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## SYRACUSE DIVISION, No. 48.

STATE ORGANIZER COHEN of New York installed Syracuse Division, No. 48, at Syracuse, N. Y., May 30th. The charter members of the new Division number nine; the officers are J. Fred Keller, President; Fred Foster, Vice-President; Styles R. Woodworth, Secretary; George D. Connor, Treasurer; Robert E. Conley, Director; James R. Shea, Sergeant; Jesse H. Kenyon, John L. Keller, Stafford Dingman, Trustees. Brothers Maue, Heffernan and Holland of Buffalo Division and Brothers Manning, Lee and McAllister of Utica Division were present at the installation. The Division has adopted its State's motto—"Excelsior"—as its own. James A. Darby of Cato, N. Y., is a charter member of the new Division but he was unable to be present at the installation. The Division will give its first picnic, Saturday, August 8, at Long Branch, Syracuse.

## CEDAR RAPIDS DIVISION, No. 49.

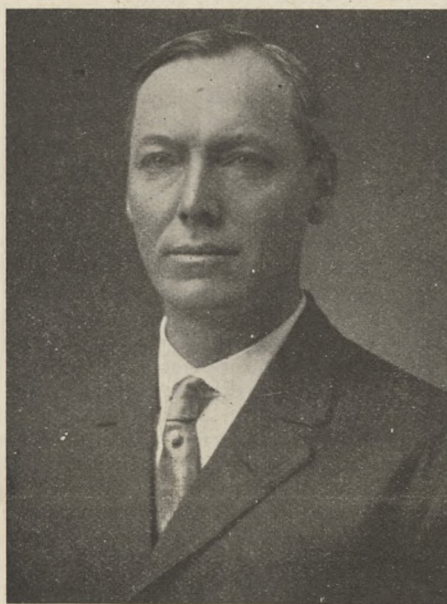
CEDAR RAPIDS (IOWA) DIVISION, No. 49, was installed by General Organizer Gibson at the home of Brother Osterberg in that city, Tuesday evening, June 9th. The new Division starts out with sixteen charter members and prospects for several more very soon. The charter members and officers are: Lawrence James, President; Thomas F. Boyle, Vice-President; Jode C. Rains, Secretary; A. Ross Murdock, Treasurer; Carl W. Osterberg, Director; Clark Garrett, Sergeant; Ernest B. Ringnell, Trustee; Jay McKean, Richard B. Dixon, Walter E. Oldfather, Earl Elder, Grant Edgerly, S. E. Goldsberry, H. M. Schmidt, Joseph Martin, Ralph Carpenter. The members were received by transfer from Chicago, Kansas City and Omaha Divisions.

## LOUISIANA'S ENDORSEMENT.

THE Louisiana Association of the Deaf, at its recent meeting at New Orleans, reiterates its endorsement of the N. F. S. D. in the following words:

Resolved, The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, having proven its soundness and stability and helpfulness to the deaf, has our unqualified endorsement.

Wear An Emblem.



Anton Schroeder.

## IN THE MAKE-GOOD DEGREE.

THE subject of this sketch is Brother Anton Schroeder of St. Paul, Minn., a non-resident member of Chicago Division. Brother Schroeder is Treasurer of the De l'Epee Fund of the National Association, and a past officer of the Association itself. He is prominent in the affairs of the Minnesota Association and the deaf of his state and city. He has gained considerable fame in the industrial world as an inventor, his hangers and fasteners being among the best sellers manufactured and sold by the big Stanley Works of New Britain, Conn. These inventions of his bring him quite a nice income and in consequence some have dubbed him a capitalist. His home at St. Paul is a beautiful one and speaks a lot for the make-good part of his life. Brother Schroeder is married—both Mrs. Schroeder and himself being products of Minnesota's fine state school—and has two sturdy sons. The inventive spirit has again come out in his scheme for helping the De l'Epee Fund through the sale of manual alphabet cards, which we note elsewhere in this issue.

Pay your dues before the 15th, always.

## A LITTLE JOURNEY WEST.

SATURDAY morning, June 6th, Grand Secretary Gibson boarded a Rock Island train for Davenport, Iowa, and arrived there that afternoon. George Brasher of Davenport met him at the train and the afternoon was spent in seeing the Tri-Cities (Moline, Rock Island and Davenport). In the evening there was a gathering of the deaf in the auditorium of the Times Building, under the auspices of the Gallaudet Club of Davenport, and presided over by William Brasher, the club's president, and the Grand Secretary gave a talk on the N. F. S. D. The indications are that there will be a Division in Davenport before long, and the cultivation of the "plant" will be left to State Organizer Osterberg. President Nelson of the Iowa Association was among those interested, but unfortunately he is eligible to only social membership. Watchful waiting is the word—if the nice treatment the Society's representative received is any indication of what is to come, there is no doubt as to a Division being in that Iowa-Illinois neighborhood. Among those attending the meeting was Carl Duttell of Aledo, Ill., who is a member of Indianapolis Division.

The following evening (Sunday, the 7th), in company with Brother Osterberg of Cedar Rapids, who had come down to Davenport to meet him, the journey was resumed and Cedar Rapids reached that night, where the Grand Secretary became the guest of Brother and Mrs. Osterberg at their cozy suburban home. Monday was devoted to seeing something of the city and meeting several Frats and near-Frats. In the evening a party of about fifty of the deaf of both sexes residing in and near Cedar Rapids gathered at the Osterberg home and the Grand Secretary repeated his talk (and the thermometer at near the hundred mark!) for the benefit of those not already members, and explained several points that he was questioned on. Ice cream and cake was served after the talk, when the evening became a general social gathering.

Tuesday was spent in making some calls and as the dinner guest of Brother and Mrs. Murdock, and in the evening the Frats gathered at the Osterberg home again and Cedar Rapids Division, No. 49, was installed. The personnel of the Division is given elsewhere in this issue, but



the Grand Secretary wishes to say here that the new Division has some splendid enthusiasts on its roster—and there are several fine auxiliaries (Aux-Frats) boosting them along—and if it does not prosper it will be a wonder. (Say, you city-dwellers, imagine if you can strawberries at each meal and fresh from the vines! That's what your G. S. had for the period of his stay at Osterberg. Great? That's too mild an expression. Bully!) A late night train had to be caught, so good-byes were said and the next morning (Wednesday) found the Grand Secretary at the Council Bluffs station, where he was greeted by Brothers J. S. Long, Harold Lee and Harry Long.

