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Detroit Division, No. 2, N. F. S. D.

Photo taken this summer. Members in the group, 71, of which 8 are visitors. Total membership is 70. Those in the group are, from left to right: First (top) row—J. Griffin, R. McKenzie, W. Zeh, E. McColl, H. Day, A. Siess, T. Markey, J. Ferninger, E. Luchow, C. Rickert, C. Kubisch, E. Parsons, W. Tischaefer, J. Langford. Second row—E. Jacobs, W. Toegel, B. Dahm, J. Rutherford, W. Englebrecht, V. Vernier, C. Pettit, R. Hoel, C. Rosenbaum, F. Weideman, T. Durocher, E. Wurtsmith, S. Goth, W. Cornish, R. Huhn, R. Stark, H. Gottlieb. Third row—J. Hellers, F. Gottwerth, J. Ansrow, F. D. Smith, A. Schneider, A. Pilon, J. Berry, O. Kuehn, W. Ranspach, G. Hansz, H. Waters, C. Lavenger, L. Hatowsky, W. Faxon, E. Ball, W. Rheiner. Fourth row—C. Miller, J. Hull, D. Moncrieff, H. Germer, C. Brown (Sergeant), T. Leach (Director), C. Gottwerth (Treasurer), W. Behrendt (Vice-President), P. Hellers (President), C. Barnett (Secretary), P. Perry, A. Gagne, A. Grunow, F. McHugh. Fifth row (bottom)—Floyd Smith, J. Henderson, D. Turrill, J. Moore, S. Smyth, D. Chapman, M. Bassett, J. Polk, C. Sadofsky, P. Polk. Members not in the group: A. McCuaig, C. Cummings, H. Furman, F. Whitney, N. Smith, E. Jackson.

Omaha Arrangements

AT THE October meeting of Omaha Division preliminary arrangements were made for the assignment of committee work for the 1915 convention. It's not very far off and it's time to begin planning for a trip to Omaha whether as delegate or as a visitor, for preparations will be made for the latter as well as the former. If you are going on to California, or even to Colorado, make your arrangements to stop off here. There're going to be a lot of things doing out West in 1915, and the least of the lot is not the Omaha convention, remember.

The Division is much disappointed at the slowness of other Divisions in responding to the circular letter sent them requesting names and other information for the proposed Directory. Unless all co-operate the matter will have to be

given up. So it is requested again that it be given attention now. Write Secretary J. S. Long at once.

A Non-Frat View

HATS off to the N. F. S. D.! Mark how wonderful the growth of the Society is. Less than a decade ago it was a wee insignificant society. Under wise management and a steady revision of its laws it has grown from an infant on toddling legs to a big robust fellow.

There was a mere handful when organized in 1902—now there are nearly 2,000 members and a balance in the treasury of a sum close to the \$40,000 mark. Since the organization of the Society it has paid to beneficiaries of deceased members and to its members for sick and accident benefits a total of \$29,000.—The Maryland Bulletin.

Notice to Division Treasurers

KINDLY place your name and address on the upper left hand corner of all your envelopes addressed to C. C. Neuner, Grand Financial Secretary. It is a matter of business and therefore all important. Remember, that your address is just as important as your name, in case of miscarriage in the mails. It would be a good idea to have your name and address printed thereon, or use a rubber stamp. But if you are liable to shift your residence from place to place, why then use pen and ink of course. This is especially necessary with new Treasurers who have recently been elected. I have time and again received monthly statements and remittances with simply the name of the new Treasurer, whereupon I have had to address the receipts to the address of the Division Secretary or

some one else whose address I happen to know. What if the statements and remittance never reached me? You would claim you sent it, and I would swear I never received it—so who is to blame? When I have some forty-odd Divisions to contend with, and as the majority of them usually report at the eleventh hour, it can readily be seen what confusion it causes when I have to stop to look up addresses or some one else's address. I am not in this office for my health, so it is up to you to co-operate with me and if you will paddle your own canoe, I'll do the rest—but you should not expect me to do it all. Business is business and it should be done in a business-like way. Paste this notice in your hat if necessary—just so you do not forget it.

Fraternally,
C. C. NEUNER,
Grand Financial Secretary.

Grand Treasurer's Report

For September, 1913.

Balances.

As per last report.....\$40,498.92

Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner..	\$ 1,910.72
Rent, Chicago Division.....	10.00
Interest, mortgage bonds.....	41.25
Grand Secretary's fees.....	5.00
Button sales	13.50
Engraving charges	12.85
Division bond premiums.....	1.90

Total balances and receipts..\$42,494.14

Disbursements.

