you that we of Oregon, though so remote from you, through the agency of our great fraternity are more deeply in sympathy with you and your sorely afflicted Sisters and Brothers, and their families than could ever be if bound only by the ties of a common humanity. We feel that the piteous appeals coming up to us from the desolated hearts and homes of the "Eastern Star" of Texas are the appeals of those who are dear to us by every association of love and sympathy, and in this spirit we desire to add our mite. I wish to extend to you on behalf of the O. E. S. of Oregon, our sincerest condolences for those who have been bereaved by Death, our great solicitude for those who are needy and deprived of home and fortune, and our fraternal love to all who are afflicted. With heart-felt sympathy, sincerely and fraternally,

JESSIE S. VERT,

W. G. M. of Oregon.

The first of January received this "New Years Greeting" from our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Hattie E. Ewing:

OFFICE OF THE

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON

OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,

27 CHASE STREET.

ORANGE, MASS., January 1st, 1901.

*To the Officers and Members of the Order Eastern Star, Greeting:*

One year ago I passed this way and as I come to you for the third time at the dawn of the new year, I realize that time, with silent tread, is rapidly bringing me to the end of my term. A moment's pause at this mile-stone and pleasant memories of my visits to many of your grand and subordinate chapters and to your genial firesides are mingled with bright hopes of greater achievements during the coming nine months and a desire to disseminate as widely as possible the rays of our Star, which over nearly all our broad land beam so steadily. The Lord has been very good to us and His loving kindness, Oh how great! The unavoidable summons, "To rest and sleep," has come to many of our dear ones, but the record of their beautiful lives is engraven upon our hearts

and day by day will incite us to nobler actions. To the friends of the departed I extend heartfelt sympathy and the cheering thought, "They lose our day to find God's morn," for what we term death is truly the gate of life. Our Most Worthy Grand Patron strongly advocates the formation of Grand Chapters in States having the requisite material and is meeting with great success along this line. I fully agree with him in his work and in behalf of the General Grand Chapter, I extend a cordial welcome to our four new Grand Chapters and to the members of one of our New England States, who have at length joined forces with us in our great work. Our Michigan friends are making ample arrangements for our session in Detroit next September, and I hope every jurisdiction will be well represented. I have noted with pleasure the generous aid extended to our members rendered penniless by a terrible disaster, for it evinces the true spirit of charity taught by our Order and binds us together more closely. Life broadens with us every year and so in our several Chapters let us feel more strongly the sense of personal responsibility and work as never before to accomplish that for which our Chapters were established. Let us be more self-forgetting, seeking to fill emptier cups of love. For each there is an individual work. Strive for that personality which comes as the result of the best thought, feeling and purpose, that it may be said of you as of that wise Greek "Himself is the treasurer a whole life has gathered," for thus you will enrich other lives.

"Labor is life! 'Tis the still water falth;  
 Illness ever despaireth, bewareth;  
 Keep the watch wound, for the dark rust assailth;  
 Play the sweet keys, would'st thou keep 'hem in tune."

So let us give our best endeavors, our warmest impulses, our purest thoughts, never counting the time we put into our work but the success we get out of it, for thus our daily act shall be like wayside blossoms, springing up into the beauty of fragrance wherever we go, and the song the angel sang at Christmas tide will find echo in our hearts. Sincerely and fraternally yours,

HATTIE E. EWING,  
 Most Worthy Grand Matron.

To this valued greeting, so replete with sympathy, sentiment and gentle admonition, I responded as best I could.

"NEW YEARS"

To each Grand Officer I sent a card containing my well wishes for them a "Happy and Prosperous New Year," from many of whom I received the most delightful rejoinders.

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED TO ORGANIZED CHAPTERS.

No. 1, November 15, 1900 - Weatherford Chapter at Weatherford, organized by Sister J. J. Clinton, Regular Deputy.

No. 2, November 15, 1900 - Pioneer Chapter at Barstow, organized by the Grand Matron.

No. 3, April 26, 1901 - Blanket Chapter at Blanket, organized by Sister J. J. Clinton, Regular Deputy.

No. 4, May 1, 1901 - Winters Chapters at Winters, organized by Sister J. J. Clinton, Regular Deputy.

No. 5, May 4, 1901 - "W. E. Owen's" Chapter at Waco, organized by Sister Kate M. Bryan, General Deputy.

No. 6, May 15, 1901 - Pecos Chapter at Pecos, organized by the Grand Matron.

No. 7, May 22, 1901 - Ben Franklin Chapter at Ben Franklin, organized by Sister Ida Creager, Regular Deputy.

No. 8, June 1, 1901 - Esther Chapter at Lubbock, organized by Brother E. W. Lemond, Regular Deputy.

No. 9, June 1, 1901 - Taylor Chapter at Taylor, organized by Sister Lizzie Beck, Special Deputy.

No. 10, June 5, 1901 - Crockett Chapter at Crockett, organized by Brother W. S. Hoskins, General Deputy.

No. 11, June 8, 1901 - Vashti Chapter at Temple, organized by Sister Kate M. Bryan, General Deputy.

No. 12, June 14, 1901 - Mina Chapter at Bastrop, organized by Sister Portia Thompson, Regular Deputy.

No. 13, July, 1901 - May Chapter at May, organized by Sister J. J. Clinton, Regular Deputy.

No. 14, July, 1901 - San Angelo Chapter at San Angelo.

No. 15, July 23, 1901 - Italy Chapter at Italy, organized by Sister Mary McCaules, Regular Deputy.

No. 16, July 29, 1901 - Annie M. Chapter at Hillsboro, organized by Sister Mary McCaules, Regular Deputy.

No. 17, July 9, 1901 - Plano Chapter at Plano, organized by Sister Ida Creager, Regular Deputy.

No. 18, July, 1901 - Farmersville Chapter at Farmersville, organized by Sister Mollie Gray, Regular Deputy.

No. 19, July 12, 1901 - Heads Prairie Chapter at Heads Prairie, organized by Brother J. L. Miller, General Deputy.

No. 20, July 19, 1901 - Abbott Chapter at Abbott, organized by Brother J. L. Miller, General Deputy.

No. 21, July 19, 1901 - Gail Chapter at Gail, organized by the Grand Matron.

No. 22, August 11, 1901—Belle Moon Chapter at Gainesville, organized by Sister Ada M. Atchison, Regular Deputy.

No. 23, August 1901—Gatesville Chapter at Gatesville, organized by Sister Portia Thompson, Regular Deputy.

No. 24, September 3, 1901—Samaria Chapter at Waxahachie, organized by Sister Mary McClesse, Regular Deputy.

No. 25, 1901—Hope at Brownsville.

Springtown Chapter at Springtown, was organized by Sister J. J. Clinton, General Deputy, November 8, 1900.

#### OTHER DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

October 19th, 1900—To Bright Star Chapter, No. 65, to publicly install officers, "out of time."

October 22nd, 1900—To Dallas Chapter, No. 1, to elect and install their officers, "out of time."

October 29th, 1900—To Ransford Chapter, No. 135, to install officers, "out of time."

October 29th, 1900—To Merkel Chapter, No. 28, to change time of meeting.

October 30th, 1900—To Bright Star Chapter, No. 65, to ballot "out of time," request made in behalf of Chapter by Sister Kate M. Bryan, General Deputy.

November 12th, 1900—To Favorita Chapter, No. 69, to elect and install officers "out of time."

December 7th, 1900—To Lipan Chapter, No. 127, to change time of meeting.

December 20th, 1900—To Bethesda Chapter, No. 159, to elect and install officers "out of time."

March 10th, 1901—To Kenedy Chapter, No. 30, to change time of meeting.

April 4th, 1901—To Cedar Bayou, No. 11, to change time of meeting.

June 7th, 1901—To Rockdale Chapter, No. 23, to change time of meeting from once a month to twice per month.

June 14th, 1901—To Alvin Chapter, No. 15, to elect officers "out of time."

August 28th, 1901—To Roseland Chapter, No. 50, to elect officers "out of time."

September 14th, 1901—To Colorado Chapter, No. 58, to change time of meeting.

October 2nd, 1901—To Tarrant Chapter, No. 8, to elect officers "out of time."

October 2nd, 1901—To College Rose Chapter, No. 68, to elect officers "out of time."

Refused to grant dispensations in the below mentioned instances.

January 26—Deeming the reason presented insufficient, refused to grant special dispensation to Ransford Chapter No. 135 of Houston, to waive time in receiving a petition, being of the opinion that the profane respect our Order a great deal more if we adhere closely to our established rules and regulations.

January 27 Refused to grant waives of jurisdiction over a lady residing in Denison, in favor of a Chapter in Durant Indian Territory. I regretted very much not to comply with the sister's request, but could not consistently acquiesce with one of the best Chapters in the State at the lady's (in question) very threshold. I referred them to Gate City Chapter.

Have been besieged with requests to grant dispensation permitting Chapters to receive and act on petition of ladies under age; felt compelled to refuse as such an action would be altogether incompatible with our well known law. Personally, I should have been pleased to have yielded in this, but fear it would have established a bad precedent.

September 22, 1901—Refused to grant dispensation to Pioneer Chapter, Barstow, to receive the petition of a lady hailing from Iowa, and who has only been in the State three months. Not being persuaded that the instance cited had any emergency connected with it whatever. In fact was only a natural desire to secure an acquisition to the Chapter.

#### DECISIONS.

Question A lady who eight years ago petitioned a Chapter and was elected, but never took the Degrees, has petitioned our Chapter for membership. What course shall we pursue?

Answer At the expiration of twelve months the election of the lady referred to became null and void, and if she has resided in the jurisdiction of your Chapter the requisite length of time, and is in all other respects eligible, you are at liberty to act on her application in the original manner.

Question If a signer of a petition for dispensation fails to present himself or herself at the organization of the Chapter and for several subsequent meetings of the Chapter, and one of the members who has been received objects to this party's being admitted to the Chapter, how can their admission be avoided?

Answer By the objecting member filing a protest with the Worthy Matron, whereupon the party should be notified of said action and their pro rata returned to them, the same is in case of a petition which has passed favorably and then been objected to.

*Question*--Is a lady, seventeen years of age, who is married to a Master Mason, eligible to the O. E. S?

*Answer*--No. All female applicants must have attained the age of eighteen years, which is considered the age of discretion, and is one of our ritualistic regulations.

*Question*--What is the law in your State respecting rejected candidates? Is it necessary to obtain a waiver, if the party has resided the required length of time in your jurisdiction?

*Answer*--We recognize the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction. A waiver would be required in such cases.

*Question*--Is a young lady who has been raised by her grandfather, who is a Master Mason in good standing and who adopted her after she had obtained the age of eighteen years, but whose father is alive and not a Master Mason, eligible to membership in our Order?

*Answer*--Yes. The fact that she has been adopted by a Master Mason establishes her eligibility.

*Question*--Can the esoteric work be written?

*Answer*--No.

*Question*--Will the Grand Chapter defray the expenses of a friend whom the Deputy wishes to accompany her organizing a Chapter?

*Answer*--No. Only the expenses of the Deputy are allowed.

*Question*--Again. Can the esoteric work be written and sent by a trusted friend to another?

*Answer*--No, the secret work should in no case or under any circumstances be written.

*Question*--Is a young lady, whose mother is a member of our Chapter, but whose father, before she was eighteen years of age, was suspended for non-payment of dues, and died before being reinstated, eligible to membership in our Order?

*Answer*--No. Only Master Masons in GOOD STANDING and their female relatives are eligible.

*Question*--Should the Worthy Patron advance to the altar to vote on petition?

*Answer*--No, he votes at his station after the Worthy Matron has cast her ballot.

*Question*--Should nominations be made in electing officers in subordinate Chapters?



*Answer*—No, such a method is extremely detrimental to the best interests of a Chapter, frequently seriously affecting its peace and harmony to a marked degree.

*Question*—At what particular book and chapter should the Conductress open the Bible when attending at the altar?

*Answer*—At the second chapter of Matthew, for obvious reasons.

*Question*—Should the square and compasses be placed on the Bible by the Conductress?

*Answer*—Yes. It is the badge of the Worthy Patron and the use of it thus is a delicate courtesy to the Brothers, as well as being a reminder to all present of the relationship existing between the Masonic fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star.

*Question*—When a Chapter has a regular meeting hour, designated in its by-laws, would it be legal for the Worthy Matron to call a meeting previous to that hour and transact regular business?

*Answer*—If the by-laws of a Chapter stipulates the hour for meeting, any business transacted before that hour would be illegal, unless the meeting was a special one, called for the purpose of transacting said business and all members had been duly notified, or that it was held by special dispensation of the Grand Matron.

*Question*—Where should the "cabalistic" word be given? Can it be given outside of the Chapter room? And who given by?

*Answer*—Cabalistic word should not be given outside of the Chapter room, and Conductress should communicate it at instigation of Worthy Matron.

*Question*—Shall visitors vote on petitions?

*Answer*—Visitors, who are members of a Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction, can and may ballot on petitions for Degree, but not on application for affiliation, or other questions pertaining directly to that Chapter.

*Question*—Is a young lady eligible to the Degrees of the Order, whose father was a Master Mason, but removing from a town, demitted and died before he had affiliated with another Lodge?

*Answer*—No, I believe this question has been propounded to every Grand Matron.

*Question*—Does the possession of a certificate furnished by a Blue Lodge, which has accorded a demitted Mason a Masonic funeral, entitle his female relatives to membership in our Order?

*Answer*—No.

Question—If the Secretary's office be vacant through death should the Secretary *pro tem* or newly elected Secretary make out annual report?

Answer—The incoming Secretary.

Question—Can the quorum, necessary to transact business, be reduced to less than seven?

Answer—No, that is a constitutional number.

Question—Is it obligatory to specify hours to meet, in by-laws?

Answer—No.

Question—Does a Chapter need a special dispensation to move across the street?

Answer—No, they do not need a "special" to move to a more convenient place within their district, but should after the motion has been made and seconded, etc., summon every member of the Chapter not less than ten days distant, specifying the business to be transacted at said meeting, and be governed by a majority vote.

Question—Can visitors form a quorum to receive petitions and ballot on applications?

Answer—As visitors can fill vacancies to constitute a quorum, all business can be attended to as at any meeting. The reading of minutes and other order of business is just as legitimate as receiving and balloting on petitions, and again I do not consider it would be a wise precedent to permit the postponement of a ballot, if the prescribed time had elapsed and the Committee reported. If it is within the province of a Chapter to defer balloting one meeting, they might do so ten or so on.

Question—Does reinstatement of a brother in a Blue Lodge, from which he has been suspended for unma<sup>s</sup>onic conduct, restore him to membership in a Chapter of the O. E. S?

Answer—No; his restoration to membership in a Chapter of the O. E. S. can only be obtained through the ballot box.

Decision—That a person must be a resident of the State six months in order to affiliate with a Chapter.

Decision—That it is not necessary to get a special dispensation to install officers after the thirty-first of August. (See Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 2.)

That the obligation cannot be assumed in any other than a kneeling attitude.

Decision—When a Chapter elects a party to receive the Degrees and the party moves out of the territorial jurisdiction of

said Chapter before receiving the Degrees, said Chapter shall retain absolute jurisdiction of said applicant, unless waived twelve months and no longer.

*Decision*—When a person applies to a Chapter for membership, and is rejected, said Chapter retains absolute and perpetual jurisdiction over said party until waived.

*Question*—How many visits is a member of a demised Chapter entitled to?

*Answer*—Only entitled to three visits, the same as demitted members.

*Decision*—Initiation fee must in all cases accompany application for membership.

*Question*—In the absence of the Worthy Patron can the Worthy Matron and Associate Matron act in an emergency case on charity?

*Answer*—Yes.

*Question*—If a member is elected to an office in a subordinate Chapter, and election announced, and officer refuses to serve, what course should the Chapter pursue?

*Answer*—Obtain special dispensation from Grand Matron to elect another officer for the position.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that outgoing Grand Matron be not appointed Fraternal Correspondent; that honor bestowed on one whom this Grand Chapter would consider adapted to the position.

I recommend that our eminently deserving Grand Treasurer be allowed \$50.00 in addition to her salary as remuneration for the faithful discharge of her important trust.

I recommend that it be obligatory for Worthy Matrons of subordinate Chapters to require the Secretaries to read the by-laws of their Chapter every three months, together with a portion of the constitution.

I recommend that an amount agreeable to this Grand Chapter be appropriated for the purpose of procuring Christmas gifts for the orphans, domiciled in the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home, Fort Worth, Texas, and a committee of O. E. S. members residing in Fort Worth be appointed for the disbursement of same.

Would recommend that a typewriter be purchased for the Grand Matron's office.

Would recommend that it be compulsory for all secretaries of subordinate Chapters to notify the Grand Secretary of every

death occurring in their respective Chapters, with name of deceased and date of demise, that a list may be read at each session of the Grand Chapter.

#### DISCIPLINE.

I very much deprecate that I have anything to report that comes under this category, but upon it being duly represented to me and substantiated beyond the shadow of a doubt that Tarrant Chapter, No 8, Fort Worth, had irregularly elected their Worthy Matron and Associate Matron, I declared the election illegal in a letter written to the Associate Matron, who is acting in the capacity of Worthy Matron, that officer having removed from the city. In the most fraternal terms, I assured them that I would take pleasure in granting them a special dispensation to hold another election. Was later informed that my communication had been withheld from the Chapter, but that the members had adopted a resolution to appeal from my decision, and that *THEY HAD DECIDED* that the old officers, *EXCEPT THE APPOINTIVE OFFICERS*, should hold over for the term. Fully realizing that the spirit exhibited in this resolution was to all intents and purposes contumacy—nothing more, nothing less—I yet desired to be as lenient with them, as we are counseled we should be, and gave them another opportunity to repent of their folly and redeem themselves, by issuing another letter under the seal of the Grand Chapter, the purport of which was, pointing out to them the position they were in and *REQUESTING* them to apply for the Special to hold their election. No recognizance has been taken of this letter whatever—other, than, I am unofficially apprised, it was ordered filed. Patience has its limit and ceases to be a virtue sometimes, and in view of the fact that I had been repeatedly urged to visit this Chapter since the trouble arose, and desiring to sustain the dignity of the Grand Matron's position, I proceeded to Fort Worth to convene their Chapter, advising the Acting Worthy Matron and Secretary of my intention and requesting them to notify all members to be present at the meeting on the night of October 1st, 1901. After arriving in the city, I immediately telephoned the Associate Matron and Secretary, again apprising them of my wishes and they, I am confident, made every effort to inform all members. I arrived at the hall at about half past eight and most of the members having preceded me, after a short interim, Sister F. E. McBride called the Chapter to order and opened in due form, when I was received in accordance with our customs in such ceremonies, and took the place proffered me as presiding officer.

I assured them that I had come among them to effect an amicable adjustment of their difficulties, if possible, I then interrogated them as to their manner of procedure in reference to my communications, naturally a PLAUSIBLE excuse was advanced, but as I did not go there to condemn unless I had just cause, but to counsel with them and mollify the stringent conditions palpable on all sides, I did not dissect their apologies but accepted them. I asked them what course they proposed to pursue and while, in an orderly manner, they were a trifle obdurate, when I intimated what my ultimatum was, and only just in time to save their charter, they offered a resolution which was unanimously adopted, complying with my conditions, only using a more circuitous route than I had expected. I trust the members of this Chapter will rise above all these petty grievances and ere long will have regained its former prestige in the firmament of Texas O. E. S. Chapters.

I am responsible for the Grand Patron issuing the following circular letter, which explains itself:

SHERMAN, TEXAS, June 1st, 1901.

*To all Deputies of the Order Eastern Star:*

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I am requested by the Grand Matron to make an appeal to all Deputies throughout Texas and request of them, that every possible effort be now made between this and the meeting of the Grand Chapter in October, looking towards the organization of new Chapters. Texas is full of large towns and cities who have never had an "Eastern Star" Chapter, and with an effort on the part of the Deputies, a great number of new Chapters can be organized. The reports of Masonic Lodges all over the State are very gratifying and every good live Lodge should have an Eastern Star Chapter. A charter will cost you \$50.00, this includes rituals, signet, minute book, ledger, etc., there must be at least thirteen and no more than twenty applicants for a charter. I hope from now on that a good number of Chapters will be organized, and any information that you may desire, both the Grand Matron and myself will be glad to answer you immediately. With kindest regards to yourself and Chapter, I am,

Yours Fraternally,

W. S. HELLYER,

Grand Patron.

## INVITATIONS.

In my official capacity as Grand Matron I have received invitations to attend the meetings of the Grand Chapters of Arkansas, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Maine, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oregon, Washington, Oklahoma and Indian Territories, Montana, Wyoming, New Hampshire, Illinois, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Colorado, Michigan, Iowa, California. All of these I acknowledged with thanks, including "Greetings" and regrets.

I also received a number of invitations from different Chapters to be present upon special occasions. Nothing would have afforded me more profound pleasure than to have accepted all of these, but as it was impossible I submitted, with what grace I could summon, to the inevitable. To all of these Chapters that so kindly thought of me, I again tender my deepest gratitude.

## NEW GRAND CHAPTERS.

It was a matter of infinite pleasure to me to receive official notification of the organization of Grand Chapters in four of our southern and one of our western States.

## LOUISIANA.

The Grand Chapter of Louisiana was organized in the City of Alexandria on the fourth day of October, 1900.

Mrs. Mary S. Herring, Grand Matron, Monroe.

Mr. John S. Alfred, Grand Patron, New Orleans.

Mr. Richard Lambert, Grand Sec'y, New Orleans.

## TENNESSEE.

The Grand Chapter of Tennessee was organized in the City of Nashville on the eighteenth day of October, 1900.

Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, Grand Matron, Nashville.

Mr. W. F. Foster, Grand Patron, Nashville.

Mrs. Mary R. Forbes, Grand Secretary, Nashville.

## ARIZONA.

The Grand Chapter of Arizona was organized in the City of Phoenix on the fifteenth day of November, 1900.

Mrs. Annie L. Tilton, Grand Matron, Prescott.

Mr. George E. Kohler, Grand Patron, Tucson.

Mrs. Lizzie D. Armstrong, Grand Secretary, Tucson.

## GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter of Georgia was organized in the City of Brunswick on the twenty-first day of February, 1901.

Mrs. Lee Christie, Grand Matron, Brunswick.

Ven. Harry Cassle, Grand Patron, Brunswick.

Mrs. C. E. Welch, Grand Secretary, Fitzgerald.

## ALABAMA.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama was organized in the City of Birmingham, on the sixth day of March, 1901.

Mrs. Elizabeth Salter, Grand Matron, Elyton.

Mr. J. D. Gibson, Grand Patron, Corona.

Dr. W. M. Cunningham, Grand Secretary, Corona.

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

We are also glad to say that the Grand Chapters of Connecticut and Vermont have become constituent members of the General Grand Chapter. To each of these Grand Matrons I have sent my congratulations and a word of welcome, and I would recommend that the new Grand Chapters receive greetings and be formally recognized by the Grand Chapter of Texas.

Believing it to be the sense of this Grand Body that the Trustee, in whose hands the appropriation for the creation of a "fund for aged and infirm" Masons was to be placed, should be required to give a bond, I wrote Brother P. S. Park, Chairman of Trustees to that effect, and not receiving a reply, after waiting some time, wrote again in the interest of the proposition, deeming it an important matter. Finally, on February 21st, received a letter apparently coinciding in my views relative to bond, etc., and promising to execute same within a few days and forward to Grand Secretary. I consequently wrote Mr. J. C. Kidd, Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, requesting him to remit to Brother Park the one hundred (\$100.00) dollars appropriated by the Grand Commandery as a nucleus toward the above fund, and intended, upon receipt of bond, to authorize Grand Secretary to draw a warrant for the five hundred (\$500.00) dollars in favor of Brother Park. Failing to elicit further advice from him and not receiving the bond, after waiting more than a reasonable length of time, I was completely non-plussed at the apparent indifference, and finally concluded that his personal affairs were absorbing all his attention to such an extent that he was unable to give this matter the application it demanded. As the result of mature deliberation I felt that I would be derelict in my duty did I not

take some definite step. I decided my only recourse was to appoint one of the other members of the Board of Trustees to act in Brother Park's stead. I consequently wrote Brother Jesse T. Atchison, of Gainesville, June 3rd, 1901, in reference to the subject. Being favored with an early reply, cheerfully assenting to my proposition that he assume this responsibility, and in a few days furnishing me with a perfectly satisfactory bond, issued by the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, I at once requested the Grand Secretary to draw a warrant for the five hundred (\$500.00) dollars, in favor of Brother Atchison, and same was placed in his hands.

In order to secure reports from the respective Deputies in time to incorporate them in my address, I issued the following circular letter to each one:

OFFICE OF  
GRAND MATRON.

BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS, September 6th, 1901.

The nineteenth annual convocation of the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas to be held in the City of Galveston, October 8, 9, 10, with Mizpah Chapter, being so close at hand necessitates an appeal from me to the respective Deputies to render out a report at their earliest convenience of their year's work, that I may incorporate same in my address upon that occasion. You will appreciate, I am confident, how requisite it is that you should comply with my request in this important matter as soon as possible, giving a detailed account of your efforts, the work accomplished, the cause, so far as you can determine, of your failures, the condition of the Chapters visited by you, and in fact an explicit and minute description of the status of the Order in your territory, with any recommendations you consider would be for the benefit of the Order generally. With an earnest hope that I will have the happiness of meeting you in Galveston, thus enabling me to personally thank you for your valuable and appreciated assistance, I am, yours sincerely,

AGNES V. YOUNG.

#### PLEASANT INCIDENTS.

"Frailty, thy name is woman" is a familiar quotation, culled from the pen of our immortal Shakespeare, and I may corroborate its applicability in my assertion that one of the pleasantest features of my administration, was the receipt on my return home



from Grand Chapter, of the many letters containing congratulations, well wishes and kindly words of encouragement from members and friends in my own, as well as in Sister Grand Jurisdictions. My consolation, in what may be considered by some a weakness, is, that sages and philosophers have conceded that men and women—all have their vulnerable points and this may be mine—"However 'tis," 'tis true that I feel my pathway was being veritably strewn with roses, a la these endearing epistles.

My home Chapter, Big Springs No. 67, has seemed for the past year possessed of but one thought, to do your Grand Matron honor. They have made me the recipient of pretty courtesies at every opportunity. November second, nineteen hundred, they held an elaborate reception complimentary to me. The presentation of flowers, the viands comprising a banquet toasts, etc., incident to such functions had been arranged with skill, thereby attaining a perfect finale. September third, nineteen hundred and one, a Chapter reception was given with progressive games by way of entertainment and refreshments of cream and cake were served—it is superfluous to say both affairs were thoroughly enjoyed by all participants and greatly appreciated by the guest of honor. September fourth, by invitation, installed their officers, and take pleasure in reporting them in good condition, an excellent corps of officers succeeding an efficient "regime."

April twenty-second, nineteen hundred and one, in company with the Grand Patron, Brother W. S. Hellyer, I officially and socially visited Dallas Chapter, No 1, Dallas, at the celebration of its eleventh anniversary of its organization. The members of Dallas Chapter well deserve the name of royal entertainers. The hall was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns and cut plants. The work was exemplified, with bona fide candidates in a most praiseworthy manner, the Worthy Matron, Sister Havelle, presiding, with a dignified and self-possessed mien, the literary and musical programme was delightfully rendered. I was presented with a magnificent bouquet of flowers by Sister Hattie E. Hamilton in behalf of the Chapter, and last, but not least, the dining hall was sumptuously arrayed. I should judge, by the practiced hand of a florist, the air was replete with the rich fragrance of nature's offerings, and the banquet served, left nothing to be wished for. I examined the books, records, etc., of this Chapter, and found everything in a most satisfactory condition. I was the guest while in Dallas, of our Associate Grand Matron, Sister Kate M. Bryan, and will ever cherish fond recollections of my association with her and

her estimable family. While I feel indebted to every member of Dallas Chapter to an extent, I feel under special obligations to Sister Hamilton, who tendered me a reception at her lovely home, and in many other respects was particularly solicitous for my pleasure.

Accompanied by Sister Bryan, I made an official visit to Tirzah Chapter, No. 134, Austin, April twenty-sixth, it being their regular meeting night. I was pleased to meet Sister Charra Barlow, Grand Warder, also visiting the Chapter. At the very earnest solicitation of the Worthy Matron, I presided at the meeting and pressing my two associate Grand Officers into service, initiated two candidates. I am sorry to say that I found this once most enthusiastic and animated Chapter in almost a comatose state. I was not surprised though, later when the Worthy Matron asked me to take their charter, the wonder was that it had enough life to be rallied at all. This I succeeded in doing and gave them every encouragement that was at my command. Though the notice that we were coming had been very short, refreshments had been prepared, and sweet dainty little girls, daughters of the members, dispensed them and I verily believe they were enjoyed the more, on account of being served by such fairy little folks. Good-nights and good-byes were said and I left the hall my arms literally full of beautiful flowers.