Wednesday was spent with J. S. Long seeing the scenic beauties of Council Bluffs—dinner at one cozy Long home and supper at another—and in the evening a good talk with the Omaha-1915 Local Committee, Brothers J. S. Long, Harry Long, P. E. Seely and I. J. Wittwer, flanked by State Organizer Barrett and Mesdames Long, Seely and Barrett, was had. The committee is on the job all right and results will show along about a year from now that will make 1915 a memorable year in our annals.

Thursday, after a restful night at the home of Harry Long, the Grand Secretary was taken over to Omaha and turned over to the care of Brother Seely. The day was spent between the city and the Nebraska School for the Deaf. Luncheon was had at the school as Superintendent Booth's guest, with Brothers Rothert and Seely and Mrs. Blankenship (an Aux-Frat) co-guests, as it were. The school rooms, shops and other points of interest were visited—and, frankly, we failed to see anything of that interesting bugaboo, the Nebraska Law, in evidence. In the afternoon, after a short call at the Rothert home, a visit was made to the Commercial Club—which club it is expected will have a good deal to do with 1915—and part of the Woodmen of the World offices, they being in the same fine, big building. (Query: How long before the N. F. S. D. has such a building?) Supper as the guest of Brother and Mrs. Seely, then off for town again and the meeting of Omaha Division, all on the rush, made the last hours of his stay altogether too short. (He wants to add here that the Aux-Frats of Omaha Division are going to see that the ladies who take in the Omaha convention will have as good a time as the Frats themselves—and without the business cares, too. This is promised by those who were interviewed—and they mean it. So, Brother Frats, bring the Aux-Frats along with you next summer—to Omaha-1915.) Omaha No. 32 has nice quarters and goes about its business with a way that made the visitor feel it was doing its best. Business had to be rushed though, the G. S. had to catch a 9:20 train. Good-byes came all too soon. He assuredly was glad he came and will be glad to come again—in 1915. No question about it—Omaha-1915 is all right.

Friday morning St. Paul was reached

and that day and part of the next were spent as the guest of Brother and Mrs. Schroeder and seeing the Twin Cities and vicinity, under Brother Schroeder's guidance. The Grand Secretary had the pleasure of meeting Father Donahue, the Catholic priest who has taken up religious work among the deaf of Minnesota and an active part in their general welfare movements. It did the G. S. good to meet such an enthusiast, and the three hour's chat that was had with him brought out a surprising knowledge of the affairs of our class and keen interest in them. Brother Schroeder is another enthusiast—the De l'Epee Fund being his latest pet hobby. Of him more will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Saturday evening the Grand Secretary addressed the members of the Twin City Deaf-Mute Club at the club's rooms—which by the way are located midway between St. Paul and Minneapolis, and so on what one might term neutral ground. His subject was of course the N. F. S. D., and an hour and a half was given it, a complete outline of the Society's history, its aims, objects, benefits, and what it has accomplished being gone into in detail. It is hoped the talk will bring results as there is an excellent field and plenty of material for a Division there, also that the Society is better understood now. Brothers Brant, Schroeder, Peltier, Holton (formerly of Chicago) and Kees (formerly of Newark) constitute the recruiting committee and resident membership of the Twin Cities and it is expected that they will soon be able to get into the Division directory. Sunday was spent as the guest of Brother and Mrs. Brant, at home and resting up, but with a few callers to chat with and some to try to convert. A most pleasant day it was and the wind-up of as nice a journey as the G. S. has taken. A late night train was taken out of Minneapolis, and Monday noon found him back at the home office and on the job once more. There's no doubt as to the being able to answer "Yes" to the "Are you a Frat" means as much in the West as it does in the East, even though the West is not as yet fully awake to it all.

#### TO DIVISION SECRETARIES.

**I**N CONNECTION with the request for list of members, their occupations and residences, of your Division to be used in getting out a directory, we ask that you include in a separate list the names of social members in the Division. It is also asked that these lists be sent in as early as possible. Please be prompt, all of you.

The Grand Division Ritual Committee will have a meeting in Chicago at the time of the board meeting and it is expected that the final touches will be put on the book to be issued describing robes, regalia, ceremonials, etc., for general use. Divisions should not purchase any such supplies until this book is issued.

Are your current dues paid?

#### COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

##### July.

4. Annual picnics will be held by Detroit, Louisville, Cincinnati, Evansville, Nashville, Dayton, Springfield, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Boston, Indianapolis, Utica.

- 4. Banquet, Atlanta.
- 4. Lawn party at Haverhill, Nashua.
- 8. Reception, Chicago.
- 11. Lawn party, Flint.
- 11. Annual picnic, Newark.
- 18. Social, Toledo.
- 25. Excursion, Philadelphia.
- 25. Outing, Providence.

##### August.

- 8. Picnic, Syracuse.
- 8. Festival, Nashville.
- 15. Annual picnic, Cleveland.
- 15. Outing at Amherst, Holyoke.
- 15. Social, Philadelphia.
- 22. Annual picnic, Chicago.
- 29. Annual picnic, Brooklyn.

##### September.

- 6. Excursion, Buffalo.
- 7. Annual picnic, Flint.
- 7. Annual picnic, New Haven.
- 7. Union Home Fund picnic, Chicago.
- 26. Social Cincinnati.

##### October.

- 3. Lecture, Philadelphia.
- 31. Halloween party, Newark.

##### November.

- 7. Masquerade, Philadelphia.
- 25. Social, Boston.

#### GRAND TRUSTEES' REPORT.

##### Exhibit of Balances, May 31.

First Mortgage Loans .....	\$39,000.00
First Mortgage Bonds .....	11,500.00
In bank, subject to check .....	3,195.69
In savings bank accounts .....	295.92
Certificates of Deposit .....	196.26
Secretaries' Funds .....	400.00
Treasurer's cash balance .....	100.00
Total balances .....	\$54,687.87

#### MAY DEATH CLAIM.

**P**AID to Mrs. Agnes Jones Shaffer, Concordia, Kan., for claim of Frederick L. Shaffer, Certificate No. 1253, deceased March 29, 1914, Indianapolis Division, \$1,000.00.