Sick benefits	\$ 125.00
Accident benefits	150.00
Rent and light	37.00
Office expenses, sundries	2.03
Legal services—Actuary	50.00
Official publication	50.00
Officer's expenses, W. Davis...	6.95
Engraving	7.35
Postage account	8.33
Refunded dues and fee.....	3.40
Secretary's salary	100.00

Total disbursements

Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts....	\$42,494.14
Total disbursements	540.06

Total balances, Sept. 30\$41,954.08

September Disability Claims

*W. J. Campbell, Chicopee, Mass..	\$25.00
*H. W. Eichhorn, Kalamazoo, Mich.	50.00
O. M. Elliott, Lexington, Mo.....	10.00
*C. H. Wilson, Springfield, Ohio ..	10.00
*H. B. Plunkett, Milwaukee, Wis...	15.00
*C. W. Osterberg, Cedar Rapids, Ia.	10.00
Arthur Meehan, Chicago, Ill.....	20.00
S. E. Brownrigg, Saginaw, Mich...	45.00
John Hartman, Detroit, Mich.....	50.00
*Sam Houser, Gasville, Ark.	40.00

Total for the month.....\$275.00

Don't forget your current dues.

Grand Financial Secretary's Report

Collections for September.

Chicago	\$ 357.73
Detroit	88.78
Saginaw	9.74
Louisville	68.79
Little Rock	22.95
Nashua	21.57
Dayton	47.15
Bay City
Cincinnati	42.22
Evansville	12.31
Nashville	26.09
Springfield	20.23
Olathe
Flint	43.81
Toledo	14.40
Milwaukee	57.51
Columbus	38.99
Knoxville	25.06
Cleveland	54.46
Indianapolis	92.34
Brooklyn	137.24
St. Louis	109.63
New Haven	38.35
Holyoke	38.45
Los Angeles	34.85
Atlanta
Caney
Philadelphia	89.68
Kansas City	63.49
Omaha	39.67
New Orleans	60.17
Kalamazoo	28.88
Boston	43.67
Pittsburgh	16.89
Hartford	13.08
Memphis	11.49
Portland, Maine	58.49
Buffalo	6.63
Portland, Ore.	34.85
Newark	26.35
Providence	14.73

Total collections

List of Applications

27. Frank W. Kelley, Ferndale, Cal.
12. Ira B. Marshall, Nashville, Tenn.
12. Carl Stephenson, Nashville, Tenn.
1. Robert Taylor, Mt. Olive, N. C.
23. Louis Blumenthal, New York, N. Y.
16. Philip E. Reiss, Tiffin, O.
21. James V. Glover, Knoxville, Tenn.
36. Samuel Nichols, Pittsburgh, Pa.
36. Henry Bardes, Wilkinsburg, Pa.
10. Charles Fry, Cincinnati, O.
10. Hope W. Porter, Cincinnati, O.
10. George Barrowcliff, Cincinnati, O.
36. John Rosensteel, Ebensburg, Pa.
32. Minor O. Ray, Walnut, Ia.
26. Harold Burdick, N. Adams, Mass.
26. Joseph Donahue, Springfield, Mass.
40. John P. Conlon, Buffalo, N. Y.
40. John Burmeister, Buffalo, N. Y.
33. Otis Morgan, Plain Dealing, La.
38. Edward Zwetschkenbaum, Memphis, Tenn.
38. Robert Stout, Memphis, Tenn.
39. John T. Myers, Orono, Me.
31. Floyd Buster, Kansas City, Kan.
18. George W. Shade, W. Jefferson, O.

Trustees' Report

Exhibit of Balances, September 30.

Treasurer's cash balance.....	\$ 100.00
First mortgage loans	26,200.00
First mortgage bonds	7,500.00
In bank subject to check.....	1,775.49
In savings bank accounts.....	291.59
Certificates of Deposit.....	5,687.00
Secretary's Fund	300.00
Financial Secretary's Fund.....	100.00

Total balances

Note—In September another farm mortgage of \$1,200.00 was purchased and appears in the above report. Another of \$2,500.00 is to be listed in the October report.

To Division Treasurers

THE Home Office hopes you will make strenuous efforts to close your year's work with no "X" marks showing on your reports. If the end of 1913, and the end of the terms of some of you, brings about such results it means that the work of the officers at headquarters will be lessened when it is time to figure up the annual reports to the various state insurance departments, so you will understand how "clean sheets" will be appreciated. Individual members reading this notice are asked to give their co-operation as well.

To Division Secretaries

IN SENDING certificates to headquarters for changes of beneficiary always see that the christian name of the beneficiary is given. This rule applies to applications for membership, too. "Mrs. Mary Doe" is correct; not "Mrs. John Doe" or "Mrs. J. Doe."

