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OMAHA BULLETIN NO. 2.

July 5-10, 1915.

THE Rome Hotel has been selected as headquarters.

Rates are as follows: Rooms with two persons to a room, \$1.00 per day each person; with bath, \$1.25 per day, each person; single rooms in proportion.

The hotel maintains a table d'hote dining room, cafe, grill room, summer garden and all the conveniences of a modern, up-to-date hotel, and all at reasonable rates. Lunch rooms, restaurants and cafes also are in close proximity to the hotel, to suit all tastes and purses.

There are cheaper hotels within a block of this, and rooms will be engaged in advance, either at headquarters or elsewhere, if desired. Write, stating the rate you wish to pay and exact time engagement is to begin.

The convention hall will be in the Rome Hotel, and the Board rooms and committee rooms will be furnished.

An information bureau for delegates and visitors will be maintained in the lobby of the hotel during certain hours for the convenience of all visitors.

The reception and banquet will also be held at the Rome Hotel.

In making these arrangements the convenience of delegates and visitors has been kept in mind.

If you are a delegate or alternate and wish rooms engaged or desire any information, write to Waldo H. Rothert, 4103 Lafayette Ave., Omaha, Neb. If you are a prospective visitor, write I. J. Wittwer, 610 W. Broadway, Council Bluffs, Iowa. (It may be remarked here that Council Bluffs is just across the river from Omaha.)

The Committee would like to have a pennant from each Division, representing the city as well as the Division, of course, to be used in decorating the convention hall. These will be considered a loan and be returned if desired at the close of the convention. Uniformity in size is requested, and about 15x36 inches, or thereabouts, would be the right dimensions. Send them to Brother Rothert, at address above.

It is desired to know as early as possible the number who expect to be here, and visitors are urged to write and notify us of their intentions and as to whether they wish rooms engaged or not. There are a number of hotels and rooming houses within easy reach of headquarters and in the heart of the city, and

there will be no trouble in securing suitable accommodations.

Railroad arrangements are touched on in another column; the Omaha Local Committee has nothing to do with these. Come!

OMAHA DIVISION, NO. 32.
Omaha, March 15, 1915.

COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

April.

- 3—Social, Olathe.
- 7—Lecture, Boston.
- 10—Party, Portland, Ore.
- 17—Dance, New Haven.
- 17—Bazaar, Baltimore.
- 17—Annual party, Portland, Me.
- 23—Whist party, Hartford.
- 24—Social, Rochester.
- 24—Entertainment, Cincinnati.
- 30—Reading, St. Louis.

May.

- 6—Drawing, Philadelphia.
- 8—Reading, Brooklyn.
- 22—Lecture, Newark.
- 22—"Magic," Detroit.
- 29—May party, Holyoke.
- 29—Annual dance, Providence.
- 29—Smoker, Detroit.

June.

- 26—Lawn fete, Columbus.
- 26—Picnic, Buffalo.

July.

- 3—Picnic, Syracuse.
- 4—Picnic, Detroit.
- 4—Picnic, Boston.
- 4—"See Chicago First."
- 5-10—"Omaha—1915."

OUR "HELP" FUND.

Since printing the February list an additional contribution of seventy cents was received and forwarded to Brother Hodgson and reported in the Deaf-Mutes' Journal. This last contribution came from the Treasurer of New Orleans Division. The total contributions made through me were \$152.35, up to March 24th. WASHINGTON BARROW,

Treasurer.

A CORRECTION.

In the February issue, in the annual statement on the second page, the "total from members" given in the "mortuary funds" column read \$23,888.80." It should have been \$20,888.80, as shown by the other totals in the same column of the "Income."

THE OFFICIAL ROUTE.

SPECIAL arrangements have been made with the Chicago & North-Western Railway to carry the Omaha convention delegates and visitors from Chicago to Omaha for the Triennial Convention of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, to be held in Omaha, July 5-10, 1915. (This is the same route that the National Association of the Deaf has designated as its official route between Chicago and Denver, in connection with the Association's convention at San Francisco, July 19-24, 1915.)

This route has been selected because of the many points of advantage it offers. The Chicago & North-Western Railway is the pioneer line west and northwest of Chicago and is the famous double-track, automatic electric safety signal line between Chicago and the Missouri river, with a heavily rock ballasted roadbed and every modern convenience and device for expeditious and safe travel.