#### MAY DISABILITY CLAIMS.

*H. A. Slater, Buffalo, N. Y. ....	\$ 50.00
Z. L. Osmun, Los Angeles, Cal. ....	10.00
O. R. Wille, Milwaukee, Wis. ....	10.00
McBlevine Key, Cincinnati, O. ....	20.00
*T. L. Marsden, Los Angeles, Cal. ....	10.00
Joseph Girard, Greylock, Mass. ....	20.00
E. G. Smoak, Leavenworth, Kan. ....	20.00
G. J. Tureczek, St. Louis, Mo. ....	10.00
Samuel Biller, St. Louis, Mo. ....	10.00
*N. J. Kieran, St. Louis, Mo. ....	10.00
*J. A. Dexter, Windham, N. H. ....	40.00
*Carl Berrer, Portland, Me. ....	10.00

Total for the month .....\$220.00

\*Denotes accident claims.



## GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

## Collections for May.

Chicago .....	\$ 360.15
Detroit .....	92.21
Saginaw .....	9.80
Louisville .....	73.13
Little Rock .....	72.70
Nashua .....	25.47
Dayton .....	47.15
Bay City .....	7.79
Cincinnati .....	69.17
Evansville .....	20.51
Nashville .....	20.29
Springfield .....	22.09
Olathe .....	28.30
Flint .....	33.40
Toledo .....	75.43
Milwaukee .....	54.54
Columbus .....	36.92
Knoxville .....	35.80
Cleveland .....	66.39
Indianapolis .....	119.45
Brooklyn .....	93.51
St. Louis .....	134.60
New Haven .....	20.03
Holyoke .....	50.18
Los Angeles .....	56.50
Atlanta .....	19.86
Caney .....	10.30
Philadelphia .....	113.58
Kansas City .....	57.98
Omaha .....	48.11
New Orleans .....	46.14
Kalamazoo .....	20.33
Boston .....	50.09
Pittsburgh .....	38.18
Hartford .....	10.93
Memphis .....	15.71
Portland, Me. ....	62.90
Buffalo .....	50.58
Portland, Ore. ....	26.37
Newark .....	29.58
Providence .....	17.83
Seattle .....	20.29
Utica .....	34.55
Washington .....	45.18
Baltimore .....	25.50

Total collections .....\$2,369.50

## ANNUAL BOARD MEETING.

THE Board of Directors of the Grand Division will hold its annual meeting at the home office in Chicago, July 6-7-8. Divisions or individual members having matters they wish to lay before the Board should send same to the Grand Secretary at once.

## HUNTINGTON DIVISION, No. 50.

HUNTINGTON DIVISION No. 50, will be installed early in July at Huntington, W. Va. The charter members of the new Division are Roy B. Conkling, George F. Wilds, Christopher Whitehead, Samuel N. McCarthy, Howard A. Moore, James A. Pring, Joseph E. Turvey and Domenic J. Biagi.

## West Virginia State Organizer.

Grand President Anderson has appointed Roy B. Conkling, 325 Fourteenth St., West Huntington, W. Va., State Organizer for West Virginia.

## POPULARIZING THE MANUAL ALPHABET.

THE printers at most schools for the deaf get out manual alphabet cards, some of them quite artistic enough to arrest the attention of the hearing public. It remained for a deaf inventor, however, to go the printers one better, and he has done it. The accompanying illustration shows how. It was a stroke of genius on the part of Anton Schroeder that produced the manual alphabet post card. It has made a hit, not only with the deaf but with those who need it most, people who have no idea of "finger talk."

From the proceeds of the sales of the card Mr. Schroeder, who is a member of the De l'Epee Fund Committee, will give a good percentage to this worthy cause. His address is 2172 Carroll Ave., St. Paul, Minn. Therefore, those who buy cards from the publisher will not only help spread the knowledge of the Manual Alphabet but will also be contributing to the Fund in honor of the Founder of deaf education, Abbe De l'Epee.

Mr. Schroeder is ready to supply all the deaf of the country, or deaf persons living anywhere, with his attractive cards.—J. H. McFarlane, in the Silent Worker.

## Iowa State Organizer.

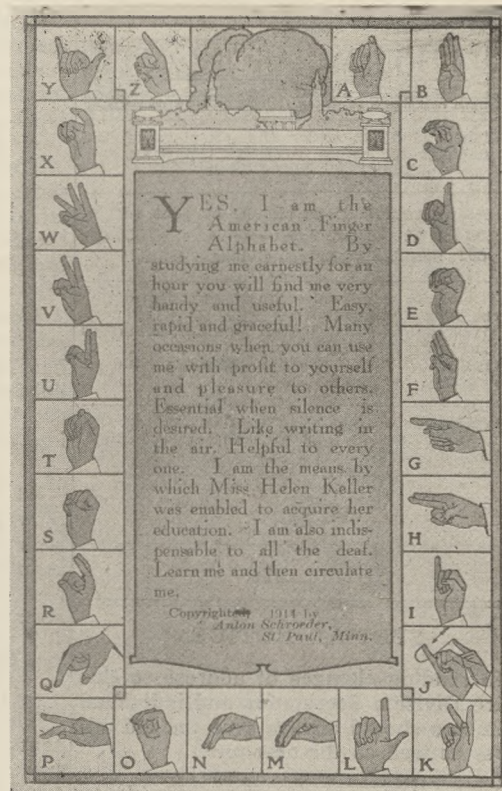
Carl W. Osterberg, 1412 Third Avenue, West, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been appointed State Organizer for Iowa, the appointment being made by Grand President Anderson.

An assurance on any life is not only a private but a public blessing.—Professor De Morgan.

All may, by the exertion of a little forethought and a little outlay, protect their families from want.—Bishop Potter.

## HARVEY MELVIN EISENHART.

BROTHER HARVEY M. EISENHART, a member of St. Louis Division, died at the home of his parents in York, Pa., May 27. He had gone to his home from St. Louis, where he had been employed for some time past, in an effort to recover his health, but tuberculosis of the "quick" kind resulted in his death after an illness of about four months' duration. Brother Eisenhart was but 25 years of age at the time of his death and had been a member of the Society less than a year. Burial was at York. He is survived by his parents and three brothers and three sisters.



## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

For May, 1914.

