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CITY OF LANSING ON THE FIRST  
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COMPILED PURSUANT TO A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE  
LEGISLATURE BY

**ALLEN L. BOURS,**

Secretary of the Board of State Building Commissioners.

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## Concurrent Resolution.



*Resolved* (The House concurring), That the Secretary of the Board of State Building Commissioners be requested to compile and publish, without delay, 3,000 copies of the inaugural proceedings at the Capitol on the first day of January, 1879, for the use of the two Houses.

Adopted January 8th, 1879.

## Invitations to Ex-Governors.



All the surviving ex-Governors were invited to be present and participate in the inaugural ceremonies; and all responded affirmatively, and were present, with the exception of ex-Governor McClelland, from whom was received the following:

“DETROIT, Dec. 26, 1878.

“HON. CHARLES M. CROSWELL, *Governor*:

“MY DEAR SIR:—Few things would give me more real pleasure than to be present at the opening of the new Capitol, but my physical inability, which still continues, forbids my accepting your kind invitation.

“Yours respectfully,

“R. McCLELLAND.”

## Programme of Inaugural Exercises.

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At a meeting of the Governor, and Boards of State Auditors, and Building Commissioners, held at the Capitol on the evening of Monday, December 23d, 1878, the following programme of exercises was adopted, and the committees below named appointed to arrange for carrying the same into effect.

1

Music by the Band.

2

Prayer by Rt. Rev. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

3

The assemblage will be called to order by His Excellency,  
CHARLES M. CROSWELL, Governor.

4

The Oath of Office will be administered to the Governor and  
Lieutenant Governor by the Chief Justice of  
the Supreme Court.

5

Address by Ex-Governor ALPHEUS FELCH.



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Address by *Ex-Governor* WILLIAM L. GREENLY.

7

Address by *Ex-Governor* AUSTIN BLAIR.

8

Address by *Ex-Governor* HENRY P. BALDWIN.

9

Address by *Ex-Governor* JOHN J. BAGLEY.

10

Reading of the report of the State Building Commissioners,  
and presentation of the Capitol by  
Hon. E. O. GROSVENOR, Vice-President of the Board.

11

Acceptance of the New Capitol by Gov. CHARLES M. CROSWELL.

12

Benediction by REV. T. P. PRUDEN.

The exercises will commence in Representative Hall at 9½  
o'clock A. M.

The Hall will be opened at 9 o'clock.

The floor of the House will be reserved for members of the  
Legislature, each of whom will receive a card of admission  
for himself and lady; and for present and past Governors, and

State Officers, the Judiciary, Military Officers, Members of State Boards, principal officer of each State Institution, and resident clergy, who will assemble in the Senate Chamber, and proceed from thence to Representative Hall.

In the evening the Capitol will be illuminated, and a reception given by the Governor in his rooms from 8 to 10 o'clock.

No refreshments will be served.

No special invitations will be issued, but every citizen of the State will be welcomed.

GENERAL COMMITTEE:

HON. RALPH ELY,	HON. E. O. GROSVENOR,
HON. E. G. D. HOLDEN,	HON. JAMES SHEARER,
HON. W. B. McCREERY,	HON. ALEX. CHAPOTON,
HON. B. F. PARTRIDGE.	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

HUBERT R. PRATT,	ALLEN L. BOURS,
CHARLES H. HODSKIN,	WILLIAM CROSBY,
LELAND H. BRIGGS.	

## Inaugural Exercises.

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The members of the Legislature of 1879 having taken their seats in the Representative Hall, accompanied by their wives and friends, the Governor and Ex-Governors of the State, past and present State officers, the Judiciary, and others included in the resolution of the committee, entered the Hall in procession and occupied the seats which had been provided for them, when at half past nine o'clock A. M. the exercises commenced with Music by the Knights Templar Band of Lansing;

PRAYER BY RT. REV. GEORGE D. GILLESPIE.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who livest for ever and ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and Thy kingdom from generation to generation; we, Thy people, whom Thou hast formed for Thyself, to show forth thy praise, adore Thee that Thy visitation doth preserve our spirits. As we recall the days that are passed of another year, we do most heartily acknowledge that goodness and mercy have followed us as in all the days of our life, that the God of our life has been the God of our health.

Gathered as citizens of this commonwealth, in the pride of our State name and honor, in the comfort of the peace and prosperity of all ways of life, in the enjoyment of active virtue