When you have occasion to mail a button to a member or to return one to headquarters, always have it boxed. If mailed in an ordinary envelope it is liable to be crushed in the cancelling machines at postoffices.

Seattle Division No. 44

SEATTLE DIVISION No. 44 was organized at Seattle, Wash., October 18th. The following members residing in Seattle and vicinity signed the petition for a charter: Phil L. Axling, Olof Hanson, Lewis O. Christenson, Ernest Swangren, Roy E. Harris, John W. Moore, Fillmore W. Mallett, Ray B. Foster, Claude Ziegler, Clarence K. McConnell, Hugo A. Holcombe. Further particulars as to the new Division will appear in the November Frat.

Non-Resident Claims

DIVISION SECRETARIES must see to the proper acknowledgment before notaries public of all non-resident disability claims, and the acknowledgment must be made by the physician who fills out the claim blank, not by the member making the claim. Strict observance of this rule will avoid delays in paying claims.

Division News

Chicago.

A most pleasant "surprise" was sprung on Brother Regensburg Tuesday evening, October 21st, at the home of Brother and Mrs. Hyman. "Reggy" is preparing to return to his California home soon and as a result of this gathering of his friends he will take with him a fine silver loving cup. Cards and refreshments were a part of the evening's program.

Among recent visitors at headquarters were Brothers Koehler and Haner of Kansas City; Rosenfield of Milwaukee; Dunn of Kenosha; McHugh of Detroit; Huffman of Ohio; Flair of Indiana; Anderson of Indianapolis. Grand President Anderson was here attending a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Brothers Haner and Huffman have returned to their Kansas and Ohio homes.

Oscar Thomas is now located at Round Lake, Ill., at his former trade of barbering.

Brother Bernstein was a St. Louis visitor this month and had the opportunity of attending the meeting of No. 24. They say his next trip will be a case of coming back "double."

Chicago's annual ball is scheduled for February 28th and will be held at the Colonial ball room on Randolph street.

Detroit.

Detroit Division presents its portrait in this issue. Of its membership 46 are married men and over 30 of the members are working as machinists, mostly in the automobile industry. Detroit has lost its standing as the second Division, in size as in number, but just the same it keeps right on doing its best and is not in the least jealous of those that have distanced it numerically, and in its social side is second to none.

Little Rock.

All our members connected with the state school here are back from their vacations and the Division is again taking its part in the social life of the local deaf.

Nashua.

Nashua Division is to have an old fashioned husking bee at the home of Brother Sanford, November 1st. A novelty in Division affairs that ought to draw well.

Dayton.

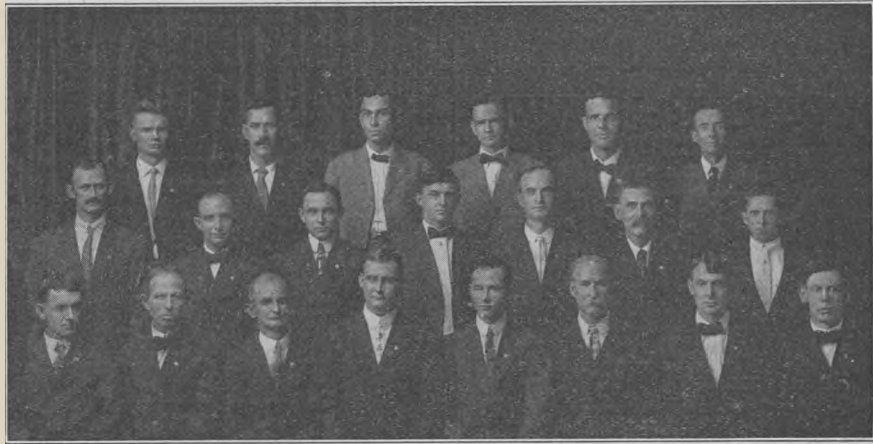
The Division's banquet is scheduled for November 6th and all indications point to a most pleasant event, and a big crowd is expected.

Evansville.

Mathias Wagner has been given a farm of 80 acres by his mother and he is now settled in the new home. He extends a fraternal invitation to the brethren to make him a visit. It is likely that our annual watch party will be held there.

Brother and Mrs. Ernest Schneider are entertaining a 10-pound boy who arrived September 27th.

No. 11 misses the members it has transferred to other Divisions, but believes in accepting anything necessary for the



Kansas City Division, No. 31, N. F. S. D.

MEMBERS in the group, 21; total membership, 39.

From left to right, top row: A. Simpson, O. Geiwitz, L. Cason, J. Jenkins, J. Boston, C. Duffield.

