The following presentation address, originally written for use in Mizpah Chapter No. 36, of Charlotte, N. C., whose custom it is to present a white Eastern Star Bible to each initiate, and to have the candidate assume the obligation on his or her own Bible, has been incorporated in the North Carolina Instruction Book as an optional ceremony.

The custom in Mizpah Chapter, and recommended in the instruction book, is for the Associate Patron to make the presentation after the initiation ceremony has been fully completed.

“I now present you this Holy Bible upon which you took the solemn obligation of our Order.

“It is yours—to read, to study, to treasure. We ask you to remember that:

“We search the world for truth; we call
The good, the true, the beautiful
From all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, wearied seekers of the best,
We come back laden from the quest
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read.

“Its cover is of lamb skin—the emblem of innocence; and is to remind you of that purity of life and conduct which should be the aim of every member of our Order.

“Within its pages you will find the stories you have heard tonight. There also you may read of the Star of the East, that Star which guided the Wise Men of old, and which today may safely guide our faltering footsteps through the labyrinth of life.”

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