

THE BENEVOLENT AND CHARITABLE SOCIETIES OF CINCINNATI, OHIO

Appendix in Proceedings of the Semi-Centenary Celebration of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Cincinnati, Held in Allen Temple, February 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1874: With an Account of the Rise and Progress of the Colored Schools, Also a List of the Charitable and Benevolent Societies of the City, edited by Rev. B. W. Arnett, Pastor of Allen Temple. Cincinnati: 1874

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The following is a list of the various charitable and benevolent organizations among the colored people, who are doing a good work in our midst.*

THE DISCIPLE CHURCH.

Harrison street, east of Broadway, was organized by Elder Gilbert Lamb, July 25, 1846. The church and ground is valued at \$10,000. The number of members is eighty.

UNITED BRETHREN

SOCIETY, of Walnut Hills, was organized Oct. 17, 1864. The object of the association is to relieve its members when sick, and bury them when dead. They also make some provision for the orphans.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

Pastor, Rev. Rufus Conrad.

Elders, Thomas Marshall, Isaac Wilson, Benjamin King.

Deacons, Thomas Price, Peter Fleming, Benjamin Butler.

Deaconesses, Eliza Triplett, Laura Burgess, Lottie Collins, Sarah Marshall, Jane Price.

Trustees, T. Price, Isaac Wilson, Wm. D. Goff.

Treasurer, Thomas Marshall.

Clerk, W.D. Goff. Treasurer of Charity Fund, Isaac Wilson.

PRESENT OFFICERS.

President, Wm. H. Woodyear. Secretary, W. H. Bush. Treasurer, Hartwell Parham. Chaplain, George Moss. Board of Stewards, Luther Greaves, Charles Hagan, Henry Steward, Wm. Groomes. Vice President, David Fax.
Assistant Secretary, Andrew Jackson.
Con. Atterney, Frank Reeder.
Board of Investigators,
Augustus Frierson, David Braxton,
Rolla Pryor, Cicero Moore,
Henderson Scott, Henry Shaffers,
Emanuel Smith.

^{*} The format of the pamphlet has been altered in this document to preserve space. In the pamphlet, each list of officers follows the name of the association, either before or after the description of the association. Punctuation has been modernized in a few cases for ease of reading, and several minor typographical errors have been corrected.

BUTLER LODGE, NO. 15, Independent Order Good Samaritans, was organized

August 15, 1870.

Motto -- Love, Purity, and Truth.

Object -- Mutual Relief, and Temperance.

Present Officers, James Gayles, W.P.C.; Wm. Woodyear, W.C.; Wm. Gates, W.V.; George Moss, W.P.; Cicero Moorre [*sic*], W.F.S.; George Frazier, W.F.S.; Lewis Swanson, W.T., P. Sanders, W. Con.

DORCAS RELIEF SOCIETY

was organized Feb. 22, 1866, by Minnie Mitchell and others. The object of this society is to help the poor, relieve the sick, and bury the dead. It is charitable in the full sense of the word.

The present officers are:

President, Francis Strange.

Vice President, Elizabeth Frierson.

Secretary, Mary Cruitup.

Assistant Secretary, Laura Webb. Treasurer, Delphia Elkins.

Conductress, Clarissa Shaffers.

Sick Committee, Lucinda Whitlow, Rhonda Hall, Mahala Sullavou.

UNITED DAUGHTERS,

Walnut Hills, was organized March 25, 1869. Mutual protection and relief is the object of the society.

The present officers are:

President, Mary E. Smith. Vice President, Mary Scott. Secretary, Julia Brodie. Treasurer, Rebecca Darnes.

Chairman of Investigators, Mary E. Fox. Chairman of Board of Stewards, Jane Brown.

THE SISTERS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD was

organized Oct. 28, 1872. The design of the association is to help Brown's Chapel build a house on the new lot.

The following are the officers:

President, Laura Webb.

Vice President, Delphia Elkins.

Secretary, Mary Cruitup.

Assistant Secretary, Sallie B. Owens.

Treasurer, Clarissa Shaffer.

STARS OF THE WEST,

Golden Link Lodge.

Grand officers

Grand Maxter, James Batties.