Second row: O. Elliott, T. Rei, D. Hass, H. Stahr, M. Ahern, E. Sprague, P. Glasscock.

Bottom row: J. Miller, H. Loeb, E. Hansman, P. Haner, W. Chase, J. Carroll, R. Makepeace, C. Hartman.

good of the order with the right spirit. We have also lost some of our Aux-Frats, Miss Vincent having gone to Indianapolis, Miss Lithgoe to Los Angeles and Miss Schmitt to Indianapolis. Those we have left are all married. If there is a surplus elsewhere please advise the Division Secretary.

Nashville.

Byron Boyd and family are now located in a new home, just purchased, at 1607 S. Orchard Knob Ave., Chattanooga.

Brothers Steele of Clifton and Rosson of Springfield were in town during state fair week.

Our social on October 3rd was a brilliant success, some 35 visitors being present.

Olathe.

A social entertainment is scheduled for December 13th as a starter of the coming season.

The Frats on the state school staff are all back at their duties. Luther Taylor continues in his position as physical instructor and coach.

Toledo.

The date for the masquerade to be given by Toledo Division has been changed to November 15th. Those intending to come from the outside will please note the change.

Columbus.

Columbus Division will keep "open house" on New Year's from 2 to 10 p. m. An old fashioned observance of the day is scheduled.

Knoxville.

Adolph N. Struck of Louisville has been appointed on the staff of the state school here and has taken up his residence in this city.

The Division is to soon start a series of monthly socials. All our members

who were away on vacations have returned and new vim is added to the Division's doings.

Flint.

A complimentary Dutch supper was given by Flint Division, Saturday evening, October 11th, at the home of F. A. Lawrason. About thirty of the members and invited guests were present to partake of the Division's hospitality. Just before supper was served Brother Lawrason, who had the affair in charge, asked Brother Bristol to make remarks suitable to the occasion, which he did. He explained that the object was to arouse more interest, especially among the non-members, in the work of the society and invited every man who could qualify by medical examination to become a member. He was followed by Messrs. Eickhoff, Stevens, Tripp and several others, all of whom spoke well of the society and signified their intentions of applying for membership in the near future. The rest of the evening was spent with cards and in pleasant confab until the small hours of the morning. The result of this supper will be seen within the next month or two.

A new house has just been completed by Frank Drake on his farm, seven miles northeast of Flint. It has been quite strenuous on his part to attend to it while doing his regular farm work.

A series of socials and entertainments is under consideration for the coming winter. They will take place alternately with those given by the N. A. D. Branch, just launched. Brothers Bristol and Lawrason were elected respectively as Vice-President and Treasurer of the new Branch.

Thos. J. Kenney, who is at present working in Detroit, is reported to be having trouble with one of his eyes.

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Correspondence is solicited from all members and others interested in the Society.
Members changing their addresses should at once notify the editor.

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OCTOBER, 1913.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

In sending changes of address to this office Division Secretaries and individual members should always give the old address as well as the new one.

Omaha—1915.

4,000 by Omaha.

Seattle No. 44 takes its seat in our circle. From 1 to 43, we bid it welcome.

"Tomaso Aniello" of the Journal: Kindly supply this office with your Frat pedigree and address.

Don't forget to carry your membership card. If you have a union card you know its importance. Same way with ours.

More Division portraits in this issue. Fine looking "bunches," are they not? And there are others, and more a-coming.

Our funds pass the \$43,000.00 mark on October 31st. There are some good guessers among our members; try your hand at guessing what amount "Omaha-1915" will bring with it.

Come, now, help us to make good on that "4,000 by Omaha" slogan. One of our members has promised to get at least ten new ones by 1915. If all of you get but two each in the average the 4,000 is assured.

The Frat makes the best of circulars. When a friend asks you for information concerning the Society, send him your copy of this paper and tell him to give it close reading. We will be glad to send you an extra copy to replace the one you give away, or to send to any address extra copies direct. We always have a number of extra copies available for such purposes.

If you have access to the Top Notch Magazine for October 15, read "The Signs of the Six," by Lewis N. Yardsley, and admire the great imagination some writers possess. But just remember it is about the other kind of frats.

Elsewhere in this issue is an appeal to the Division Treasurers to endeavor to show each member on their books as paid up to the close of this year in their December statements. We wish to add to this by asking each individual member to try and comply with the request. Start the New Year with no arrearages against you.

The Frats are sometimes accused of being clannish and turning the cold shoulder to their non-Frat friends. If this is the case, we wish to discountenance such a thing. Just remember there are different kinds of non-members and apply fairness and common-sense in your relations with all. Many of them would make bully Frats like you and the other fellows. Get them, of course, but at the same time remember that courtesy is not among the high-cost-of-living articles and distribute all you can.