En route to Austin, Sister Bryan and I stopped at Waco, Temple and Belton, to establish, if possible, Chapters in these representative cities. In all three places our initiation course seemed greatly appreciated, and though it would have decidedly suited us better, they could not mature their plans sufficiently, for us to effect the organization on this trip. Later, Sister Bryan returned and consummated our efforts in the institution of splendid Chapters in the two former places. Belton stills expects to join us, but wrote me they would wait until cooler weather. May 3rd, 1897, officially visited Tarrant Chapter, No. 8 Fort Worth. The meeting was a regular one and was not as well attended as I had expected, taking into consideration the large membership, it boasts. Petitions were received and usual routine of business disposed of. As the Chapter was opened when I arrived, and not exemplifying the work, I am not in a position to give them any credit as to their proficiency in their respective duties. During a recess, which I requested should be announced, I inspected their record and other books, and it being incumbent upon me, made some necessary corrections. I seemed agreeably destined to meet a Grand Officer at every turn, and here it was no less a personage

than our Grand Ruth, Sister Cassie Leonard. In her characteristic thoughtfulness, she had brought me a gorgeous bouquet plucked from her own yard.

In response to the second invitation from Colorado Chapter, No. 58, Colorado, I visited them Festival Day, August 31st, and installed their officers. I found them a harmonious little band, eager and anxious for all the instruction they could get. After the installation ceremony, refreshments were served and a very genial hour ensued. I had only intended remaining the one day with them, returning home next (Sunday) morning, but they insisted so strenuously on my staying over Monday and holding a meeting of instruction, that I finally consented. After asking how many would be out in the event that I did so, every one present rose to their feet, and I will add, they kept their word, as without a single exception they met me at the hall Monday, and great interest and enthusiasm was manifested all through the meeting. *I prognosticate for them a very successful year.*

#### EXPENSES OF THE GRAND MATRON.

Below will be found an itemized account of the expenditures incurred by the Grand Matron in the interest of the Grand Chapter during the year:

DATE	FOR WHAT PAID	Amount
<i>Paid</i>		
Oct. 15th	Telegram to Sister Alma M. Walker, Galveston	50
Oct. 18th	Stationery	1 50
Oct. 19th	Stamps	1 00
Oct. 23d	Letter file	1 50
Oct. 29th	Express on Grand Matron's stationery	75
Oct. 29th	Copying book	3 50
Oct. 31st:	Stamps	1 00
Nov. 7th	Stamps	2 00
Nov. 8th	Telegram to Grand Secretary	55
Nov. 12th	Express on supplies for Barstow	1 65
Nov. 12th	Drayage	25
Nov. 15th	Organizing at Barstow	10 50
Nov. 19th	Telegram to Grand Chapter Arkansas	50
Nov. 24th	Stamps	1 00
Dec. 18th	Stamps	1 00
Dec. 21st	Postals	50
<i>Paid</i>		
Jan. 2nd	Stamps	1 00
Feb. 4th	Telegram to Grand Patron relating to the death of Brother Carpenter	50
	Amount Carried Forward	\$ 29 00

## EXPENSES OF GRAND MATRON—Continued.

DATE	FOR WHAT PAID	Amount
1901	Amount Brought Forward	\$ 29 00
Feb. 12th	Stamps	1 00
March 13th	Stamps	1 00
March 25th	Stamps	1 00
April 7th	Telegram to Grand Secretary for supplies for Pecos	35
April 9th	Stamps	1 00
April 9th	Express on Supplies for Pecos	1 65
April 9th	One record	1 50
April 20th	Stamps	1 00
April 21st	Expenses in officially visiting Dallas Chapter, Dallas; Tirzah Chapter, Austin, and Tarrant Chapter, Fort Worth, and working up Chapters at Waco and Temple	45 90
April 24th	Telegram to Grand Secretary from Waco	45
April 27th	Phoning to Belton in the interest of the Order	40
April 29th	Stamps in Dallas per receipt	1 00
May 15th	Organizing Chapter at Pecos	10 70
May 17th	Telegram to Miss Creager	50
June 8th	Stamps	2 00
June 21st	Telegram to Grand Secretary	65
June 21st	Telegram to Thomas G. Croft, San Angelo	25
June 30th	Telegram to Grand Secretary	50
July 5th	Express on supplies for Gail	1 65
July 8th	Stamps	1 00
July 13th	Stamps	1 00
July 29th	Stamps	1 00
Aug. 1st	Organizing Chapter at Gail	6 00
Aug. 20th	Stamps	1 00
Aug. 30th	Stamps	1 00
Aug. 30th	Expense in officially visiting Colorado Chapter, Colorado	3 00
Sept. 18th	Stamps	1 00
Sept. 20th	Stamps	1 00
Sept. 25th	Stamps	1 00
Sept. 25th	Stationery	2 00
Sept. 26th	Typewriter ribbon	1 00
Sept. 30th	Expenses incurred in officially visiting Tarrant Chapter	19 80
	Total	\$141 30
BY GRAND CHAPTER WARRANTS.		
No. 13		\$ 30.00
No. 27		25.00
No. 32		45.00
		\$100.00
	Balance due Grand Matron	\$ 41 30

## CONCLUSION.

Beyond a doubt, sisters and brothers our beloved Order is gaining in prominence and its influence is being felt in all lands. Its strides the past year have been almost phenomenal. The list of Grand Chapters has been augmented by the organization of five new ones, and from a correspondent we learn that we are represented by two Chapters in the Hawaiian Islands, one at Hilo, designated Hawaii Chapter, No. 1, and one at Honolulu, named Leahi Chapter, No. 2. As this is essentially a woman's century, what may we not expect in the not far distant future. In our own State, I am more than gratified at our progress. Twenty-five new Chapters instituted since last we met.

If only all ladies who are eligible to the Degrees could be brought to a just appreciation of the merits and advantages of our Order, what a powerful lever it would prove to raise the mental and moral status of the female portion of the race. Thereby, indeed, aiding humanity to elevate itself to the highest plane of "light, knowledge and beauty." May each member of the Order feel a personal responsibility in the advancement and destiny of the "Eastern Star" which in ye olden time was well qualified to lead wise MEN from afar, and proved a factor to guide them to the very presence of Him whom we should "come to worship." Persons who are always looking at the mercenary side of everything, and asking what material benefits are derived from membership in an organization like ours, we would refer to the grand and substantial responses from all over these United States to the call emanating from Past Grand Matron, Sister Amelia A. Garrison, one year ago this time, in behalf of the "Coast Storm Sufferers," we wish to impress upon all our hearers and readers that their financial aid was only a part of their contribution. The many precious words of sympathy and love were to those heart-sick souls what momentary assistance alone could never be. Were not the commendable precepts of our Order nobly displayed in this crisis? "By their works ye shall know them."

My correspondence during the year has been very extensive and has required much of my time and attention. I have endeavored to give all communications due and prompt consideration. The position has been a revelation to me, as to the labor connected with it, and without any desire to magnify its duties, can say that there is not much leisure for any one who fills the honorable office. However, I must admit that my administration has been one of almost perpetual sunshine, only an occasional little ripple has marred its perfect serenity, naturally, therefore, it has been twelve months' of pleasure.

To my associate Grand officers for their many kindnesses, to the Deputies who have so ably and faithfully performed the duties imposed upon them, I extend, collectively and individually, my warmest gratitude. To the Grand Secretary I am especially indebted, as also to the Grand Treasurer. To one and all of this grand jurisdiction, I wish it were possible for me to convey in suitable terms the thankfulness I am due you for the high honor conferred upon me.

I trust that my year's work, which is now before you, will in the main meet with your approbation, if so I shall feel amply rewarded for my efforts, and it will be an inspiration to me as I take my place in the ranks to labor hereafter as heretofore, in the furtherance of a cause that lies near and dear to my heart. The present is crowded with evidences of growth and prosperity and the future presents to us the most flattering promises of success. May our legislation be characterized by the same careful thought, conservatism, premeditation and harmony that always attends our sessions.

AGNES V. YOUNG.

Referred to Committee on Grand Officer's reports.

## SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Opened at 9:30 o'clock, October 9th, 1901, Grand Matron Young in the chair.

After prayer, singing and roll call the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The Grand Patron presented his annual address:

### GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS.

*To the Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers of the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, State of Texas:*

One year ago you honored me to the high and exalted position of Grand Patron of this Grand Body.

I, like my predecessors, have been burdened with my daily occupations, and have in some instances neglected my duty, but I assure you that it has not been entirely my fault. I had intended to make a number of visits to different Chapters throughout the State, but as our limited finances would not permit this, my visitations were few.

During the year the Grand Matron and myself have had a great deal of correspondence. Our views of the various transac-

tions and decisions have been in perfect harmony. I do not believe there has been but one appeal from any of her decisions, and I believe now that the Chapter making the appeal will be willing to withdraw it. I urged them to do all in their power to abide by her decision as in my opinion the Grand Chapter would most certainly sustain her.

On January 10th, at the request of the Grand Matron I made an official visit to Dallas Chapter, No. 1. I was met at the train, not by a brass band, but by a band of sisters and brothers who welcomed me to their Chapter, and also to their homes. I found the Chapter in perfect working order, the officers proficient in their work, and nothing but perfect peace and harmony prevailing. They had two candidates for initiation, and the work was done in a very impressive manner. I was received as a Grand Officer, invited to a seat in the East, and was shown every courtesy. I propounded the usual questions, and found them to be in a good financial condition, the minute book and ledger being neatly kept, and I congratulate this Chapter on being the possessor of a first-class, up-to-date Secretary, as this is one of the most important offices in the Chapter. I was assured by both the Worthy Matron and Patron that we could soon expect Dallas, No. 1, to be back at the head of the line.

After the Chapter had closed, I was escorted by the Worthy Matron, Sister Huvelle, to the banquet hall where they had prepared a sumptuous repast. A number of short talks were made by members, as well as the Worthy Matron and Patron, the subject being the Grand Chapter, but no reference being made to the past, it being deeply buried and covered up with resolutions of good will and fellowship.

On April 22nd, the Grand Matron and myself were invited to visit Dallas Chapter, No. 1. We were received in the most courteous manner and entertained most royally. Some time in July quite a number of the members of the Dallas Chapter, No. 1, made a pilgrimage to Sherman and Denison. The Worthy Matron of Carpenter Chapter tendered the visitors a reception while they were in Sherman and a most enjoyable evening was spent. I was asked to come to Dallas and install the new officers of that Chapter and had made every preparation to go when one of my brethren happened to an accident by the cars, and needed every attention. I being the Master of the Lodge, it being my duty to see that he received it. I have made several visits to Whitewright in the interest of the Order with a view of organizing a Chapter at that point. Our great drawback in some places is that at one time they have had an Eastern Star

Chapter, but it has long ceased to exist. I would like to call attention to this matter to the Grand Chapter and every Deputy, wherever you find a demised Chapter, nine times out of ten it has been hurriedly organized, the Deputy just staying long enough to give the work about once. Whenever it is possible in organizing a new Chapter, the Deputies should take with them several well informed members to assist in giving the work and if possible confer the degrees, as we know it is a well known fact, and in the language of our ritual, that the first impressions are the most lasting. If new Chapters are organized in this manner, there certainly cannot be as many demised Chapters as in the past.

On October 4th, I made an official visit to Gate City Chapter, 77, Denison. I found the Chapter in good working order, peace and harmony prevailing. They had about \$140.00 in their treasury; had all the necessary paraphernalia, and have a beautiful lodge room to meet in. Their report showed 101 members in good standing and reported to the Grand Secretary. I reminded them that Carpenter Chapter had reported 100 members in good standing, and as we had always looked upon Gate City Chapter as the mother of Carpenter Chapter, that the daughter would soon be as large as the mother.

On September 7th I was informed that the Grand Matron had declared the election of the officers of Tarrant Chapter, No. 8, illegal. I immediately notified the Chapter through a Grand Officer, that I would be pleased to visit them and preside at the election, as the Grand Matron would grant them a dispensation to hold another election. I was informed by this Grand Officer that the Chapter would appeal from the Grand Matron's decision to the Grand Chapter. I certainly regret this as I believe it will be the only appeal from her many wise and just decisions, and if circumstances are as reported, this Grand Body will certainly sustain her.

My expenses, including postage, express and incidentals, have been \$10.00.

I want to say sisters and brothers that it has been a source of great pleasure for me to occupy the office of Grand Patron, a gift, the highest in your power to confer upon a brother, and one in which everyone should feel justly proud of. I trust that you will show that same appreciation and friendship for my successor as you have for me. Let all of your acts be full of the spirit of kindness and forbearance, one towards another, ever remembering the



man of Nazareth under whose banner we are enlisted, and whose bright and shining star will guide and direct us to that Grand Chapter on high. Courteously and fraternally,

W. S. HELLYER,  
Grand Patron, 1900-1901.

Referred to Committee on Grand Officer's reports.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

We report having examined the records and returns of the following Chapters and find them correct, therefore recommend that they be granted charters, viz: Pecos Chapter at Pecos; Taylor Chapter at Taylor; *Plan* Chapter at Plano; Pioneer Chapter at Bastrop; Farmersville Chapter at Farmersville; "W. E. Owens" Chapter at Waco; Mina Chapter at Bastrop; "Annie M." Chapter at Hillsboro; Italy Chapter at Italy; Ben Franklin Chapter at Ben Franklin; Weatherford Chapter at Weatherford; Jessie Chapter at Lubbock; Belle Moon Chapter at Gainesville; Abbott Chapter at Abbott; Vashti Chapter at Temple. We have the records and no returns from Winters Chapter at Winters; Samaria Chapter at Waxahachie; Mt. Zion Chapter at May; Blanket Chapter at Blanket. We find returns but no records from Bonner Raby Chapter at Gatesville; Heads Prairie Chapter at Headsville, Crockett Chapter at Crockett. We recommend that charters be granted these Chapters when they have complied with the law to the satisfaction of the Grand Secretary. We do further recommend that charters be granted Gail Chapter at Gail, and Springtown Chapter at Springtown, when they shall have complied with the law.

[Signed]

STELLA KARNEY,  
MARY McCANLESS,  
THOS. LONGBOTHAM,  
Committee.

Adopted.

The Credentials Committee made an additional report:

*To the Grand Chapter:*

We find the following delegates entitled to seats in this Grand Body by virtue of charters being granted their Chapters:

Mrs. Ida Donovan, Weatherford, two votes

Mrs. Cora Walker, Pioneer, two votes.

M. T. Bell, "W. E. Owens," two votes.

Mrs. Verna Love, Vashti, two votes.  
 Mrs. Luellen Hicks Farmersville, two votes.  
 Mrs. J. C. Killough, "Annie M.," two votes.  
 Miss Jennie Legg, Abbott, two votes.  
 T. J. Houghston, Plano, two votes.

ELIZA J. RANDOLPH,  
 HATTIE E. HAMILTON,  
 J. J. DAVIS,

Committee.

Adopted.

GALVESTON, TEXAS, October 9, 1901.

*To the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Texas.*

We, your Committee on Grand Officers reports, to whom was referred the address of the Grand Matron, beg leave to report that we recommend that so much of said address as refers to Finance, Legal Matters, Grievances and Appeals, Chartered Chapters, Chapters Under Dispensation and Unfinished Business be referred to the respective committees.

We, your committee to whom was referred the address of the Grand Patron, beg leave to report that we find only one item that needs reference and it pertains to finance, and we recommend that same be referred to the Finance Committee.

SADIE A. HOSKINS,  
 RACHEL M. SWAIM,  
 L. S. GARRISON.

Adopted.

## REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

*To the Grand Chapter, Greetings:*

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT—RECEIPTS FROM CHAPTER DISPENSATIONS

DATE	NAME	FEE
Nov. 13, 1900	Weatherford	\$ 30 00
Nov. 15, 1900	Pioneer	30 00
Apr. 26, 1901	Blanket	30 00
May 2, 1901	Winters	30 00
May 4, 1901	"W. E. Owens"	30 00
Amount Carried Forward		\$150 00

	Amount Brought Forward	\$150.00
May 15, 1901	Pecos	30.00
May 22, 1901	Ben Franklin	30.00
May 29, 1901	Taylor	30.00
June 1, 1901	Lubbock	30.00
June 5, 1901	Crockett	30.00
June 8, 1901	Vashti	30.00
June 14, 1901	Mina	30.00
June 23, 1901	San Angelo	30.00
July 2, 1901	Mt. Zion	30.00
July 3, 1901	Heads Prairie	30.00
July 8, 1901	Italy	30.00
July 11, 1901	Farmersville	30.00
July 11, 1901	"Annie M."	30.00
July 19, 1901	Gail	30.00
July 20, 1901	Abbott	30.00
July 31, 1901	Plano	30.00
Aug. 6, 1901	Belle Moon	30.00
Aug. 17, 1901	Bonner Baby	30.00
Aug. 31, 1901	Samaria	30.00
Oct. 8, 1901	Hope	30.00
	Total	\$750.00

## RECEIPTS FROM SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

DATE	SAME	PER
Oct. 19, 1900	Bright Star Chapter	.50
Oct. 22, 1900	Dallas Chapter	.50
Oct. 29, 1900	Ramsford Chapter	.50
Oct. 29, 1900	Merkel Chapter	.50
Oct. 30, 1900	Bright Star Chapter	.50
Nov. 12, 1900	Favorita Chapter	.50
Dec. 7, 1900	Lipan Chapter	.50
Dec. 26, 1900	Bethesda Chapter	.50
Mar. 10, 1901	Kenedy Chapter	.50
Apr. 3, 1901	Cedar Bayou Chapter	.50
June 7, 1901	Rockdale Chapter	.50
Aug. 14, 1901	Alvin Chapter	.50
Sep. 5, 1901	Roseland Chapter	.50
Sep. 18, 1901	Colorado Chapter	.50
	Total	\$7.00

## RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF GRAND DEMITS.

DATE	NAME	No Sold	Amount Paid
Nov. 7, 1900	Tarrant Chapter	2	2 00
Dec. 13, 1900	Weatherford Chapter	3	3 00
Jan. 11, 1900	Dallas Chapter	1	1 00
Jan. 16, 1900	Weatherford Chapter	3	3 00
Jan. 17, 1900	Black Jack Grove Chapter	1	1 00
Feb. 13, 1900	Violet Chapter	2	2 00
Feb. 20, 1900	Ransford Chapter	1	1 00
Mar. 1, 1900	Dr. Davis	1	1 00
Mar. 18, 1900	Joshua Chapter	1	1 00
June 6, 1900	Dallas Chapter	2	2 00
June 24, 1900	E. S. Nicolls	1	1 00
Aug. 24, 1900	Belle Moon Chapter	16	16 00
Sep. 5, 1900	Farmersville Chapter	2	2 00
Sep. 10, 1900	Prairie Hill Chapter	6	6 00
Oct. 1, 1900	Alpha Chapter	1	1 00
Oct. 1, 1900	Farmersville Chapter	1	1 00
	Total	44	\$44 00

## DUES FROM CHAPTERS.

DATE	NAME OF CHAPTER	NO.	AM'T PAID
Oct. 12, 1900	Rock Springs	51	\$ 6 50
Oct. 12, 1900	Brownwood	116	10 00
Oct. 12, 1900	Kerrville	24	50
Oct. 12, 1900	Western Social	16	19 50
Nov. 4, 1900	Dallas	1	81 00
Dec. 26, 1900	Bethesda	159	15 00
Apr. 4, 1901	Mary	33	1 00
Sept. 2, 1901	Files	13	18 00
Sept. 4, 1901	Adah	49	52 00
Sept. 5, 1901	Wolf City	63	17 00
Sept. 5, 1901	Merkel	28	26 50
Sept. 5, 1901	Abbott	17 1)	50
Sept. 7, 1901	Mizpah	2	32 00
Sept. 10, 1901	Electra	55	15 50
Sept. 10, 1901	Caddo Mills	82	23 50
Sept. 10, 1901	Era	41	24 00
Sept. 11, 1901	Clarendon	6	29 00
Sept 11, 1901	Cedar Bayou	11	11 50
Sept 12, 1901	Smithville	39	22 00
Sept. 12, 1901	Rockdale	23	16 50
Sept. 12, 1901	Elm	17	27 00
	Amount Carried Forward:		\$ 449 10

## DUES FROM CHAPTERS—CONTINUED.

DATE	NAME OF CHAPTER	NO.	AM'T PAID
	Amount Brought Forward		\$ 449 10
Sept. 13, 1901	Lipan	127	27 50
Sept. 13, 1901	Mt. Calm	149	18 50
Sept. 13, 1901	Noema	62	20 00
Sept. 13, 1901	Big Springs	67	30 50
Sept. 13, 1901	Celest	19	5 50
Sept. 13, 1901	Devine	43	27 50
Sept. 14, 1901	Miriam	86	15 50
Sept. 14, 1901	Ransford	135	80 80
Sept. 16, 1901	Dallas	1	104 00
Sept. 16, 1901	Wortham	96	24 00
Sept. 16, 1901	Corn Hill	22	23 00
Sept. 16, 1901	Ladonia	56	17 50
Sept. 16, 1901	Kenedy	36	16 00
Sept. 17, 1901	Smithville	39	6 00
Sept. 18, 1901	Pilot Point	26	18 00
Sept. 18, 1901	Brownwood	116	15 00
Sept. 18, 1901	McKinney	61	32 00
Sept. 18, 1901	Armour	45	20 00
Sept. 18, 1901	Paris	5	25 00
Sept. 18, 1901	Groesbeck	4	18 50
Sept. 18, 1901	Winnie	160	39 00
Sept. 19, 1901	Godley	59	15 00
Sept. 19, 1901	Itasca	70	15 00
Sept. 19, 1901	Lubbock	U D	2 50
Sept. 19, 1901	Heads Prairie	U D	7 50
Sept. 19, 1901	Bethesda	159	18 00
Sept. 20, 1901	San Antonio	3	43 50
Sept. 20, 1901	Weatherford	U D	3 00
Sept. 20, 1901	Henrietta	40	28 00
Sept. 20, 1901	Alpine	27	12 00
Sept. 20, 1901	Colorado	58	24 00
Sept. 20, 1901	Plano	U D	1 00
Sept. 21, 1901	Thornton	46	20 50
Sept. 21, 1901	Brownwood	116	2 00
Sept. 21, 1901	Selma Lee	72	21 50
Sept. 21, 1901	Roseland	50	17 50
Sept. 21, 1901	Crockett	U D	2 00
Sept. 21, 1901	Gate City	77	57 00
Sept. 21, 1901	Favorita	69	17 00
Sept. 21, 1901	Bright Star	65	48 00
Sept. 21, 1901	"Annie M"	U D	2 00
Sept. 23, 1901	Silverton	18	15 50
Sept. 25, 1901	Plainview	57	15 50
Sept. 25, 1901	Blanket	U D	1 00
Sept. 25, 1901	Lemon	38	11 50
Sept. 25, 1901	Matador	60	23 50
	Amount Carried Forward		\$ 1454 60

## DUES FROM CHAPTERS—CONTINUED.

DATE	NAME OF CHAPTER	NO.	AM'T PAID
	Amount Brought Forward		\$ 1454 00
Sept. 27, 1901	Alvin	15	19 50
Sept. 28, 1901	Prudence	44	22 50
Sept. 30, 1901	Pecos	U D	4 00
Sept. 30, 1901	College Rose	68	9 00
Oct. 1, 1901	Floyd City	31	24 00
Oct. 1, 1901	Rock Springs	51	19 50
Oct. 3, 1901	Violet	158	27 00
Oct. 3, 1901	Vashti	U D	7 00
Oct. 5, 1901	Carpenter	185	54 50
Oct. 5, 1901	Sterling	29	13 00
Oct. 8, 1901	Ruth	20	53 50
Oct. 8, 1901	Mexia	57	26 00
Oct. 8, 1901	Abilene	30	21 50
Oct. 8, 1901	"Annie M"	U D	3 50
Oct. 8, 1901	"W. E. Owens"	U D	3 00
Oct. 8, 1901	Mineral Wells	U D	4 00
Total			\$ 1706 10

## RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF RITUALS.

DATE	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Sold	Amount Paid
1900,			
Oct. 12	Mizpah	1	\$ 75
Oct. 12	Tarrant	1	75
Oct. 12	Alvin	1	75
Oct. 12	Caddo Mills	3	2 25
Oct. 18	Nocona	2	1 50
Nov. 8	Wortham	1	75
Nov. 8	Godley	3	2 25
Nov. 10	Nocona	2	1 50
Nov. 15	Godley	1	75
Nov. 24	Plainview	1	75
Dec. 14	Tarrant	1	75
1901,			
Feb. 20	Matador	1	75
Mar. 1	Brownwood	6	4 50
Mar. 13	San Antonio	1	75
Mar. 18	Mizpah	12	9 00
Mar. 25	College Rose	4	3 00
Mar. 28	Clarendon	4	3 00
	Amount Carried Forward		\$ 33 75

## RECEIPTS FROM SALE OF RITUALS CONTINUED.

DATE	NAME OF CHAPTER	No. Sold	Amount Paid
1901	Amount Brought Forward		\$ 33 75
Apr. 5	Adah	4	3 00
Apr. 15	Winnie	6	4 50
Apr. 23	Kenedy	3	2 25
Apr. 29	Pioneer	6	4 50
May 1	Wortham (Gift)	2	3 00
May 13	Tarrant	1	75
May 16	Gate City	6	4 50
May 23	Pecos [Second-hand]	2	80
June 22	Wise	12	9 00
July 1	Corn Hill	6	4 50
July 3	Cedar Bayou	1	75
July 11	Adah	2	1 50
July 12	Selma Lee	6	4 50
July 23	Farmersville	1	75
Aug. 23	Colorado	6	4 50
Aug. 30	Wortham	3	2 25
Sept. 5	Adah	2	1 50
Sept. 17	Vashti	1	75
Sept. 17	Big Springs [Second-hand]	1	40
Sept. 17	Wortham	1	57
	Total	117	\$89 10

## RECAPITULATION.

From Chapter Dispensations	\$ 750 00
From Special Dispensations	7 00
From sale of Grand Dimits	44 00
From sale of Rituals	89 10
From Chapter Dues	1700 10
From Miscellaneous Supplies	101 10
Total	\$2,757 30

## DISBURSEMENTS.

DATE	RECEIPT	PAYD	AMOUNT
1900,			
Nov. 14	1	Grand Treasurer	\$ 164 75
Dec. 18	2	Grand Treasurer	46 70
1901,			
Feb. 14	3	Grand Treasurer	37 50
Apr. 14	4	Grand Treasurer	27 80
May 14	5	Grand Treasurer	123 15
June 17	6	Grand Treasurer	162 30
July 17	7	Grand Treasurer	321 15
Sept. 16	8	Grand Treasurer	500 75
Sept. 24	9	Grand Treasurer	646 80
Oct.	10	Grand Treasurer	473 95
Oct.	11	Grand Treasurer	252 45
		Total	\$2,757 30

The following Chapters have been delinquent two years and are reported in accordance to law:

Gonzales, No. 9, at Gonzales; Rheas Mill, No. 10, at Rheas Mill; Auburn, No. 12, at Auburn; Vernon, No. 118, at Vernon, and Naoma, No. 184, at Marfa.

The charter from Black Jack Grove Chapter was received at this office January 17th, 1901; that of Evergreen Chapter on September 17th with a few of the supplies.

Joshua Chapter never having complied with the law, its charter was not forwarded. However, Bro. Bowman informs me the chapter is defunct, never having held one meeting after its organization.