We leave Chicago from the palatial new passenger terminal of this road, located at Canal and Madison Sts. and within two blocks of the Pennsylvania Lines terminal and adjacent to hotel and business district and with bus line connection with other depots. The route from Chicago lies directly west through the northern portion of Illinois to the Mississippi river at Clinton, Ia., from which point the route lies across Iowa, through a succession of growing towns and through the banner grain and stock raising districts of the west. At Council Bluffs the train crosses the Missouri river, and we arrive at Omaha, the convention city.

Omaha is a wonderful city of 124,000 population and is the metropolis of Nebraska. Many hours can be spent in sight-seeing throughout the city, visiting the U. S. army posts at Forts Omaha and Crook, both conveniently reached by street car service. There is also beautiful Council Bluffs and the neighboring country to see—and admire. The meat-packing industry of Omaha is the third largest in the country, and the stock yards are well worth the time spent visiting them. In addition, our Local Committee is to arrange for us to see a good many other attractions.

Six splendid trains leave Chicago for Omaha daily over the Chicago & North-Western Railway, at the convenient hours of 10:30 a. m., 6:05 p. m., 7:00 p. m. (extra fare), 9:35 p. m., 10:02 p. m. and 10:45 p. m. Any one of these can be used

by the visitor or delegate traveling alone, but our special Chicago party will leave on the train which best suits our convenience, and which will be decided on and have definite announcement made later in The Frat. Brother Gibson is completing plans for the special party, and it is hoped that all visitors and delegates who can do so will join this party. Remember to have your tickets read via Chicago & North-Western Railway from Chicago.

Full particulars regarding rates, etc., may be had of H. A. Gross, General Agent, Chicago & North-Western Railway, 148 S. Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

Attention is also called to the article headed "Chicago to Omaha" in another column, and to the "Omaha Bulletin, No. 2."

LAW CHANGES.

MEMBERS having suggestions to submit for the Omaha Convention to take up in connection with changes to the Society's constitution and by-laws, or Divisions having same to propose, are hereby notified that the Law Committee of the Grand Division is now ready to receive such and arrange them for printing in such form that each delegate at the convention will be given a copy. If the work is completed before the dates of the June meetings of the Divisions, it may be possible to have the Divisions get a copy for discussion at these meetings—if it cannot be completed by then, it will, of course, be left to the convention itself to attend to. However, it is believed that the Divisions will appreciate having such advance copies and will assist towards completing the work in time.

Official notice is now given that May 15 will be the final date for the filing with the committee of such suggestions (for printing and distribution), as above noted. After that date, they must be submitted in writing and at the convention and through the officers or delegates. It will be seen that the committee is anxious to arrange things so the Divisions will be given opportunity to have read and to discuss as many of the amendments as is possible. This is the final notice of its kind. The work on the printing of the changes will start promptly on May 17, and the job is to be completed by June 1st.

H. LORRAINE TRACY,
Chairman Law Committee.

917 Asia St., Baton Rouge, La.

GRAND TRUSTEE'S REPORT.

Exhibit of Balances, February 28.

First mortgage loans	\$51,800.00
First mortgage bonds	11,500.00
Certificates of deposit	6,460.35
Savings bank accounts	304.78
In bank subject to check	770.36
Secretaries' funds	400.00
Treasurer's cash balance	100.00

\$71,335.49

Note.—Two bonds of \$500.00 each matured in February, and the proceeds were at once reinvested in two others of like amount.

Division News

Chicago.

These names appear on headquarters' visitors' list this month: Harry Turner, of Washington Division, No. 46, en route to his former home in Oklahoma for a month's visit; Rev. J. M. Koehler, on his way east to attend to a few business matters at home and rest up for a bit; Alfred H. Robbins of Rochester, Indiana, who came on for a few days' visit and renewed old acquaintances with a number of friends in this city.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. Louis Wal-lack on February 27th, a girl.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. Joseph N. Bernstein of Hammond, Ind., on March 9th, a boy.

Leslie D. Mebane is now located in Burlington, N. C.

Chicago Division's annual ball, held on January 23, was very successful and well attended—nearly three hundred tickets being taken in at the door. About ninety dollars was netted for the local funds. Isadore Newman, chairman of the committee on arrangements, and his helpers, deserve a great deal of praise for their work to make this ball the success it was.

W. H. Norvell, one of our Division's far outlying non-residents, has moved away from Marietta, Oklahoma, and is now farming in Dexter, Texas.

W. E. Kesterson, of Castana, Iowa, is still on the job as janitor of the Castana High School. He sends best regards to his Iowa friends here and is looking forward to meeting the gang at Omaha.