Grand Officers, Elizabeth Smith, Ann Harris, Mary Crouter, Emma Mathews. Grand Treasurer, Eliza Thomas. Grand Assistant Treasurer, Eliza Redford.

Grand Chaplain, J. Wills. Grand Marshall, Henry Harris.

Secretary, Mary Pleasant.

Investigating Board, Mary Robinson, Eliza Fleming, Mrs. Munro, Jane Cuskens.

Staff Bearers, Laura Hunter, Mary Green, Bettie Johnson, Susan Miller.

Sick Committee, Augustus Scott, George Carter, Annie MaCadden.

RELIEF UNION, of Plum Street Partist Church, was

Street Baptist Church, was organized August 9, 1868, by the members of the church. The initiation fees were only

The following are the present officers:

President, Wm. F. Fleming. Secretary, Rev. Thomas Webb. Treasurer, Rev. R.W. Scott.

15 cents, and the monthly dues 12 cents. The initiation fees now are \$3.00, and the monthly dues 25 cents. The number of members in good standing is about thirty. The object of the society is the mutual benefit of its members.

BANNAKER'S LODGE,

NO. 2. of Independent Order of Good Samaritans, was organized Sept. 4, 1856 by Edward M. Thomas, R.W.N. Grand Chief. The motto of the order is Love, Purity, and Truth. The following were the charter members: Leven Brown, Alexander Taverns, John McCallister, John M. Hawkers, Joseph Countee, Charles Henry, James Turbein, Nathaniel Southall.

Present Officers, David Turner, W.P.C.; Jacob Shaw, W.C.; Robert Cruitup, W.V.; Silas Redman, W.P.; Joseph S. Shaw, W.R.S.; John McCallister, W.T.; Henry Smith, W. Cond; John H. Terry, W.I.S.

The object, the mutual benefit of its members.

MOUNT MORIAH LODGE NO. 1, DAUGHTERS OF

SAMARIA, was organized July 14, 1853, by Samuel Van Brakle, R.W.N. Grand Chief. The object of the organization is [to] promote the cause of

The following are the charter members: Rebecca Darnes, Jane Taverns, Priscilla Ware, Ann Smith, Catherine Brown, Mary Ann Butler, Martha G. Johnson, Minerva Butler. The object of the organization is the promote the cause of Temperance and Benevolence. *Present Officers*, Priscilla Ware, W.P.P.D.; Eliza Flemming, W.P.D.; Irena Haskens, D.F.; Eliza J. Henry, W.F.; Sarah Marshall, W.R.; Mary Ann Brown, D.F.; eliza D. Thomas, D.L.; Sophia Haggerman, D. Con.; Louisa Brown, D.P.; Anne Hatcher, D.K. Number of members, 50.

Temperance and Benevolence. The society meets in Allen Temple the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at 3 o'clock, P.M. Number of members, 50.

THE OHIO STATE GRAND COUNCIL, NO 6, of the

Independent Order of Gold Samaratans and Daughters of Samaria, was organized in May, Present Officers, John McCallister, R.W.G.P.C.; Leven Brown, R.W.G.C.; Elias Walace, R.W.G.D.C.; Peter Buller, R.W.G.V.C.; George Moss, R.W.G.O.; Eliza J. Henry, R.W.G.S.; Julia Brodie, R.W.G Ass't S.; H.J. Haliaway, R.W.G. Con.; Lewis Swanson, R.W.G.I.S.; David Turner, R.W.G.O.S.; Priscilla Ware, R.W.G.T.: Rev. B.W. Arnett, R.W.G.O.

1868, by Samuel Van Brackle, Right Worthy Grand Chief of the Order.

THE CHRISTIAN AID

ASSOCIATION was organized Oct. 8, 1872. The object of the association is to assist the church, and to make money to pay Allen Temple's indebtedness. The

The present officers are: President, Sidney Quills. Vice President, Sarah A. Williams. Secretary, James H. Smith. Assistant Secretary, Charles Williams. Treasurer, Amey Peterson.

association has done a good work the last year; they have given the church, since May last, the sum of four hundred and twenty-one dollars. Number of members, 60. [Note: In the original document, this association and Sons of Libery appear after The Sewing Circle of Allen Temple. They are placed here to preserve space.]