We are indebted to Brother Pach of New York and to the Silent Worker for the opportunity to print the group of the Frats at the Cleveland convention of the N. A. D. which appears in this issue. In the group 20 Divisions are represented and about as many different states. We are unable to give the names of those in the group, because we confess that some slipped our memory. However, we believe most of our members will be able to recognize a good many of those in the picture. The picture was taken at Luna Park, Cleveland, the day of the picnic there.

We are making fine progress as to our funds, but the rate at which new members are coming in is not at all what it should be. There is no question as to our being handicapped in our organizing work, because of lack of the funds to devote to it, and it will be up to the Omaha convention to provide the means for this department, but meanwhile each individual member should interest his friends and get them to join. More members means more strength in every department, more advertising and more individual organizing, so it does not take much figuring to see where the entire Society benefits from the securing of each new member. As we have said before, it is up to you to do your share. The drones in this hive of ours should wake up and get busy.

Memorandum Books

THE response to the request for the Divisions' views as to the advisability of issuing a 1914 edition of the memorandum books similar to those issued this year has not been favorable, so the Executive Committee has decided to drop the plan and the books will not be issued.

Charles L. Woofter

BROTHER CHARLES L. WOOFTER of Richmond, Ind., died at the Reed Memorial hospital in that city, Sunday, October 12th. He was taken to the hospital on the 9th and underwent an operation the following day, living until Sunday evening. The cause of his death was carcinoma of the bladder. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Dora Mitchell of Richmond, with whom he made his home; Mrs. Viola Mills of Springfield, Ill., and Mrs. Anna Haseltine of Great Falls, Mont. Brother Woofter was born in Preble County, Ohio, and received his education at the Ohio state school. He was an artist of some ability and enjoyed painting and sketching as a pastime. For over ten years he had been employed at the Star piano factory in Richmond and 62 of his fellow workmen attended his funeral in a body. Four of his deaf friends, Messrs. Clark, Mathers, Schultz and Frazier, and two hearing friends, Messrs. Pheiffer and Sitlof, acted as pallbearers at his funeral, which took place at his home Wednesday, October 15th, interment being at New Paris, Ohio. He was brave and faithful to the end and was not afraid to go. Brother Woofter was admitted to the Society in March, 1910, and was attached to Indianapolis Division as a non-resident member. He was present at the N. A. D. convention at Cleveland in August and none of us thought him in anything but excellent health and spirits. He was 53 years old.

Coming Division Events

November.

1. Oyster social; Indianapolis.
1. Party; Portland, Ore.
1. Husking bee; Nashua.
1. Dance; Providence.
6. Banquet; Dayton.
7. Raffle; Evansville.
15. Entertainment; Springfield.
15. Masquerade; Toledo.
15. Masquerade; Philadelphia.
22. Social; Milwaukee.
22. Raffle; Pittsburgh.
26. Annual ball; Boston.
26. Social; Nashua at Lawrence, Mass.

December.

10. Gallaudet Day observances.
13. Social; Olathe.
13. Ball; St. Louis.

January.

1. Open House; Columbus.
3. Dance; Holyoke.
3. Annual ball; Brooklyn.
12. Banquet; Los Angeles.
30. Annual ball; Philadelphia.

February.

14. Annual ball; Indianapolis.
14. Annual social; St. Louis.
28. Annual ball; Chicago.

Early and provident fear is the mother of safety.—Burke.

Division News

(Continued from Page 3.)

Fred Bourcier of Saginaw came to town and will hunt for a job in one of the auto factories.

Indianapolis.

Dan Cupid is still hovering in our midst as evidenced by the recent marriage of George S. Beyer of Seymour, Ind., to Miss Edith Newman, of Shelbyville, Ind., and Leon J. Bonham of Muncie, Ind., to Miss Edith Spangler. All brothers are in line for congratulations.

Arthur H. Norris of Muncie, Ind., held services at the Y. M. C. A. October 12th, with one of the biggest audiences ever assembled. After the services arrangements were made to organize a regular Mission and Ernest Hall was appointed as leader for the ensuing six months. Services will be held every Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., and all brothers and their friends are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

James H. Wise of Dayton, Ohio, has secured employment with the Parry Buggy Mfg., and is contemplating moving his family here for permanent residence.

Joseph Crawford after a couple months of sojourn in the Windy City has returned to Indianapolis and is holding down one of his old jobs in a printing office.

Orlando Standard, formerly a member of our Division, was found dead at his rooming place September 22nd, via the gas asphyxiation route. While he slept directly under the gas jet and with one window wide open, death is supposed to be accidental. This is one of the many warnings our brothers should consider seriously. As soon as one severs his connection with our good fraternal order, something sure is to happen. You always need this protection, and should endeavor to remain a member to the last.