The contingent expenses of the office have been:

stationery for office use	\$ 12 35
Postage, not including that used in the Relief Fund	54 00
Insurance on Grand Chapter goods	6 25
Office rent and storage	42 00
Express, exchange, drayage, etc	27 00
Total	136 20
stationery for Grand Matron	\$20 00
" for Grand Patron	6 00
" for Grand Press Correspondent	6 50
" for Grand Treasurer	2 00
	\$34 50



## INVENTORY OF GOODS ON HAND

ARTICLES	Balance, 1900	Bought	Total	Sold	Issued free	With Dis.	Balance	Value
Rituals	76	340	416	117		240	59	44 25
Charters	34	18	52		20		32	16 00
Signets	2	24	26	1		24	1	1 50
Blank Books	94	200	294	3		91	195	257 50
Petitions for Degrees	1,143	1,000	2,143	170		600	1,373	
Petitions for Abilition	580		580	12		288	280	
Petitions for Dispensation	150		150		100		41	
Dimits	512		512	48	20	288	166	
Grand Dimits	412		412	44			368	
Not. for Dues Discarded	452	500	500	66			434	
Memorial Service	9		9				9	1 25
Floral Work	45		45	18			27	4 25
Gems of Song	45	72	117	60			57	13 75
Sec.'s Receipts	1	30	31	5		24	2	1 00
Treas. Receipts	11	18	29	2		24	3	1 50
Order Books	15	18	31	1		24	6	3 00
Typewriter	1						1	50 00
Total								\$394 10

## GRAND CHAPTER WARRANTS DRAWS DURING 1900--1901.

No.	Amount.
1. October 11, 1900, Laura B. Hart, Corresponding Secretary salary	\$ 400 00
2. October 11, 1900, Marie A. Sherburne, expenses in office	9 45
3. October 11, 1900, Amelia A. Garrison, expenses in office	20 91
4. October 11, 1900, J. K. Bowman, expenses as Deputy	7 95
5. October 11, 1900, P. S. Park, expenses as Deputy	1 00
6. October 11, 1900, F. H. Shumate, Insurance on Dallas Chapter	5 25
7. October 11, 1900, Minnie Smith, expenses as Deputy	1 50
Amount Carried Forward	\$ 446 06

## GRAND CHAPTER WARRANTS—CONTINUED.

No.		Amount.
	Amount Brought Forward .....	\$ 446 00
8.	October 11, 1900, Evelyn Hart, services, assistant Secretary .....	10 00
9.	October 11, 1900, Laura F. Seaman, expenses as Press Correspondent .....	7 76
10.	October 11, 1900, Marie A. Sherburne, mileage to delegates .....	504 75
11.	October 11, 1900, Arthur Everets, Grand Matron's jewel .....	50 00
12.	October 30, 1900, Grand Matron, contingent expenses .....	30 00
13.	October 30, 1900, Grand Secretary, contingent expenses .....	30 00
14.	November 10, 1900, Grand Secretary, flood sufferer's fund .....	500 00
15.	November 18, 1900, Pablo Cruz, printing booklets, blanks and stationery for Grand Patron .....	29 25
16.	November 21, 1900, M. M. Beavers, error of Godley Chapter .....	3 00
17.	November 25, 1900, Mary E. Clinton, Expense as Deputy .....	21 55
18.	December 8, 1900, L. B. Hirt, postage to mail proceedings .....	25 00
19.	December 27, 1900, J. P. Green, bond for Grand Treasurer .....	10 00
20.	January 1, 1901, Laura Seaman, stationery for office .....	5 00
21.	January 12, 1901, Pablo Cruz, printing proceedings .....	221 62
22.	January 20, 1901, M. A. Sherburne, dues returned Gate City Chapter .....	50 50
23.	January 20, 1901, Laura B. Hart, office rent and storage for three months .....	10 00
24.	February 4, 1901, Dallas Litho. Co., Grand Matron's stationery .....	14 00
25.	February 26, 1901, M. A. Mangum, flowers, Brother Carpenter's funeral .....	5 00
26.	March 23, 1901, Herald Publishing Co., stationery Grand Treasurer .....	2 00
27.	February 18, 1901, Grand Matron, contingent expense in office .....	25 00
	Amount Carried Forward .....	\$ 209 49

## GRAND CHAPTER WARRANTS CONTINUED.

No.	Amount Brought Forward	Amount. \$ 2009 46
28.	March 25, 1901, Dittmar & Oppenheimer, insurance on Grand Chapter Goods	6 85
29.	April 3, 1901, H. C. Miller, two seals for Chapters	6 00
30.	April 17, 1901, Grand Secretary, three months' rent and storage	10 00
31.	May 5, 1901, Kate M. Bryan, organizing at Waco..	10 00
32.	May 13, 1901, L. B. Hart Grand Secretary, contingent expenses	45 00
33.	May 23, 1901, A. V. Young, Grand Matron, contingent expenses	45 00
34.	May 29, 1901, Ida Creager, organizing at Ben Franklin	14 20
35.	June 5, 1901, Lizzie Beck, organizing at Taylor	2 74
36.	June 6, 1901, Laura F. Seaman, stationery	1 50
37.	June 17, 1901, Mary E. Clinton, expenses as Deputy	23 90
38.	July 1, 1901, Kate M. Bryan, organizing at Temple	13 85
39.	July 11, 1901, J. T. Atchison, Trustee, charity fund	500 00
40.	July 11, 1901, J. T. Atchison, Trustee, bond as Trustee	4 00
41.	July 14, 1901, L. B. Hart, three months' rent and storage	10 00
42.	July 12, 1901, L. J. Pitkin, supplies for Grand Chapter	232 89
43.	July 19, 1901, J. L. Miller, organizing Heads Prairie Chapter	1 70
44.	July 19, 1901, W. S. Hoskins, organizing Crockett Chapter	2 50
45.	July 22, 1901, Marie A. Sherburne, salary, Grand Treasurer	50 00
46.	July 24, 1901, Mollie Gray, organizing Farmersville Chapter	2 20
47.	July 24, 1901, Ida Creager, organizing Plano Chapter	7 75
48.	July 24, 1901, Pablo Cruz, stationery for Corresponding Secretary	6 00
49.	August 8, 1901, J. L. Miller, organizing Abbott Chapter	2 76
50.	August 20, 1901, Mary E. Clinton, expense as Deputy	18 45
51.	August 31, 1901, H. C. Miller, one Chapter seal	3 00
	Amount Carried Forward	\$ 3029 58

## GRAND CHAPTER WARRANTS--CONTINUED.

No.		Amount.
	Amount Brought Forward	\$ 3029 58
52.	September 7th, San Antonio Printing Co., envelopes to mail proceedings	3 25
53.	September 7, 1901, Laura B. Hart, appropriation to General Grand Chapter Representative.	100 00
54.	September 7, 1901, McMath Litho. Co., Grand Matron's stationery	6 00
55.	September 10, 1901, Maverick-Clarke Litho. Co., 220 large blank books	262 50
56.	September 10, 1901, Maverick-Clarke Litho. Co., stationery and blanks	10 40
57.	September 10, 1901, Whitehead, Hoag & Co., badges for Grand Chapter meeting	18 40
58.	October 1, 1901, L. J. Pitkin, Grand Chapter supplies	97 10
59.	October 8, 1901, Grand Secretary, three months' rent	12 00
	Grand Total	\$3,539 23

## UNPAID BILLS.

Date		Amount.
August 9, 1901,	Pablo Cruz, 140 printed circulars	\$ 2 00
August 18, 1901,	Pablo Cruz, envelopes and Degree blanks	5 00
August 15, 1901,	Adah Atchison, organizing Belle Moon Chapter	16 00
August 17, 1901,	Portia Thompson, total expense as Deputy	22 40
August 18, 1901,	Kate M. Bryan, expense as Deputy	49 15
August 18, 1901,	Mary McCaless, total expense as Deputy	38 25
October 9, 1901.	--Total debts unpaid	\$132 80

LAURA B. HART,  
Grand Secretary.

Referred to Finance Committee.

## REPORT OF GRAND TREASURER.

OCTOBER 10, 1901.

To the Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of Texas:

As Grand Treasurer I herewith respectfully submit the following report:

Cash on hand in the beginning of the fiscal year	...	\$2,200 23
Received from Grand Secretary during year	...	2,757 39
Total receipts		<u>\$5,056 53</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursed during the year as per Vouchers No. 1 to No. 57 inclusive, except Voucher No. 4, which has not been presented up to date:

Disbursed		<u>\$3,422 18</u>
Balance on hand		\$1,634 35

Respectfully submitted,  
 MARIE A. SHERBURNE,  
 Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Finance Committee.

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT FOR GRAND TREASURER.

Oct. 12, 1900	Exchange at Houston Bank	\$ 2 00
Oct. 17, 1900	Postage stamps	1 10
Dec. 23, 1900	Postage stamps	1 00
Feb. 3, 1901	Postage stamps	1 00
Apr. 30, 1901	Postage stamps	1 00
June 30, 1901	Postage stamps	1 00
Aug. 75, 1901	Postage stamps	1 00
	Car fare during year	2 50
	Over paid on mileage	0 25
		<u>\$16 75</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
 MARIE A. SHERBURNE,  
 Grand Treasurer.

Referred to Finance Committee.

The following reports, letters and appeals were referred to the Finance Committee:

## No. 1.

## EXPENSE ACCOUNTS OF GRAND DEPUTIES.

Adah Atchison	\$16 00
Portia Thompson	22 40
Kate M. Bryan	49 15
Mary McCausless	38 25
Total	\$125 80

## No. 2.

## REPORTS IN DETAIL FROM RELIEF COMMITTEE.

W. S. Hoskins, Disbursing Agent, in account with Grand Chapter of Texas:

## DR.

1900.	To Balance on hand as per report	\$ 202 00
Oct. 7.	Received Clarendon Chapter	8 40
Oct. 8.	Grand Chapter of New Jersey	50 00
Oct. 8.	Grand Chapter of Illinois	100 00
Oct. 8.	Mrs. Hattie Ewing	25 00
Nov. 5.	From Grand Secretary	500 00
Nov. 14.	" " "	1,500 00
Nov. 19.	" " "	1,200 00
1901.		
Jan. 26.	" " "	1,000 00
Feb. 6.	" " "	70 00
Mar. 7.	" " "	20 00
May 4.	" " "	2,000 00
Feb. 1.	" " "	50 00
Feb. 10.	" " "	600 00
Total		\$7,325 40

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1900.		
Oct. 13.	Bro. C. F. Neil, \$50; Mrs. Walker, \$50	\$ 100 00
Nov. 8.	Bro. J. L. Bates, \$100; Sister Bates, \$100	200 00
	Amount Carried Forward	\$ 300 00
		\$7,325 40

## DISBURSEMENTS CONTINUED.

1901	Amount Brought Forward	\$	300 00	\$7,325 40
Nov. 10.	Bro. Kipp for Cedar Bayou		200 00	
Nov. 17.	To Mizpah Chapter		1,500 00	
Nov. 22.	Mrs. M. A. Fax for Mrs. Kay		100 00	
Nov. 22.	Mrs. L. F. Smith, widow of a Mason, with three children		60 00	
Nov. 30.	Mrs. Walker for Mrs. Phillips		50 00	
Feb. 7.	Mrs. Walker for children		75 00	
Dec. 14.	Bro. Kipp for Cedar Bayou		200 00	
Dec. 14.	Bro. Wilkinson for Alvin		300 00	
Feb. 9.	Miss Kerr by Grand Secretary		90 00	
Mar. 7.	Miss Kerr by Grand Secretary		90 00	
Feb. 18.	Mrs. Alexander		50 00	
Aug. 3.	Mrs. Lee by Grand Secretary		100 00	
Sept. 1.	Mrs. Lee by Grand Secretary		100 00	
May 30.	Mizpah Chapter		2,000 00	
Sept. 30.	Mizpah Chapter		1,000 00	
Sept. 30.	Mrs. Walcott for Alvin		400 00	
Sept. 30.	Bro. Kipp for Cedar Bayou		200 00	
	Total disbursements		\$6,625 00	\$6,625 00
Oct. 1, 1901.	Balance on hand			\$ 700 40

## REPORT OF SECRETARY OF GALVESTON RELIEF COMMITTEE.

FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1901, TO OCTOBER 8TH, 1901.

On hand December 31st, 1900		\$2,248 36
Received during the year		2,087 79
Total on hand during 1901		\$4,336 15
Disbursed to W. S. Hoskins, in three checks	\$3,600 00	
" " Miss Annie Kerr, in two checks	90 00	
" " Mrs. Kate Lee, one check	50 00	
Total disbursement	\$3,740 00	\$3,740 00
Balance		596 15
Exchange and estimated postage		17 15
Net balance		\$ 579 00

I certify that the above is correct according to receipts, checks and stubs.

Laura B. Hart,  
Secretary for Relief Committee

## No. 3.

## APPEAL FROM DALLAS CHAPTER.

*To the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, Galveston, Texas:*

DEAR SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—Pending the suspension of the charter of Dallas Chapter, No. 1, Order Eastern Star, the following parties were granted dimitts from Dallas Chapter, No. 1, by the Grand Officers. These parties were indebted to Dallas Chapter, No. 1, in the amount set opposite each name at the time the dimitts were granted:

Mrs. Annie Brundrett, September 1, 1898--September 1, 1900	\$2 00
Mr. George Brundrett, September 1, 1898--September 1, 1900	2 00
Mrs. Ray Falk, September 1, 1899--September 1, 1900	1 00
Mr. Bernhardt Falk, September 1, 1899--September 1, 1900	1 00
	\$6 00

In addition to the above, Mrs. Lillie Eitleman paid dues amounting to \$1.00 to the Grand Officers. (Her receipt are herewith attached.) We also paid per capita dues for Mrs. Eitleman. Dallas Chapter, No. 1, has never been reimbursed with the above amounts. We deem it only necessary to direct the attention of the Grand Chapter to the above facts in order that our Chapter may receive her just dues in the premises. Unless there is some specific law to the contrary, we believe the Grand Chapter is indebted, in all justice and fairness, to Dallas Chapter, No. 1, in the sum of \$7.00. All of which is respectfully submitted.

DALLAS CHAPTER, No. 1,

GEORGIA BLAYLOCK, Sec'y.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, July 11, 1900.

Received of Mrs. A. A. Garrison \$2.00 for Brother Shumate's Dimit and Sister Eitleman's dues.

LAURA B. HART,

Grand Secretary.

## No. 4.

## REPORT OF PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

WOLF CITY, TEXAS, October 8, 1901.

*To the Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star of Texas:*

The undersigned, as Press Correspondent, respectfully submits the following report:

Letters written for the Eastern Star	11
Letters written for the Texas Freemason	11
Letters to Chapters and officers	315



## EXPENSE ACCOUNT,

Postage on 315 letters	\$7 00
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Yours fraternally,  
LAURA F. SEAMAN.

No. 5.

## FROM CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

MEXIA, TEXAS, October 7, 1901.

*Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Grand Secretary, Galveston, Texas:*

DEAR SISTER: Much to my regret, I find I will not be able to get off to the Grand Chapter this time—press of business keeping me at the store—so I enclose herewith, Houston Exchange to cover amount turned over to me as trustee, by the Grand Commandery, K. T., as well as the interest it has earned to this date.

His voucher was for \$100.00, and was received by me on March 15th, and loaned on March 16th, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, from date; making interest due to date, \$4.50, a total of \$104.50 enclosed.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations on your elevation to the "top of the ladder," and may YOUR ADMINISTRATION prove of incalculable benefit to the Order.

With kindest regards for yourself and the Sisters with whom it has been so pleasant to meet for several years, I remain,

Yours fraternally,  
P. S. PARK,  
Trustee.

No. 6.

## REPORT OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVE.

Received from Grand Chapter of Texas (warrant 53)	\$100 00
Railroad fare to Detroit and return	48 90
Sleeper both ways	17 00
Meals, en route	6 50
Hotel bill at Detroit	18 75
Transfer at San Antonio	1 00
Transfer at Detroit	2 00
Total expense	\$ 94 15    \$ 94 15
Balance due Grand Chapter	\$ 5 85

LAURA B. HART.

Invitations were received for the next annual session to meet with Abilene, Dallas, Belle Moon and "W. E. Owens" Chapters and on motion same were referred to the following special committee: Sisters Jennie S. Randolph, Susie Wyatt and Brother Jessie T. Atchison.

The Grand Chapter then listened to the report of the unfinished business, viz:

We recommend the adoption of the amendment of Article XI, Section five of the Constitution to read as follows: "The Grand Matron shall have power to appoint Deputies to represent her anywhere in her Jurisdiction, one of their duties shall be the organizing and inspecting of Chapters.

(Signed)

MRS. T. JACK,

MRS. MARY PRICE,

L. S. GARRISON.

After a constitutional vote by members and by Chapters the report was adopted and the amendment becomes a law.

The Committee on By-laws reported:

We, your Committee on By-laws of Chapters, U. D., respectfully report as follows:

We have carefully examined the by-laws of the following Chapters, U. D.:

- "Annie M." Chapter, Hillsboro.
- "W. E. Owens," Chapter, Italy.
- Vashti Chapter.
- Blanket Chapter.
- Belle Moon Chapter.
- Winters Chapter.
- Weatherford Chapter.

And recommend that they be approved by the Grand Chapter.

MRS. A. B. DUNCAN,

MISS SUSIE WYATT,

S. M. KARNEY,

Committee By-Laws Chapters U. D.

Adopted.

## SECOND DAY- AFTERNOON SESSION.

Grand Chapter opened at 1:30 p. m., Grand Matron Young in the chair. Roll call.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was accepted as presented and appears in full in the Appendix to these proceedings.

The Committee on Grievances and Appeals reported that so complete had been the harmony in all the Chapters that no business had come before them.

The Committee on Chartered Chapters reported returns from sixty-six chartered Chapters and twenty-five Chapters under dispensation.

The following resolutions were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence viz:

## No. 1.

*Resolved*, That Article one, Section one, Clause five of the Constitution relative to subordinate Chapters be amended so as to read "a failure to meet for four consecutive months shall forfeit their Charter."

JESSE T. ATCHISON.

## No. 2.

Amendment to that portion of the Constitution of Article XI, Section one, which reads as follows: "Provided that no new Chapter 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" be changed to read as follows: "Provided that the Grand Matron may grant dispensation for a new Chapter in a town or city where one or more Chapters exist, provided at least thirteen members of the existing Chapter or Chapters in said town or city, sign as charter members for the Chapter."

N. M. KARNEY.

## No. 3.

*Resolved*, That Article XIV, Section one, be amended to read "seven rituals" instead of "ten rituals."

No. 4.

PILOT POINT, TEXAS, October 7th, 1901.

*Mrs. Agnes V. Young,*

*Grand Worthy Matron.*

There is a lady that has recently moved to our town. She has lived in Texas for years, but has never been near a Chapter of the Order Eastern Star. Her husband is a Mason. She is now with a brother. He is a Mason and both himself and wife are members of our Chapter and she wishes to join this Chapter here at our next meeting. The laws require three months in a jurisdiction. Can you grant us a dispensation to take her in at once?

Faternally,

MRS. MINNIE CARSON,

Past Worthy Matron.

The hour having arrived for the annual election of officers, the following were chosen:

Grand Matron, Mrs. Kate M. Bryan.

Grand Patron, Dr. Alfred C. McDaniel.

Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Minnie Smith.

Associate Grand Patron, R. W. Lemond.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Laura B. Hart.

Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne.

Grand Conductress, Mrs. Alma M. Walker.

Associate Grand Conductress, Mrs. Amelia Huvelle.

On motion the office of Grand Press Correspondent was abolished.

On motion the Committee on Work was found to be unconstitutional and was therefore abolished.

Brother Jesse T. Atchison was unanimously elected Trustee for three years.

Sister Hart, on behalf of Big Springs Chapter, presented to the Grand Matron, Sister Agnes Young, a solid silver loving cup, the gift of her home Chapter. The Grand Matron responded in an appropriate manner.

Grand Chapter was called off to meet at 7:30 p. m.

## SECOND DAY EVENING SESSION.

Grand Chapter opened promptly at 7:30. Grand Matron Young in the chair.

Roll Call.

The Finance Committee made the following preliminary report:

*To the Grand Chapter:*

*Your Committee have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and find them in all things correct and neatly kept; we have checked their reports, showing amounts received and disbursed during the last year and find them totally with vouchers and receipts in our hands and with each other.*

*We recommend that the Grand Matron's expense account of \$41.50 be allowed; that the Grand Treasurer's expense account of \$16.75 be allowed.*

*We recommend that the Grand Matron's suggestion to purchase holiday gifts for the children of the Masonic Home be adopted.*

*Of the several papers and resolutions referred to us by this Grand Body we desire to report: Favorably upon (No. 1) accounts of Grand Deputies; but we also recommend that this Grand Chapter adopt some systematic form for the payment of Deputies in future.*

*We have examined the report of the Relief Committee (No. 2) and find that they have received \$7,728.40, that \$9,625.00 has been appropriately and suitably disbursed, leaving a balance of \$1,279.00; we recommend that this committee be continued and the balance left in their hands.*

*We have examined an appeal from Dallas Chapter (No. 3); we are of the opinion that this money is due from the individuals who obtained the Demits, and not from this Grand Chapter; however, as the circumstances are mitigating, we recommend that this Grand Body pay the bill and the members of Dallas Chapter aid the Grand Secretary in collecting the account.*

*We have examined the account of the Grand Press Correspondent (No. 4) and do recommend that her bill of \$7.00 be allowed.*

*We have examined the letter and report (No. 5) of Brother Park, Trustee, and recommend that the amount (\$104.50) be turned over to the present board of Trustees and a vote of thanks be tendered Prother Park.*

*We have examined the report of Sister Hart as Grand*

Representative (No. 6) and recommend that she be allowed the balance, as we find the account correct in detail.

MOLLIE GREY,  
S. I. WOLCOTT,  
R. W. LEMOND.  
Committee of Finance.

Adopted.

Called off to meet at nine o'clock, Thursday morning.

### THIRD DAY -- MORNING SESSION.

Promptly at nine o'clock the Grand Chapter was called to order by Grand Matron Young in the chair. After prayer and singing the roll was called by the Secretary. Minutes of the preceding day read, amended and approved. On motion of Brother L. S. Garrison, a letter of condolence and sympathy was ordered sent to Sister Pauline Baugh, Past Grand Treasurer.

On motion, telegrams of greeting were ordered sent to the five Sister Grand Chapters now in session.

The following resolutions were referred to the Finance Committee:

#### No. 1.

*Resolved, That the Grand Chapter pay the mileage of Representatives and those entitled to same and that the actual amount necessary to pay same be hereby appropriated.*

L. S. GARRISON.

Galveston, Texas, October 10, 1901.

#### No. 2.

*Resolved, That Article XIV, Section one, of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "For each of its members annual*

*ly 35 cents."*  
RACHEL M. SWAIM,  
G. W. BENNETT,  
M. E. SMITH.

## No. 3.

*Resolved*, That owing to the utter impossibility of the Grand Chapter being able to finance the very heavy expenditures necessary to the establishment of an "Old Masonic Home" and undergo the expense of maintenance after establishment, that the money appropriated by this Grand Chapter for the above purpose be recovered into the Treasury of this Grand Chapter at once and that the amount received from the Grand Commandery Knights of Texas, viz: \$100.00, be returned to that body with our thanks.

RACHEL M. SWAIM,  
F. H. SHUMATE.

## No. 4.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter pay no salary to any officer the following year.

MINNIE SMITH,  
ALMA GARRISON.

## No. 5.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter pay Miss Evelyn Hart \$10.00 for services rendered Grand Secretary.

J. S. LILLARD.

## No. 6.

*Resolved*, That in case any Chapter desires a Grand Officer or Deputy to install its officers, it shall in all cases defray that officer's expense, and that in no wise shall the Grand Chapter pay these expenses.

W. S. HOSKINS.

## No. 7.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter borrow six hundred dollars for twelve months at six per cent interest from the Charity Fund and that the Grand Matron and Grand Secretary be authorized to give a note for same in the name of this Grand Chapter.

ALFRED C. McDANIEL,  
J. S. LILLARD.

## No. 8.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary he and she is hereby instructed to annually have bound in cloth one copy of the proceed-

ings of this Grand Chapter for delivery to the Grand Matron, who upon the expiration of her term of office shall return same to the Grand Secretary. Each following Grand Matron shall be furnished with a set of the former proceedings, and so on in like manner, until this Grand Chapter decides otherwise. Further, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to secure as near a complete file of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter as it is possible, and have each copy bound in cloth for the uses as indicated above, and in transmitting said proceedings to the respective Grand Matrons elect, the Grand Secretary shall take the receipt of that officer, who upon the return, shall take the receipt of the Grand Secretary. The object of this resolution is to place in the hands of the Grand Matron such information as will enable her to intelligently conclude the affairs of her office.

L. S. GARRISON.

No. 9.

*Resolved*, That no mileage be paid to any Grand Officer, Delegate or Representative by this Grand Chapter next year.

W. S. HOSKINS.

No. 10.

*To the Grand Chapter:*

Indebted to Mrs. Amelia Havelle, \$8.75, mileage to Grand Chapter, 1900.

AMELIA HUELLE.

No. 11.

*To the Grand Chapter:*

Indebted to Amelia Havelle, Ora Palmer and B. E. Salterfield, \$4.10 for five telegrams. (Signed.)

COMMITTEE ON TELEGRAMS.

No. 12.

*To the Grand Chapter:*

Received from Grand Secretary warrant thirty-nine for \$500.00, amount appropriated to the building of an Old Mason's Refuge. Not yet invested, but will be at first good opportunity.

JESSE T. ATCHISON,

Trustee.

Called off to meet at two p. m.



### THIRD DAY - AFTERNOON SESSION.

Promptly at two o'clock the Grand Chapter was called to order with Grand Matron Young in the chair.

The Committee on Invitations reported that they had, after mature deliberation, decided to recommend Waco as the place of meeting next year. Which report was adopted by a rising vote.

The Jurisprudence Committee made the following:

*To the Grand Chapter:*

We recommend the adoption of all our Grand Matron's decisions and recommendations, considering them wise and for the best good of the Order. Of the proposed amendments submitted to us we would respectfully report favorably, and recommend that they take the usual course to become a part of our constitution. Referring to the communication from a Past Matron of Pilot Point Chapter, we would recommend that the request be granted. Signed by the

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE.

Adopted.

The Grand Matron's jewel was presented by Brother Hoskins with a few appropriate words, to which the Grand Matron responded.

Sister Amelia Huxelle presented the Grand Patron with a diamond scarf pin, the gift of friends in the Grand Chapter.

Called off to meet at 7:30.

### THIRD DAY EVENING SESSION.

After prayer and roll call the Finance Committee made a final report:

We, your Committee, recommend that the salary and office rent of our Grand Secretary for the coming year be continued as usual.

That \$50 be appropriated to pay for the Grand Matron's official jewel.

That our Grand Treasurer be allowed \$100.00 for services rendered.

Upon the twelve resolutions and bills referred to us, we respectfully report as follows:

No. 1. We recommend that the resolution of Brother Garrison, relating to mileage, be adopted.

No. 2. We recommend that the resolution of Sister Swain, relating to the reduction of the per capita tax, be not adopted.

No. 3. We recommend that the resolution of Sister Swain, relating to the abolishing of our Charity Fund, be not adopted.

No. 4. We recommend that the resolution of Sister Smith relating to the salary of Grand officers, be not adopted.

No. 5. We recommend that the resolution of Brother Lillard relating to the payment of an Assistant Secretary, be adopted.

No. 6. We recommend that the resolution of Brother Hoskins relating to the expenses of installing officers be adopted.

No. 7. We recommend that the resolution of Brothers McDaniel and Lillard, relating to the borrowing of \$600.00 from the Charity Fund by this Grand Chapter, be adopted.

No. 8. We recommend that the resolution of Brother Garrison, relating to binding one copy of the proceedings, be adopted.

No. 9. We recommend that the resolution of Brother Hoskins, relating to non-payment of mileage, be not adopted.

No. 10. We recommend that the bill presented by Sister Huyelle for mileage in 1900, be paid.

No. 11. We recommend that the bill of Committee on Telegrams, be allowed.

No. 12. We recommend that the report of Trustee J. T. Atchison, be approved. (Signed.)

MOLLIE GRAY,  
S. J. WOLCOTT,  
R. W. LEMOND.

After being discussed and considered by sections, the report was adopted as a whole.

Sister Evelyn Hart was introduced by the Grand Matron as the mascot of the Grand Chapter, whereupon the young lady thanked the press, railroads, the Masons of Galveston and Mizpah Chapter for the gracious and beautiful entertainment received by the Grand Chapter.

Telegrams of greeting were received from Sister Grand Chapters in session and ordered filed.

On motion of Sister Hart, the dues of Mart Chapter were remitted, they having lost all their belongings by fire.

Sister Hart gave a synopsis of the General Grand Chapter meeting and spoke of the changes enacted in the ritual, stating that slips indicating these changes and alterations would soon be placed in the hands of the Chapters.