SONS OF LIBERTY.

Organized August 1, 1852. Number of members 35. The present officers are:

President, Alex. Sanders.

Assistant Secretary, Wm. Steele.

Orator, Hartwell Parham.

Secretary, Geo. W. Fry.

Treasurer, Thomas Price.

Marshall, Jos. Hunster.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Henry Prentiss.

Board of Investigators, Chas. Henry, John Alston, Chas. Keys. *Board of Stewards*, John Wyatt, Thos. Tolbert, John Goodall, Samuel Merrill. *Commissioner*, Chas. Sanders.

THE SEWING CIRCLE OF ALLEN TEMPLE was

organized in 1864, during the administration of Elder Shorter, with the title of "The Daughters of Conference." The object of the association then was to assist the minister ministers of the Ohio Annual Conference who did not get their allowance from their several charges. This they continued to do annually until 1870, when the Temple was purchased. The society was re-organized by Elder Johnson, for the purpose of helping to pay the indebted-ness of the church. It has contributed, since the purchase of the church, the handsome sum of \$2,500.

The following are its present officers: *President*, Priscilla Ware. *Vice President*, Mary J. Truley. *Secretary*, Eliza Henry.

Treasurer, Martha Russ.

The following committee assisted in getting up the Semi-Centennial Supper, for Monday evening, Feb. 9, 1874:

Lottie Watkins Maria Scott Deborah Brown. Emma D. Brown Sarah Madiso Louisa Fletcher. Sarah Bullett Fanny Porter Elizabeth Lewis. Martha Rowley Ellen Coleman Martha Smith. Josephine Smith Ophelia Coleman Ellen Boyd. Susan Martin Jennie Todd Isabella King. Sarah Roberts Frank King Anne Smith. Elisa Shoocroft

Bro. Levin Brown is the Father of the Good Samaritans of the West. He has been their Chief for a number of years; and for forty years has been the advocate of temperance and benevolence.

Sister Eliza J. Henry, the present Grant Scribe, has been a faithful worker, and has done much to advance the cause of the Daughters of Samaria, and to spread the principles of love, Purity, and truth among her people.

UNION CENTRAL LODGE, NO. 1, American Protestant Association, instituted Jan. 16, 1872. Number of members 140 *Present Officers*, Geo. W. Fry, W. M.; James Taylor, D. M.: Thos. Floyd, R.S..; George Fisher, F. S.; Jno. Steel, A. S.; Elias Polk, Treas.; Robert Bonner, O.T.; Geo. Crow, I.T., Alex. Sanders, Con.; Nathan Vance, A.C.; Geo. Collins, Chap.

THE FEMALE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION was

organized Sept. 25, 1848. The first four years the society numbered 180; at this time it numbers 50. The larger portion of its old members are dead.

The present officers are:

President, Mrs. Sarah Madison.

Secretary, Mrs Eliza J. Pool.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs, Laura Burgess.

Board of investigation, Mrs. Sarah Anderson, Sarah Smith, Kitty Williams, Francis Branch.

Sick Committee, Charley Woods, Patsy Mounday, Francis King, Lucy Mann.

CINCINNATI LODGE, NO. 1, Independent Order Star in the

West. The object of this society is to encourage all enterprises that may redound to the honor, credit, and independence of the "Star in the West," and promote industry, virtue, and love among

Present Officers, Henry Foster, Grand Master; Henry Banks, Chaplain; Peter Butler, Chief; Martha Rowley, President; Maggie White, Vice President; Dr. Danbridge, Marshall; Mary Rowley; Treasurer; Julia A. Perry, Secretary.

We have only one lodge under our jurisdiction, Silver Star Lodge, No. 2, of Lockland, Ohio, with the following officers: *Present Officers*, Gilbert Payne, Chief; Daniel Garret, President; Wm. Johnson, Treasurer; Andrew Scott, Chaplain; Maria Gray, Secretary.

its members; to secure sympathy and relief for the unfortunate and distressed; to bury the dead and elevate the living; and generally by love, seek to spread the true principles of charity. The principles of our order are Faith, Hope, and Charity. Upon these three pillars rests the structure of our institution. This lodge was established in 1868 under the auspices of Rev. E.S.W. Hammond. Owing to some incompetence it failed, but was re-organized in 1872.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION.