## Balances.

As per last report .....\$53,778.37

## Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner .....	\$ 2,369.50
Refunded Insurance Dept. fee..	5.42
Rent, Chicago Division .....	10.00
Interest, mortgage loans .....	118.25
Recredited sick benefit .....	20.00
Division bond premiums .....	3.90
Button sales .....	30.70
Grand Secretary's fees .....	2.25

Total balances and receipts ..\$56,338.39

## Disbursements.

Rent and light .....	\$ 42.00
Death benefit, Mrs. A. Shaffer	1,000.00
Sick benefits .....	100.00
Accident benefits .....	120.00
Insurance Department fees ...	47.00
Financial Secretary expenses..	6.25
Officers' quarterly salaries ....	108.74
Official publication .....	45.00
Postage account .....	4.80
Electrotypes .....	2.80
Reference books .....	3.25
Office expenses, sundries .....	3.32
Expressage .....	1.10
Buttons .....	60.75
Printing and stationery .....	5.51
Grand Secretary's salary .....	100.00

Total disbursements .....\$ 1,650.52

## Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts...	\$56,338.39
Total disbursements .....	1,650.52

Total balances, May 31 ....\$54,687.87





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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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### 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.

\$54,687.87.

Omaha—1915.

4,000 by Omaha.

Watch the barometer at the head of this column.

If you need an extra copy of The Frat, ask your Division Secretary for it, he has extras.

Indianapolis and Louisville Divisions have reported contributions to the De l'Epee Fund.

Headquarters extends the glad hand and a hearty welcome to Nos. 48, 49 and 50. So do the others, we are sure.

At the same time last year, our funds showed a balance of \$37,145.02. We gained \$17,542.85 on the twelve months.

Stop a minute and think what it means to write or say Division No. 50. It speaks volumes for the deaf as a class, as well as for the Society itself, that they can organize and keep in force fifty branches of the fraternal movement. The dreams of the promoters of the old F. S. D. are indeed coming true.

It is getting to be a regular thing that The Frat has to apologize for being late. It cannot be helped though. The force at the home office, it must be remembered, was created for a membership of but a fourth its present strength and until the coming convention remedies existing conditions there must continue to be delays in some parts of headquarter's work.

In the Michigan Mirror we note the recording of the recent deaths of Martin Jenks and Marshall Obee who were formerly members of Saginaw and Flint Divisions.

The Wisconsin Times of June 9th devotes nearly a page to an illustrated write up of Milwaukee Division and of the Society's objects, etc. It was from the pen of Treasurer Kolman of No. 17.

Here's a list of the Divisions having over fifty members and the number each has: Chicago, 264; Brooklyn, 109; Philadelphia, 99; Indianapolis, 96; St. Louis, 83; Detroit, 71; Cincinnati, 59; Milwaukee 52; Cleveland, 52.

At the time of writing this item headquarters had paid out a total of \$600.00 in sick and accident benefits for the month of June, breaking the record for any one month. It is unusual to have so much sickness at this time of the year. But it is just another showing of what the Society is doing for its members.

The Division News in this issue represents all that was sent in—and some that was not and which we gleaned from letters and reports. If your Division is not represented, get after its scribe. While we are on this subject, we wish to say—once more—that notes for The Frat must be sent separate from reports or letters; (2) must be on the regular 8x11 paper and written on one side only. Out of the news given in this issue, all but that of five Divisions had to be rewritten by the editor from notes that were supplied on all sorts of stationery—and some of the writers of these "notes" are printers and should know what good copy means. We must insist on having the above rules observed hereafter—or the office wastebasket will be more in use.

The North Dakota Banner feels tickled because J. C. Howard is an Elk, and goes on to say most of our deaf friends are but goats, but that is the best they can do, for lodges are averse to taking in members who are defective in hearing. The Banner man does not seem to be desirous of seeing the fifty-odd N. F. S. D. lodges—lodges in which the goats are not deaf, by any means—even though The Frat has been on his exchange list for several years. Perhaps Brother Schroeder, who is his neighbor during the summer, could manage to get the Banner man to change the confines of his field of vision. "None are so blind as those who will not see." Why, in the name of all that is common sense, are some of our friends continually lamenting that we are barred from "hearing lodges" when we have as fine ones of our very own right at our doors? The world waited a thousand years for the N. F. S. D., and with it here and doing something, the deaf as a class have never done before, there still remains some of the class who "will not see." As for the Elks, see what Brother Pach has to say to that. There are others, it would seem.

### LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

36. Albert Lenz, Pittsburgh, Pa.
36. Howard Judd, New Brighton, Pa.
36. Wm. J. Gibson, New Brighton, Pa.
22. Owen E. Doudt, Pleasant Lake, Ind.
48. James T. Lynch, Liverpool, N. Y.
27. J. Frank Shuford, Los Angeles, Cal.
27. Carl A. Miller, Los Angeles, Cal.
14. Chas. F. Deshazer, Mound Ridge, Kan.
14. John W. Rule, Sharon Springs, Kan.
47. Geo. A. Shipley, Baltimore, Md.
45. Ralph Nielson, Herkimer, N. Y.
45. Patrick Gleason, Little Falls, N. Y.
30. Chas. McArthur, Philadelphia, Pa.
30. Aug. Heckman, Philadelphia, Pa.
30. Frank M. Sack, Philadelphia, Pa.
30. Louis Westerhood, Philadelphia, Pa.
20. Walter Burns, Knoxville, Tenn.
43. Philip Shine, Providence, R. I.
24. Carroll Battles, St. Louis, Mo.
24. Clarence Spiegel, St. Louis, Mo.
23. James Constantin, New York, N. Y.
23. Joseph Graham, New York, N. Y.
23. Abraham Miller, New York, N. Y.
23. Nathan Miller, New York, N. Y.
32. Chas. Overhulzer, S. Omaha, Neb.
42. Harry L. Redman, Newark, N. J.
40. Jacob Schwartz, Kenoza Lake, N. Y.
4. Otto C. Meunier, Danville, Ky.
39. Leon Bradbury, S. Poland, Me.
39. Edward Plummer, Lisbon Falls, Me.
46. Max Van Hariton, Washington, D. C.
28. James G. Bishop, Atlanta, Ga.
44. Chas. A. Hammond, Tacoma, Wash.
26. Wm. E. Richmond, Adams, Mass.

### DIVISION NEWS.

#### Chicago.

Treasurer Jacoby had a week's vacation up in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin boys trimmed the Silents at the recent reunion game. But it was a good team they were up against. Brother and Mrs. Arthur Rink of Beardstown, Ill., have a daughter.

Charles E. Sommer of Lancaster, Pa., is in Chicago taking a course at the Inland Printer's linotype school.

June 25 was N. F. S. D. Day at River-view. A big crowd was in evidence.

Do not forget the reception in honor of the Board members, Wednesday evening, July 8, at Irwin Hall, 1701 W. Madison St. All invited. There will be dancing and a general social good time. Bring your friends.

Recent callers at headquarters were Brother and Mrs. Roberts of Olathe, Brothers Koehler of Kansas City, Sommer of Lancaster, Pa., J. S. Long of Council Bluffs, Ia. Brothers Roberts and Long were enroute to the Washington convention, and Brother Koehler on his way to his home in Pennsylvania for the summer vacation.



Brother and Mrs. Flick are taking in the Washington and Staunton conventions.

E. M. Rowse has taken a position with the W. F. Hall Co., as proofreader.

#### Louisville.

This Division joins those to celebrate the Fourth with a picnic and will have one that day at Shawnee Park.

No. 4 has sent in a contribution of \$5.00 to the De l'Epee Fund.

Brother and Mrs. Elmer Disz have moved to Shreveport, La., and Grover Dickens to Evansville, Ind.

The Division is to have a good representation at the coming reunion at Danville. A recruiting office is a possibility.

#### Nashua.

Brother Sanford was pleased to see his Hartford classmate of '96, Brother Pfunder, appointed State Organizer for D. C., and says "Bill" will make good all right.

Nashua Division will have a lawn party at Haverhill, Mass., July 4th.

#### Dayton.

President Taylor of Cincinnati Division is a frequent visitor to Dayton and Brother "Bax" had it right when he said in the Chronicle that Brother Taylor was "about to fly the coop," and the Bachelor's Club certainly is fading away. Make "Bax" take his share of the blame, boys, and give "Bach" all praise for his holding the bridge so long. ("Bach" may need watching, too.)

Brother Swords of Springfield was a visitor at our June meeting.

Brother Shepherd was a recent visitor at Columbus, and Brother Albert took in Cincinnati's June meeting and watched its ritual work.

Brothers Bates and Mundary collaborated on a new shield for the hall and made a fine job of it.

The Division has recognized that its Secretary has some writing to do and has presented him with a typewriter. Brother Shepherd may be found any evening taking his medicine—practice—like a little man.

#### Cincinnati.

State Organizer Bacheberle is preparing for a trip through Northern Ohio the first week of July and it may be that he has some new Divisions in sight. Ohio is going to keep its lead, or "Bach" resigns from the club that bears his name!

Brother Reed, foreman of the Kentucky school's printing office, is at his home at Ludlow, Ky., for vacation. He attended our June meeting and said "Howdy" to the local Frats.

Brother and Mrs. Busch celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, May 24th, and many useful presents were given them.

Better, Brighter, Bigger—that's Cincinnati Division's slogan.

It's noticeable that the local Frats greet one another with "Hello, 3 B's," instead of the former "Howdy."

William Drott was recently held up and assaulted by two men. A milk bottle was the weapon used. He managed

to save his money because his assailants missed the pocket containing it.

Lawrence Richardson spent his vacation visiting Lexington, Louisville, Kansas City and St. Louis.

Elmer Disz of Louisville Division attended our May meeting, he spending a few days with relatives at Bellevue, Ky., prior to his leaving for Shreveport, La.

Our May social was a hummer. Brother Key had things in charge and he had lots of interest on tap and managed to please everybody.

Our picnic July 4th is to be at Mrs. Brodfuehr's homestead, Westwood, on private grounds and it will be a fine affair, the place being in a beautiful location and having everything necessary to an ideal and old fashioned picnic.

The recent theatricals given by the Division were great. We have not the space for the giving of the cast. However, it was made up of a skit entitled "Samuel's Art Gallery," with Brothers DeSilver, Hahn, Porter, Richardson and Blust, and Mrs. Creelman and the Misses Pollard and George in the cast; another skit—a satire on "Masonry"—was put on by the Aux-Frats, with Mesdames Wortman, Eikens, Steele, Creelman, Blust, Fisher, O'Brien, Shropshire, Buck, Busch; Misses Phillips, George, Pollard; Mr. Eikens; Miss Gillespie and company gave a clever representation of how the modern woman spends the several days of the week: Mrs. Cooper rendered "Comin' thru the Rye," in costume, and the Chronicle's critic says, as fine a dance as was ever put across the boards. Then Little Margaret Cooper, daughter of Mrs. Cooper (who was in charge of the entertainment), toddled out on the stage in her nightie and made her little bow and gave the good night sign.

Our socials will be discontinued for the summer. The next scheduled event is for September 26.

#### Evansville.

The acquisition of Brother Carmichael breaks the long period between applications here. It's hoped there will be others soon.

Grover Dickens has moved here from Louisville and is working in a local tailoring house. John Ferninger is back from Detroit.

Our picnic on the Fourth is hoped to be of the good old kind and make the eagle scream as of yore.

The housewarming at Brother and Mrs. Mathias Wagner's country home, May 24, was enjoyed by a party of about thirty Frats and Aux-Frats.

#### Nashville.

Ivan Heymanson is located here—coming from Chicago—and is in the bindery of the Brandon Printing Co.

The Division has a picnic July 4th—along with the many others—and on August 8th will give an ice cream festival.

#### Springfield.

We would like to see some of the original promoters of the N. F. S. D.—the organizers of the F. S. D.—shown in The Frat's portrait gallery, so we may

get a look at the honored pioneers. (Good idea, and we will go at it.—Ed.)

R. B. Jeffries has succeeded J. F. Reinhardt as Director and H. H. Alexander takes the place of L. A. Hess as Sergeant. These changes were brought about by Brother Reinhardt's removal to Sharon, Pa., and by Brother Hess' resignation on account of other duties.

E. F. Watkins, H. J. Swords and R. B. Jeffries attended the Ohio Home picnic at Central College, Ohio, near Columbus, on May 30. They reported a splendid time while in No. 18's district.

The division was eight years old on June 23. It was the intention of the division to celebrate this anniversary with a lawn fete, but owing to the closeness of this date to July 4, the affair was abandoned in favor of the picnic at Jeffersonville.

R. B. Jeffries parted company with a brand new Panama hat in a Columbus hotel on May 30. A sneak thief made away with it and left his greasy and battered old straw hat in its place. Tough luck!

Howard Barnes is once more boarding with the Redington's in East Springfield. James Murray, who is the one lone Social member No. 13 has on its roll, also boards at the same place.

Post cards received from J. F. Reinhardt of Sharon, Pa., report him as doing well and glad to be back in his native state once more, after his several year's sojourn in Ohio. We hope Brother Reinhardt will find it convenient to visit Springfield once in a while and renew the friendships he made here.