It is very important that non-resident members remit their monthly dues directly to the Treasurer, not to any member or officers of the Division, unless absolutely necessary. Several cases of recent date have occurred, involving considerable trouble and delay. To avoid such delay and trouble and to keep in good standing at the time arrearage begins, remit direct to the Treasurer, Lawrence M. Ralston, 155 W. Pratt St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Brooklyn.

Owing to a misunderstanding with the hall people Brooklyn Division has had to change the date of its annual ball from January 24th. Bryant Hall has been secured for January 3rd, the new date.

Brother Taplin has made good recovery from the burns he experienced in an explosion and is once more about his regular duties.

Brother Lounsbury has presented to the Division an immense pennant in the Society's colors and it graces our lodge room wall.

Brother Scherer has become a benedict.

Brother Seelig has been appointed chairman of the ball committee.

Brother McGovern of Iliou, N. Y., has been appointed a deputy organizer for his neighborhood and intends to get busy. It is believed that Utica will have a Division the coming month—November. State Organizer Cohen intends to see to its installation.

Brother Thomas of Clinton, N. Y., has heeded the back to the land slogan and purchased a small farm.

Brother Manning of Herkimer, N. Y., has returned from a long vacation at Camp Clark. He is at his old position as inspector of furniture.

Brother Denson of Corning has the sympathy of his fraters in the recent death of his mother, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy while riding behind her son on his motor cycle while they were making a country trip.

Brooklyn has transferred to Buffalo a big batch of its non-resident members who reside nearer to Buffalo. However, if Utica gets its Division Buffalo will have to make transfers, too.

St. Louis.

The Division will join in the commemoration of Gallaudet Day on December 13th and have a ball on that date.

William C. Rubeling and Mrs. Rene Schneider were married October 16th. Brother Cloud officiated at St. Thomas. Over 100 guests were in attendance.

Los Angeles.

Brother and Mrs. Dyson have another baby boy recently arrived.

A Hallowe'en party is scheduled for November 1st, including dialogues and games.

Brother and Mrs. Price were tendered a surprise party on September 6th, in honor of their 15th wedding anniversary. On September 26th, Brother and Mrs. Dahl celebrated their 20th anniversary and entertained their friends at a reception.

Brother Nolen was united in marriage to Miss Woodburn on August 20th.

Brother Kohn of Chicago has been spending some time in this city and has left on an up-state trip.

Philadelphia.

The third anniversary of the Division was observed on October 1st with a smoker. Many invited guests were present and a fine program of speeches was gone through.

On September 20th Brother Kuhn celebrated his coming of age with a dinner at Green's hotel. Brothers Roach, McGhee, Strecker and Brady were among the guests. The menu was a fine one and the event one of pleasant memory all around. (Dear Aux-Frats: No, Brother Kuhn is not married—yet.)

Brothers Kaezmarek, John and William Wiszniewski, Wilkes-Barre Frats, were in town September 27th.

Preparations are all complete for our masquerade on November 15th, and annual ball plans for January 30th are in process. Both events promise to be up to the standard—and past it.

Omaha.

Labor Day saw the Frats and some of their friends piled on hay racks for a twelve mile ride to Hawthorne Lake. Fishing attracted several with Izaak Walton proclivities, while others were content to rest under the shade of walnut trees. Lunch was supplied by the ladies and a very pleasant day was spent.

Harry G. Long is all smiles and declares the second girl in his family which arrived on September 4th is the healthiest, sweetest, and the best tempered baby that ever came to Council Bluffs.

Brothers J. S. Long, Rothert and Wittwer attended the convention at Cleveland and declared that fraternity night was a most enjoyable affair, and that it was a great treat to meet so many brothers from all over the country. Interest in the convention for 1915 was everywhere manifest.

At the Division meeting for September, definite steps were taken to organize for 1915 and start plans for the convention then, which is to eclipse any previous meeting in numbers, we declare right now.

A letter from Brother Schemenauer, who is now located in Foxboro, Wis., left him doing well and enthusiastic as to the future.

The Iowa state convention at Davenport endorsed the N. F. S. D. with a resolution.

New Orleans.

Our annual steamer excursion came off October 20th and was a success. We suppose it strikes our Northern fraters as a queer time for such an event, but down this way the weather is at its best at that time of year.

Boston.