The following officers were then installed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron:

- Grand Matron—Mrs. Kate M. Bryan.  
 Grand Patron—Dr. Alfred C. McDaniel.  
 Associate Grand Matron—Mrs. Minnie Smith.  
 Associate Grand Patron—R. W. Leonard.  
 Grand Secretary—Mrs. Laura B. Hart.  
 Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne.  
 Grand Chaplain—E. H. Sauniate.  
 Grand Marshal—Mrs. Cassie Leonard.  
 Grand Conductress—Mrs. Alma M. Walker.  
 Associate Grand Conductress—Mrs. Amelia Huvelle.  
 Grand Adah—Mrs. Coga Walker.  
 Grand Ruth—Mrs. Carral Johnson.  
 Grand Esther—Mrs. Mary T. Ruddock.  
 Grand Martha—Mrs. Hattie Pope.  
 Grand Electa—Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce.  
 Grand Warder—Mrs. Corra Chase.  
 Grand Sentinel—J. T. Cobb.  
 Grand Organist—Mrs. Fannie V. Ward.

At the end of the installation ceremonies, Grand Matron Bryan was presented with a lovely bouquet by Past Grand Matron Young; Sister Bryan was also presented with a gavel by Brother Garrison, on behalf of exsoldiers of the First Texas Cavalry.

The Grand Matron then announced the following committees:

- Fraternal Correspondent, Mrs. Kate M. Brownson.

*Jurisprudence Committee, Mrs. R. M. Swaim, Mrs. S. A. Hoskins, J. S. Lillard.*

*Finance Committee, Mrs. E. J. Randolph, Miss Tishia Robinson, J. J. Davis.*

*Transportation Committee, Mrs. Belle G. Trau, M. T. Bell.*

No further business appearing, the Grand Chapter of the Lone Star State closed in peace and harmony.

MRS. KATE M. BRYAN,

[S. M.]

Grand Matron.

DR. ALFRED C. McDANIEL,

Grand Patron.

LAURA B. HART,

Grand Secretary.

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### SOCIAL FEATURES.

Mizpah, No. 2, proved herself the queen of entertainers and there are no words to fitly describe the hospitality and kindness we received at her hands. Both the degree and floral work were beautifully exemplified for our edification and instruction in a strictly "up-to-date" manner.

A portion of every evening of the week was given over to elevating amusement and each member of the Chapter seemed to vie with each other to make us welcome and happy. The nineteenth meeting of the Grand Chapter of Texas will ever furnish food for pleasant memories. May the choicest blessings fall upon beautiful Mizpah Chapter. The true spirit of fraternity is there exemplified, which is the secret of success in the Eastern Star.

## Loved and Lost.

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Nov. 10, 1900	Nannie R. Church.	.. Dallas, No. 1.
Jan. 4, 1901	E. J. Parker	.. Dallas, No. 1.
Sept. 26, 1901	C. B. Lee	.. Mizpah, No. 2.
May 29, 1901	Antoinette Tucker	.. Mizpah, No. 2.
May 8, 1901	Mary Jett Stewart	.. San Antonio, No. 3.
Sept. 18, 1900	N. W. Wright	.. Clarendon, No. 6.
Nov. 22, 1900	J. R. Powell	.. Clarendon, No. 6.
Oct. 31, 1900	Lizzie L. Foment	.. Tarrant, No. 8.
Oct. 22, 1900	S. E. Patterson	.. Files, No. 13.
Nov. 10, 1900	M. J. Hartley	.. Alvin, No. 15.
Jan. 20, 1900	T. B. Foster	.. Alvin, No. 15.
Nov. 10, 1900	L. J. Davenport	.. Merkel, No. 28.
July 19, 1900	J. B. Webb	.. Abilene, No. 30.
Jan. 20, 1901	S. J. Gibson	.. Thornton, No. 40.
Dec. 12, 1900	F. Thraillkill	.. Adah, No. 49.
May 24, 1901	Hattie Kingdom	.. Adah, No. 49.
June 9, 1901	Annie Elizabeth Lantlow	.. Adah, No. 49.
July 2, 1901	J. D. Woodward	.. Colorado, No. 58.
July 6, 1901	M. C. Kirkendall	.. Godley, No. 59.
July 18, 1901	Julia Lay	.. Selma Lee, No. 72.
Jan. 4, 1901	A. E. Dilamore	.. Gate City, No. 77.
Jan. 4, 1901	L. H. Hyde	.. Gate City, No. 77.
May 9, 1901	Ara Vittetoe	.. Caddo Mills, No. 82.
Oct. 12, 1900	L. Dew	.. Ransford, No. 135.
Jan. 2, 1901	S. Longnecker	.. Ransford, No. 135.
March 5, 1901	L. C. Carpenter	.. Carpenter, No. 183.

The following Chapters were granted charters at the last meeting of the Grand Chapter :

- "W. E. Owens," No. 7, at Waco.
- Weatherford, No. 21, at Weatherford.
- Pioneer, No. 25, at Barstow.
- Vashti, No. 32, at Temple.
- Farmersville, No. 34, at Farmersville.
- "Annie M.," No. 35, at Hillsboro.
- Taylor No. 48, at Taylor.
- Mina, No. 64, at Bastrop.
- Italy, No. 73, at Italy.
- Heads Prairie, No. 74, at Heads Prairie.
- Plano, No. 75, at Plano.
- Jessie, No. 76, at Lubbock.
- Ben Franklin, No. 78, at Ben Franklin.
- Mt. Zion, No. 79, at May.
- Winters, No. 80, at Winters.
- Pecos, No. 81, at Pecos.
- Gail, No. 83, at Gail.
- Crockett, No. 84, at Crockett.
- Blanket, No. 85, at Blanket.
- Samaria, No. 87, at Waxahachie.
- Abbot, No. 88, at Abbot.
- Bonner Ruby, No. 89, at Gatesville.
- Belle Moon, No. 90, at Gainesville.

#### NOTE.

The following amendment to the constitution, after laying over one year, was reported favorably by the Committee on Unfinished Business, received a majority vote of the delegates present and a majority of the Chapters represented, and was declared law and a part of the constitution:

*Resolved*, That Article XI., Section 5, be amended to read as a whole: "The Grand Matron shall have power to appoint Deputies to represent her anywhere in her jurisdiction; one of their duties shall be the organizing and inspecting of Chapters."

The following were approved by the Grand Chapter at its nineteenth annual session, and will lie over for one year to be acted on finally:

*Resolved*, That Article I., Section 1, Clause 5, relative to subordinate chapters, be amended to read: "A failure to meet for four consecutive months shall forfeit the charter."

*Resolved*, That Article II., Section 1, be amended to read: "Provided that the Grand Matron may grant a dispensation for a new Chapter in a town or city where one or more Chapters exist, provided at least thirteen members of the existing Chapter or Chapters, in said town or city, sign a petition for same."

*Resolved*, That Article XIV., Section 1, be amended to read "7 rituals," instead of "10 rituals."

### DEPUTIES, 1901-1902.

#### SPECIAL STATE DEPUTIES.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, San Antonio.

Mrs. Agnes V. Young, Big Springs.

Dr. A. C. McDaniel, San Antonio.

Mrs. Alma M. Walker, Galveston.

R. W. Lemond, Hale Center.

Mrs. Carrie B. Lane, for Harris and Liberty  
Counties, Houston.

#### SPECIAL PRESS DEPUTY.

Chas. F. Neill, Galveston.

#### GENERAL DEPUTIES

Mrs. E. J. Randolph, Laredo.

J. L. Miller, Wortham.

W. S. Hoskins, Houston.

Mrs. Sadie A. Hoskins, Houston.

Mrs. Mittie Brown, Longview.

Mrs. Mary E. Clinton, Abilene.

Mrs. Stella Karney, San Antonio.

Mrs. Mary McCaless, Ennis.

Mrs. Mollie Gray, Caddo Mills.

Mrs. Cassie Leonard, Ft. Worth.

Mrs. Hettie Pope, Toyah.

Mrs. Minnie Carson, Pilot Point.

Mrs. W. T. Love, Temple.

Mrs. Fannie V. Ward, Big Springs.

Mrs. Portia A. Thompson, Smithville.

F. H. Shumate, Dallas.

J. S. Moad, Palestine.

Jesse T. Atchison, Gainesville.

Dr. J. L. Dennis, Ladonia.

Mrs. Alice Hiles, Cleburne.



LAST OF OFFICERS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER ORDER EASTERN STAR OF TENNESSEE.

1844-1901.

Year	Grand Master	Grand Patron	A. G. Master	A. G. Patron	Grand Treasurer	Grand Secretary
1844	Mrs. E. L. Tucker	W. L. Hill	Mrs. V. Tucker	W. L. Wickham	Mrs. A. Moody	R. R. McPhair
1845	" V. Tucker	P. Hawkins	" Mary Swaine	" J. J. Forrest	" "	" J. K. Ashby
1846	" V. Tucker	D. H. Stevens	" Sarah Wade	" D. B. Higdon	" "	" J. K. Ashby
1847	" V. Tucker	J. J. Kendrick	" R. McElroy	" J. B. Higdon	" "	" J. K. Ashby
1848	" Lizzie Hadley	J. L. Kendrick	" M. M. Neely	" J. B. Higdon	" "	" J. K. Ashby
1849	" Lizzie Hadley	J. L. Kendrick	" M. M. Neely	" J. T. Nash	" "	Stephen Gentry
1850	" Lizzie Hadley	Steps in Fealty	" Belle Meach	" A. F. Hicks	" "	" Mrs. J. Anne Cassel
1851	" Belle Meach	A. F. Hicks	" Laura B. Hart	" J. L. McFar	" "	" J. D. Lawson
1852	" Laura B. Hart	J. L. Miller	" M. Strickland	" J. W. Felchery	" "	" J. D. Lawson
1853	" J. C. Harris	Tom Murray	" H. C. Carpenter	" D. Galloway	" "	" J. D. Lawson
1854	" R. M. Swain	D. Ludlow	" S. A. Rossiter	" L. S. Gentry	" "	" Mrs. Laura B. Hart
1855	" A. Hoskins	J. S. Garrison	" Kate Birch	" J. K. Bowman	" "	" Laura B. Hart
1856	" Kate Birch	J. K. Bowman	" J. Randolph	" W. S. Bush	" "	" Laura B. Hart
1857	" J. Randolph	J. P. Archibald	" Rev. Alvord	" S. M. Kasey	" "	" Laura B. Hart
1858	" S. M. Kasey	S. M. Kasey	" A. A. Garrison	" S. D. Moser	" "	" Laura B. Hart
1859	" A. A. Garrison	W. S. Hoskins	" A. V. Young	" W. S. Helzer	" "	" Laura B. Hart
1860	" A. V. Young	W. S. Helzer	" K. M. Bryan	" A. C. McDaniel	" "	" Laura B. Hart
1861	" K. M. Bryan	A. C. McDaniel	" M. Smith	" R. W. Leonard	" "	" Laura B. Hart

Demitted, † Deceased, ‡ Suspended.

## ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS OF FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS.

### ALABAMA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Elizabeth Salter,	Elyton.
Grand Patron,	D. J. Gibson,	Corona.
Grand Secretary,	W. M. Cunningham,	Corona.

### ARIZONA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Annie L. Tilton,	Prescott.
Grand Patron,	George E. Kohler,	Tucson.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Lizzie D. Armstrong,	Tucson.

### ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Julia M. Gill,	1100 Cumberland St., Little Rock.
Grand Patron,	M. T. Briscoe,	Fort Smith.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins,	Mabelvale.

### CALIFORNIA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Clara A. Giberson,	San Francisco.
Grand Patron,	Chas. E. Mitchell,	Long Branch.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Kate J. Willats,	64 Flood Bldg., San Francisco.

### COLORADO.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Lida V. Stone,	Trinidad.
Grand Patron,	James R. Killian,	Denver.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen,	Box 1026, Colorado Springs.

### CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewen,	Derby.
Grand Patron,	Sherman D. Beach,	Seymour.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. A. E. L. Stebbins,	Box 26, Cheshire.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. A. S. Williamson,	216 Ind. Av. N. W., Washington.
Grand Patron,	F. J. Randolph,	611 8th St. N. E., Washington.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Rose A. Yost,	722 Whitney Av., Washington.

## GEORGIA.

Grand Matron.	Mrs. Lee Christie.	1901 F St., Brunswick.
Grand Patron.	Rev. Harry Cassil.	Brunswick.
Grand Secretary.	Mrs. C. E. Welch.	Pitgerald.

## ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron.	Mrs. Edna C. Wilcox.	St. Charles.
Grand Patron.	A. G. Hug.	844 Carpenter, Chicago.
Grand Secretary.	Mrs. Mate L. Chester.	931 Park Ave., Chicago.

## INDIANA.

Grand Matron.	Laura J. Breckenridge.	Lafayette.
Grand Patron.	Dr. Stephen M. Bennett.	New Goshen.
Grand Secretary.	Nettie Ransford.	Indianapolis.

## INDIAN TERRITORY.

Grand Matron.	Mrs. Ruth McNeil.	Marietta.
Grand Patron.	Hugo Haas.	Atoka.
Grand Secretary.	Mrs. Clara A. McBride.	Atoka.

## IOWA.

Grand Matron.	Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer.	Webster City.
Grand Patron.	W. H. Wray.	Oskaloosa.
Grand Secretary.	Mrs. Maria Jackson.	Council Bluffs.

## KANSAS.

Grand Matron.	Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead.	Anthony.
Grand Patron.	Arthur Edson.	Abilene.
Grand Secretary.	Mrs. Della Bennett.	Sylvia.

## LOUISIANA.

Grand Matron.	Mrs. Mary S. Herring.	Monroe.
Grand Patron.	John L. Alfred.	New Orleans.
Grand Secretary.	Richard Lambert.	Room 21 Masonic Tem. New Orleans.

## MAINE.

Grand Matron.	Katherine C. Morrill.	Augusta.
Grand Patron.	Jesse M. Libby.	Mechanic Falls.
Grand Secretary.	Annette H. Hooper.	Biddeford.

## MARYLAND.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Anne D. Stoffel,	2541 Eastern Ave. Baltimore.
Grand Patron,	Joseph H. Hellen,	828 Edmondson Ave., Baltimore.
Grand Secretary,	Robt. M. Coombs,	34 Hopkins Place, Baltimore.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Mattie L. Partridge,	Holliston.
Grand Patron,	Henry B. Worth,	New Bedford.
Grand Secretary,	Dani. Seagrave,	Worcester.

## MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Hattie C. Derthick,	Iona.
Grand Patron,	Mr. E. Brown,	Lapeer.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. A. A. Matteson,	Middleville.

## MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Carrie W. McCauley,	McCauleyville.
Grand Patron,	A. D. Countryman,	Appleton.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Mary C. Taylor,	809 3rd Ave. S., Minneapolis.

## MISSOURI.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Mamie Fletcher,	Joplin.
Grand Patron,	T. A. Dunn,	Bethany.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon,	3867 Page Blvd., St. Louis.

## MONTANA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Jennie F. Bishop,	Dillon.
Grand Patron,	H. S. Hepner,	Helena.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Eiva Boardman,	Butte.

## NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Louise Mathews,	Fremont.
Grand Patron,	Henry M. Hurd,	Harvard.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Anna C. Simpson,	821 S. 20th St., Omaha.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Matron,	Miss Susan M. Mann,	Ashland.
Grand Patron,	Fred W. Noyes,	Gorham.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Bessie P. Norris,	Epping.

## NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Lucy W. Esch,	Newark.
Grand Patron,	John Woodhead,	Newark.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Mary Martin,	408 Graham Ave., Paterson.

## NEW YORK.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Rebecca Niner,	338 W. 51st St., New York.
Grand Patron,	Delevan G. Ross,	Hion.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Eliza M. Demorest,	76 W. 82nd St., New York.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Nellie E. Scott,	Oakes.
Grand Patron,	Thomas Harrison,	Blanchard.
Grand Secretary,	Florence M. Hoskins,	Bismarck.

## OHIO.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Kate E. Jackman,	Cincinnati.
Grand Patron,	Wm. J. Semple,	Van Wert.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Ella B. Shearer,	Marysville.

## OREGON.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Clara A. Marsden,	Burns.
Grand Patron,	C. W. Miller,	Portland.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Mary Scott Myers,	The Dalles.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Bertha M. Fordyce,	Susquehanna.
Grand Patron,	Frank L. Taylor,	Peckville.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Rata A. Mills,	Duke Centre.

## RHODE ISLAND.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Lizzie F. Hossie,	Canochet.
Grand Patron,	Caleb L. Knight,	Woonsocket.
Grand Secretary,	S. Penrose Williams,	114 Narragansett Ave., Providence.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Eudora Z. Pettigrew,	Flandreau.
Grand Patron,	A. W. Coe,	Deadwood.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. A. M. McCallister,	Madison.

## TENNESSEE.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Amanda F. Williams,	229 Trentlan St., Nashville.
Grand Patron,	Wilbur F. Foster,	Berry Bock, Nashville.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Mary A. Forbes,	229 Trentlan St., Nashville.

## TEXAS.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Kate M. Bryan,	Dallas.
Grand Patron,	A. C. McDaniel,	San Antonio.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Laura B. Hart,	923 Nolan St., San Antonio.

## VERMONT.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Lou D. Clement,	Bradford.
Grand Patron,	J. S. Weeks,	St. Johnsbury.
Grand Secretary,	Henry L. Stillson,	Bennington.

## WASHINGTON.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Lizzie Everett,	Tacoma.
Grand Patron,	Chas. H. Manley,	9th and Pacific Ave., Tacoma.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest,	919 E St., Tacoma.

## WISCONSIN.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Belle W. Bliss,	Baraboo.
Grand Patron,	W. F. Carle,	Janesville.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Helen M. Lathin,	Milwaukee.

## WYOMING.

Grand Matron,	Mrs. Ada Miller,	Rawlins.
Grand Patron,	Henry Burger,	Cheyenne.
Grand Secretary,	Mrs. Inez M. Robinson,	Cheyenne.

## REVISED DECISIONS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

## AFFILIATION.

Question—Can a Sister or Brother be elected a member of a Chapter by affiliation without first visiting the Chapter?

Answer—A petitioner for affiliation must have visited the Chapter, or sat in Chapter with some member who can vouch for them. G. M. Garrison, 1900.

Question—Can a person affiliate with a Chapter who has taken the degrees as a side affair?

Answer—No. G. M. Garrison, 1900.

An applicant with a demit from the Grand Chapter can be elected to membership in a subordinate Chapter, she never having visited the Chapter, and sending the demit by mail; provided, she has resided six months in the State and is recommended by two members of the Chapter. G. M. Swain, 1895.

Members of demised Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions who are without dimit, and wish to join a Chapter in this State, should apply to the Secretary of the Grand Chapter within whose State their Chapter was located, for a dimit. G. M. Swain, 1895.

A lady who has taken the degree as a "side affair" can not affiliate with a Chapter, she must pay the fee for initiation and come in as a new member. The petition of a non-affiliated Mason can not be acted upon. G. M. Birch, 1897.

## APPOINTMENTS.

The Worth Matron may appoint an officer who is present to fill another station, but the Minutes must record the officer present but acting *pro tem*, in another station. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## BALLOT.

A petition is not ready for the ballot when two of the committee have reported, the Brother being absent, as he alone could vouch for the Masonic standing of the applicant, but in his absence the Worthy Matron may appoint a brother who can report at once, if necessary. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

A person who has been elected to take the degrees can be stopped by a member filing an objection with the Worthy Matron. An oral objection has the same effect as a black ball. G. M. Hoskins, 1896.

## BUSINESS.

The business transacted in a Chapter is not legal unless the Chapter has been opened. G. M. Swain, 1895.

No business shall be transacted at call meetings but that for which the meeting was called. G. M. Swain.

## CONFERRING DEGREES.

It is not right for a member of the O. E. S. to assist in conferring with the degrees as a side degree, and any member doing so violates his obligation, and should be dealt with accordingly. G. M. Hart, 1893.

A Worthy Matron cannot confer the degrees outside of the Chapter room. G. M. Essex, 1888.

It is eminently proper and right for the Worthy Matron to give the lectures and explanations after the "Golden Chain" is formed, and I believe produces the best results, the Worthy Patron in the meantime occupying the chair as the presiding officer. G. M. Hart, 1893.

All candidates should kneel at the altar when taking the obligation. G. M. Hart, 1892.

## CHAPTERS UNDER DISPENSATION.

Chapters under dispensation cannot elect officers at the stated time in August, nor until they receive a charter from the Grand Chapter. G. M. Swain, 1895.

## CHAPTER MEMBERS.

Twelve months shall elapse before a charter member who has not been initiated shall be deprived of that privilege. G. M. Swain, 1895.

## COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

The committee to whom a petition is referred must be composed of three - two sisters and one brother. G. M. Swain, 1895.

## DIMITS.

No one holding an elective office can dimit. G. M. Essex, 1888.



An appointive officer may take out a dimit. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

A member who has lost a dimit may apply to the Chapter which guaranteed the same for a duplicate, which the Chapter may grant if satisfied to her right to it, and that the former one is lost. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

*Question*—Can a person who has been elected to fill an office but not installed be granted a dimit?

*Answer*—Yes. G. M. Garrison, 1900.

#### DEPUTY GRAND MATRON.

Any Sister in good standing may be appointed Deputy Grand Matron. G. P. Hicks, 1892.

#### DEPUTIES—RIGHTS OF.

No District Deputy, Grand Matron or Patron, may grant a dispensation. G. M. Randolph.

#### ELIGIBILITY.

The widow of a Mason married to a man who is not a Mason is not eligible to receive the degrees.

The half sister of a Master Mason in good standing is eligible to receive the degrees.

*Question*—Upon the demise of a Chapter, do Past Matrons and Patrons lose their membership in the Grand Chapter?

*Answer*—They do until re-affiliated with some other Chapter. G. M. Garrison, 1899.

*Question*—Can the petition of the widow of a man who died a non-affiliate with his lodge be received and acted upon by a Chapter of Order Eastern Star?

*Answer*—No. G. M. Garrison, 1900.

*Question*—A widow of a Mason marries a profane, and divorces him, does that reinstate her eligibility?

*Answer*—No. G. M. Garrison, 1900.

A legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason in good standing is eligible to receive the degrees. G. M. Moon, 1892.

An application from a lady under eighteen years of age can not be received.

An application from a Lady, accompanied by a certificate, showing her husband or father to have been a Royal Arch Mason at the time of his demise does not make her eligible to receive the degrees. It must be shown that he was a Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death.

The step-daughter of a Mason is eligible. When a man marries a widow he legally adopts her children.

A dimit from a lodge prohibits the admission of a Mason, or his female relatives, until he shall have become affiliated.

The taking of a dimit by a Mason who is already a member of our Order, from his lodge, does not affect the standing of his wife with us. G. M. Hart, 1893.

The step-daughter of a Mason who has been married and is now a widow, if she had been legally adopted, is eligible to receive the degrees. G. M. Harris, 1894.

The daughter or sister of a Mason who is married to a man who is not a Mason is eligible to receive the degrees. G. M. Swaim, 1895.

#### EXPULSION - EFFECTS OF.

The expulsion of a Mason by his lodge virtually expels him from our Order, but does not affect his wife's standing. G. M. Hart.

#### FLORAL WORK.

The Floral Work may be given publicly. G. M. Hart, 1893.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary should not be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee. G. M. Hart, 1895.

#### INITIATION - PRICE OF.

No Chapter may initiate a member for a less sum than \$3. (See Section 7, Article I, Rules and Regulations for Chapters.) G. M. Randolph, 1898.

#### INSTALLATION.

Officers re-elected or appointed must be re-installed, as the obligation assumed at installation is only for one year. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

The outgoing Matron or Patron of a Chapter which has just received its Charter may install the incoming officers. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## MEMBERSHIP—EVIDENCE OF.

The possession of a dimit is evidence of membership, providing the dimit is issued by a legally constituted Chapter or Grand Chapter.

## MEMBERSHIP—LOST OR FORFEIT OF.

A member does not forfeit his membership in our Order by taking a dimit from the Blue Lodge. G. M. Birch, 1897.

The suspension of a brother from the Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues does not suspend him from the O. E. S. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## MILEAGE—WHO ENTITLED.

Deputy Grand Matrons and Patrons are entitled to mileage. Delegates are not entitled to mileage unless they are present at all the sessions of the Grand Chapter, unless formally excused by the Grand Body. G. M. Birch, 1897.

## MINUTES—SIGNING OF.

The officer presiding at the time of the approval of the Minutes of the Chapter, signs them, whether she be the regularly installed officer or acting *pro tem*. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## NOMINATIONS.

If a Chapter desire, it is proper to make nominations at elections. G. M. Randolph, 1898.

## OBLIGATIONS.

The Worthy Matron can administer the obligation if necessary. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## OPENING AND CLOSING.

Chapters should not make a practice of opening and closing in short forms. G. M. Hart, 1893.

We have but one form of opening a Chapter, that given in the Ritual on pages 15 to 30, inclusive. G. M. Swain, 1895.

When a Chapter is opened it must be closed, not dismissed. G. M. Swain, 1895.

*Question*—To regularly open a Chapter, does it require the presence of a Brother as a Worthy Patron?

*Answer*—No. G. M. Garrison, 1800.

#### ORGANIZATION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

Chapters can not be organized by limited members, nor by any other than a member in good standing in a subordinate Chapter. G. M. Harris, 1894.

#### OFFICE—ELIGIBILITY FOR.

A member of the Order who has never been a duly elected and installed Worthy Matron or Worthy Patron of a subordinate Chapter, is not eligible to office in the Grand Chapter. G. M. Hart, 1893.

Any sister in good standing is eligible to the office of Worthy Matron. G. M. Harris, 1894.

#### OFFICE—TERM OF.

Officers shall be elected and installed annually; but old officers may legally hold their positions until their successors are elected and installed. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

#### PASS-WORD.

Any one of the degree passes may be used as a pass word in opening a Chapter, in place of the cabalistic word. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

#### PETITION FOR NEW CHAPTERS.

It is not necessary that the thirteen persons signing a petition for the revival of a Chapter be all old members. G. M. Hart, 1893.

#### PETITIONS.

A petition may not be withdrawn after it has been referred to the committee of inquiry.

*Question*—Can a protest be entered where a petition has not been filed?

*Answer*—No. G. M. Garrison, 1800.

#### QUORUM.

To make a quorum, vacancies may be legally filled by visitors. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## RAPS. HOW GIVEN.

The raps given by the Associate Conductress are the same as those given by the Sentinel at the outside door, and are responded to in like manner by the Conductress. G. M. Birch, 1897.

## RE-INSTATEMENT.

A member suspended for non-payment of dues, belonging to a Chapter since demised, can obtain a dimit from the Grand Secretary upon the payment of all back dues, and may be admitted to membership upon the presentation of such dimit and satisfactory evidence of former membership and good standing. G. M. Swain, 1895.

## REMOVAL OF THE HATS.

It is not imperative that sisters should remove their hats in the Chapter room. It should be left to the individual taste. G. M. Hart, 1895.

## REFUNDING OF FEE.

A Chapter has no right to give any part of the fee back to the candidate. G. M. Swain, 1895.

A demised Chapter which has returned its Charter is not entitled to a refund of fees paid therefor, nor can they dispose of their supplies to others. "Upon the demise of any Chapter all property and rights existing in such Chapter shall pass to and revert to the Grand Chapter." G. M. Birch, 1897.

## REMITTING OF DUES.

A Chapter may remit or donate the dues of a member when it desires to do so from charitable or other beneficent considerations. G. M. Randolph, 1898.

## RETURNS.

The retiring Secretary must make up the annual returns. G. M. Randolph, 1898.

## SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The Eastern Star, as an Order, should not ask for financial aid from those who are not members of the Order, and should confine their charity to their own Order or the family of a deserving Mason. G. M. Hoskins, 1896.

## SIGNS OF DISTRESS.

There is no sign of distress. The sign from either point of the star may be used as such and the reply should be the pass belonging to the sign given. G. M. Swain, 1895.

## SIGNS - MANNER OF GIVING.

The signs should be given just as they are in the secret work. G. M. Hart, 1893.

## SUBSTITUTION.

One who signed the petition for dispensation, but who has never been obligated, cannot substitute another in his place. G. M. Alvord, 1899.

## USE OF FUNDS.

Chapters may use their moneys as they please, after all obligations to the Grand Chapter are paid. G. M. Randolph, 1898.

## VISITORS - ADMISSION OF.

It is not proper to admit Master Masons to our meetings who are not members of our Order, and shall not be done. G. M. Moon, 1892.

It is not proper to admit children over three years of age to the Chapter room. G. M. Hart, 1893.