Organized A.D. 1850. Number of members, 12.

THE SONS OF ENTERPRISE,

was organized in 1851, on the following principles: Whereas, our elevation and independence rests in a great degree upon the use of the means in our power, therefore we, the undersigned, have mutually agreed to form an Association, to be known as the "Sons of Enterprise," for the purpose of enhancing each other's

Present Officers, Ann Smith, President; Lettie Sayles, Vice-President; Maria Ssyles, Secretary; Luvina Moore, Treasurer; Elizabeth C. Buckner, Elizabeth Allen, Mrs. Samuel Junkins, Sick Committee; Hannah Holland, Standing Committee.

Its officers are: J. Johnson, W.C.; W.J. Toney, W.P.; J.W. White, W.S.; R.S. Burns, W.T.; W.D. Goff, W.M.; B. Johnson, Comr; J.G. Marshall, S.A.; J.G. Hamilton, M.; *Council A.* T.E. Roots, J. Freeman, R. O. Wright, P. Smith, Wm. Berry, Rich'd Scurry.

Council G. W.D. Goff, Jas. Johnson, W.J. Toney, J.W. White, R.S. Burns, B. Johnson, T.E. Roots, J. Freeman, P. Smith, J.G. Marshall, J.G. Hamilton, Wm. Berry, I. Keith, Thos. Knox. D.D. Step, W. Cousins, R.O. Wright, Rich'd Scurry. Committee. I. Keith, Thos. Knox, W. Cousins, D.D. Step.

Trustees. Jas. Johnson, R.S. Burns, Thos. W. Roots, Wm, J. Toney, J.G. Hamilton, B.J. Schooley, W.D. Goff, clerk.

Members. B.J. Schooley, M. Schooley, J.H. Byrant, Wm. Ralston, Geo. Brown, B. Harding, Wm. Conrad, Wm. Carr, Levin Brown, Julius Hawkins.

interests, in rendering mutual aid. and assistance; to this end, we adopt for our government, the following Constitution:

Article 1. This Society shall be known and designated by the name of "The Sons of Enterprise." Article 2. The object of this Society shall be to encourage such enterprises as shall effect the above design: such as the purchase of Real Estate, the erection of Public Halls, etc. Also, to promote industry, temperance and virtue among its members.

UNITED SISTERS,

organized Nov. 26, 1868, under the following preamble. Sister Maria Callaway mother of this society, and organized by Sister Frances Porter. United we stand, divided we fall; Justice and Truth is our motto.

Recording Secretary Emma Knight.

Treasurer Malinda McCallister.

Marshal Harriet Bush.

Investigators Eliza Cotrell, Louisa Fletcher, Mary Carey.

President Malinda Mosby.

Vice President Sarah A. Williams.

Financial Secretary Mary J. Scott.

Present officers are:

Sick Committee Hannah Werles, Eliza Allen, Maria Henning, Martha Elliott.

INDEPENDENT DAUGHTERS OF HOPE,

organized May 8, 1873, to be governed by the following constitution. Sister Frances Porter mother of this society, and organized by Sister Frances Porter. United we stand, divided we fall; Justice and Truth is our motto.* President Fannie Porter.
Vice President Louisa Brown.
Secretary Harriet Dickson.
Treasurer Eliza Newman.
Marshall Harriet Libby.

Investigating Committee Lucinda Madden, Lottie Qualls, Mary S. Burns, Nancy Rouse.

Sick Committee Dolly Gibbs, Alice Dobson.

^{*} Similarity of text in Independent Daughters of Hope and United Sisters is in original text.

THE UNITED COLORED AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

was organized in 1844. This association hold their regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8 o'clock, P.M. The association purchased three acres and three hundred and one thousandths of an acre of land in

The officers consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, four Stewards, Commissioners of Balls and Urns, Marshall, Sergeant-at-Arms, and nine Trustees; all of whom are elected annually on the first Monday in August.