The Bachelor's club continues to thin out. Brother Abbott decided his bungalow needed a mistress and brought home with him as his bride Miss Ledoux of Springfield. Brother Betts went on a vacation to his old home in Nova Scotia and fell victim to the charms of Miss Bailey. On August 31st Brother Pavitt was married to Miss Topping. So they go. Brothers Thibodeau and Martineau are reminded that it is their turn. Oh, yes, there's Brother DeVoe, too. He was married to Miss Thurston of Jamaica Plains September 28th.

Brother Lander is back from Maine and at work in Lowell.

Brother Perkins is back in Boston from Provincetown. He expects soon to move his family to Boston.

Brother Cryan and the other Revere Beach resorters are all back in town for the winter.

Brother Thibodeau's Rooseveltian smile has expanded some more, he having been presented with a handsome income by his father.

Brother Wickens recently purchased a lot of land on an estate that has been in the possession of the John Quincy Adams family for some 300 years. It is situated on the water front out of Quincy, facing the ocean, and makes an ideal

summer home. He will build a bungalow there.

Brother Martineau underwent a slight operation in the Lynn hospital. For a while it looked as if the record that Boston Division has of not having drawn any benefits from the Grand Division would be broken, but Brother Martineau decided he was not going to do it and went back to his work inside of a week.

Brothers Clark and Donovan of Whitinsville were at our last meeting. Brother Donovan has not missed one since he joined, in spite of the fact he lives 50 miles from Boston. (Good boy.—Ed.)

Our annual ball is scheduled for Thanksgiving eve, November 26th, and it will be an event worth while. Brother Wickens is chairman.

Pittsburgh.

Brothers Leitner, Forbes, Schull and Gorman took in the Cleveland convention.

Brother Forbes entertained the members to an old fashioned corn roast, September 19th. It may be made an annual event. It was at his new home, he having moved into a larger house so as to accommodate the increase in his guest list (Frat). He's going to raise chickens, too, as he has more yard space now. Jot this down, you admirers of "fries."

Brother Conway had some sort of eye trouble and was unable to take in the Cleveland convention. He has recovered and is back at his post with the Republic Bank-Note Co., where he is employed as note plate printer.

Brother Rolshouse is doing a fine business at his studio in the Washington Bank building. He is a portrait artist of no mean ability. Brother Royal Durian is employed with him. It is quite interesting to watch his agents reporting. His command of language is surprising when one stops to think of the diversity of what he has to use in his conversations with the agents.

Brother Schull is now with the Rund Mfg. Co. He is one of our skilled mechanics and has a responsible position.

A literary entertainment is scheduled for October 25th, and others are planned for the winter season.

Portland, Me.

Brother Fister is moving to his old home state, Pennsylvania. He has resigned as President of this Division and taken a transfer to Philadelphia Division. We are very sorry to part with him, for the Division owes a great deal to his energetic efforts in establishing it, and since then. The Frats presented him with a fine traveling bag.

Brother Woodward is back in Portland, after spending the summer in Jonesport.

Brother Flynn of Bangor was recently presented with another son. He now has the pride of a father of three.

Brother Spear is now working in Boston, but comes up here occasionally.

On account of Brother Fister's retiring as Division President, Vice-President Casey succeeds to the office and Brother Kimball will serve as Brother Casey's successor.

Is No. 39 growing? Well, we have

not missed an "application list" since our launching. Going some; eh?

Buffalo.

Brother Einsfeld of Brooklyn was a recent visitor here.

Brothers Peterson and Hefferman of Rochester and McGinness of Cleveland took in our outing, September 7th.

Brother Briel and Miss Strittmatter were married August 6th. There's an Auxiliary a-coming for No. 40.

Visiting Frats will always be greeted if they will drop our Secretary a card advising of their coming. We are glad to do all we can to make things pleasant in that way.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf

(By Louis A. Cohen, of New York.)

[Read at the Tenth Triennial Convention of the National Association of the Deaf, Cleveland, Ohio, August 20-27, 1913.]

THE goal for which we Deaf men are all striving is, or should be, the perpetuation of the integrity and greatness of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. This Society has been placed in the vanguard of fraternal organizations in this country. It is my earnest belief that the Society's present condition and its administration represents intelligent and salutary progress—and is without a peer in deaf circles.

Glancing back over the activities of like Societies, there cannot be found a single instance in which a fraternal order has been built up so that it has achieved a position of strength and stability unless its policy has been faithfulness to its contracts. This is certainly true of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

If the history of the successful Divisions (or branch lodges) under the jurisdiction of the Grand Division is examined and analyzed, it will be found that they have been successful for the reason that every effort has been made and applied to avoid internal as well as external difficulties.