Louisville.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. Isaac Schet-zer, on October 24, a boy.

Brother and Mrs. Joseph Ferg celebrated their wooden wedding on December 19th. According to those who were there, it was one swell affair.

Brother Dunham engineered for the evening of January 3rd a surprise party on his better half, to which every man Frat was invited. All came and had—well, if we told everything, you wouldn't believe it. Suffice it to say, the surprisers had a royal time. And it was a fair knock-out for the surprisee.

John H. Fleming, of Greenville, Ky., was in town on a visit recently. He owns the only up-to-date tailor-shop in his county, and is frequently swamped to such an extent that he has to send to the city for a man or two to come and help him out.

Our ball on February 13 is going to be the grandest affair ever pulled off by the local division. A big hall has been secured, large enough for three hundred couples. Tickets are two-bits a single admission. The committee is working over-time to make it a success. They are being assisted by Brother Robert Irick as official press agent; as he is chairman of the local typographical union's label committee, and so has a wide acquaintance among business and newspaper men,

he knows the ropes, and we are counting on a lot of free advertising.

[From informal, elated accounts just received, we are able to announce that the Frats fairly blew the lid off, and showed the Louisville folks just where Johnny hid the wedge; they did themselves proud. Although it was their first attempt of the kind, the ball was a glittering success. They were showered with compliments, bouquets and biddings to do it again.—Ed.]

"Uncle Pat" Dolan is envied for his luck in winning the shotgun in the drawing recently held by Chicago Division. He's studying Hoyle and other game laws preparatory to making even T. R. take notice. Brother Mueller just missed being the lucky man by a margin of one number. We who know "Jawn's" vocabulary can imagine his remarks.

Cincinnati.

Cincinnati Division got down to business immediately after the holidays, the first meeting for 1915 falling on January 2nd. The installation of officers was gone through with, some unfinished business taken up and acted upon, and two new members were initiated—Edgar M. Hay of Covington, Ky., and Ben Moore of Middletown, O. Both the new members are old pupils of the Kentucky School at Danville. Samuel J. Taylor, the retiring president, made a brief but appropriate speech in turning over the chair to the incoming president, McBlevine Key; he thanked the members for their hearty co-operation and support, congratulated the new officers and wished them success.

William G. Harmeyer, who was recently laid up for a fortnight or so with rheumatism, is now able to be about. He was allowed full benefit for the period of his lay-up and now fully appreciates the benefits of fraternalism.

Buford L. Allen, being now relieved by his successor of official duties as Director, will no longer be obliged to attend every meeting. As he is a non-resident member living in Erlanger, Ky., he had to come in for every meeting and remain over-night, going home Sunday morning.

Louis J. Bacheberle, "Old Reliable Bach," is still on the job as treasurer of No. 10. This is his third term. He never fails to come through O. K. with his reports, punctually.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. William A. Geiger on January 10th, a boy.

Evansville.

The watch party held on New Year's Eve passed off quietly, without much noise; yet we had a big house. The sale of lunch boxes at auction netted a good sum of money, but the raffle brought in most of all. Miss Tracy of Chicago, a niece of De Witt Stephens, won the first prize in the drawing, a lady's gold watch; Noah H. Uran won the second, a pair of

beautiful cuff buttons; and the other prize, a tie-pin, went to Matthias Wagner. From 8 p. m. till dawn there was a lively time, and no one appeared a bit sleepy. Many said it seemed like only three or four hours, the time went by so fast. No one realized it was dawn until the light was turned out. The affair was held at the home of Brother Brizius, 123 North Evans St. The Division extends thanks to the non-resident members, who came in a body and helped greatly to make the occasion a success.

The money realized from the sale of lunch boxes at the watch party was used in keeping open house for the installation of officers and toward a banquet at the home of Ernest Schneider.

No, Brother Editor, that charm of Nathan Greenberg's is no nature fake at all. It is just his hobby.

Ralph E. Carpenter of Cedar Rapids Division stopped off in this city for a two days' visit about the middle of January; he met and mingled with his fellow-Frats here. Brother Carpenter was on his way to meet his wife and baby on their journey northward. The Evansville Brothers joked him on his youthful appearance and told him to raise a moustache, then he'd look more like a real father.

James Downey and Adolph Brizius are cleaning out their incubators and getting ready for the spring setting of eggs. They are already counting their chickens—that is, figuring how many early layers they will have by the end of fall, with visions of eggs all winter when the price is 40 or 50 cents a dozen.

Springfield.