Dimitted members or members of demised Chapters can visit a Chapter in this jurisdiction but three times, if, however, said member should attempt to affiliate with a Chapter and the petition be rejected, he or she may visit for one year.

## VISITORS - EXAMINATION OF.

If there be no one present who can vouch for visitors, by reason of having actually sat in a Chapter with them, and able to state the time and place, they shall be separately taken to the ante room, the test oath administered and a full examination gone through with, by a committee appointed by the Worthy Matron. G. M. Hoskins, 1896.

## VOTING.

All members must vote on questions that come before the Chapter, unless excused by the presiding officer. G. M. Randolph, 1898.

## SUB-ORDINATE CHAPTERS AND OFFICERS.

## DALLAS CHAPTER, No. 1.

*Dallas, Dallas County.**Meets last Thursday of each month.*

Mrs. Hattie Hamilton, Worthy Matron	235 Bryan Street
Dr. A. F. Bealder, Worthy Patron	276 Ex. Avenue
Miss Georgia Blaylock, Secretary	402 Jackson Street

Membership 170.

## MIZPAH CHAPTER, No. 2.

*Galveston, Galveston County.**Time of meeting, first Thursday of each month.*

Mrs. Carrie A. Chase	Worthy Matron, 1414 Market Street
Jas. J. Davis	Worthy Patron
Thos. W. Hopkins	Secretary

Membership 136.

## SAN ANTONIO CHAPTER, No. 3.

*San Antonio, Bexar County.**Meets second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.*

Mrs. Stella Karney	Worthy Matron
R. F. Alexander	Worthy Patron
Miss Leila Harris	Secretary

Membership 80.

## GROESBECK CHAPTER, No. 4.

*Groesbeck, Limestone County.**Meets Friday night before full moon.*

Mrs. Maggie R. Williams	Worthy Matron
B. J. Williams	Worthy Patron
Miss Ollie Glover	Secretary

Membership 34.

PARIS CHAPTER, No. 5.

Paris, Lamar County.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

Mrs. Mary Hodges	Worthy Matron
Jas. A. Gartland	Worthy Patron
Miss Minnie Hankins	Secretary

Membership 38.

CLARENDON CHAPTER, No. 6.

Clarendon, Donley County.

Meets third Friday in each month.

Mrs. Rosa Ramsey	Worthy Matron
H. D. Ramsey	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Grace Ward	Secretary

Membership 52.

"W. E. OWENS" CHAPTER, No. 7.

Waco, McLennan County.

Meets first and third Thursdays.

Mrs. Ina Jurney	Worthy Matron
Frank Trau	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Ora Bell	Secretary

Membership 26.

TARRANT CHAPTER, No. 8.

Fort Worth, Tarrant County.

Meets first and third Fridays.

Mrs. Dollie Ross	Worthy Matron
John McBride	Worthy Patron
D. W. Williford	Secretary

Membership 154.

CEDAR BAYOU CHAPTER, No. 11.

Cedar Bayou, Harris County.

Meets Saturday on or before new moon.

Mrs. Rosie Kilgore	Worthy Matron
Geo. T. Kodarmel	Worthy Patron
Joseph Pettey	Secretary

Membership 22.



## FILES CHAPTER, No. 13.

Files, Hill County

Meets on full moon.

Mrs. Katie McDull  
D. E. Smith  
Miss Jessie Whitson

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 32.

## ALVIN CHAPTER, No. 15.

Alvin, Brazos County

Meets Tuesday before full moon.

Mrs. Emma G. Cobb  
E. S. Stockwell  
Miss Clara Stockwell

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 34.

## WESTERN SOCIAL CHAPTER, No. 16.

Bowling, Montague County

Meets fourth Thursdays.

Mrs. Alvina Lawrence  
Joe M. Brown  
J. S. Lillard

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 31.

## ELM CHAPTER, No. 17.

St. Jo, Montague County

Meets Tuesday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Janie Hendric  
W. W. Grant  
Miss Nettie Slaughter

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 30.

## SILVERTON CHAPTER, No. 18.

Silverton, Bexar County

Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Una Burson  
J. R. Wright  
D. C. Lowe

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 27.

**CELESTE CHAPTER, No. 19.**

Celeste, Hunt County.

*No officers.*

**Membership 11.**

**RUTH CHAPTER, No. 20.**

Claburne, Johnson County.

**Meets first and third Mondays.**

Mrs. Carrah Johnson

Worthy Matron

J. R. Johnson

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Alice Hiles

Secretary

**Membership 83.**

**WEATHERFORD CHAPTER, No. 21.**

Weatherford, Parker County.

**Meets first Mondays.**

Mrs. Ida Donovan

Worthy Matron

John S. Morton

Worthy Patron

Mrs. H. C. Shōpshire

Secretary

**Membership 30.**

**CORN HILL CHAPTER, No. 22.**

Corn Hill, Williamson County.

**Meets first Saturdays.**

Mrs. Susie Wyatt ✓

Worthy Matron

John A. Robertson ✓

Worthy Patron

Miss Addie Dunn

Secretary

**Membership 40.**

**ROCKDALE CHAPTER, No. 23.**

Rockdale, Milam County.

**Meets second and fourth Mondays.**

Mrs. Mary Lockett ✓

Worthy Matron

O. Z. Porter ✓

Worthy Patron

J. L. Lockett

Secretary

**Membership 29.**

**PIONEER CHAPTER, No. 25,***Barstow, Ward County,***Meets Friday before full moon.**

Mrs. Cora Walker

Worthy Matron

J. J. Walker

Worthy Patron

W. L. Fuller

Secretary

**Membership 28.****PILOT POINT CHAPTER, No. 26***Pilot Point, DeWitt County,***Meets Tuesday before full moon.**

Mrs. Katherine Bauer

Worthy Matron

O. E. Buster

Worthy Patron

Mrs. A. H. King

Secretary

**Membership 29.****ALPINE CHAPTER, No. 27.***Alpine, Brewster County,***Meets Saturday before third Sunday.**Mrs. W. H. Ragn<sup>y</sup>

Worthy Matron

W. B. Hancock

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Lou Gillette

Secretary

**Membership 23.****MERKEL CHAPTER, No. 28.***Merkel, Taylor County,***Meets Tuesday night following full moon.**

Mrs. Mattie Leeman

Worthy Matron

A. A. Baker

Worthy Patron

I. S. Allen

Secretary

**Membership 48.****STERLING CHAPTER, No. 29.***Sterling City, Sterling County,***Meets Saturday evening before full moon.**

Mrs. Maggie Blackburn

Worthy Matron <sup>y</sup>

R. W. Foster

Worthy Patron <sup>y</sup>

B. F. Roberts

Secretary

**Membership 27.**

ABILENE CHAPTER, No. 30.  
Abilene, Taylor County.

Meets second Tuesdays.

Mrs. Mary E. Clinton ✓  
Miles Cape  
J. P. Daniel

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 41.

FLOYD CITY CHAPTER, No. 31.  
Floydada, Floyd County.

Meets Saturday before full moon.

Mrs. A. B. Duncan  
R. C. Andrews  
Miss Pansy Greene

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 43.

VASHTI CHAPTER, No. 32.  
Temple, Bell County.

Meets first and third Tuesdays.

Mrs. Verna Love  
W. B. Blaine  
Miss Leah Townsend

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 39.

MARY CHAPTER, No. 33.  
Tulla, Swisher County.

Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Annie Turney  
E. L. Brewer  
Miss Laura Haile

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 25.

"ANNIE M" CHAPTER, No. 35.  
Hillsboro, Hill County.

Meets Thursday on or before full moon.

Mrs. J. C. Killough  
W. W. DeShazo  
Mrs. B. Y. Cummings

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 22.

## KENEDY CHAPTER, No. 36.

Kenedy, Karnes County.

Meets Friday night before full moon.

Mrs. Lulu Borroun

Worthy Matron

W. H. Hunter

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Annie Ingram

Secretary

Membership 32.

## PLAINVIEW CHAPTER, No. 37.

Plainview, Hale County.

Meets on or before full moon.

Mrs. Mary V. Dye

Worthy Matron

Chas. McCheland ✓

Worthy Patron

L. Leo Dye

Secretary

Membership 29.

## LEMOND CHAPTER, No. 38.

Lemon Centre, Hale County.

Meets Friday on or after full moon.

Mrs. Mattie Smyley

Worthy Matron

R. West Leonard

Worthy Patron

W. L. Harrington

Secretary

Membership 23.

## SMITHVILLE CHAPTER, No. 39.

Smithville, Bastrop County.

Meets Thursday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Portia Thompson ✓

Worthy Matron

Theo. Smith ✓

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Hattie Hill

Secretary

Membership 44.

## HENRIETTA CHAPTER, No. 40.

Henrietta, Clay County.

Meets first Thursdays.

Mrs. Ora Palmer

Worthy Matron

F. J. Barrett

Worthy Patron

Miss Beulah Wright

Secretary

Membership 49.

## ERA CHAPTER, No. 41.

*Era, Cooke County.*

Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Laura Stansberry	Worthy Matron
I. Gregory	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Lizzie Long	Secretary

Membership 45.

## DEVINE CHAPTER, No. 43.

*Devine, Medina County.*

Meets Friday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Amanda Williamson	Worthy Matron
Dr. J. C. Magness	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Nettie Hester	Secretary

Membership 45.

## PRUDENCE CHAPTER, No. 44.

*Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto County.*

Meets second and fourth Mondays.

Mrs. Agnes Waldrin	Worthy Matron
J. D. Rimare	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Maggie Arnold Johnson	Secretary

Membership 45.

## ARMOUR CHAPTER, No. 45.

*Armour, Limestone County.*

Meets Wednesday before full moon.

Mrs. Jenie Pyburn	Worthy Matron
W. J. Armour	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Ella Gilbert	Secretary

Membership 30.

## THORNTON CHAPTER, No. 46.

*Thornton, Limestone County.*

Friday on or before full moon.

Miss Beulah Spencer	Worthy Matron
H. K. Price	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Carrie Spencer	Secretary

Membership 34.

## TAYLOR CHAPTER, No. 48.

Taylor, Williamson County.

Meets first Thursdays.

Mrs. Emma Haynie  
A. Alexander  
Keith Wallace

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 20.

## ADAH CHAPTER, No. 49.

San Antonio, Bexar County.

Meets first and third Tuesdays.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bruce  
J. D. Childs  
Joseph W. Dowling

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 91.

## ROSELAND CHAPTER, No. 50.

Roseland, Collin County.

Meets Saturday on or after full moon.

Mrs. J. E. English  
J. C. Robinson  
J. H. L. C. English

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 35.

## ROCK SPRINGS CHAPTER, No. 51.

Rock Springs, Edward County.

Meets third Saturdays.

Mrs. N. H. Cox  
N. H. Cox  
Miss Carrie A. Weaver

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 35.

## ELECTA CHAPTER, No. 55.

Buda, Hays County.

Meets Wednesday on or before full moon.

Mrs. S. B. Sheppard  
J. Angus Gillis  
Miss Fannie Carpenter

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 25.

LADONIA CHAPTER, No. 50

*Ladonia, Fannin County.*

Meets second Fridays.

Miss Ella Griffin

Worthy Matron

B. E. Satterfield

Worthy Patron

Dr. J. L. Dennis

Secretary

Membership 28.

MEXIA CHAPTER, No. 57.

*Mexia, Limestone County.*

Meets Friday before full moon.

Miss Laura Rogers

Worthy Matron

B. J. Miller

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Etta Miller

Secretary

Membership 40

COLORADO CHAPTER, No. 58.

*Colorado, Mitchell County.*

Meets first Friday of each month.

Mrs. Celia McKenzie

Worthy Matron

Frederic E. McKenzie

Worthy Patron

S. J. Phenix

Secretary

Membership 35.

GODLEY CHAPTER, No. 59.

*Godley, Johnson County.*

Meets Saturday before Third Sundays.

Mrs. T. Jack

Worthy Matron

C. H. Rhodes

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Lucy Beavers

Secretary

Membership 27.

McKINNEY CHAPTER, No. 61.

*McKinney, Collin County.*

Meets every Saturday.

Miss Mamie B. Dowell

Worthy Matron

W. R. Abernathy

Worthy Patron

Mrs. A. L. Getrish

Secretary

Membership 64.



## NOCONA CHAPTER, No. 62.

*Nocona, Montague County.*

Meets first and third Saturdays.

Mrs. Hattie Wilton	Worthy Matron
C. L. Fields	Worthy Patron
Miss Fannie Dowd	Secretary

Membership 39

## WOLFE CITY CHAPTER, No. 63.

*Wolfe City, Hunt County.*

Meets second Friday in each month.

Mrs. Ruth Moore	Worthy Matron
M. L. B. Seaman	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Laura F. Seaman	Secretary

Membership 31.

## MINA CHAPTER, No. 64.

*Bastrop, Bastrop County.*

Meets first Mondays.

Mrs. Sallie E. McCord	Worthy Matron
Thos. C. Cain	Worthy Patron
Eugene Erhard	Secretary

Membership 20.

## BRIGHT STAR CHAPTER, No. 65.

*Longview, Gregg County.*

Meets first and third Tuesdays.

Mrs. Mattie Brown	Worthy Matron
Samuel Proud	Worthy Patron
W. B. Mackey	Secretary

Membership 64.

## MATADOR CHAPTER, No. 66.

*Matador, Motley County.*

Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Lizzie B. Campbell	Worthy Matron
Henry K. Black	Worthy Patron
John Mae Bain	Secretary

Membership 36.

**BIG SPRINGS CHAPTER, No. 67.**

Big Springs, Howard County.

Meets first and third Tuesdays.

Mrs. Mattie McKay

Worthy Matron

L. D. Maxwell

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Agnes Young

Secretary

Membership 56.

**COLLEGE ROSE CHAPTER, No. 68.**

College Station, Brazos County.

Meets second and fourth Wednesdays.

Mrs. Lena Banks

Worthy Matron

John H. Connell

Worthy Patron

Korty H. Hooper

Secretary

Membership 16.

**FAVORITA CHAPTER, No. 69.**

Snackdale, Wilson County.

Meets Tuesday after first and third Sundays.

Mrs. Lillie E. McIntyre

Worthy Matron

A. Y. Cooper

Worthy Patron

Miss Myrtie Burrows

Secretary

Membership 30.

**ITASKA CHAPTER, No. 70.**

Itaska, Hill County.

Meets last Friday in each month.

Mrs. W. R. Locke

Worthy Matron

J. M. Weatherford

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Sallie Hodgins

Secretary

Membership 27.

**SELMA LEE CHAPTER, No. 72.**

Troy, Bell County.

Meets Saturday after full moon.

Miss Tishie Robertson

Worthy Matron

S. H. Bowers

Worthy Patron

J. O. Thompson

Secretary

Membership 30.

## ITALY CHAPTER, No. 73.

*Italy, Ellis County.*

Meets fourth Thursdays.

Mrs. Sallie Douglas  
S. W. Melburg  
J. M. Parker

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 20.

## HEADS PRAMIE CHAPTER, No. 74.

*Heads-Prarie, Robertson County.*

Meets Saturday before full moon.

Mrs. Mary E. Bullock  
Jas. P. Truett  
W. C. Truett

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 33.

## PLANO CHAPTER, No. 75.

*Plano, Collins County.*

Meets first and third Thursdays.

Mrs. Nannie H. Peoples  
M. Grady Kennedy  
Thos. F. Hughston

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 22.

## JESSIE CHAPTER, No. 76.

*Lutlock, Lutlock County.*

Meets Friday before full moon.

Mrs. Lou H. Stubbs  
W. D. Crump  
Mrs. Emma D. Maddox

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 28

## GATE CITY CHAPTER, No. 77.

*Tomison, Grayson County.*

Meets first Fridays.

Mrs. Pauline Henry  
D. Chas. Clarke  
Mrs. Marie A. Sherburne

Worthy Matron  
Worthy Patron  
Secretary

Membership 101.

**BEN FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 78.**

Ben Franklin, Delta County.

Meets Thursday after full moon.

Mrs. Minnie Hays

Worthy Matron

J. T. Graves

Worthy Patron

H. C. Miller

Secretary

Membership 15.

**MT. ZION CHAPTER, No. 79.**

May, Brown County.

Meets first and third Tuesdays.

Mrs. Sarah Williams

Worthy Matron

H. A. Nichols

Worthy Patron

J. T. Miller

Secretary

Membership 76.

**WINTERS CHAPTER, No. 80.**

Winters, Runnels County.

Meets third Saturdays.

Mrs. E. R. Mullin

Worthy Matron

W. S. Mullin

Worthy Patron

J. Whit Patterson

Secretary

Membership 22.

**PECOS CHAPTER, No. 81.**

Pecos, Pecos County.

Meets Monday on or after full moon.

Mrs. Rosa Thomason

Worthy Matron

Chas. L. Morrison

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Mildred Middleton

Secretary

Membership 26.

**CADDO MILLS CHAPTER, No. 82**

Caddo Mills, Hunt County.

Meets first Thursdays.

Mrs. Ellin Buchanan

Worthy Matron

Alonzo Fagg

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Allie M. Bass

Secretary

Membership 45

## GAIL CHAPTER, No. 83.

Gail, Borden County.

Meets Fridays before full moon.

Mrs. Minnie Durwood

Worthy Matron

D. Durwood

Worthy Patron

J. D. Brown

Secretary

Membership 20.

## CROCKETT CHAPTER, No. 84.

Crockett, Houston County.

Meets second and fourth Mondays.

Miss Ethel Weotters

Worthy Matron

J. C. Weotters

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Lucy Stokes Dupper

Secretary

Membership 20.

## BLANKET CHAPTER, No. 85.

Blanket, Brown County.

Meets Thursday before second Sunday.

Mrs. M. L. McCauley

Worthy Matron

Z. T. Wauton

Worthy Patron

J. W. Davis

Secretary

Membership 22.

## MIRIAM CHAPTER, No. 86.

Lynch, Webb County.

Meets first and third Fridays.

Miss Anna Thurson

Worthy Matron

John H. Tierney

Worthy Patron

Mrs. E. J. Randolph

Secretary

Membership 30.

## SAMARIA CHAPTER, No. 87.

Wrensloe, Ellis County.

Meets second Fridays.

Mrs. Callie Pickens

Worthy Matron

H. E. Pickett

Worthy Patron

Mrs. J. L. Gammon

Secretary

Membership 21.

**ABBOTT CHAPTER, No. 88.***Abbott, Hill County.***Meets Saturday before full moon.**

Mrs. Harriet Matthews	Worthy Matron
James R. Tinsley	Worthy Patron
Miss Bula Legg	Secretary

**Membership 17.****BONNER RABY CHAPTER, No. 89.***Gatesville, Coryell County.***Meets Thursday before full moon.**

Mrs. Morgan Macbeth	Worthy Matron
Henry C. White	Worthy Patron
G. W. Mounce	Secretary

**Membership 22.****BELLE MOON CHAPTER, No. 90.***Guinessville, Cooke County.*

Mrs. Jenie Thompson	Worthy Matron
Hiram K. Bailey	Worthy Patron
Wm. B. Seaman	Secretary

**Membership 44.****WORTHAM CHAPTER, No. 96.***Wortham, Freestone County.***Meets Saturday on or before full moon.**

Mrs. Georgia Page	Worthy Matron
S. W. Pettus	Worthy Patron
T. E. Longbotham	Secretary

**Membership 39.****MART CHAPTER, No. 109.***Mart, McLennan County.***Meets Friday on or before full moon.**

Miss Cora Swaim	Worthy Matron
L. B. Smythe	Worthy Patron
Miss Mary Vaughan	Secretary

**Membership 39.**

**BROWNWOOD CHAPTER, No. 116.**

Brownwood, Brown County

Meets first Tuesdays.

Miss Helen Hill

Worthy Matron

Membership 23.

**LIPAN CHAPTER, 127.**

Lipan, Hood County.

Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Marget Gardner

Worthy Matron

L. J. Blair

Worthy Patron

Bill Woodburn

Secretary

Membership 45.

**TIBZAH CHAPTER, No. 134.**

Justin, Travis County.

Meets second Friday after new moon.

Mrs. Carrie McNelly

Worthy Matron

G. A. Proctor

Worthy Patron

Mrs. C. R. Really

Secretary

Membership 21.

**RANSFORD CHAPTER, No. 135.**

Houston, Harris County.

Meets first and third Thursdays.

Mrs. A. E. Kopf

Worthy Matron

J. B. Muir

Worthy Patron

Mrs. C. L. Berean

Secretary

Membership 140.

**Mt. CALM CHAPTER, No. 149.**

Mt. Calm, Hood County.

Meets Saturday after full moon.

Miss Alma Garrison

Worthy Matron

T. W. Wylie

Worthy Patron

Mrs. Sallie Wylie

Secretary

Membership 30.

## VIOLET CHAPTER, No. 158.

Victoria, Victoria County.

Meets Second and fourth Mondays.

Mrs. J. L. Hill	Worthy Matron
N. Whips	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Kate Brownson	Secretary

Membership 53.

## BETHESDA CHAPTER, No. 159.

Snyder, Scurry County.

Meets Saturday on or before full moon.

Mrs. Irene Boren	Worthy Matron
W. W. Nelson	Worthy Patron
V. A. Beck	Secretary

Membership 33.

## WINNIE CHAPTER, No. 160.

Emm, Ellis County.

Meets second and fourth Thursdays.

Mrs. A. V. Triplett	Worthy Matron
A. L. Edwards	Worthy Patron
Mrs. Mary McCausless	Secretary

Membership 72.

## CARPENTERS CHAPTER, No. 183.

Sherman, Grayson County.

Meets first Tuesdays.

Mrs. K. E. Chambers	Worthy Matron
T. J. Kirchof	Worthy Patron
J. W. Reynolds	Secretary

Membership 100.

Total membership, chartered Chapters	3674
New Chapters	500
Total	4174
New Chapters	25
Making returns	88



**Fraternal Correspondence.**

TO THE GRAND MATRON, GRAND PATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF TEXAS, GREETING:

I herewith present for your consideration my report on the proceedings of the Grand Chapters of thirty-one States.

MRS. AMELIA A. GARRISON,  
Fraternal Correspondent.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE.**

Proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters Reviewed, as follows:

Arkansas	1900	Nebraska	1901
California	1900	New Hampshire	1900
Colorado	1900	New Jersey	1900
Connecticut	1900	New York	1900
District of Columbia	1901	North Dakota	1900
Illinois	1900	Ohio	1900
Indiana	1901	Oregon	1900
Indian & Oklahoma Ter	1900	Oregon	1901
Iowa	1900	Pennsylvania	1900
Kansas	1901	Pennsylvania	1901
Massachusetts	1900	Tennessee	1901
Maine	1900	Vermont	1900
Michigan	1900	Washington	1900
Minnesota	1901	Washington	1901
Missouri	1900	Wisconsin	1901
Montana	1900	Wyoming	1900

**ARKANSAS.**

The twenty-fifth annual session of this Grand body was held, and its silver anniversary celebrated at Masonic Temple in the City of Little Rock, on the 19th and 20th, of November, 1900. I have carefully reviewed their proceedings of the above session. The

first thing that attracts my attention is the fact that the Grand body welcomes the subordinate delegates, while in a majority of jurisdictions it is the reverse, I think the former the more desirable mode of procedure. The address of welcome by Sister De Vaughan was good and to the point. The old stereotyped "Cycle of time, &c. &c." having given way to "Throw wide the doors of good old Arkansas." The response was equally as good, but for some cause the name of the member responding was omitted.

In the address of the Grand Matron I find that Arkansas suffered from an epidemic, and we of Texas having passed through the terrible storm of Galveston can fully appreciate the condition of affairs under such trying circumstances. The order seems to be in a healthy condition, twelve dispensations having been granted for new Chapters. Texas was not reviewed for 1899—would ask the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence why? The Texas session referred to was held in the City of Sherman on Oct. 10, 1899. The Arkansas membership is not given. Their financial condition improved over that of the previous year.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Julia M. Gill, Grand Matron.  
M. T. Briscoe, Grand Patron.  
Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins, Grand Secretary.

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### CALIFORNIA.

The twenty-eighth Annual Communication was held in the City of San Jose, Oct. 16, 1900, continuing five days. Grand Matron's address gives the organization of eleven new Chapters, making 150 in good standing at the above meeting, with a total membership, July 31st, 1900, of 12,294. Gain of 1,240. The Grand Deputy system has been abolished and the duties assigned to the Grand Matron and Associate. This change, of course, make the work of above two officers quite laborious.

Some jurisdictions have omitted giving a full list of members. I note with pleasure that California gives this item in complete detail and in my humble opinion is one of the most useful and practical features of the proceedings of any organization. In fact the proceedings of California are very complete in all respects,

and any criticism from me is wholly unnecessary. Their finances and membership are in sound and healthy condition. Texas is honored with a complimentary notice.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Ernest W. Conant, *Grand Patron.*  
 Mrs. Maud E. Bowes, *Grand Matron.*  
 Mrs. Kate J. Willats, *Grand Secretary.*

The twenty-ninth annual session will be holden in the City of San Francisco, etc. 15th, 1901.

## COLORADO.

The eighth annual session was held at Denver, September 21st, 1900, the Grand Matron's address contains one item of deep interest to the fraternity at large and I quote her language verbatim: "I lament over the fact that our Order is sought after by many individuals whose character and standing ought to exclude them from any beneficent organization or fraternal order." Six dispensations granted for new Chapters.

Total membership 1900, 3,259, a gain of 516. Finances in a healthy condition. The seventeenth annual proceedings of Texas not reviewed.

## OFFICERS ELECTED,

Mrs. Sarah E. Calvert, *Grand Matron.*  
 James B. Sherman, *Grand Patron*  
 Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, *Grand Secretary.*

## CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter convened in its twenty-seventh annual session at Hartford on October 10th, 1900. All Grand Officers present except the Warder. Grand Matron in her address, states having issued twenty-five special dispensations, Officially visited thirty-one Chapters. Appointed twenty-nine Grand Representatives. Recommends affiliation with General Grand

Chapter. Membership 3,613, gain of 200. Two new Chapters organized. Balance in treasury after close of Grand Chapter, \$167.63.

Texas receives favorable notice of its seventeenth annual session held at Sherman.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Harriet I. Burwell, Grand Matron.

Henry W. Atwood, Grand Patron.

Mrs. A. E. L. Stebbins, Grand Secretary.

Next annual will be held in New Haven, October 9th, 1901.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The fifth annual session of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Washington, January 12th, 1901. All Grand Officers present. Grand Matron in her address decides that legally adopted daughters and half sisters are eligible to membership. Appointed fifteen Grand Representatives. Texas included in the person of Past Grand Matron Rachel M. Swain. Membership 1,732, gain of 200. Names of members of subordinate Chapters given in detail. Cash in treasury, \$1,115.52. Texas given a good and lengthy review. This Grand Chapter, although but five years old, gives evidence of great superiority, and owing to the peculiar geographical conditions surrounding the Capital City is able to meet several times during the year. We feel more than ordinary pride in its welfare owing to its being located at the seat of Government, therefore our interest becomes one of a National character in addition to that of the Order.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Almeria S. Williamson, Grand Matron.

Mr. Fred. J. Randolph, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Rose A. Yost, Grand Secretary.

## ILLINOIS

The Grand Chapter of this State convened in its twenty-sixth annual session in the City of Chicago, on Oct. 2nd, 1900. All Grand Officers present, except the Sentinel. In the address of welcome by Lottie J. Wiley, Associate Grand Matron, she states that the City of Chicago has forty Chapters, nearly one-third of the number in the Grand Jurisdiction of Illinois. The response was made by Mary E. Coullit, Worthy Matron of Centralia Chapter, but did not contain any feature out of the ordinary. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Sadie B. Morrison, in her address states that the Grand Chapter was organized in Chicago twenty-six years ago, with twenty-two Chartered Chapters. Notes the death of Past Grand Patron, J. J. Kendrick, of Texas. The Grand Secretary and Treasurer are bonded officers. Illinois has a *Masonic and Eastern Star home*, located at Macon, upon which a small debt exists. The Grand Matron urges a concert of action to relieve this obligation. The Official Organ is the Signet, published at Decatur. Recommends strict adherence to the "Landmarks" of the Order. Granted fifty-nine dispensations to elect and install out of time. Twenty-one to ballot on petitions. Fifteen to call off during July and August. Three miscellaneous. Three to hold meetings pending issuance of duplicate charters. Total 101. This Grand Jurisdiction uses the "Schools of Instruction" system and the Grand Matron issued 500 circulars along these lines. Appointed twenty-two Grand Representatives. Installed the Grand Officers of Wisconsin. Was made an honorary member of five Subordinate Chapters. Paid \$2,500 in liquidation of "Home" indebtedness, which frees the institution of all incumbrances. Sister Jennie A. Walker, President of Home Board.