Present Officers Willis Felton, President; J.I. Mann, Vice President; C.F. Buckner, Secretary, Wm. N. Jones, Assistant Secretary; Gabriel Strange, Walter Calaway, R eady Fisher, John Elkins and Samuel Junkins, Board of Stewards; Albert Jenkins, Leven Brown, Wm. H. Wilson, Robert Gordon, Hartwell Parham, T.E.Knox, Henry Sullivan, Lloyd Johnson, John H. Porter, Board of Trustees.

1847, and it was consecrated a burying ground, and its title, the Colored American Cemetery. All that part of land being part section nine, in the third town-hip, and is recorded in book No. 128, page 374, Hamilton Co., Ohio. The membership numbers forty-four.

ZERIBABEL'S COMMANDERY, NO. 1, of Cincinnati, O., was organized June 3, 1873. Number of members, 34.

The following being the elected officers: O.S. Burton, Eminent Commander; Wm. Bell, Generalissimo; Wm. Arindell, Capt.General; Isaac E. Black, Preiate, Chas Johnston, Senior Warden; Wm. J. Hunt, Junior Warden; Wm. Wilson, Treasurer; Wm. H. Palmer, Recorder; R.C. Hatton, Standard Bearer; Henderson Harris, Sword Bearer; Zachary Taylor, Warden; Benj., F. Smith, Sentinel.

HENDERSON ENCAMPMENT, NO. 8,

was organized Aug. 13, 1850, by Enos Hall, Dept. Grand Master, and Uriah Cooper, Grand Secretary. The following were the officers duly installed as per warrant: Shelton Morris, M.E. Commander; G.T. Watson, Generalissimo; Sam J. Wilcox, Capt-General; Wm. Darnes, Prelate: Charles Satchell. Standard Bearer; Samuel Wilson, Chancellor: D.G. Harris, Recorder; Rev. T. W. Stringer, Treasurer; W. Casey, Sword Bearer. These officers continued to fill their various positions until June, 1873, when the following were elected and installed: Sir Thos. W. Stringer, Eminent C.; J. Tospot, Generalissimo; I Delaney, Capt.-General: J. Freeman, Prelate; W.D. Goff, Recorder; J.A.S. Clark, Treasurer; B. Laning, Standard Bearer; P. Bartley, Sword Bearer.

THE GRAND CHAPTER FOR THE WEST was

organized Aug. 20,1850, under a dispensation granted by DR. M.R. DELANEY, Dis. Dept., National Grand Master with the following companions as active members; A.B. Lewis, Grand High Priest; Wm. Darnes, Dept. High Priest; J.G. Johnson, Grand Treasurer; C.A. Rockburn, Grand Secretary. The above officers served until June 24,1873, when the following officers were duly elected and installed: Rev. T.W. Stringer, G.H.P.; J. Tospot, Dep. H.P.; J.A.S. Clark, G.K.; Dr. C.F. Buckner, Grand Scribe. Benj. Laning, Isaac Delaney, P. Bartley, W.D. Golf, II. Lewis J. Freeman, S.J. Tate, R. Fortson, W.H. Moore, are also officers, but their titles could not be correctly ascertained by the writer to insert in proper order.

SALEM COURT, NO. 2.,

was organized July, 1864, by Daniel Decker, William Darnes, Jackson Moore, and Dr. C.F. Buckner. The following were elected and installed: Martha Howard, M.A.H.J; Jonathan Tospot, W.J.; Eliza J.Henry, Secretary; Isabel Good, Treasurer; Ann Laning, I.G.K.; Maria Scott, O.G.K. *Board of Directors* --James Holland, Wm. D. Goff Members--Louisa Delaney, Julia Rice, Julia Miller, Jane Tolliver, Harriet E. Lewis. Hannah Holland, Susan Banks, Lucy Day, Ann Asbery, Nancy Hall, Nancy Dickson, Louisa Buckner, Susan Fisher, Martha Ellis, Mary Harris.

SHARON COURT NO. 1..