Springfield Division's charter, hanging on the wall of the lodge room at Zimmerman Hall, was draped in black for thirty days in respect for the memory of the late William Frank Sickles. During the meeting the members paid him a further tribute by rising in unison and standing in silence for a few minutes, gazing at the draped charter.

Rufus B. Jefferies is running a shoe-repair shop on his own hook in the back room of a grocery store. He repairs shoes in the evenings and works during the day at his regular job in the piano plate shop.

Frank J. Stokes lost his mother by death last September. The funeral services held at his sister's residence were largely attended, showing the esteem in which the family is held and the sympathy felt for them by friends.

Dayton.

Mrs. Elmer Lewis died on Monday, February 8. The cause of her death was gangrene. In an attempt to save her life a foot was amputated, but too late, as the poison had already infected her system.

John L. Wiggenghorn came near undergoing an operation for appendicitis, as it was for a time thought that that was his ailment. Later, however, it developed into typhoid fever, from which he is now pretty well recovered.

While employed at the Maxwell Motor

Car Works, where he is a grinder, James M. Shepherd met with a painful accident. A heavy axle slipped, fell and nearly crushed one of his toes. He had to have the nail pulled off.

Preparations are being made at this writing for the Division's anniversary social, despite the industrial depression and the hard times.

J. B. Showalter of Columbus, in course of a recent vacation of two weeks, was a visitor at the Dayton Frats' headquarters. So was our non-resident member, Harry Hartley, of Tippecanoe City.

Flint.

Herman Harper, of Alabama, after being laid off from his job in St. Joe, Mich., came on to Flint in response to an advertisement for a linotype operator on the Daily Journal. But he arrived some four hours too late, for a man had just been put on. However, Brother Harper was put on a few days later, subbing for one of the regulars, and made good on the "ad" machine. As there was not much work at subbing in sight, he finally left on January 3 for his home, where he hoped to strike a job on one of the newspapers. Brother Harper thinks he has been on the road long enough. The Flint Frats would have been very glad to have him remain permanently in this city.

A surprise was sprung on Brother Harper during his stay here. Early in the evening, through the co-operation of a young lady friend, he was induced to take a walk down town. In the meantime a number of the Frats and several others assembled at the house of George F. Tripp and on his return, he was greatly surprised to find them there. The evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation and story-telling. Light refreshments were served near midnight.

Tom Kenney is back at his old job with the Buick. He had spent three months hunting for a situation in Detroit, and could stand it no longer. A day or two after his arrival here he secured his old place again. He seems to have fully recovered the use of the eye which has troubled him for over a year.

The Bristol Printing Co. is now located at 507 Brush St., Brother Bristol having bought out the other two partners. He reports business to be picking up and hopes soon to have all he can handle.

The households of Frank Drake and Howard Blodgett have been increased by the arrivals of a boy and girl, respectively, the former born on February 26, the latter on March 8.

A rally of some kind, under the auspices of Flint Division, is being arranged for the week of the reunion that will be held the coming summer at the Michigan School for the Deaf. Philip Schreiber as chairman, with Fred A. Lawrason and Ralph Miller, were appointed to take charge of this affair. It promises to be a corker, and a red-letter event in the history of the Division.

The box social on February 22 at the rooms of the Baker Business University was a most pronounced success, both so-

cially and financially. Some sixty of the Frats and their friends were present, and a sum just short of \$12.00 was realized for the Division's funds. Brothers Schreiber, De Champlain and Tripp had charge of the affair.

Thomas Markey and Oren De Champlain have formed a partnership and will conduct a shoe-repairing shop on Detroit Street, this city. They will begin business as soon as machinery and supplies arrive, probably by the time this is printed.

Toledo.

A new motto, "Be Good and Make Good," has been announced by Toledo Division, No. 16. It is expected that the Brothers will endeavor earnestly to get more new members and work for the increase of funds in the treasury. Just watch us grow!

A Valentine box social, given on the 20th of February, under the management of the committee, Nathan Henick and Jacob Schwartz, was the most successful occasion of the kind we ever had at our hall. It drew a number of visitors from other cities. A large net profit was cleared. Prizes were awarded to the winners of various contests. As August Faulhaber, of Cleveland, No. 21, is a regular "horse auctioneer," he very soon sold out all the boxes. Many thanks, August, for your kind assistance.

Last Tuesday night the closing games of the City Amateur Basket Ball Tournament were played at the local Y. M. C. A. Nathan Henick played with the Y. M. H. A. team as a regular forward. This squad finished in second place, and each player received a handsome silver medal, while the winners of first place got gold medals and the B. F. Keith trophy.