## DECISIONS

How soon can a person petition a Chapter for affiliation after being rejected? At any time and to any Chapter. We think this a dangerous decision. What becomes of the dimit of a rejected applicant for affiliation? Answer: Secretary to return the dimit to the rejected member. Can an elective officer in a chartered Chapter hold an elective office in a U. D. Chapter at the same time? Answer: They cannot. Made ninety-three Official Visitations. Wrote 2,485 letters and issued 500 circulars. Organized twenty-four new Chapters. Salary of Grand Matron, \$400.00. Expense account of Grand Matron, \$249.03. Total, \$649.03. Membership, 24,361. Gain of 7,000. Number of Chartered

Chapters, 380. Numbers awaiting Charters, twenty-four. Total receipts, \$9,853.96. Cash on hand, \$5,086.98. Ritual account sold, 663. Cash receipts, \$408.00. Paid to Treasurer Masonic and Eastern Star Home \$2,444.20. Mileage account, \$4,579.93. The report of the Committee on Credentials show 726 delegates present. All of the Grand Matron's decision's were approved. Texas received favorable mention of its seventeenth annual session held at Sherman, Oct. 10th, 1899.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Lottie J. Wiley, Grand Matron.

D. W. Whittenburg, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Grand Secretary.

The next stated meeting will convene in the city of Chicago, the first Tuesday in October, 1901.

## INDIANA.

The twenty-seventh annual session of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Indianapolis, April 24th, 1901. All Grand Officers present. Eight Past Grand Matrons and nine Past Grand Patrons are noted as present. Representatives from 185 Chartered Chapters present. If there was a welcome address and response the proceedings do not show it. Lost one Past Grand Patron by death. Grand Matron appointed fifteen Grand Representatives. Notes the organization of Grand Chapters in Arizona, Louisiana and Tennessee and the affiliation of Connecticut with the General Grand Chapter. Grand Matron wrote over nine hundred letters. Notes the call from Texas for relief of Galveston storm sufferers and Indiana generously responded. Rendered twenty-four decisions. Granted thirty-two dispensations to elect and install out of time. Refused requests for dispensations to ballot upon petitions at other than stated meetings. To receive petitions at other than stated meetings. To hold meetings at the homes of members for the purpose of receiving petitions. Made seventy official visits. Recommendation giving power to Worthy Matron to stop the initiation of a candidate after election not concurred in. Mileage expenses, \$1,140.50. Grand Secretary's salary, \$300.00. Roster of membership not given, simply first three officers. This omission we think a bad one. 216 Chapters in the state, nineteen newly organized. Membership,

13,500. Gain of '03. Cash in treasury April 24th, 1901, \$4,733.47. The eighteenth annual session of Texas held at Houston, October 9th, 1900, satisfactorily reviewed.

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OFFICERS ELECTED.

Miss Laura J. Breckenridge, Grand Matron.

Stephen M. Bennett, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Secretary.

The next annual meeting will be held in the city of Indianapolis, April 23rd, 1902.

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INDIAN AND OKLAHOMA TERRITORIES.

This Grand Chapter convened in its eleventh annual session in the City of Wagner, Indian Territory, August 16th, 1900. Five Grand Officers absent. Lost their Grand Secretary, Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, who died at Guthrie, February 3rd, 1900. Sister Perkins was also the Correspondent, and wielded a critical pen. No doubt the fraternity miss her very much. Grand Matron issued twenty-two dispensations. In legal matters it seems they adhere to the lines laid down in Masonic Jurisprudence. Report of Grand Secretary and Treasurer not given. Membership not stated.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. M. Alice Miller, Grand Matron.

Hugo Haas, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Clara A. McBride, Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent.

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IOWA.

The twenty-third annual session held at Des Moines, October 24-25, 1900. All Grand Officers present. The very able address of welcome was delivered by Olive E. Beckwith, Worthy Matron of Des Moines Chapter No. 89 and responded to by the Associate Grand Matron, Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer. Iowa seems to have adopted a new mode of procedure, and at this session dispensed with the reading of the addresses of their Grand Matron and Patron, and also the reports of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer. We are inclined to the opinion that this is not a wise course. The

address of the Grand Patron comes first, to which of course we object. He states they are in the "throes of a new constitution," and says he will not review his decisions from the fact that they are all contained in the above document. So that he must feel very confident of its adoption, but what would the brother do if the Grand Chapter should rise in its might and power and not adopt the new constitution. Such a course would undoubtedly leave Iowa in bad shape. His comment upon the use of the "Black Ball" is timely. The address of the Grand Matron starts out with, "After the Frost and Freeze of Another Winter," It Sister Rathbun had visited Texas this summer she would certainly have welcomed any amount of "frosts and freezes." She appointed seven deputies and had them all meet her at Des Moines, in a school of instruction. This is a capital idea. Organized thirty-one Chapters. Iowa shows the Grand Matron the courtesy of naming Chapters. Two Chapters lost their charters by fire.

The Grand Matron made twelve official visitations. Her deputies made 152 official visits. Granted 113 special dispensations. Rendered forty-six decisions. Among her recommendations we find one, which we most heartily endorse, as follows: "Require each new member to commit to memory the obligation, the signs, passes, and the explanation of each degree and that they pass a satisfactory examination thereon in open session at a regular meeting before being recognized as a full member entitled to vote or hold office." Her comments on the matter of "Oying to the Grand Matron" with every trivial question that comes into the head of a member, when the answers are plainly stated in the Ritual, Constitution, and By-Laws are good. She says twenty-four hundred of these questions have come to her in two years, just think of that. States that most of the requests for new Chapters have come by action taken by the Masonic lodges. This shows which way the wind blows in Iowa. Grand Matron's expenses, \$251.21. 201 Chapters. Membership 13,987. Gain of 1,190. Total receipts, \$7,465.30. Disbursements, expenses, \$1,375.58. Disbursements, mileage, \$1,881.78. Balance on hand, \$4,208.20. Grand Secretary, salary and office rent, \$316.00.

Charity Fund, \$777.74. There were 245 delegates present at this meeting, casting 932 votes. At one of their evening sessions a Grand Chapter of Sorrow was held when the names of deceased members were read by the Grand Secretary and the Grand Chaplain delivered the Memorial address. This we think a truly commendable custom.

Texas receives favorable comment on its seventeenth annual



session held at Sherman, October 10th, 1899. If time and space did not forbid I would go further into detail of the very able proceedings of Iowa.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Freda Oppenheimer, Grand Matron, Webster City.  
 A. J. Small, Grand Patron, Des Moines.  
 Mrs. Maria Jackson, Grand Secretary, Council Bluffs.  
 Next meeting, Sioux City, October 23rd, 1901.

KANSAS.

Twenty-fifth annual session was held in Topeka, May 15th, 1901. All Grand Officers present. Address of welcome by Mary Cunningham, of Beulah, No. 3, Topeka. Response by Mrs. Lou Olmstead, Associate Grand Matron, after which the Grand Matron, Mrs. Ettie S. Main, delivered her address. A summary of which we give below. Wrote 2,435 letters, Traveled 5,430 miles. Visited eighty-two Chapters, issued fifty-one special dispensations, appointed seven Grand Representatives, rendered nine decisions. The Grand Matron in this jurisdiction receives a salary of \$150.00. Her expenses in addition to salary were, \$96.50. The Grand Secretary's report shows nine new Chapters, making a total of 211, all of the old Chapters made returns for the year ending December 31st, 1900. The total amount of dues collected by Grand Secretary was \$2,154.00. Membership 11,184, gain of 1,278. Receipts, general fund, \$2,598.03. Masonic Home, \$1,381.15. Total, \$3,979.18. The Grand Treasurer reports disbursements by voucher to be, \$2,628.99, and a balance on hand of, \$2,457.22. At this session there were present eighteen Grand Officers, fourteen Past Grand Matrons, four Past Grand Patrons, 125 Past Matrons, thirty-seven Past Patrons, ninety-two Active Matrons, seventeen Active Patrons, thirty-nine Active Associate Matrons, twenty-eight active Matrons represented by proxies, ninety-eight active Patrons represented by proxies, seventy-nine active Associate Matrons represented by proxies, making a voting body of 561.

GRAND OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Lou A. Olmstead, Grand Matron, Anthony.  
 Arthur Edson, Grand Patron, Abilene.  
 Mrs. Della Bennett, Grand Secretary, Sylvia.

## MAINE.

The eighth annual session was held in the City of Augusta on the 17th of May, 1900. Four Grand Officers absent. The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah F. Morse, in the beginning of her address says: "Everything in nature about to bloom" and this was on the 17th of May. Of course, to us who are favored with roses in bloom in March, the above quotation seems strange. I admire that part of her remarks, wherein she states that she hopes, "all personal ambitions, desires and selfish aims will be laid aside, and resolve in their hearts to contend only for those principles that will in the end be for the best and greatest progress of our beloved Order, and for the betterment of mankind, as well as the elevation of ourselves." The state is divided into four districts and has fifty-nine chapters, all of which were officially visited during the year, the Grand Matron having taken care of thirty. Appointed seventeen Grand Representatives. Held Schools of Instruction in three different places in the state. Rendered seven decisions and made four recommendations. Granted fifty-four dispensations, and refused request for one. Installed the officers of five Chapters. Wrote 478 letters, sent out 120 circular letters, endorsed the plan of co-operation in the founding of Masonic-Eastern Star Homes. Enjoins the secrecy of the ballot. Twelve new Chapters were organized during the year. The Grand Patron issued a circular letter to the Masters of all "Blue Lodges" in the State, in which he says, "You cannot be ignorant of the growing importance and influence for good of the Eastern Star in the State of Maine, nor of the noble work that is being done by the Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, as well as in all parts of the Union." To this we say Amen, and while this comes from a Grand Patron we still say Amen. His admonition relative to secret work is truly commendable and again for the third time we say Amen. It is as follows: "I cannot too strongly impress upon the members of the Eastern Star the importance of strictly guarding the secret work of the Order. The care with which you guard your work, will have an important bearing upon your consequence in the community. We should never forget the Masonic admonition "to set a guard over our thoughts, a watch at our lips, and post a sentinel over our actions." He strongly recommends the continuation of schools of instruction, also the visitation of some Grand Officer to every Chapter. My dear, good brother, I have been endeavoring to have the same thing done in Texas, but

so far have not been successful, but we hope to ere many years pass by. Sixty-one Chapters. 5,141 members, (about). We do not understand what is meant by "about." We wonder if the Grand Secretary was not in possession of the exact number of members in good standing, when she made her report. The increase in membership was 543. The salary of the Grand Secretary is \$300.00, Grand Matron and Patron, each, \$50.00. These officers as well as the District Deputies are allowed their traveling and contingent expenses. At the opening of this session, the Grand Treasurer reports expenditures during the year just closed, to be \$1,426.76, with a cash balance on hand of \$1,299.34. The committee on credentials do not give a summary of the delegates in attendance, and as our time is limited, we will have to pass that item. Why don't you summarize such matters so that correspondents can use the figures. The next Grand Session is to be held in Portland. Texas receives a favorable notice of its seventeenth annual, held in Sherman, October 10th, 1899.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Belle P. Smiley, Grand Matron.

Benjamin L. Hadley, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Grand Secretary, Biddeford.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of this Grand Chapter was held in Worcester, on the 10th of May, 1900. All Grand Officers present except Ruth. The usual address of Welcome and response were delivered. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Isa R. Gallup then delivered her address. Among other things we find that she rendered sixteen decisions. Granted fourteen dispensations. Appointed seven Deputy Grand Matrons. Made two official visits, out of twenty-nine Chapters reserved. Recommends that "step sisters" be added to the list of those eligible for membership. Wrote 535 letters and postal cards. Sent out 700 announcements, (she does not state what the nature of these letters were.) Seventy-nine circular letters, fifty-six of which were notices of the discontinuation of "Schools of Instruction." What was the matter. Did not they pay? Under the head of "Miscellaneous Matter," she touches on the ballot as follows: "I would most solemnly enjoin you to remember that for each cube we cast we shall be called to account, and unless we know a person is not of

good moral character, we have no right to debar them from the privileges we enjoy. Sister, this matter of the ballot "cuts both ways" and in my humble opinion, all the injunctions will never stop it. There always have been those members who use the ballot for personal spite, and I presume such will always prevail. I deplore such conditions as strongly as you. It is not always "immoral members who rend in twain" the foundation of a Chapter. There is the element of "strife makers" that does fully as much to injure, as the former class. It is only rare instances where "immoral" persons are admitted, or become so, after admission. But I feel perfectly safe in saying that a very large per cent of Chapters contain more or less of the "strife making element." We cannot help this, nor do I know of any way to prevent it. Such material comes to us well recommended, and have the outward appearance of being just such persons as would be an honor and do credit to the Order. But lo and behold in an amazingly short space of time, every obligation they have assumed is to them a "dead letter," and they go forth in their "snake in the grass" destruction of the edifice they have pledged to uphold. This class in our midst, are shrewd enough not to commit an overt act, and in so doing keep within the pale of the law. We are provided with specific laws with which to try the "immoral" element, but pray tell me have we one to reach the "strife makers" This is strong language, but experience has taught me that contagious diseases require heroic treatment. The Grand Patron visited forty-two Chapters. Seven new Chapters organized, which with the sixty-five old ones, make a total of seventy-two. The Grand Secretary reports all Chapters having made returns. What a splendid condition your Grand Chapter is in. Total membership 7,047 Cash receipts, \$2,428.38. Cash disbursements, \$1,664.57. Balance \$763.81. This statement only includes the period to the opening of this session. There were 293 members present who were entitled to vote. We fully concur with Sister Lamb, relative to uniformity of titles of Grand Officers. Her concluding remarks are good, but my dear sister, did it ever occur to you, that the old saying, "That molasses will catch more flies than vinegar" is not always true. The Grand Secretary's salary is \$500.00 with an expense account of \$111.15. Grand Treasurer's salary \$100.00. Do not find any record of mileage being paid delegates or salary to Grand Matron or Grand Patron. Texas kindly reviewed.

## GRAND OFFICERS.

Mrs. Carrie A. Cushing, Grand Matron.  
 Walter A. Atwood, Grand Patron.  
 Daniel Seagrave, Grand Secretary, Worcester.

## MICHIGAN.

The twenty-fourth Annual Session of this Grand Chapter convened in City of Port Huron, on October 10th, 1900. All Grand Officers present. The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered. The Grand Matron's address shows thirty-one Chapters to have been instituted. Assisted in instituting five Chapters. Appointed thirty-one Grand Representatives. Issued 114 dispensations. Refused four. Rendered forty-four decisions. Made thirty official visits. Made two recommendations. Grand Patron's address shows twenty Chapters organized. Making 267 in the state. Membership of 21,742, gain of 2,328. The Grand Treasurer reports on hand at the beginning of the year, \$4,200.19. Receipts, \$5,901.68. Total, \$10,191.87. Disbursed, \$5,558.89. Balance on hand at the opening of this session, \$4,632.98. Grand Matron's salary, \$250.00. Grand Matron's expense account, \$253.00. Grand Secretary's salary, \$300.00, expense account, \$140.00. Adopted "Test Oath" with the recommendation that "Preliminary to the taking of the test oath, the applicant be required to place his hands in the same position they were in when he assumed the obligation." I suppose from this that the sisters are not included. The mileage and per diem expense of this meeting was \$3,788.79. Paid the R. W. Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, \$10.00 for expenses in making the visit. Paid the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, \$25.00, traveling expenses. Grand Secretary in her report states having furnished their Fraternal Correspondent the Texas proceedings, but we do not find a review. Why, my Dear Sister?

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. H. E. C. Balmer, Grand Matron.  
 A. C. Northrup, Grand Patron.  
 Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Grand Secretary, Middleville.

## MINNESOTA.

Twenty-third annual session held in the city of Minneapolis on May 8th, 1901. Preceded by a reception held in the Commandery room, Masonic Temple, Tuesday evening May 7th. And from the program outlined, it must have been an enjoyable affair. This custom is far better than having such entertainments during the session, as I know from experience that it interferes with the business, and is a detriment, rather than a benefit and a great deal of work is left undone, or hurriedly gone over by committees, in order to attend receptions, balls, etc. I notice the proceedings is graced by photo-engravings of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron elect, also of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Fraternal Correspondent. I think that if the proceedings contained the pictures of outgoing officers, it would be of more interest, from the fact that it is their work we review, and not that of the incoming. Under the head of "Honors" we find that the Grand Patron moved that Ida M. Brown act as Assistant Secretary. The Grand Matron amended by moving to employ a stenographer. Amendment lost, so in the first parliamentary battle, the Grand Matron was defeated, but why this sort of business is classed under the head of Honors is something I do not understand. Then comes the addresses of welcome and response followed by that of the Grand Matron. We note that she granted thirty-seven dispensations, and refused one; rendered nineteen decisions. Installed the officers of five Chapters. Grand Secretary's report shows only four Chapters failed to send in returns and all showed increase. Grand Treasurer had on hand at the beginning of the year \$2,133.00 and collected \$2,641.00. Disbursed \$2,433.79. Balance on hand at the opening of this session \$2,340.30. Certificate of deposit in bank \$300.00. Total cash in treasury \$2,640.30. The salary of Grand Secretary is \$400.00. Expenses and salary of Grand Matron \$250.00. That of Grand Patron \$270.80. Grand Treasurer \$75.00. The printing bill was \$354.77. During the morning session an opportunity for questions was given, the Grand Patron presiding. Among other questions that were asked, was one relating to soliciting membership. The concensus of opinion was that it should not be done. The committee on jurisprudence did not approve the granting of dispensations to receive and ballot upon an application at the same meeting. Dispensations cannot be granted to hold regular meetings at any other time than that provided for in the by-laws. Dispensations cannot be granted to ballot upon candidates before

the expiration of the time prescribed by the by-laws, *viz*: Six months' residence and three months for re-application for degrees. As the list of delegates is not recapitulated I do not give members present. After roll call by Grand Secretary, Brother Myers asked for the roll of the standing committees of 1894. Grand Matron told him they were cut out by the new constitution. Mr. Myers appealed from the decision, but she promptly informed him that he was not a member of the Grand Chapter, therefore was not entitled to any voice on the floor. The mileage account amounted to \$443.78. The system of "Schools of Instruction" prevail in this Grand Jurisdiction, and twenty-five were held at different places in the respective districts.

The incoming Grand Matron appointed twenty-four deputies. Lost one Past Grand Patron by death and sixty-seven members of subordinate Chapters. Chapters in the state 154. Membership 8,099, gain of 535. Twelve Chapters surrendered their charters.

Texas reviewed for the eighteenth annual session held at Houston, October, 1900.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. C. W. McCauley, Grand Matron, McCauleyville.  
A. D. Countryman, Grand Patron, Appleton.  
Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Grand Secretary, Minneapolis.

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#### MISSOURI.

The twenty-sixth annual meeting held in St. Louis, October 18th, 1900. All Grand Officers present, except Electra and Ruth. The welcome address was delivered by Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Benjamin Lynds, and response by the Associate Grand Matron. Both were good. The Grand Matron, Mrs. Kate Murphy then delivered her address, and among other things said: "It is not all of life to live nor all of death to die. No matter what our station, we exert an influence upon those with whom we come in contact, that long after we have passed away our words, and deeds will go ringing down the corridors of time, leaving an influence either for good or evil." She states that the inauguration of requiring Secretaries of Subordinate Chapters to fill out three copies of returns, one each for Grand Matron and Patron and one for Grand Secretary has proven beneficial to the Order. Reports the death of one Past Grand Matron, and a Past Grand Chaplain. Revoked the commission of one Deputy Matron. In-

stalled the officers of six Chapters. Made ninety-one official visits. Approved the by-laws of six Chapters. Wrote 2,120 letters. traveled 6,000 miles. In a Chapter where they applied the two-thirds rule as necessary to elect, she declared election null and void and ordered a new election. At a Chapter where they declared elected a sister for Worthy Matron, who had not actually received a majority of votes cast, but had been installed, she declared the election null and void and ordered a new election, and the Grand Matron presided. Denied six applications for special dispensations. Arrested the charters of fourteen Chapters. Rendered twenty-four decisions. Made eight recommendations. The recommendation to abolish the District Deputy system was not approved. That of nominations in elections also turned down. In the decisions, the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported unfavorably on the following: Question: The petition of a Master Mason was presented to our Chapter, and referred to a committee, consisting of two sisters and one brother. The sisters reported, but the brother failed to report. Would it be legal to ballot until the brother reported? Answer: No, as it is through the brother that knowledge of the Masonic standing of the applicant is gained. The Jurisprudence Committee, in their report, say: "We believe a majority of the committee is sufficient to report, but the Masonic standing of the applicant must be known by the committee." We claim the decision of the Grand Matron was correct. Decision No. 10 was also not favorably reported by the committee. The question was as follows: Is the giving of the cabalistic word sufficient to admit a visitor to our Chapter? Answer: No. The Test Oath should first be given, followed by regular order of Eastern Star examination, including signs and passes of each degree. The committee agree that the decision was correct, but on the ground that the answer was a part of the "Secret Work" could not allow it to remain in the address. This latter part of the Jurisprudence Committee's report is truly amusing and reminds me very much of the lawyer who told his client they could not put him in jail. The prisoner replied, why my dear sir, I am already in jail. Oh, well, says the lawyer, I mean they cannot legally incarcerate you. So in this case. The decision was not stricken out of the Grand Matron's address, and is printed in full, in very large, bold type, and I have copied it verbatim. The committee on credentials report 307 members in attendance representing eighty-seven Chapters. The Grand Patron's address shows twenty-seven new Chapters with an increase in membership of 3,000, and among other good things he says: "I wish to call the attention of the Grand Chapter to the evil



of over production of Chapters, without due regard being paid to their chances of succeeding. The Order of the Eastern Star has now attained such strength numerically that the forcing and drumming up process is no longer necessary. We can safely look forward to a healthy, and regular growth, which will relieve the Grand Officers of a great deal of unnecessary, unpleasant and disagreeable work in striving to nurse back to life Chapters that are practically dead, and ought never to have been instituted. So far there is no one to blame in particular. We have all been sailing in the same boat." I would like very much indeed to quote still further from this able document, but space forbids. The Grand Treasurer goes to this meeting with cash receipts of \$5,588.68. Disbursements, \$2,878.00. Balance on hand, \$2,709.99. The Grand Secretary is paid a salary of \$400.00 per annum. Her expense account was as follows: Expense to Grand Chapter, \$15.00. Postage and telegrams, \$186.05. The Grand Matron preceding Sister Murphy was allowed \$120.85 expenses. Grand Treasurer receives a salary of \$50.00. Cash to print proceedings \$486.75. Grand Matron Murphy was allowed \$215.00 as expense. No. of Chapters, 198. Total membership, 9,039, consisting of sisters, 5,692; brothers, 3,347. A review of the seventeenth annual session of Texas held at Sherman, October 10, 1899, is given and favorable mention is made.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Ella Jean Flanders, Grand Matron.  
 Dr. W. F. Kuhn, Grand Patron.  
 Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Grand Secretary.

## MONTANA.

Eleventh annual communication held in the City of Great Falls, September 21st, 1900. Eight Grand Officers absent. The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered, followed by that of the Grand Matron Sister Frizzell, who appointed eleven Grand Representatives. Rendered nine decisions. Constituted four Chapters. Issued six special dispensations. Organized three new Chapters. Under "Miscellaneous" she states having received advice from Grand Matron of Maryland to the effect that Concordia Chapter No. 5 was declared "Clandestine," owing to insubordination in denying the authority of the Grand Chapter. At a special session it seems No. 5 recanted and were admitted

to full fellowship. There is no use in having a Grand Chapter if its subordinates will not comply with the law. Made four recommendations. Visited twenty-five Chapters, and her description of these visits is really an interesting document. In her recommendations she says that the Subordinate Chapters should defray expenses of Grand Officers in organizing. Lost twenty members by death. Grand Secretary's report shows the receipts to have been \$1,386.85. Grand Matron's expense account \$182.90. Grand Treasurer had on hand \$2,100.43. Disbursed \$1,153.11. Balance in treasury \$947.32. \$300.00 appropriated for mileage. The Committee on Jurisprudence reported unfavorably on the Grand Matron's recommendation for Subordinate Chapters to defray expenses of Grand Officer in organizing, but amended so as to read as follows: "Grand Chapter to defray actual expense and subordinate to pay expenses of entertainment. Grand Secretary paid salary \$250.00 Grand Treasurer \$25.00. Twenty-seven Chapters, 1,594 members. Gain of 115. The seventeenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of Texas was reviewed, and the criticism relating to giving new Chapters the numbers of those demised, is good, and we tried at our eighteenth session to have it discontinued.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Jennie F. Bishop, Grand Matron.  
 H. S. Hepner, Grand Patron.  
 Mrs. Elva Boardman, Grand Secretary, Butte.

## NEBRASKA.

The twenty-sixth annual communication held with Vesta Chapter, No. 6, in the City of Omaha, May 7th, 1901. All Grand Officers present. The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered, followed by that of Grand Matron Mathews. She issued forty dispensations. Instructed Grand Secretary to issue Grand Chapter Limits to all members of defunct Chapters upon application. Commissioned twenty-nine Grand Representatives. Made twenty-six official visits. Rendered thirteen decisions. The Grand Patron concludes that personal bonds for Grand Secretary and Treasurer better than those issued by bond companies. The Grand Secretary, Sister Anna C. Simpson reports having mailed ten charters to their respective Chapters. Issued

one duplicate to a Chapter, that had the original destroyed by fire. Attested dispensations for eight new Chapters. Issued nineteen grand dimitts for members of demised Chapters. Mailed out 1,000 copies of their proceedings. 117 Chapters. Membership, 5,773, gain of 621. I was about coming to the conclusion that Nebraska was changing Grand Secretaries with a frequency unknown, but the last change was fully explained in the closing remarks of Sister Simpson's report, viz: by marriage she changed from Peterson to Simpson during the interim of the Grand Chapter. God bless you and yours. Cash receipts as per Grand Treasurer's report, \$2,484.01. Disbursements, \$1,797.40. Balance on hand, \$686.61. The Grand Matron received, \$191.00 from the Grand Chapter. The Grand Secretary, \$397.35, but as the vouchers do not say for what purpose they were made, we cannot say how much was for salary. The Grand Treasurer received the modest sum of \$19.64, and the Grand Patron, \$43.75. Their mileage bill was \$508.07. We notice an approved decision of the Grand Matron, which may be of interest to the Order generally throughout the United States, viz: Should the square and compasses be placed on the open Bible while the Chapter is in session? Answer: No. The ritual, page thirteen does not provide for such in naming the articles of furniture of a Chapter. Her sixth decision was not approved and is as follows. Can a Worthy Matron transact business or confer degrees with a quorum made up of visiting members? Answer: No. Of course I am unable from the question and answer, or the committee's report to say whether or not the decision should have been disapproved, as neither state how many visiting members were required to make up the quorum. I should very much like to extend the review of Nebraska's proceedings, as the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence is decidedly interesting and would be of great benefit to the Order in Texas, also the report of their Committee on Codification of Laws, but space forbids. Texas is given a good review, and I desire to now thank their correspondent for the kind words spoken in my behalf.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Louise Mathews, Grand Matron, Freeman.

Henry M. Hurd, Grand Patron, Harvard.

Mrs. Anna C. Simpson, Grand Secretary, Omaha.

Next communication to be held in Omaha, May, 1902.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The tenth annual communication held at The Weirs, September 11, 1900, the unusual spectacle of meeting in a hotel was presented. All Grand Officers present except Adah. The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered, followed by the address of the Grand Matron. Issued twenty-one dispensations. Rendered five decisions. Made three recommendations. States that the growth of the Order in New Hampshire was not what she had anticipated, only one new Chapter having been organized. The Grand Patron it seems grants the dispensations to organize Chapters in that jurisdiction, and also in this instance did the instituting, with seventy-nine charter members. If this Chapter lives there must certainly be an abundance of reserve material after taking in seventy-five to start out with. It is quite amusing to note as one of the Grand Patron's recommendations that "the Associate Grand Matron act as deputy to assist the Grand Matron in her official visitations, owing to the large area covered by the jurisdiction." I wonder what kind of a recommendation the brother would make on this point were he in Texas. The distance from Texarkana to El Paso across the State is 870 miles, while the distance from Brownsville on the southern border to the Colorado State line is over 1000 miles. The area is 265,780 square miles, 170,099,200 acres. New Hampshire's greatest length is 180 miles, its greatest breadth 93 miles. Area 9,305 square miles, or 5,955,200 acres. The county of Crockett in Texas could easily contain the whole State of New Hampshire and have 124,800 acres left, sufficient to accommodate several hundred New England farmers. The loss by death was thirty. Membership 2,931. Receipts \$714.56. The Grand Treasurer reports \$2,020.22 cash on hand and received. Have \$621.97 on interest in four different banks. The Grand Secretary was voted \$70.00 for her services, while the Grand Matron drew \$106.12 traveling expenses. Foreign Correspondent was paid \$15.00. Mileage account \$196.15. Grand Treasurer \$20.00. Grand Patron \$23.75. Members of standing committees allowed mileage. Committee on Jurisprudence approved all of the Grand Matron's decisions. The seventeenth annual session of Texas, held at Sherman, was favorably reviewed.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Ella M. Stone, Grand Matron, Franklin Falls.  
George E. Bolls, Grand Patron, Wilton.  
Mrs. Bessie P. Norris, Grand Secretary, Epping.