In the history of the existence of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf there has never been a time when fraternal conditions brought more forcibly to mind than now the need of men of a broad, keenly-analytical mind, of high inflexible purpose—men with an intimate knowledge of the fraternal and local laws—men who are actuated by motives that have for their object the greatest good to the full membership and the perpetuation of such an organization. There is no place where the demand for such men is greater than that on the roster of the Grand Division. It has been the same in the past. We have confidence in their ability to speak intelligently upon all questions which may come before that body affecting the future of our organization. There is no need to explain now why this is so—it must be apparent to all men no matter what their intelligence may be, even without casting a reflection upon them. The success that

we have achieved for our various activities during the fiscal year has been possible because of the loyalty and support given by the officers and members of our Society. This distinct success can be attested by the Superintendents of Insurance of various states of the Union as well as many of the leaders in other and like orders; resolutions as adopted by many conventions already held; praiseworthy letters by men of note and by the Press, all of whom were loud in their praises.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf grew up with only a loose form of organization. The first few local Divisions was for a while autonomous and it was the local constitution that took a definite and fixed form. Step by step a few more Divisions were added, thus strengthening the cause. The various hitherto isolated Divisions then came into closer contact with the main body and the sense of solidarity deepened.

Divided in different sections, are placed hustling representatives of the Grand Division who are constantly alert to establish new Divisions. Every city where such a possibility exists has been communicated with, and an effort to organize the members put forth. There are positively thousands of deaf men scattered in the towns and hamlets on this continent who should be affiliated with our Society. That they have not been well-informed on the subject of fraternalism is, therefore, not surprising, but there will come a time when diligent efforts on the part of these officers, will render it possible for them to know what advantages our Society offers them with a view of becoming members. In preceding campaigns, these hustling officers were not exempt from abuse and criticism. I regard this as an incident in our campaigns, though still hopeful that the time will come when it will not be thought necessary to belittle and abuse our members with an effort to wrest them from a Society which in reality does a real lot of good for our class. Theoretically, we have several representatives located in cities in which the conditions are peculiarly bad and in every instance we have made some advance, more in some localities—less in others. It will not be very long before we will succeed in our efforts to build up the organization in its weaker links into a strong foundation. While in this condition, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is growing as fast as we can reasonably expect. It is enjoying a healthy growth.

By close observation in deaf circles, it shows that in modern life we are growing more and more together. In the ancient times the men used to live apart or, rather, far apart; how different it is to-day! Surely this is the age of the Brotherhood of Man. We should contend that fraternity and mutual helpfulness as exemplified by our fraternities is indeed a practical attempt to apply the Golden Rule to every day life. How beneficial would it be were it possible for any club in a large city, whether it be a big or little one, and while so much

money and time are wasted in frivolities and antagonism, should be transformed into a Division and so help our brothers! Indeed, we are all brothers. Why not make it a union where strength can be obtained and maintained? In that it has a purpose to bring to a reality these inspiring words:

"If fraternal love held all men bound, how beautiful this world would be."

The principles as advocated by the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, are founded on justice, equality and fraternity to all white deaf men who can qualify under its laws—and it gladly opens its doors to those who are willing to accept its principles and subscribe to its purpose.

The foundation of the great structure of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is firmly established in prosperity and security. It has carried on a vast work—so vast that it would take a volume to describe—involving great sums of money—which has placed the Society in an almost impregnable position in the fraternal world. It has an administration that transacts its business in the sight of all men. It offers material benefits which should be prized very highly by the deaf, as it offers exceptional advantages in many ways, especially sick and death benefits and social privileges. This Society undoubtedly cannot be lightly cast aside. However, great the work is that is yet to be done, it has been proved to us by the tests of wholesome experience that in capacity, in honesty and far sighted sagacity, we have the men in its administration, who will not only secure for our organization Peace and Security but increasing prosperity in the march of progress in this great country.

It is certainly "Going Some," to use a popular expression, for the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf to make the gigantic strides that it has for the past twelve years, and the membership has been impressed with the fact that this advancement was done in spite of the carping criticism indulged in by an element outside of the Society—an element which is especially vicious in its attack. But it is gratifying to know that our Society has always been upheld in its course by the members who stood by it through thick and thin and to-day we look at it as a success in spite of obstacles that would have discouraged fainter hearts.

What has it done for its members? You may ask. It's books show that it has paid out to the beneficiaries of deceased members a total of \$15,350.00, and to its members themselves over \$13,000.00 in sick and accident benefits; a sum total of approximately \$29,000.00 since its organization. In addition to all this, it has drawn those of the deaf who are on its roster into an organization that has not its equal in the world—an order "of, for and by the deaf" in all good ways that the phrase can be interpreted as intended to convey. It is a federation of the best of objects, and if you can answer that familiar question, "Are you a Frat?" in the affirmative, you indeed possess the key to our halls of Fraternity and Benevolence.

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