ADDRESS OF WELCOME AT DISTRICT CONTENTION

By Carrie Baxter Jennings

Worthy President, Sisters, Brothers and Visitors of Montcalm-Mecosta-County Association:-

We have been told that "with priviledges come responsibilities." And while I accept with pleasure the priviledge of extending to you on behalf of (name) Chapter Number (number) a warm welcome to Howard City, I must at this same time assume the responsibility of making that welcome ring true, and of making you feel utterly at home with us.

Although our present audience room is not as pretentious and commodious as might be desired, there is no lack of room in our hearts to embrace and accomodate all our visiting sisters and brothers. And we hope by the cordiality of our welcome to compensate you in a measure for this structural handicap.

Also we assure you that our welcome is not of the type characteristically shown by an old Scotchman of whom I once read. Upon entering his home one was faced by a beautiful and ornate motto conspicuously placed on the wall of the reception room inscribed with the word WELCOME.

But as the guest began to make himself feel at home and comfortable he saw over the door of exit another motto which read:
WE SHALL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU GOING.

On the contrary our enjoyment of this meeting is going to make the time pass so rapidly and seem so short that a mental picture of the motto over the door of exit must necessarily read:-

SORRY TO SEE YOU GO. COME AGAIN.

This annual getting together as one great family is growing more important, more endeaered to us as the years pass. For in unity is strength, and this interchange of ideas and suggestions should give us inspiration for greater accomplishments in future. And each of us has his or her separate function in this organization. Perhaps your part or mine may be inconspicuous. What of it? It is the getting together, it is as someone has aptly said: "The everlasting teamwork" that counts.

We hope with your help to make this meeting of such interest that:-

Its powerful influence all the year through
Of goodwill and good-fellowship blending,
Shall be felt and be seen in the good that we do,
And be crowned with success never ending.

Again, Howard City and Ivanhoe Chapter bid you a hearty welcome.