## NEW JERSEY.

Thirty-first annual session held in the city of Paterson, September 25th, 1900. All Grand Officers present except Warder. Dear little Jersey, how you must be suffering with that nest of anarchists. Are you going to drive them out? The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered, followed by that of the Grand Matron. She granted nine dispensations, rendered one decision, visited every Chapter in the State. Made three recommendations, one of which I heartily endorse, viz: That on election nights subordinate Chapters be not allowed to initiate candidates. The Grand Secretary's report shows receipts to have been \$637.00. Grand Secretary's salary \$100.00. Grand Matron's traveling expenses \$28.00; Grand Patron's, \$25.00. Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand September 25th, 1900, \$329.50. Membership, January 1st, 1900, 1,312, gain of 144. The seventeenth annual session of Texas held at Sherman, October 10th, 1899, was favorably reviewed.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

- Mrs. Georgia Roe, Grand Matron, 113 Tuers avenue,  
Jersey City.  
B. F. Davis, Grand Patron, 17 Hoboken avenue,  
Jersey City.  
Mrs. Mary Martin, Grand Secretary, 408 Graham  
avenue, Paterson.

## NEW YORK.

The thirty-first annual session of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of New York on June 12th, 1900. All Grand Officers present except Electa. Seventeen Past Grand Matrons, three Past Grand Patrons and four Past Grand Treasurers answered to roll call and 132 delegates, representing as many Chapters, as only one delegate is allowed from any subordinate Chapter. The addresses of welcome and response in vogue in nearly every Grand Jurisdiction are absent in New York. The Grand Matron's address opens the proceedings. The death roll shows the loss of their first Grand Matron, Frances E. Johnson, who was their chief executive in 1870, also the Grand Secretary, Christina Buttrick, who had served New York in that capacity since 1879. This Grand Chapter has the distinguished honor of

having had for its first Grand Secretary the late Robert Macoy, who was the author and compiler of what is known as the "Macoy Ritual" and under which ritual New York is now governed. The present intelligent looking Grand Secretary is Eliza Demarest, whose name first appears on the roster of Grand Officers, as Adah in 1883, Grand Conductress in 1884, Associate Grand Matron 1885, and Grand Matron in 1886. She thus comes to her new office well equipped for the responsible duties that will devolve upon her. The late Grand Secretary Sister Buttrick was Grand Matron in 1878, was one of the original members of the "Eastern Star" in New York in 1867, from which the first Chapter in the State (Alpha No. 17) was organized and she was its last surviving charter member, was its first secretary. She assisted in organizing the Grand Chapter in 1870, and the whole Order knew her as a friend to whom they could go for advice, and that cheerfully given. The Grand Matron, Mrs. M. E. Williams, says, "We loved her well, we cherish her memory, and we trust when we shall go across the waters we shall see and know her, who is now enjoying that blissful rest which our Father in Heaven has prepared for the faithful." What a glorious record of a faithful servant. This Grand Jurisdiction seems to have been particularly unfortunate in the loss of Past Grand Officers, in addition to those mentioned above, a Past Grand Conductress, Past Grand Marshal and a Past Deputy Grand Matron, and sixty-seven members of subordinate Chapters passed over "the river."

The first official act of the Grand Matron was to install the officers of one of the Chapters. Twenty-five new ones were organized. Made sixty-nine official visits.

A very interesting account is given of the dedication of a beautiful "Eastern Star Hall" in the Masonic Temple at Yonkers, in which services ten little girls dressed in white participated, scattering flowers upon the floor and about the altar. I merely mention this incident to illustrate the harmonious relations existing between the Masonic Fraternity and the Order of the Eastern Star in the Empire State.

Granted twenty-two dispensations, among which were six to install officers who were not present at the regular installation of their respective Chapters. It seems in that jurisdiction a dispensation must be procured for this purpose, and a very good idea it is. Made only one recommendation, and as it was an important one to all Chapters wherever located, I give it in full.

"I would recommend that the law be made more stringent governing the reports of committees on applications, that they

make more thorough inquiries into the character of all petitioners." A part of her conclusion contains an important statement, viz: "I am more than happy to say that nothing has come before me in the form of charges or trials, and this is conclusive evidence of the absolute harmony existing within our association." Right here we wish to ask Sister Williams how she is going to reconcile the above statement, with the very serious trouble in Arcturus Chapter in which case you say: "The condition of Arcturus Chapter is lamentable and had it not been for fear of prejudicing the position of the Grand Matron and Grand Chapter in the mandamus case I should have revoked the Charter at once!"

The writer, when reading the conclusion of the Grand Matron's address, thought it a very remarkable year where all had been harmonious. Unless you expect such a conflict of statements to be commented upon they should be kept out of your proceedings. The Grand Patron, under the head of 'Organic Law,' says, disobedience of law produces anarchy and anarchy brings ruin. That government is most successful whose subjects obey the very letter of the law. Disregard of one provision opens the way for the violation of all, and the law is nullified. More trouble has arisen from failure to live up to the requirements of the constitution of this Grand Chapter than from any other cause."

This, my dear brother, is every word of it true, and there are more jurisdictions than New York that suffer from the same causes. The report of the acting Grand Secretary is a very interesting document to lovers of statistics, and it affords me pleasure to refer to same. The total receipts from all sources was \$5,348.43. One item of revenue was the sale of 550 new Rituals to subordinate Chapters, \$144.92. This shows the cost to have been a little over twenty-six cents per copy. In the Grand Treasurer's report I find a voucher paid to E. Scott & Co. for 1000 Rituals \$147.50, making the cost to the Grand Chapter per copy of a little over fourteen cents. Thus will be seen that there is a net profit of twelve cents per copy. 131 Chapters. Membership 10,545, gain of 1,564. Grand Matron allowed \$150.00. Grand Secretary's salary \$900.00. Grand Patron \$75.00. Mileage account \$86.70. Cost to print 850 copies of proceedings \$498.50. Postage to mail same \$81.05. Balance on hand at the opening of this session \$2,937.68.

The Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the decisions and recommendations of Grand Matron reported favorably on them all. I find two that are of sufficient interest to embody here, viz: "Can a Worshipful Patron use fifteen minutes of valuable time making a prayer at the altar?" Ans. The constitution does not limit the time for prayers. Can children be

brought into the Chapter room night after night whose presence disturbs the meetings? Ans. The little ones better remain at home. As regards the constitution, no female under eighteen nor a male under twenty-one can be present at a meeting.

The seventeenth Texas session held at Sherman, October 10, 1899, is reviewed.

The time of meeting of the Grand Chapter of New York has been changed to the second Tuesday in October and will be in session at the same time as Texas.

## OFFICERS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Rebecca Niner, 715 10th Ave.,  
New York City.

Grand Patron, Delevan G. Ross, Ilion.

Grand Secretary, Eliza M. Demarest, 152 E. 124th  
St., New York City.

## NORTH DAKOTA.

Sixth annual convention convened in the City of Fargo, June 21st, 1900. We note the omission of the roster of Grand Officers, therefore we are unable to say how many were present. The proceedings start off with "The roll of Chapters called and a constitutional number to constitute a quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form." They had an address of welcome and response, after which the Grand Matron delivered her address, in which she feelingly refers to the home coming of the "Soldier Boys" from the Philippines, and also notes the death of Past Grand Matron, Elizabeth O. White, saying she was an exceptionally able woman. The loss of Past Grand Patron, Kendrick, is duly noted. Appointed thirteen Grand Representatives, Texas in the person of Past Grand Matron, Swaim. Thinks the office of Grand Representative incompatible with that of Grand Matron, and the latter officer should not be commissioned by any State while holding the chief executive's chair. I fully agree with this idea. Under the head of "Installations," I find the following Grand Officers to have been installed elsewhere than at the session of the Grand Chapter we are now reviewing, Grand Matron, Grand Esther, Grand Ada, Grand Sentinel, Grand Conductress, Grand Electra and Grand Ruth. I have carefully examined the proceedings, but do not find any cause given for the absence of so many officers elect. Sister, can you enlighten



us? In Texas some good cause would have to be given for electing or appointing absent persons to office in our Grand Chapter. The State was divided into ten districts at this meeting. Issued three dispensations. Rendered nine decisions. Among her seven recommendations is one reducing the secret work to cipher; another forbidding more candidates to be admitted for one initiation than can be acomodated at the altar at one time. The district conventions, as schools of instruction are called, seem to have been beneficial. The Grand Secretary reports having received \$673 00. Grand Treasurer reports \$1,208.71 on hand and disbursements, \$760.33, leaving a balance in the treasury at the opening of this session of \$508 30. Estimated membership, 2,000. All decisions and recommendations of Grand Matron and Grand Patron adopted. There is nothing to show for what their money was disbursed, hence cannot give Secretary's salary or any other particulars of monies paid out. The form for what we term organizing Chapters is given in full and is very good. North Dakota must certainly be in a bad condition for material, when the illness of one person will cause the omission of the report on Fraternal Correspondence. I am satisfied from the intelligent looks of either the Grand Matron or Grand Patron that they could have gotten up the document. You have a good Grand Secretary, why did you not give her the work? In some jurisdictions the Grand Secretary is the correspondent also.

- Grand Matron, Josephine Folsom, Fargo.
- Grand Patron, John McDonald.
- Grand Secretary, Florence M. Hoskins, Bismark.

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## OHIO.

The eleventh annual session was held in the City of Columbus, October 10th, 1900. All Grand Officers present except Esther. An eloquent welcome address was delivered by Judge Dick, and responded to by Sister Anne Wells, of Mizpah No. 38. From her address we learn that Columbus was the birthplace of the Order in Ohio. The Grand Matron embodies in her address a circular letter to subordinate Chapters discontinuing the sale of Rituals to Chapters under dispensation and requires all requests from chartered Chapters for Rituals to come through the Secretary, indorsed by the Worthy Matron and the order to contain the seal of the Chapter making the request, and require the

Secretary of said Chapter to report the purchase for whom, and be a part of said records and placed on the minutes. She further recommends the increase of the number of Rituals supplied each chartered Chapter from six to ten. Appointed twenty-eight Grand Representatives. Issued thirty-four special dispensations. Rendered twenty-five decisions. Made nine recommendations. Approved the by-laws of fifteen Chapters. Organized twenty-one new Chapters. Made twenty-six official visits. The summary, which is the most complete of any I have examined, shows 130 Chapters, with a membership of 7,624. Gain, 1,317. Cash on hand in the treasuries of subordinate Chapters, \$4,925.00. Should like very much to copy the summary in full, but space forbids. Appointed twelve Deputies for districts and some extra ones. In this jurisdiction, the Grand Patron issues the dispensations for new Chapters, and he pursued the policy of having the nearest Chapter exemplify the work in the instituting of the new one. The Grand Patron of Ohio for 1900, surely had an easy time of it if we are to judge from his report. The Grand Secretary shows receipts, \$4,068.45. Disbursements, \$2,071.20. Balance on hand, \$2,597.25. The Grand Matron receives a salary of \$100.00 and the Grand Secretary, \$130.00. Their mileage and per diem account was, \$1,133.62. Cost to print their proceedings, \$173.95 for 1,500 copies. (They call it Journal). "Christmas Offerings" for Masonic Home was, \$770.45. The custom prevails of installing the Matron of each Chapter under dispensation at the Grand Chapter meeting. All Past Grand Officers, Grand Officers, Foreign Correspondent, and the three members of the Finance Committee and the Worthy Matron of each Chapter are paid mileage, and per diem. The report of the Committee on Judiciary, on that part of the Grand Matron's address referred to them, do not approve an increase in number of Rituals for subordinate Chapters. The Secretary's book of Chapters is to be taken as prima facie evidence, but may be overcome by proof. In Ohio the Grand Matron elect is supplied with a complete file of the proceedings of that Grand Jurisdiction, under a provision made by the recommendation of the outgoing Grand Matron, Bessie R. Hastings, and approved in the report of the Committee on Judiciary, which report was adopted and reads as follows: "That one file of the Grand Proceedings of Ohio be furnished to the Grand Matron immediately after her installation, which shall be receipted for by her to the Grand Secretary and returned by her to the Grand Secretary at the expiration of her term, for the use of her successor." I think this a wise provision, and will enable the Grand Matron to more intelligently conduct the business of her office. An ample review of the seventeenth Texas session held at Sherman, October 10th, 1899, is given.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Matron, Kate E. Jackman, Cincinnati.  
 Grand Patron, William J. Temple, Van Wert.  
 Grand Secretary, Ella B. Shearer, Marysville.

The next meeting of this Grand Chapter will be held at Cleveland, October 9th, 1901.

## OREGON -1900.

Eleventh annual held in Portland, June 6th, 1900. Five Grand Officers absent, viz: Grand Lecturer, Chaplain, Adah, Electra and Organist. The welcome address was delivered by Ella Vincent, Worthy Matron of Corinthian No. 54. Response by the Associate Grand Matron. In Oregon they first have the report of the Committee on Credentials. Grand Matron appointed seven Grand Representatives, recommended names of twenty-four others for appointment. Granted four dispensations for new Chapters, ten other dispensations, and refused four, viz: to transact business other than that for which it was called at a special meeting. To ballot on rejected candidates out of time. To waive the one year's residence clause. To receive and ballot without due notice and good and sufficient reasons being given. Approved the by-laws of six Chapters. Rendered nine decisions, all approved by Committee on Jurisprudence, and the report adopted by the Grand Chapter. In the Grand Matron's address, under the head of "General Grand Chapter," I find the following recommendations: "I would recommend that the Grand Chapter take action in reference to paying the expenses of a delegate to the next session of the General Grand Chapter. If we desire representation, the Grand Chapter will have to pay the expenses of the representative. We do not contribute towards the expenses of the General Grand Chapter, therefore we cannot expect our delegate to be allowed mileage." "I would also ask this Grand Chapter to express its views in reference to paying a per capita to the General Grand Chapter, if called upon to do so. We are a constituent of the General Grand Chapter and the delegate who goes to the next session will, in all probability, be called upon to vote on the question and should be in a position to vote intelligently, and express the views of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and not merely her own." A careful examination of the proceedings failed to find what was done with same. Grand Matron officially

visited every Chapter in the State. Traveled 1,297 miles by stage and 3,500 by rail. Found the work nearly uniform. Most instances Ritual committed to memory. Found the Chapters interested and great activity and harmony ruling supreme. The Grand Patron says: "I have but few recommendations to offer, not having the time at my disposal." Consequently he did but very little. The report of the Grand Secretary shows they have the features of the "Black List," giving a list of all suspensions, rejections, expulsions and re-instatements. This list is forwarded to each subordinate Chapter and to the Grand Matron and the Grand Secretary keeps a record in her office. Cash on hand, \$2,006.25. Receipts, \$2,116.69. Total, \$4,132.94. Cost to print proceedings, \$166.30, 500 copies. Grand Matron's expense, \$324.10. Grand Secretary's, \$200.00. Grand Patron's, \$28.60. Foreign Correspondent, \$10.00. Masonic Home Fund, \$400.00. Grand Secretary bonded for \$2,000.00. Grand Treasurer for \$3,000.00. The Grand Secretary does not give a summary of membership, so I cannot include it here. I presume same was overlooked. Texas reviewed. The next annual communication of the Grand Chapter will be held in Portland, second Monday in June, 1901.

Grand Matron, Jessie S. Vert, Pendleton.

Grand Patron, E. W. Haines, Forest Grove.

Grand Secretary, Mary Scott Myers, The Dalles.

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## OREGON—1901.

The twelfth annual was held in the City of Portland, on June 10th, 1901. All Grand Officers present with the exception of the Sentinel. This Grand Chapter opens with the unique feature of presenting the Grand Matron with a gavel made in Scotland from the wood of a bedstead upon which she was born as well as her mother before her. It seems this piece of furniture was of mahogany and had been in the family (does not give any names) one hundred and fifty years. After this presentation the usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered, then came the Grand Matron's address and I note the following: After reverently noting the fraternal dead, she gives as her first official act that of having the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer bonded, and among her installations I find those of Grand Organist, Esther and Chaplain, evidencing the fact that she must have appointed these officers at Portland, when they were not present at the meet-

ing. We do not approve of honoring any member with a Grand office who does not take sufficient interest to present themselves at a Grand Chapter meeting. I do not know how it is in Oregon, but with us, we honor those who assist us in bearing the "Heat and Burden of the Day." Grand Representatives appointed, thirty, and recommended the appointment of twenty-six. Three states having appointed Sister Vert, viz: Indiana, Nebraska and Texas. Wrote over 2,000 letters and three hundred postal cards. Contributed monthly articles to the "Eastern Star" besides framing and mailing several circular letters to her subordinate Chapters. Welcomed the new Grand Chapters of Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee, besides congratulating Connecticut on her becoming a constituent of the General Grand Chapter. Four new Chapters were organized. Granted twenty-two dispensations. Refused four. One Chapter surrendered its charter. By-laws approved for fifteen Chapters. Rendered thirteen decisions. Recommendations, twenty-one, among which was one that the Grand Chapter take some action relative to paying a delegate's expenses to the General Grand Chapter, (which they did and decided NOT to pay.) Delegates instructed to vote against the "Texas Memorial" on the ground. First: So far as we can determine there is not as good an opportunity to get the secret work out of the Ritual we now have, by any one who has not taken the degrees of the order as formerly by the use of the Manual. Second: There is not in the Ritual now in use anything whereby a person not having taken the degrees could learn enough to injure us, or benefit them; futhermore, it would be an unnecessary expense, and one for which we would receive little or no benefit. Third: As to the Monitorial work being placed in the keeping of proper custodians, what would we gain there? Is not one secret work now kept in the hands of the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron? The committee on judiciary approved all of the Grand Matron's decisions and recommendations. Under the Masonic Home report we find that they have on hand, \$545.75, but had not increased the fund during the year 1900. Grand Matron visited every subordinate Chapter in the State, except two, but had started for these, which were remotely situated, when a telephone message advised her of seven feet of snow, with a hard rain storm added, and she wisely concluded to abandon the journey. Sisters in Texas, just think of seven feet of snow, and then truly say "Grand Old Texas." Traveled by rail, 5,052 miles, by stage, 1,070, by boat, 280. She closes this part of her address as follows: "No State in the Union has brighter prospects or greater

possibilities " Texas does not make any claims to having "snow." Under the head of "Condition of the Order," we find the following very interesting statement: Though the increase may not be phenomenal in numbers, it must be rich in character, we strive to do our best for one another, making life a pleasant dream. Throughout the State I may say our work is uniform. All by-laws conform to our constitution. Every Chapter has a "Black Book," a Visitor's Register, a copy of the Test Oath, a copy of the Secret Work, in cipher, and three copies of the constitution. Every Chapter visits the sick. Twenty Chapters pay hall rent. Twenty-eight Chapters pay their Secretaries. Fourteen have read their by-laws quarterly. Every Chapter has forwarded the black list promptly to the Grand Secretary. The "Eastern Star" is taken by nearly every Chapter, and many members. Finances in good condition, and \$599.25 disbursed for charity. The above is certainly a good showing, no matter if they do have seven feet of snow. The Grand Patron from his address had very little to do, except concur in what the Grand Matron done. Grand Secretary's report shows cash receipts, \$4,168.23. Mileage paid, \$921.59. Grand Matron's expense, \$358.25. Grand Secretary's salary, \$200.00. Foreign Correspondent, \$19.00. Cost to print 500 copies of proceedings, \$187.50. Membership, 4,127. Gain of, 393. Lost by death, thirty-five. Chapters, sixty-three. The eighteenth Texas session, held at Houston, October 9th, 1900, was amply reviewed.

Grand Matron, Clara A. Marsden, Burns.

Grand Patron, C. W. Miller, Portland.

Grand Secretary, Mary Scott Myers, The Dalles.

Next meeting at Portland, June 9th, 1902.

## PENNSYLVANIA—1899.

The sixth annual session was held in the City of Philadelphia on November 21st, 1899. Six Grand Officers absent, viz: Grand Treasurer, Associate Conductress, Adah, Ruth, Martha, Warder. Must have been an epidemic among the Grand Officers or else they did not care about attending. This state of affairs was no doubt quite reassuring to the Grand Matron and of course guaranteed advancement for those not in attendance. The welcome address was delivered by the Worthy Matron, Harriett V. Stull, of Corinthian No. 13. The response was prepared by the Grand Chaplain, who it seems secured the services of a brother who read

it. Following this is the Grand Matron's address in which she states that *owing to illness she was not present at the session that elected her.* Pennsylvania surely was having a hard time of it. And come to think of it I note you meet in the "dead of winter;" why don't you change your time of meeting when there is not several feet of snow on the ground? I am sure it would result beneficially all around. The Grand Matron says: "I had been looking forward for several years to the time when my turn would come." She says "Eastern Star work in Pennsylvania will always be hampered, and its rich growth hindered so long as the great body of Masons in the State remain indifferent to its demands on them, and their time. When the Masons of Pennsylvania, with whom it is our privilege to associate, amid the sacred surroundings of our home life, come to a knowledge and appreciation of the guiding motives of the Eastern Star members, and the beneficent results that accrue to us all, as a consequence they will no longer withhold their cordial support and endorsement of the Order of the Eastern Star. I regret that such a plea is necessary, but I also believe that the morning sun will yet shine on the day of justification of Eastern Star principles in the eyes and opinions of Pennsylvania Masonry. In the face of this apathy our progress, though small, is commendable." My dear sister, the state of affairs in this respect in your Grand Jurisdiction does not materially differ from that through which many States have passed, but before you can expect to interest our Masonic friends you must first interest yourselves. Why six of your Grand Officers were absent at the Philadelphia meeting and your proceedings do not show why, those outside naturally draw the conclusion (and especially Masons) that if the female members of a Grand Body do not take sufficient interest to attend, there cannot be much to attract. Nor will your Grand Meetings ever be a success until the custom of making Grand Officers out of material that does not attend is discontinued. Human nature in this respect is alike the world over, and those who bear the "heat and burden of the day" by presenting themselves at your Grand Meetings, should not be ignored.

*Granted fourteen dispensations. Organized two new Chapters. Approved the by-laws of two subordinate Chapters. Did not make any official visits, outside of Philadelphia, on the ground of economy. Rendered three decisions and made five recommendations. Lost six members of subordinate Chapters by death.* I note from the Grand Patron's address that the number of charter members is not limited. There should certainly be a limit, as if all of the material is taken in on charter the Chapter

so organized cannot flourish, as without work it soon dies for want of initiations. The Grand Secretary's report shows that 250 copies of proceedings were printed but does not give the cost. Membership 908. Cash receipts \$399.55. Disbursements \$258.26. Balance in treasury when this session opened \$141.29. The Finance Committee ordered warrants drawn for \$143.87, which would leave a deficit of \$2.58. In addition to this the Committee on Mileage reported \$75.67 as due the delegates. I suppose they will have to wait until the new revenues commence to flow in. A resolution was adopted at this meeting to pay the Grand Secretary a salary of \$50.00 and mileage. We note that the Grand Officers were installed and then the outgoing Grand Matron signs the proceedings as Grand Matron, also the Grand Patron. How could that be legally done, when those officers ceased to officially exist the moment their successors were installed? The sixteenth Texas session held at Cleburne, October 11, 1898, was reviewed.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary E. Oliver, 282 South Main Street, Pittston.

Grand Patron, William T. Smith, Meriden Street, Duquesne Heights, Pittsburgh.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Kata A. Mills, Duke Centre.

Next annual will be held in Peckville on the third Tuesday in January, 1901.

## PENNSYLVANIA—1901.

The seventh annual session was held in the City of Peckville, January 15th, 1901. Four Grand Officers absent, viz: Conductress, Chaplain, Ruth and Sentinel. This is an improvement of two over the sixth session. The address of welcome was delivered by Grace E. Barthold, Matron of "Pride of the Orient." Response by the ex-Grand Chaplain. This is the same Sister who was given a like honor last year, and we are pleased to see her present, and hope now that she has been elected Grand Conductress, it will not be necessary for any future Grand Matron to issue a dispensation to install her into any office she may be elected to fill in the future, owing to her absence from the Grand Chapter meeting at which she was elected. The Grand Matron's address discloses the fact that the grim messenger of death had



taken a beloved nephew during her term of office. Lost eleven members of subordinate Chapters by death. The first official act of this Grand Matron was to approve the bonds of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer. Under the head of "Approvals" I note, the approval of the election of officers of two Chapters "out of time" while under "Dispensations" we find the same acts performed by virtue of a dispensation. Do you have two ways of doing the same thing in Pennsylvania? Dispensations issued, fourteen. Granted four waivers. Rendered three decisions. Organized two Chapters. Made three recommendations. The Grand Secretary, in her reports states that a new ledger and cash book had been purchased, and the accounts transferred from the organization of the Grand Chapter to the present time. This looks like Sister Mills is getting her office in business like shape. But we do not understand the balances between her report and that of the Grand Treasurer, and on the face there is a discrepancy of £125.25 between the amount the Grand Secretary says was paid the Grand Treasurer, viz: \$441.63, and the amount the Grand Treasurer says she received, viz: \$316.38. We note from this latter officer's disbursements, that she paid the accounts out of this year's receipts that were ordered paid at the sixth session, held in Philadelphia, including the mileage of delegates in attendance at that session, and closes this meeting with a balance on hand of \$77.71. The Fraternal Correspondent is to be given more space in the proceedings. Bills amounting to \$297.79, were read and ordered paid. Of course the funds will have to come from next year's receipts, so it seems that Pennsylvania continues to "count her chickens before they are hatched." Sixteen Chapters. Membership, 1,119. Texas given as much space in a review of its seventeenth session, held at Sherman, October 10th, 1899, as the committee was allowed. Small favors thankfully received, etc.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Matron, Mrs. Bertha Fordyce, Susquehanna.

Grand Patron, Mr. Frank L. Taylor, Peckville.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Rata A. Mills, Duke Centre.

Next annual to be held at Clark's Summit, January 21st, 1902.

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#### RHODE ISLAND.

The fifth annual session of "Little Rhody" was held in the City of Providence, October 10th, 1900. All Grand Officers

Sacred to the Memory  
of

Sister  
Annie Elizabeth Ludlow,

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Beloved Wife of  
Past Grand Patron D. Ludlow,  
and  
Past Matron of Adah Chapter No. 49.

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Born at Georgetown, Canada,  
January 29, 1858.

Died at San Antonio, Texas,  
June 9, 1901.

"Fair of form and fair of face,  
But fairer still, of spirit."

## In Memoriam.



### William McKinley

25TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Born at Niles, Ohio.  
Jan. 29, 1843.

Died at Buffalo, N. Y.  
Sept. 14, 1901.

"He is gone, but his memory liveth;  
He is dead, his example is here;  
The sweetness and fragrance it giveth  
Will linger for many a year."

present except Esther and Electa. No record of an address of welcome or response. Grand Matron's address shows having installed the officers of seven Chapters. Issued five dispensations. Approved by-laws of four Chapters. Did not render any decisions, referred all questioners to the Ritual. Appointed twenty-one Grand Representatives. Made eight official visits and six recommendations. Grand Patron done nothing but accompany the Grand Matron on her official tour. Grand Secretary gives eight Chapters and a membership of 1,035, increase of 123. Total receipts, \$261.75, and expenditures, \$239.80. Paid \$39.00 for Grand Matron's jewel; \$60.00 for printing the proceedings; Grand Matron's expenses, \$25.65. Brother Williams, I heartily concur in your criticism on "Nomenclatures" and wish something could be done to have all titles made uniform. Can you start the ball to rolling? With the smallest State to start it, you are insured the support of Texas, if we are one of "magnificent distances." Grand Treasurer shows a balance to new account of \$232.30. There were ten deaths in subordinate Chapters. Texas amply reviewed, seventeenth annual held at Sherman, October 10th, 1899.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lizzie F. Chase, Phoenix.