David Turrill of Detroit, who was a guest of the Russoms for nearly a week, attended the box social—and, of course, enjoyed himself.

Other out-of-town visitors present at the social were Paul F. Bengsch, John Smolk and August Faulhaber of Cleveland. Our own non-resident members were there in force. Nearly all of these stayed over until Sunday evening.

Toledo Division's entertainment on January 16, an exhibition of magic, sleight-of-hand stunts, and cartooning, by Preston L. Stevenson was greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Brother Stevenson showed himself to be a great "fooler," and kept the audience amused and interested throughout. The affair was managed by Shirley Newcomer and several hustling helpers. A good net profit was cleared.

The day after the entertainment was spent by Brother and Mrs. Stevenson at the Newcomers' house, where they received the calls in a body of the Frats and their wives. It seemed for a time as if the rooms would not hold all the people who were coming.

Milwaukee.

Some of our Frats are not working full time. William Tischeafer has not had work at his trade of tile-setting for about ten months.

(Continued on page 5.)



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FRANCIS P. GIBSON - - - - - Editor
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Articles for publication must reach the editor by the 15th of the month.
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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MARCH, 1915.

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.

\$71,335.49.

Safety first.

Only three months to Omaha.

Dues paid up, as they should be?

We are still game—4,000 by Omaha.

The dates? July 5-10, 1915; at Omaha.

The Division News appears in this issue and includes all that has been sent in. If there is to be any in the April issue, our reporters must get busy and have it here by April 15.

The Register, printed at the Rome, N. Y., school, speaks of the Junior Order of American Mechanics being "one that has extended the hand of welcome to the deaf" and that there are several of that school's graduates members of the order. We are glad to see another welcoming hand extended to our class. They are few and far between nowadays. It might be added that there has not been any extended from Rome's local direction towards the N. F. S. D. that could be remarked upon. The Register's adding to the above quoted remark others to the effect that it is a believer in the deaf joining such associations (but not to the exclusion of those of their own, we hope)—may have something to do with the scarcity of Roman Frats, besides the well known maxim as to Rome (Division) not being built in a day. We continue to hope—even ancient Rome was converted at last.

"There is no greater achievement than that of a true fraternity."

Attention is called to the fact that Grand President Anderson's correct address is as given in the directory on page seven and his correspondents should make a note of it.

Division Secretaries are specially requested to have their April reports at headquarters by April 15, and to see that their delegate list is given in full, so it may be tabulated for the April Frat.

If you want an extra copy of the February Frat for a friend—or more than one—a postal card request will bring them to you. We have a good supply on hand. They are great pullers, telling as they do just what the Society has done, is doing, and will do.

July 22 will be a big day for the deaf at San Francisco. It has been designated as "National Association of the Deaf Day" and the "Nads" in convention there at that time will see to its being made some day, all right. The Frisco Frats intend to do their share in the helping.

Attention is called to the arrangements that have been made as to the official route to Omaha, as given in another column. There will be a "See Chicago First" reception arranged for by the Chicago Frats—then the North-Western will do the rest between Chicago and Omaha.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

27. Anthony Terranova, San Francisco, Cal.
27. Leo E. White, San Francisco, Cal.
27. Arthur Heritage, San Francisco, Cal.
27. Henry Neil, San Francisco, Cal.
27. Numer E. Pike, San Francisco, Cal.
27. Victor Majouran, San Francisco, Cal.
39. Hollis M. Lamb, Intervale, Me.
39. William Swallow, Portland, Me.
39. Almon Parker, Lisbon Falls, Me.
52. Arthur Ellison, Rochester, N. Y.
46. Thomas M. Jenkins, Portsmouth, Va.
32. Leslie Lainson, Council Bluffs, Ia.
32. Frederick Hellston, Omaha, Neb.
32. Arthur Wagner, Council Bluffs, Ia.
41. Alva D. Allen, Portland, Ore.
51. James Riley, Rensselaer, N. Y.
51. Francis W. Picard, Albany, N. Y.
35. Joseph Finnick, Cambridge, Mass.
35. Jerry Markee, Cambridge, Mass.
23. Fred W. Meinken, New York, N. Y.
49. Frederick Ward, Riceville, Ia.
49. Lyle Younkin, Lorimor, Ia.
47. Alfred E. Feast, Baltimore, Md.
18. William Huebner, Marion, Ohio.
48. Bertram Stevens, Syracuse, N. Y.
48. Benjamin Bushart, Syracuse, N. Y.
46. James C. Dowell, Washington, D. C.