Brothers Redington and Folckemer, with their wives, spent Memorial Day at Jeffersonville as the guests of W. W. Hines and wife.

H. J. Swords attended Dayton Division's May meeting in the interest of the forthcoming picnic. Also F. B. O'Neal visited his folks in the Gem City over June 7th.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Folckemer have consented to take charge of one of the girl pupils of the School for the Deaf at Columbus during the summer.

We are interested in an item in the Chicago correspondence for May to the effect that the Frats in Springfield, Ill., are looking forward to a division. As Springfield, Mass., is also a remote possibility the name "Springfield" surely is one to conjure with.

#### Flint.

Thomas Markey is spending two weeks with his mother and friends at his old home, at East Tawas, and will return to his old job at the Buick the first of July. He has been at work in Detroit the past two months.

Born to Brother and Mrs. C. Elmer Drake a son on the 21st of May. Elmer passed cigars among his Frat brothers at the meeting last week.

Brother Stewart will take in the reunion at Gallaudet College, Washington, with his wife, and will be gone a month at least visiting before returning to Flint.

Albert Siess of Owosso was present at the smoker and had to ride the goat,



although he had been a member of the Detroit division almost since its organization. Brother Leo Brown of Henderson accompanied him.

The smoker on the night of June 6th will be long remembered by those present. A class of just thirteen was initiated into the mysteries of the lodge. Brother Germer and Schneider of Detroit, Lawrence and Brosseau of Bay City helped with their presence to make things lively. Several others wrote that they were unable to come.

Brother Kenney's gift of a password receiver to this Division was a pleasant surprise to the members. A vote of thanks was given him for it. Director Reams found the receiver to be just the thing for this hot weather as he does not have to keep his coat on to receive the password. See?

A lawn social is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, at the home of Brother and Mrs. Gibney.

#### Milwaukee.

Our annual picnic scheduled for July 4th has had to be postponed and September 13th is the date decided on.

#### Columbus.

Among those of the Frats of No. 18 who will take in the Washington, D. C. "Golden Jubilee" or whatever you call it, are Brothers Schory and Holy Cross.

Brother Holycross goes first to Staunton, Va., to the Teachers' Convention, thence to Washington in the interest of his book.

Brother Kingry who underwent a double operation at Grant Hospital in March and has been laid up since, started to work at Green Lawn Cemetery the last week in May. As for grit he puts us all in the shade, sure.

Jacob Vogelhund was over from the Hines farm near Jeffersonville, O., for the Home picnic May 30, an annual affair, and lingered in the city until Tuesday following, when he returned to the soil.

Brother Zorn of the Institution teaching corps will spend his vacation at home looking after his bees and may make occasional short fishing trips—being a lover of such sport.

#### Knoxville.

The Frats of the Knoxville Division had a "box party" in its elegant lodge room on March 29th last, and a pleasant occasion it was. Many packages were sold by auction and also by lottery, and a neat sum was netted and added to the local fund. "No inkling" was given of what was in them before the sales were made, but the buyers were well satisfied or if they did not get their money's worth, they enjoyed the fun, nevertheless. One package which seemed to contain something big and nice got smaller and smaller as it was repeatedly unwrapped—until it exhibited only a one-cent piece of money. Strange enough, the largest price for any package was paid for it—87 cents. However, the Frat who got it treasures the penny, and proposes to wear it as a watch charm. Another package that seemed

equally good and brought nearly the same price, contained a rich lump of cake, but the lump was so mashed the buyer did not care to share it with others. The prices for which the other packages were sold were kept within moderation. Much credit is due to the committee on social entertainment, Brothers McMahan, Wilhite and Huff.

A. V. Glover has returned to Knoxville from Middlesboro, Kentucky, and is working as barber in one of the most elegant shops in the city. He is a native of South Carolina, but is getting to be a good Tennessean, we hope.

The better half of Brother Struck went to Oklahoma last winter and has decided to await there the coming of her husband, who will follow as soon as school closes.

#### Brooklyn.

Brother Seelig is again located at Rockaway Beach and enjoys his usual morning cold bath, at the same time having his eyes open for distress signals.

Brothers Landau, Lubin, McLaren, Bohlman, Herman Plapinger and A. C. Berg are the committee who will assist Chairman Liebsohn in making the August 29th picnic history.

Brother Kutner felt a little lonesome so got married to Miss Golden Naekir on May 28th.

Brooklyn's "engaged" list consists of Brothers Aufort, Rosenthal, Lykes, I. Zwicker and Grossman.

#### Brooklyn News.

Brothers Wokal, Wax, and McKenna are on the sick list but present reports state they are doing nicely.

Quite a delegation of Frats attended the exercises in honor of Dr. Gallaudet in Brooklyn on Saturday, June 13th. Brothers Hodgson and Cohen made splendid addresses.

If plans do not fall through, Brooklyn Division will hold a shore dinner on Saturday, July 25th, at one of the swell resorts at Coney Island.

Brother Donovan can be seen doing the fancy dips in the ocean once again, on Sundays.

Brother Shea has taken up "kodaking" and shows quite an interest in the pastime. Many of his recent photographs have contained pictures of several of the members with their wives and sweethearts.

Clyde S. Jones, of St. Louis, and Brother Denson, of Corning, N. Y. attended No. 23's meeting on June 6th. Brother Jones has been taking a course at one of the local hospitals.

President Bowers thinks more of his motorboating on the "Day of Rest" than running around to amusements. He already shows a nice coat of tan from his many pleasant sails.

Brother O'Brien, our latest addition, made a splendid speech at the last meeting praising the society's good work. He is well acquainted with all its doings and needs no instruction.

With the exception of Brother Jones, No. 23's entire Social list, Brothers

Hodgson, Bryan, Soper and Heynan, was present at our June meeting.

Brother Gabriel expects to add a few more trophies to his already long list at the many coming picnics. He can do the 100 yds. in 10½ seconds.

Brooklyn will cross bats with Newark Division at the latter's outing on July 11th. Lots of young blood in No. 23 and Oh, well, you know the score.

A testimonial dinner was given to Brother Pach, Saturday, June 20, and a big silver loving cup presented to him. We have not received full particulars as yet.—Ed.

Brooklyn Division is priding itself on being the second in size. It's but a little ahead of Philadelphia and Indianapolis—as is shown elsewhere in this issue—so it behooves the boys to keep busy and bring in the recruits.

#### St. Louis.

A lawn party was held on the 13th at the home of Brother and Mrs. Cloud by the Frats for the benefit of a brother. The weather put a damper on the attendance but not on the good time had. Games kept the crowd busy until a late hour.

The eldest son and second child of Brother and Mrs. Sam Biller died recently and the bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire Division. Mrs. Biller with the remaining children departed soon after for her old home in New York City while Sam remains here and keeps bachelor hall by his lonesome self.

Brother Cloud was honored at the Commencement Day exercises at Gallaudet College by having the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred upon him. The Division is proud of its brother and knew his worth since he joined, having kept him in office ever since he signed up as a member.

Brother Harvey Eisenhart, a member of St. Louis Division since January, 1914, died recently at his home in York, Pa., from tuberculosis. The news of his death was a great surprise to No. 24 since he seemed in his usual good health upon leaving to visit his relatives who have the sympathy of the entire division.

Joseph Bernstien of Chicago Division was married in St. Louis on the 7th to Miss Rose Racien. A farewell lawn party was tendered them on the 6th to which many of St. Louis Division were invited. They have the best wishes of their St. Louis friends for a happy and prosperous life together. They plan living at Hammond, Indiana, where the groom is employed.

The mother of State Organizer Binghen died recently after suffering for several years from cancer. She was well known to the Division having been a constant attendant at all our social affairs as long as she was able to be about. Brother Binghen has the sympathy of the entire division in his great loss.

Brothers and Mesdames Cloud and Steidemann and Brother Hughes are among the St. Louisans who attended the half century anniversary of Gallau-



det College. In all some twelve came from St. Louis.

Brother Toma spent his two weeks' vacation with his wife at St. Joseph, Mo. We hope he didn't forget to take along a few application blanks and combine business and pleasure.

#### New Orleans.

New Orleans Division has just been doing itself proud assisting at entertaining the Louisiana Association of the Deaf at its third triennial convention in that city. It was the biggest and best convention we ever had; a surprisingly large number being present from afar.

Wednesday night, the 17th, there were 60 people present at our hall. A short pow-wow was held by the Division and

eight non-residents were introduced to Brother Bill. During this session a surprise was planned on Brother Tracy and the next day, towards the end of the Association's session, he was presented by the Frats with a large and extra useful traveling bag—it being the second like testimonial his way, the first being a solid silver drinking cup, last Christmas.

During the Association session, Brother Soland read an interesting and forceful paper on the N. F. S. D.

Brother Kestner's tireless efforts as chairman of the local committee made things as successful as they were.

The new officers of the Louisiana Association are H. L. Tracy, President; Mrs. J. Gervais Gaiennie, Vice-President;

Mrs. Andrew J. Sullivan, 2nd Vice-President; Henry Soland, Secretary; Grey G. Barham, Treasurer.

Brother Gaiennie was married June 4 to Miss Lillian Mathews at Shreveport. The bride was for a few years a teacher at the Baton Rouge school, her alma mater.

#### Pittsburgh.

The charade-pantomime given May 30 was a big success. Much to our surprise, the fair sex won all the prizes. Brothers Friant, James, Callaghan and Woodrow came down from Johnstown, and Brother Lemmon from Mt. Pleasant.

A Ladies' Auxiliary is in prospect. Besides our wives and sweethearts, the Misses Bracken, Toomey and Appel furnish some extra timber.

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F. O. Ramage .....629 S. Fourth Ave.

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First Saturday.

C. Frank Lux, School for Deaf Little Rock, Ark.

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Mechanic Hall—First Saturday.

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Imperial Hall, 360 Fulton St.—First Saturday.

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1210 Locust St.—Second Friday.

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Second Monday.

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Labor Temple—Second Thursday.

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Second Saturday.

A. L. Carlisle .....27 Forest Av., Bangor, Me.

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First Saturday.

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# National Fraternal Society of the Deaf



## WHAT IT IS.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is a fraternal insurance society composed wholly of deaf men. It works on the lodge system, having branch lodges (Divisions) in various cities and others in process of organization—a combination of white deaf men of good moral character, health and education to help one another and to relieve their families of immediate want in case of death.

## WHEN AND HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED.

The Society was organized in 1901 in Flint, Michigan, its originators being some young deaf men just out of school, with the idea of having a lodge organization of their very own for mutual aid and protection. The classification of the deaf by lodges for the hearing and insurance companies, at that time, as undesirable members or risks had considerable to do with the birth of the Society, which was then called The Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

In 1907 the Society was reorganized under its present name with a membership of 500, and a charter as a fraternal beneficiary association was secured from the Insurance Department of the State of Illinois.

## ITS OBJECTS.

The Constitution and By-laws of the Society gives its objects in the following words: "To unite fraternally all able-bodied white deaf men of good moral character between 18 and 55 years of age who are possessed of good bodily and mental health and industrious habits; to give moral, financial and material aid to its members in times of need; to establish and disburse a fund for the relief of sick and injured members; and to benefit the relatives and dependents of deceased members who may be named as beneficiaries in accordance with the laws of the Society."

To gather and unite in a genuine Fraternity all acceptable white deaf men who are of the proper age and in sound health, for mutual improvement, protection and benefit, and so cultivate the true spirit of Brotherhood which the deaf, regardless of creed or station, should unite in.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ITS QUALIFICATIONS.

It is open to all white deaf men possessing the qualifications given in the foregoing extract from the Constitution and By-laws, good mental, moral and physical health and between the ages of 18 and 55 years, for beneficial membership; that is, participation in the benefits.

Social or associate membership is open in the Divisions to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to beneficial or active membership.

## COST OF JOINING.

All candidates for beneficial membership must pay an admission fee of five (5) dollars at the time the application is made. The candidate must also pay the fee charged for his physical examination to the physician making same, which is generally one (1) dollar.

## MONTHLY DUES.

The monthly dues are based on the amount of insurance the candidate wishes, certificates being issued in three different amounts (\$250, \$500 and \$1,000), and the rates therefor are as follows for Death Benefits; these rates being those of the National Fraternal Congress, which are recognized as the standard by the majority of first class fraternal organizations:

## N. F. S. D. TABLE OF RATES.

Certificates issued in both classes for \$250, \$500 and \$1,000. Rates in this table are those per \$1,000; to figure those for \$250, divide by 4; for \$500, divide by 2.

Age	Class A	Class B	Age	Class A	Class B
18	\$0.93	\$1.00	37	\$1.57	\$1.78
19	.93	1.00	38	1.63	1.86
20	.93	1.00	39	1.69	1.95
21	.93	1.00	40	1.76	2.04
22	.96	1.03	41	1.83	2.14
23	.98	1.06	42	1.91	2.25
24	1.01	1.10	43	1.99	2.36
25	1.04	1.14	44	2.07	2.48
26	1.07	1.17	45	2.16	2.61
27	1.11	1.21	46	2.25	2.76
28	1.14	1.25	47	2.35	2.91
29	1.18	1.30	48	2.46	3.08
30	1.22	1.35	49	2.58	3.26
31	1.26	1.40	50	2.71	3.47
32	1.31	1.46	51	2.83	3.69
33	1.35	1.52	52	2.97	3.93
34	1.40	1.58	53	3.12	4.20
35	1.45	1.64	54	3.28	4.50
36	1.51	1.71	55	3.44	4.84

Applications not accepted from persons over 55 years, nearest birthday. Rates are level, monthly in advance.

Class A (Plan 1) is Whole Life. Assessments payable throughout life. Benefit payable on receipt and acceptance of due proofs of death of member, subject to the Society's laws.

Class B (Plan 2) is a Paid-up Installment Benefit at age 70. Assessments payable until member reaches his 70th birthday, and cease at that date. Members holding Class B certificate will be paid one-tenth the amount of certificate on that date, and a like amount yearly until the full amount of the certificate has been paid. Balance of amount due, if member dies before receiving full number of installments, paid in one sum to the beneficiary. Payable at death of member in full, previous to age 70.

In addition to the above rates, which cover Death Benefits only, an extra monthly due (assessment) of thirty (30) cents is charged to cover Sick and Accident Benefits and Grand Division Expenses. A small local due is collected by the Divisions to cover their expenses. The initiation fee is \$5, payable at time application is filed.

## HOW FIGURED.

In figuring the total monthly due, take the rate given in the table for Death Benefits and add thereto the extra thirty (30) cents. These rates are of the level kind, remaining the same for life as at the joining age.

One's age is figured at the nearest age—age at nearest birthday.

## LOCAL OR DIVISION DUES.

The Divisions oblige their resident members to pay a small monthly local due for meeting the expenses of the Division, but the amount is so small that it is not missed.

Non-resident members are not obliged to pay these dues, but they may give such assistance as may be requested by their Divisions.

## PAYMENTS OF DUES, ETC.

All dues, etc., are payable on the first day of the month which they are for. In the case of resident members they must be paid at or before the time of the Division meeting; non-residents may pay theirs to the Division Treasurer by mail.

The Constitution and By-laws makes provision for all such payments and has additional provision for cases where same may be delayed through the inability of a member to promptly meet same, either from illness or other causes.

## BENEFITS.

The Society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary named in the certificate of a deceased member the sum mentioned in said certificate; provided that the death of the member was not due to certain causes mentioned in the By-laws of the Society which are termed prohibitory causes, and subject to other slight restrictions such as prompt payment of dues, etc., as provided in the laws of the Society.

A Sick or Accident Benefit of five (5) dollars per week is also guaranteed to the holders of certificates for a period of ten (10) weeks in any twelve (12) months (year), on presentation of a properly filled out physician's certificate; provided such disability was not due to or caused by the prohibitory causes mentioned in the By-laws.

In some cases local Divisions have an additional Disability Benefit to the above.

These Benefits are only participated in by beneficial or active members, as mentioned in the paragraph concerning membership.

## THE SOCIETY'S RECORD.

Since the organization of the Society, to the present time (July 1, 1914), it has paid thirty-seven death claims and thousands of dollars in sick and accident claims, keeping its promises to the letter.

## SPECIAL FEATURES.

In addition to the sick, accident and death benefits provided, the various Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members, giving parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings, etc., from time to time. In this way they make membership doubly attractive.

The feeling of good fellowship among the members is strong. Each member is made to feel that his interests are the interests of his fellow members—that the good of one is the good of all. The "fellow feeling" that makes one "wondrous kind" is applicable to this Society more than to any other of its kind, being as it is "of, for and by the deaf" in every sense of the phrase.

## SAFEGUARDS.

The funds of the Society are deposited and invested under the supervision of its Board of Trustees, the books of the financial officers being audited by this Board monthly. A voucher system has been installed, every expenditure of funds requiring the approval of the Grand President. The Grand Financial Secretary and the Grand Treasurer are bonded by a surety company—in short, nothing is neglected that will add to the safeguarding of all financial matters.

The Society, being chartered by the State of Illinois, is subject to inspection by the Insurance Department of that state, and its books and vouchers are open for examination to its members or their legal representatives at all times.

## WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN.

The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is alone in its chosen field.

It is providing life insurance and disability benefits to its members at the lowest possible cost consistent with permanency and safety.

It draws its members together in not only the common bond their deafness has thrown around them, but also that of mutual and self-protection, as well as protection for those dependent on them.

The deaf have everything in common and an organization that looks after their interests as does this Society should have their hearty support and co-operation.

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for dear ones. In time of death, illness or accident what is more welcome than Benefits such as this Society provides?

No fraternal order in existence today has a better claim on the thousands of the deaf in this country than has ours; it is for them alone; its membership cost is no greater than that of any first class order of the kind, its table of rates being based on the experience of years and that adopted by the National Fraternal Congress, which is the standard in most states of the Union.

The influence it exerts is most beneficial. The principles on which it is founded cannot be otherwise than elevating and helpful.

In joining you help yourself; help others, too, and those others of your own class—a class that needs the help of each of its units to demonstrate it is capable of holding its own with any other.

Will you not do your part? Join, and so give your aid and influence not only to the Society and your fellow deaf men, but at the same time guarantee its help to you and yours.

## HOW TO JOIN.

If you are interested, as we believe you are, write to the State Organizer of the state in which you reside and ask for an application blank. Ask him for any further information you may wish to have, as well.

Or if you reside in a city where there is a Division, any member or officer of that Division can supply everything necessary.

If you reside in a state that has no Division, or far from such centers, write to the Grand Secretary.

If there is no Division in your immediate vicinity you will be attached to the nearest one as a non-resident member. Non-resident members receive the same benefits as resident members.

Be sure and give your full name, age, occupation and address. A postal card will do. Do it now.

For the Address of State  
Organizers, Grand Offi-  
cers and a Directory of  
Divisions, See Page 7.