Grand Patron, Frank Cook, Wakefield.

Grand Secretary, S. Penrose Williams, Providence.

## SOUTH DAKOTA—1901.

Thirteenth annual session held at Sioux Falls, June 11th, 1901. Five Grand Officers absent, viz: Grand Treasurer, Adah, Marshal, Warder and Organist. The Address of welcome was delivered by Sister Mary Brown, Past Matron of Jasper No. 8, and she conveys the sad intelligence of the death of Past Grand Matron, Jennie E. Shirk, who served that Grand Jurisdiction in 1900. The response was from the Associate Grand Matron. Following these, after the report of the Committee on Credentials, was the Grand Matron's address, in which she notes the death of Past Grand Matron, Shirk and twenty-two members of subordinate Chapters. Her first official act was to approve the bonds of Grand Secretary and Treasurer. On July 15th, 1900, she prepared and mailed an introductory circular letter to all subordinated Chapters, setting forth the fact that the new constitution provided for the establishment of schools of instruction, and that

she would proceed to district the State for that purpose. Appointed seven Grand Representatives. Installed the officers in seven Chapters. Granted twenty-four dispensations and refused five. One of the refused requests was to initiate a candidate who was under age. In the various proceedings reviewed I have noted that several Grand Matrons were asked this same question with like results. I wonder why it is that members are trying to tear down the very "Landmarks" of the Order. Rendered eight decisions. Made forty-two official visits. Made seven recommendations, and all are good. I would copy them verbatim, but space forbids. The Grand Secretary reports cash on hand, \$2,439.84. Salary of Grand Secretary, \$300.00. Grand Matron, \$200.00. Grand Treasurer, \$25.00. Committee on Correspondence, \$50.00. Cost to print 750 copies proceedings, \$193.40. Sixty-three chapters. Membership, 3 117. Three chapters organized. "Greeting" from the Grand Lodge A. P. & A. M. was received. "Resolved, that knowing the good of our Auxiliary, the O. E. S. whose ears are open to the wail of the poor and the cry of the orphan, which Order is now holding its thirteenth annual session in this city, we send greetings, congratulating the Grand Chapter upon the splendid success of the Order in our State, and in view of what the Order has accomplished in our State in the past, we are proud of the relationship existing between us and the Order of the Eastern Star." This might appropriately be termed "the illustrated edition" as it contains the pictures of twelve Grand and Past Grand Officers. Texas reviewed for 1900.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Mrs. Rudora Z. Pettigrew, Grand Matron, Flandreau.

Albert W. Coe, Grand Patron, Deadwood.

Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Grand Secretary, Madison.

The fourteenth annual will be held in Huron, June 10, 11, 12, 1902.

## SOUTH DAKOTA—1900

The twelfth annual was held in the City of Aberdeen, June 12th, 1900. Four Grand Officers absent, Grand Martha, Electa, Warder and Sentinel. We were about to say that the usual addresses of welcome and response were absent, but upon examination we find same on page forty-six, after Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's addresses and reports of Grand Secretary and

Treasurer. We do not think there should be an address of welcome and response unless it is placed before all other proceedings. We also note that it was "by courtesy" that the Grand Matron was allowed to deliver her address before that of the Grand Patron's. This seems to me should be changed in your "order of business" and place the Grand Matron first in every thing, by virtue that officer being the head of the order. The Grand Matron's first official act was to send out a circular letter bearing on "Festal Day". Granted sixteen dispensations. Appointed seven Grand Representatives. Rendered twenty-four decisions. Made thirteen recommendations, the last of which I fully endorse and it reads as follows: "I would recommend that this Grand Chapter hereafter, instead of appropriating a certain sum of money for the Grand Matron's use, allow her all of the actual expenses of the office. If a Sister is willing to fit herself for the office, give her time and attention to the numerous demands that are and should be made upon her, she should at least have all of her expenses paid. Every Chapter needs, and should receive a visit once a year from the Grand Matron. I have visited Chapters this year, that have not received a visit from a Grand Matron in three years, and one, that has never received an official visit from a Grand Matron, although it had been organized for nine years." Visited forty Chapters and installed the officers in four. The Grand Patron in his address demurs to having his duties restricted. Grand Secretary reports the death of their Grand Warder, and suitable memorial tributes were issued to all subordinate Chapters. It seems in that jurisdiction, each newly chartered Chapter is furnished with a copy of the Secret Work and after a given length of time same is called in. The total receipts and funds on hand during the year were \$2,154.49, with total disbursements up to the time this meeting convened were \$95.95. Balance on hand, \$1,100.54. Paid the Grand Matron, \$150.00, Grand Secretary, \$250.00, Grand Treasurer, \$35.00, Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, two members, \$25.00 each. Cost to print 750 copies of proceedings, \$118.00. Sixty Chapters. Membership, 2,965 "The Committee on Pay Roll" makes the salary of the Grand Secretary, \$300.00, Grand Matron, \$200.00. Give the former officer a contingent fund of \$125.00. Make the salary of Grand Treasurer, \$25.00, with a contingent fund of \$10.00. The Committee on Jurisprudence did not approve recommendation thirteen, of the Grand Matron's address, but favored the appropriation of sufficient money to defray her expenses, which really amounts to the same thing. Under "Greetings" we find the following, which illustrates the friendly feeling existing between

the Masonic Fraternity and that of the Eastern Star. "The following greeting was received from the Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., at this time assembled in the upper rooms of the Temple," "Resolved, that we extend to the Grand Chapter, O. E. S., of South Dakota, our fraternal greeting. We recognize and fully appreciate the successful efforts in behalf of Masonic Charity. We rejoice in their prosperity and extend to them our best wishes for their future, abundant and continued success." No doubt about the success in South Dakota. The seventeenth Texas meeting, held at Sherman, October 10th, 1899, was amply reviewed.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

Mrs. Margaret V. Hitchcock, Grand Matron, Yankton.  
Philip Lawrence, Grand Patron, Pierre.

Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Grand Secretary, Madison.

The next annual will be held in Sioux Falls, June 11, 12, 13, 1901.

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#### TENNESSEE.

This Grand Chapter was organized in the City of Nashville, October 18th, 1900, therefore this is their first proceedings. The dispensation issued by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, states that Kate E. Brechner is constituted his special Deputy for this purpose, but does not say who this party is, or where she hails from. They start out with six subordinate Chapters, and twenty delegates at the organization, adopted a constitution and by-laws and elected Grand Officers as follows: Grand Matron, Mrs. Amanda F. Williams; Grand Patron, Wilber F. Foster; Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Forbs; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Olla A. Bogart, which act perfected the organization. The first annual session of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Nashville, on the 29th of January, 1901. All Grand Officers present except Adah, Esther and Chaplain. The address of welcome was delivered by Sister Mary W. Moulton, of East Nashville No. 1. It was short and to the point. The response was by the Associate Grand Matron. Following came the address of Grand Matron Williams. She says: "The first three months of our existence as a Grand Chapter has developed, among the Masonic Fraternity, much interest in the well being and future success of our Order, and warrants our membership in the conclusion that they will have the hearty co-operation and support of that grand old organi-

zation to make the Grand Jurisdiction of Tennessee second to none in the United States." Sister Williams, those are the proper sentiments, adhere to them and you will live to see the practical demonstration of all that you have said. Visited two Chapters appointed eight Grand Representatives, but Texas does not appear. Did not make any recommendations or render any decisions. The Grand Patron delivered a very sensible address. Issued dispensations for the organization of two Chapters; rendered five decisions, and sent out a circular letter bearing upon the Order to every Blue Lodge in the State. The Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 367, with six Chapters. Receipts, \$61.97. Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$1.04. The following unusual amendment to their by-laws was adopted: "The Grand Chapter of Tennessee when assembled in annual session, may receive and ballot on petitions for degrees from applicants living at points in the State not located conveniently to chartered Chapters, for the purpose of extending the Order, said persons to become members of the Order in good standing, but not entitled to vote or hold office until affiliated with some subordinate Chapter. We shall watch with interest the effect of this novel departure from the established methods of securing members. I am favorably impressed with the intelligence portrayed in the likenesses of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron which adorn the proceedings. Next annual at Nashville.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Matron, Mrs. Amanda F. Williams, Nashville.  
Grand Patron, Wilbur F. Foster, Rock City.  
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary R. Forbs, East Nashville.

## VERMONT.

The twenty-eighth annual convocation was held in the City of Morrisville, June 6th, 1900. Grand Treasurer, Martha and Marshal absent. In this jurisdiction the Grand Patron is the "Head of the Order." The custom of having a Worthy Matron deliver the address of welcome and the Associate Grand Matron the response prevails. Then comes the Grand Patron's address. How odd it seems. I should think a man would feel like "a cat in a strange garret." I know such would be my condition were I to address a "Masonic Lodge" as the Worshipful Master. In



plain language, I should feel very much out of place. While I presume Brother McLoud is an excellent gentleman, in fact his likeness conveys such an impression, but I have carefully noted his address and reviewed his official acts, and I do not find anything extraordinary in either. Nothing but what an ordinary every day Grand Matron could have produced. In fact, under the "Man's" rule, not any Chapters were organized. I almost know the Grand Matron could have at least organized one, or to say the least of it, revived some old dormant Chapter; but then you know I do not intend to regulate your affairs, and if you are happy and prosperous under your present condition, why we certainly ought to be satisfied. But I must make one correction in the Grand Matron's address. Under the head of "Necrology." In referring to the death of our Past Grand Patron Kendrick, she says: "Having for several years been an invalid, the Grand Patron appointed a Sister to administer to his wants, etc." My dear Sister the Grand Patron of Texas is merely an advisory officer and does not appoint anyone, nor did he do so in this case, for the Sister referred to was appointed by my predecessor, and when I was made Grand Matron I continued her in the same capacity. No Sister, "us women" manage the affairs of the Eastern Star in the Lone Star State, and when we get to the "end of our string" the brothers always help us out of any difficulty we get in, but they say they have troubles of their own, and are perfectly willing we should "paddle our own canoe." The Grand Patron issued thirteen dispensation, just such as us women have all issued. But when it comes to recommendations he says he got "skeered" and would not make any. He calls it "modesty," but girls, it was just a plain every day "skeere." He just borders on a recommendation, but is afraid to come out and say I recommend so and so. Listen. This is what he says: "I have so much respect for constitutional law, as laid down by the fathers, (don't say a word about us mothers,) that I hesitate to make recommendations which may at all interfere with the well established principles of the Order." "After another year's experience, I am still inflicted (yes, inflicted is the very word he uses) with the same modesty and reluctance to jeopardize the existing harmony which plays so important a part in our deliberations." Yet he agrees that things are getting desperate under his "inflicted modesty" "constitutional" and harmony "policy" and that something must be "did," and that quickly. But admits he does not know what to do, but that some of the best counties in Vermont are without a Chapter, but before he would change the "constitution" or vary one iota from the "your fathers" course the Grand Chapter

of Vermont might go to the "bow wows." Why don't you give the women a chance, they certainly would not cause the demise of any of your Chapters by virtue of being given a chance to do something towards "warming up" affairs in your State. He rendered four decisions, any one of which are fully answered in the "constitutional law as laid down by the fathers." And he could have saved space in the proceedings by referring the questioners to the Ritual or By-Laws of almost any of their Chapters. In Vermont they do not allow the Grand Matron to render decisions, but she may "answer questions" In her address, under the head of recommendations, I note the following: "I find that the office of Grand Matron carries with it but few clearly defined duties, and I believe that this Grand Body should legislate upon this question. The resolution granting co-ordinate powers with the Grand Patron was the result of a desire to make the office of Grand Matron one of larger scope, but in my opinion it fails of its purpose and is unconstitutional and instead of being an additional honor to the Grand Matron it is an embarrassment to all." So you see what retiring Grand Matron Stowell thinks about matters. She says relating to the commissions for Grand Representatives, that "they were sent." Does not say "I sent," so we must infer that she might have had extended to her the high privilege of attaching her signature to the documents, but that was all. I notice, however, all of the representatives were women, and Sister Stowell, you should feel very thankful for that. The Grand Treasurer, thank goodness, is a woman, and she reports \$1,755.23 on hand at the opening of this session. The Grand Secretary is a man and draws \$100.00 salary, while the Treasurer is a woman and she gets \$10.00. Do not see where the Grand Matron was allowed anything. Fraternal Correspondent, \$25.00. Membership, 2,700, gain of 161. Thirty-five Chapters.

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Matron, Mrs. Elma M. Miller, Newport.

Grand Patron, J. S. Weeks, St. Johnsbury.

Grand Secretary, H. L. Stillson, Bennington.

Next annual at Newport, June 5th, 1901.

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 WASHINGTON (1900).

The twelfth annual communication was held in the City of Tacoma, on the 14th of June, 1900. All Grand Officers present

excepting Ruth. The usual addresses of welcome and response were delivered, after which followed that of Grand Matron, in which she says: "Let us stop in our joy at meeting and remember the absent ones." She refers particularly to the death of Past Grand Patron Edmiston, who it seems had been very zealous in the cause of the Order in that State. And as stated in the response of the Associate Grand Matron to the address of welcome: "They considered him a very staff to lean upon." I know you must miss him, and keenly feel the loss. It is sad to lose any member, but to have one taken who has been active in the work for years, the loss is almost irreparable because they are the exception rather than the rule. She granted eight dispensations, approved the by-laws of three Chapters; installed the officers of three subordinate Chapters; rendered five decisions; says she has compared their expenditures with those of other jurisdictions and finds they are spending too much money. The item of printing the proceedings seems in her opinion to be largely in excess of what it should be. Recommends that the finance committee consider the matter of salaries paid to the Grand Officers for some of their work, they are paying a great deal more than is usually paid for like services, while some of the officers are clearly under paid. Touching upon the Ritual wherein a rule adopted in 1895, but never enforced, to the effect that all rituals in possession of subordinate Chapters in excess of the constitutional number (does not state the constitutional number) and all in the hands of individual members be called in. She says: "In her opinion the law is useless and inoperative. It seeks to restrain the circulation of rituals among members, where we should undertake to promote a knowledge of our work. There is moreover, no reason for the rule. Our ritual is in nowise a secret document. It does not contain any of our secret work, Any member who is sufficiently interested in our work to commit it to memory, will generally insist upon owning her own ritual. Our present plan is a handicap upon the individual effort of those who seek to perfect themselves. I therefore recommend that any member of the Order be allowed to purchase a copy of the ritual when applied for through and under the seal of the local Chapter." This recommendation was concurred in by the Committee on Grand Officers' addresses, and now the rituals can be purchased as provided for above. The question as to whether or not the ritual contains any of the secret work of the Order is one which has never been finally determined, I claim that it does contain a very large per cent of the secret work, and I beg of the sister to tell me what part of it is not secret excepting the burial and installation cere-

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monies. If the opening and closing of a Chapter is not secret then I have been laboring under an hallucination these many, many years, and if the initiation ceremony is not secret, right up to the obligation, and that which comes after then we can hold public sessions under your ruling, and insert an obligation of any kind, and make the whole thing one grand side show. Do away with the word "secret" and at once class ourselves with the non-secret societies, The Grand Matron visited every Chapter in the State Made five recommendations. Under the title of General Grand Chapter is given an extended statement defining their relations to that Grand body, and closes in the following language: "It is not for the General Grand Chapter to say what we shall accept, but under our present law it is for us to say what we shall receive." While we in Texas have never had any trouble with the General Grand Chapter "trying to boss us," it has always been understood, that our only allegiance to the General Grand Chapter consisted in our understanding that we would use the ritual promulgated by that body, I am not prepared to say what action our Grand Chapter would take, if the General Grand Chapter concluded to take issue with us on any point outside of the one mentioned, but think we are amply able to make a good defense. The Grand Patron's address shows ten dispensations issued. Grand Secretary's report shows a membership of 3,204; gain of 481. Fifty-eight Chapters. Cash in treasury at the opening of this session \$1,685.82. The expenditures are not itemized, either by the Grand Secretary or Treasurer. I wonder how the subordinate Chapters can tell for what the Grand Officers are spending their money. This is especially interesting from the fact that the Grand Matron says they are spending too much money, and in this respect both reports are a complete blank. The Finance Committee make the following recommendations in their report: To pay the Grand Matron \$200.00; Grand Secretary \$300.00; Foreign Correspondent \$100.00; \$300.00 for printing and mailing proceedings.

The seventeenth annual of Texas, held at Sherman, October 10, 1899, was reviewed.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Grand Matron, Emma C. Ennis, Snohomish.

Grand Patron, A. W. Frater, Seattle.

Grand Secretary, Libbie J. Demorest, Tacoma.

## WASHINGTON, 1901.

The thirteenth annual communication of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Tacoma, on June 13th, 1901. All Grand Officers present. Addresses of welcome and response were delivered, followed by that of the Grand Matron. Her first act was to arrange for the early constituting of the newly chartered Chapters four of which were honored by the Grand Matron doing the work herself. Approved the by-laws of eleven Chapters. Granted six dispensations, and refused several to hold regular meetings in "Ante Rooms." I do not understand why so many were desirous of using the "Ante Rooms." Installed the officers of five Chapters. Three Grand Officers installed in subordinate Chapters. I cannot approve of the appointment of persons to Grand Offices who do not take enough interest in the Order to attend Grand Chapter sessions. Rendered thirty-eight decisions, among which we notice the following: Is it right for members to examine the ballot box after balloting for candidates, and the Chapter has closed? Answer: No. Every Matron should clear up the ballot box at once after declaring the ballot. Only the Matron and Associate Matron should see the contents of the ballot box. This is a splendid decision and should be rigidly adhered to. I think another one worthy of note, viz: A member of our Chapter has taken out a saloon license, and is running a saloon, what can we do? Answer: It is an offense. Prefer charges and in a trial be governed by Masonic law. There are several others I would like very much to quote, but cannot owing to space. The Grand Patron says: "Considering, as I do, the office of Patron rather more ornamental than useful, and with natural instincts, cultivated as a code pleader, I shall endeavor to cut out all superfluous matter, and give a brief statement." Issued four dispensations and made five recommendations, and that covers the ground, but the Grand Matron seems to have been equal to the task of bearing the burden. The Grand Secretary has a record of the organization of four new Chapters. Membership of 3,064, with sixty-two Chapters, all active. Cash balance, June, 1901, \$1,953 11. The Grand Matron was allowed, \$200.00, Grand Secretary, \$300.00, Fraternal Correspondent, \$100.00, Grand Treasurer, \$50.00. Texas received an ample review of its eighteenth session held at Houston, October 9th, 1900.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Libbie Everett, Tacoma.

Grand Patron, Charles H. Manley, Tacoma.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, 919 E street, Tacoma.

## WISCONSIN.

The eleventh annual meeting of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Milwaukee, February 20th, 1901. All Grand Officers present. The addresses of welcome and response were short and to the point. This Grand Matron, like Washington's, hurried to make necessary arrangements looking toward the early constituting of chartered Chapters. She says: While the growth of the Order in Wisconsin is not as rapid as in former years, six new Chapters have been formed, making a total of 124 in good working order. When we consider that our Grand Chapter is only ten years old, with a membership of nearly 8,000 in the State, I think we may feel that the Order of the Eastern Star in Wisconsin is no longer an experiment. Made eighty-two official visits; installed the officers of three Chapters; issued twenty-five dispensations; rendered twenty-three decisions, among which I note the following, and fully concur in same. Can we object to one who wishes to affiliate? Answer.—You cannot, they are already members. I made a similar decision when I was Grand Matron, but our Committee on Jurisprudence reported unfavorably and their report was adopted. I claim the only way a dimitted member can be kept out is through the ballot, but all applicants for affiliation must be balloted for. In Wisconsin the Grand Matron is the executive head of the Order, and, therefore, the Grand Patron, whose picture evidences a man past the meridian of life, but the sentiments contained in his address were sublime, assuring me that while the infirmities of age may have overtaken him, his mental powers were very clear and strong. The Grand Secretary's report is short, owing to the fact that the financial transactions of the above officer are reported through the Board of Trustees. She gives the total membership as 7,961. The Grand Secretary lost her dearly beloved husband by death during the year, and dear Sister you have the heartfelt sympathy of all members of our noble Order in Texas. The Grand Treasurer shows cash on hand at the beginning of this session of \$2,254.62.8

The Grand Matron, in her address, requested that some plan be devised whereby the Grand Matron might be relieved from visiting all of the Chapters.

The report of the committee, which was adopted, read as follows: "The Grand Matron shall appoint eight Grand Instructors to be selected from the permanent membership of this Grand Chapter, whose duties shall be to give instruction under the direction of the Grand Matron, to visit at least once during the year each Chapter in said Grand Instructor's district. The jurisdiction of the districts above referred to shall be determined by the incoming Grand Matron, this doing away with the district conventions."

The Trustees report as follows: Grand Matron to be paid \$250.00. Mileage account, \$1,000.00. Grand Patron, \$50.00. The Grand Secretary's salary is not given.

The eighteenth Texas session held at Houston, October 9th, 1900, was liberally reviewed.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED

Grand Matron, Mrs. Bell W. Bliss, Baraboo.

Grand Patron, W. F. Carle, Janesville.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Laffin, Milwaukee.

Next meeting, Milwaukee, February 19th, 1902.

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#### WYOMING.

The third annual session of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Green River, September 4th, 1900. Nine Grand Officers absent, as follows: Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron, Grand Secretary, the two Conductresses, Adah, Martha and Marshal. This is an astounding condition of affairs in that jurisdiction. The only excuse the Grand Patron offered was that of "business." The Grand Secretary does not even make an excuse for her absence, but sends regrets. We note in the new roster of Grand Officers that Laura E. McGrath does not appear as Grand Secretary, and that the faithful Grand Treasurer was elevated to the Grand Matron's chair.

To the Grand Officers who were absent without something more of an excuse than that of "business" we say for shame, and you are not deserving of any further recognition at the hands of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming. That you should desert the



child who had not grown out of its "swaddling clothes," is to my mind sufficient proof of your total lack of interest in the good of our grand and noble Order. When the constituency of the Grand Chapter of Wyoming shall have reached a numerical strength of ten thousand, and she is burdened with a plethoric treasury, it will no doubt be a pleasant memory for deserters to look back upon. To Sister Rohrbough I extend my love and sympathy, and who from her record in the proceedings bore bravely her part under such trying circumstances, is entitled to more than passing credit. Her address, which was not preceded by any addresses of welcome or response, starts out as follows: "The lapse of time has again bereft us of another year of our existence." If she could only have substituted the following, how much more appropriate it would have been just at that time. "The lapse of time has bereft me of every elective officer of the Grand Chapter except the good and faithful Treasurer," surely the Eastern Star would at large, sincerely regret such affairs, but we as correspondents must do our duty and allow "no guilty one to escape." This Grand Matron doubts the utility of the Grand Representative system, and furnishes a strong argument from her standpoint, but as I have not the space I cannot incorporate it here.

Rendered five decisions, among which she rules that all that is necessary to make an applicant eligible, whose father was dead, would be to have a Mason vouch for the good standing of the applicant's father at the time of his death, and that a certificate from the father's lodge would not be necessary. I do not agree to this mode of procedure as in all such cases documentary proof should be furnished to complete the record. Several good recommendations are made but I cannot use the space to mention them here.

Issued two dispensations, refused one, as follows: For a special meeting for the purpose of receiving, balloting, and initiating five or six candidates, by reason of my doubts as to the good intentions of such a mode of procedure. You were quite right my dear sister.

The Grand Secretary's report shows total receipts, \$288.62. Grand Secretary's salary, \$60.00, reduced at this meeting to \$35.00. Printing proceedings, \$61.75. Ten Chapters. Membership 522, gain of twenty-four. The committee on Fraternal Correspondence make the following astonishing report: "We your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence find none to report upon." I wish to ask right here if you did not get the proceedings from Texas. It is just possible you did not know what these documents were sent you for, but I would like to know for certain.

## OFFICERS ELECTED.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Ada Miller, Rawling.

Grand Patron, Henry Bunker, Cheyenne.

Grand Secretary, Mrs. Inez M. Robinson, Cheyenne.

Next session held at Wheatland on the first Tuesday in September, 1901.

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## CONCLUSION.

I have refrained from including in my reviews a statement of the contributions from any of the respective Grand Jurisdictions, for the sufferers from the terrible storm of September 8th, 1900.

But, as a whole, I desire to place Texas on record as devoutly thanking you all. If you could only have been present at any time the funds were being distributed, and the great suffering relieved thereby, you would have been amply repaid for all the sacrifices made.

I note with interest the action of several Grand Chapters relative to discontinuing the practice of issuing the numbers of demised Chapters for those newly organized.

The idea advanced by several Grand Chapters of endeavoring to secure a uniformity of titles of Grand Officers, is a very sensible one, and I trust some action will eventually be taken along these lines. In the Grand Lodges of Masons, the chief officer is given the title of Right Worshipful Grand Master, and it is the same the world over.

I have made some severe criticisms in reviewing the proceedings of several Grand Chapters, bearing upon the absence of Grand Officers at annual meetings, and I again reiterate the statement that this evil should be discontinued. More care should be exercised in the electing to office those who are possessed of sufficient interest in the Order to attend its meetings. Of course, there are exceptions where sickness has prevented, and to such cases my remarks do not apply, but in several instances I have noticed the extreme flimsiness of the excuses made, and desire to here place my condemnation upon officers who will offer themselves for honors at the hands of their Grand Chapters, thereby keeping some faithful worker from being thus honored, and after securing the office decline to comply with the promise made at the time of their installation.

Nearly all the proceedings reviewed contain the pictures of Grand and Past Officers. A very pleasant and useful custom.

Finally, I wish to say, that in all of my reviews, I have endeavored to avoid personalities, and criticised only the *official* action of Grand Officers, and the deliberations of the respective Grand Chapters as Grand Bodies. If anything is found that would appear as personal to the officer to whom it refers, I beg now to declare that such was not my intention.

I have reviewed the proceedings of every Grand Chapter in the United States, excepting Alabama, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana and Maryland. These not having reached my hands to date.

Respectfully submitted,

AMELIA A. GARRISON,

Dallas, Texas, October 10, 1901. Fraternal Correspondent.

Address 348 Masten Street.

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RELIEF FUND

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RECEIVED SINCE JANUARY 1ST, 1901.

Jan.	2.	From Mrs. Jessie Vert, G. M., Oregon	\$ 15 00
"	3.	" " Della Bennett, G. S., Kansas	200 00
"	4.	" " Eliza Cohen, G. S., Colorado	253 00
"	8.	" " S. Penrose Williams, G. S., R. I.	9 75
"	11.	" " Joseph Langford, G. C., Penn	53 50
"	14.	" " A. J. Small, G. P., of Iowa.	72 75
"	15.	" Camelia Chapter, Cal.	5 50
"	16.	" Mrs. Lucy Buddington, G. C. New York	3 75
"	22.	" " Maud M. Green, G. C. Nebraska	13 80
"	23.	" " Ida M. Hill, G. C. S. Dakota	10 90
"	25.	" Mr. W. A. Atwood, G. P. G. C. Mass	400 00
Feb.	1.	" Mrs. Jennie B. Hopkins, G. C. Ark	5 00
"	8.	" Nettie Kausford, G. Sec. Indiana.....	100 00
"	10.	" Helen M. Lallin, G. Sec. Wisconsin ..	29 00
"	15.	" S. P. Williams, G. Sec. R. Is.	15 00
"	26.	" A friend.	1 00
Mar.	1.	" Della Bennett, G. Sec., Kansas	74 45
"	11.	" Jennie B. Hopkins, G. C. Ark	13 51
"	14.	" Nellie T. Cummings, Gr. S. N. H	83 84
"	25.	" Maud M. Green, Gr. C. Nebraska .....	10 90
Apr.	22.	" Annette Hooper, Gr. C. Maine	136 00
May	3.	" Mary C. Taylor, Gr. C. Minn	363 30
"	7.	" Elma Miller, Gr. C. Vermont	76 45
"	17.	" Nellie T. Cummings, Gr. T. N. H	34 01
"	17.	" Ida K. Hill, Gr. T., S. Dakota	11 50
June	17.	" Lucy Buddington, G. C. N. Y	5 00
Sept.	30.	" Walter Atwood, Gr. C. Mass	89 28
Oct.	1.	" L. C. Buddington, Gr. C. N. Y.	1 00

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LAURA B. HART.  
Secretary for Committee.