April dues are now payable.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

For February, 1915.

Balance.

Balance from January report.....\$68,602.88

Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner	2,695.24
Rent, Chicago Division	10.00
Interest from mortgages	787.50
Interest from bonds	189.27
Grand Secretary's fees	1.00
Sale of cuts	1.00
Button sales	16.80
Division bond premium70

Total balances and receipts.....\$72,304.39

Expenditures.

Sick benefits	\$ 235.00
Accident benefits	30.00
Rent and light	42.00
Services, E. M. Rowse	48.00
Officers' expenses, C. C. Neuner	15.66
Officers' quarterly salaries	108.74
Medical Director's salary	10.00
Grand Secretary's salary	100.00
Official publication	50.00
Insurance department fees	229.75
Printing and stationery	1.75
Buttons	58.39
Notary fees	9.00
Fire insurance	12.54
Sundry office expenses	4.69
Expressage	5.82
Postage	2.48
Fee refund	3.00
Accrued interest on bond	2.08

Total expenditures.....\$ 968.90

Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts.....	\$72,304.39
Total expenditures	968.90

Balance, February 28, 1915.....\$71,335.49

GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Collections for February.

Chicago	\$ 382.68
Detroit	97.95
Saginaw	13.88
Louisville	55.08
Little Rock	66.90
Nashua	23.00
Dayton	39.97
Bay City	7.79
Cincinnati	67.23
Evansville	21.02
Nashville	24.83
Springfield	17.98
Olathe	40.62
Flint	50.03
Toledo	39.97
Milwaukee	61.39
Columbus	38.83
Knoxville	32.36
Cleveland	71.08
Indianapolis	118.00
Brooklyn	145.56
St. Louis	143.42
New Haven	68.94
Holyoke	51.82
Los Angeles	75.12
Atlanta	51.40
Philadelphia	132.40
Kansas City	54.01

Omaha	46.87
New Orleans	60.32
Kalamazoo	20.50
Boston	58.32
Pittsburgh	43.98
Hartford	13.33
Memphis	28.30
Portland, Me.	77.12
Buffalo	45.88
Portland, Ore.	34.64
Newark	24.48
Providence	17.31
Seattle	17.54
Utica	45.12
Washington	30.93
Baltimore	37.18
Syracuse	15.34
Cedar Rapids	45.07
Huntington	9.89
Albany	17.77
Rochester	12.09

Total collections\$2,695.24

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To Chicago Division's Non-Residents.

ONLY about 30 replies were received to the circular letter sent out to you by the Division in connection with electing your own delegate (alternate), and as this number was far from a majority of the number sent out, it is considered as denoting there is not enough interest in the idea to warrant such an election, so the matter has been dropped. The Division will elect its delegate and alternates from among its resident members and bear the expense from its local fund. The non-residents will, of course, be represented by these resident representatives, who will have the full voting powers of the total membership.

JOHN D. SULLIVAN,
Division Secretary.
Chicago, March 15, 1915.

WILLIAM J. CURRAN.

Brother William J. Curran of Chicago, and a member of Chicago Division, passed away March 23. He had been ill for some time from a complication of diseases and was aware that he could not recover. His long illness was made as cheerful as such a condition could be by visits from brother Knights and Frats—he being a member of the local council of the Knights of De l'Epee and one of its officers.

Brother Curran joined the Society in December, 1905. He was in his 38th year. He is survived by two brothers and a sister, Mrs. Mamie Hurley, with whom he had been making his home. The funeral was held Friday, March 26, and burial at Calvary Cemetery.

Omaha—July 5-10.

Dues paid up?

Is your chum a Frat?

DISINTERESTED OPINION.

THE National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is continuing to grow at a rapid pace. From time to time we have noted with some pleasure and satisfaction the substantial increases in its reserve fund and in its resources in general and think that those having the management in hand are to be congratulated upon the splendid success they have attained. The Frat for January gives the information that its reserves are now far in excess of the requirements of the law, and therefore its stock, if it had any, is entitled to be classed with other stocks which are rated above par. The reserve fund is now just twenty-eight per cent above requirements, which the Actuary's report for February will show. This is certainly encouraging to the deaf, as they may feel assured that they may avail themselves of the protection this Society offers and feel as secure as if they were investing in life insurance of any one of the old established "old line" companies.—Illinois Advance.

Read the Omaha Bulletin.

FEBRUARY DISABILITY CLAIMS.

P. D. