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CHARLES WADE MIXER
M. I. GRAND MASTER
Elected May 20, 1924

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

OF

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M. I. Grand Master from May 20, 1924, to May 19, 1925

Companion Charles Wade Mixer, of Hastings, Michigan, was born in Baltimore, Barry County, State of Michigan, on May 27th, 1853. He was one of a family of five children, four boys and one girl, he being the second son.

His parents were Lyman N. Mixer, M. D., and Amanda Scott Mixer, who were natives of New York State and moved west in the pioneer days—1852—settling on the old country homestead in Baltimore township where they lived until 1871 when Dr. L. N. Mixer moved to the City of Hastings where he continued his practice until death.

Charles W. Mixer remained with his father until of age, working on the farm, attending school and studying medicine with his father and later with Dr. I. Devere, an old practitioner of Hastings. His early schooling was that of the District school, then the High School of Hastings. His last superintendent being none other than Dr. Samuel Dickey, Ex-President of Albion College.

Being obliged to rely on his own resources for finance, he clerked for a time in Greable & Russell's hardware store in Hastings, and later went on the road as a commercial traveler for several years.

In 1880 he entered into a co-partnership with his father, Dr. L. N. Mixer, in medicine, specializing in the manufacturing of medicine, Mixer's Cancer and Scrofula Syrup and other

remedies. In 1888 he assumed entire management of the medicine business, Dr. Mixer, Sr., retiring, and later bought his father's interest in the Mixer Medicine Co. and at this time is sole proprietor. Dr. Mixer is also interested in Oregon timber land and in mining.

At the age of ten years Chas. W. Mixer united with the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Hastings, for sixty years an active member, and served for many years on the official Board; at the present time is President of the Historical Society of said church.

On February 6, 1895, he was united in marriage to Leila Hatton Hastings, of Hillsdale, Michigan, who was the only daughter of Major Charles and Mrs. Jennie Hatton, old residents of Hillsdale, Michigan. No children have been born to their union.

For over forty-seven years Companion Mixer has been active and deeply interested in Masonry. He has served in the different bodies and three years as T. I. M. in Gibleum Council No. 49 of Hastings. Is now a life member in Blue Lodge, Chapter and Order of Eastern Star. At present Treasurer of Hastings Commandery No. 56 and member of Hastings Masonic Association.

Masonic Affiliations.—He was made a Mason in Hastings Lodge No. 52 on March 13, 1878. Exalted to the degree of R. A. M. in Hastings Chapter No. 68 R. A. M., July 15, 1892. Greeted as R. & S. M. in Gibleum Council No. 49, R. & S. M., of Hastings, June 25, 1900. Received Order of the Temple in Charlotte Commandery No. 37, K. T., November 17, 1903. He became a member of Saladin Temple Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Grand Rapids, February 26, 1904, and DeWitt Clinton Consistory, 32°, A. A. S. R., February 19, 1914.

In the Grand Council R. & S. M. of Michigan Companion Mixer started in "the line of promotion" in 1919 as Grand Steward and steadily progressed until he was elected M. I. Grand Master on May 20, 1924. He has been very active in the work, visited many of the councils, and is deeply interested in the success of Cryptic Masonry in Michigan, and in placing the Rite in a conspicuous position which it deserves.