Cincinnati, O., was organized August 26, 1870, by William Darnes, D.H.P. Present officers: Melinda McCallister, M.A.H.J.; Charles Henry, F.S.; Lucy Hunt, Secretary; Sidney Quills, Eliza Fleming, I.G.K.; John McCallister, G.G. *Board of Directors* Dr. C. F. Buckner, E T. Page, John Freeman. Members- Louisa Taylor, Eliza Page, Melinda McCallister, Susan Tinsley, Adaline Narcess, Eliza Fleming, Emily Berry, Margarett Lee, Patsy Phelps, Feraby Dancy, Charlotte Wils. Lucy Hunt, Ann Smith, Martha Freeman, Mary Truly, Eliza J. Pool, Sidney Quills, Mary J. Cane, Cecilia Wright, Henrietta Harris, Martha Clark, Elisabeth Wesley, Mrs. Hopes.

PRINCE WHITE CHAPTER, NO 1., Royal Arch Masons, Cincinnati. Number of members, 54.

Officers M.E., George H. Bailey, H.P.; E., William H. Palmer, King; E.,C.W. Bell, Scribe; Comp., C. Calloway, Treas; Comp., S.W. Clark See.; Comp; W. Arindell, C H; Comp., I.E. Black, P.S.; Comp., W.M. Nelson, R.A.C.; Comp., C.W.H. Johnson, M. 3d V.; Comp., W. Rippleton, M. 2d V.; Comp., R. Fisher, M. 1st V.; Comp., B.F. Smith, Guard.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, NO. 1., F.A.M. Cincinnati.

NO. 1., F.A.M. Cincinnati Number of members, 80. Officers Peter H. Clark, W.M.; Milton Crown, S.W.; Samuel Phelps, J. W.; Charles Henry, Treas.; Lewis D. Easton. Secretary; Henry Smith, S.D.; Henderson Harris, J.D.; David Curtis, S. St.; Wm. Steele, J. St.; Benjamin F. Smith, T.

TRUE AMERICAN LODGE, NO. 2., F.A.M., Cincinnati.

Number of members, 50.

Officers Samuel W. Clark, W.M., Geo. H. Bailey, S.W.; Wm. M. Nelson, J.W.; Wm. H. Harrison, Treasurer; W. Underwood, Secretary; Henry Williams, S.D.; W. Rippleton, J.D.; James Gatewood, S. St.; Wm. Scott, J. St; Benj F. Smith, T.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, NO. 3., F.A.M., Cincinnati. Number of members, 35.

Officers Chas. W. Bell, W.M.; John H. Troy, S.W.; Wm. Edrington, J. W.; Jas. A. Washington, Treasurer; Jno. S. McLeod, Secretary; John Hillman, S. D.; Wm. Bryant, J. D.; Morris Vena, S. St.; Jas. L. King, J. St.; Chas. Crocket, T.

FRANKLIN CHAPTER,

authorized and instituted in 1867, in the city of Cincinnati, O.

Officers Jonathan Tospot, High Priest; Dr. C. F. Buckner, King; William Moore, Scribe; John Freeman, Captain of the Host; Peter Bartlett, Principal Sojourner; Isaac Delaney, Royal Arch Captain; John McAllister, Master of the Third Vail; Robert Bloom, Master of the Second Vail; Fielding Hall, Master of the First Vail; James A.S. Clark, Treasurer; W.H. Goff, Secretary; Allen W. Henson, Chaplain; Benj. Laning, Guard.

THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF UNITED BRETHREN was

organized August 1, 1865, with the following declaration of principles:

The object of this organization is the education of its members in their rights and duties, to encourage industry, promote union and good morals, and to secure unity of action among its members, so as to promote these principles. The following Grand Lodge officers were elected and installed June, 1873: Jesse S. Fossett, Gr. President; William G. Hill, Gr. Vice President; Reuben W. Cousins, Gr. Secretary; Spain McMellen, Gr. Treasurer; Jackson Martin, Gr. Chaplain; James A. Mosby, Gr. Commander.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Queen City Lodge, No. 1, of Cincinnati, O. J.S. Fossett, President; S.McMellen, Vice President; R.W. Cousins, Secretary; W.G. Hill, Treasurer. Number of members, 36.

St. Luke's Lodge, No. 2, of Newport, Ky. Isaac Henson, President; Granville Bush, Vice President; Officer Ecton, Secretary; Jackson George, Treasurer. Number of members, 18.

St. Frances' Lodge, No. 3, of Covington, Ky. James Conners, President; Julius Miller, Vice President; Nora Clark, Secretary; Holton Patterson, Treasurer. Number of members, 25.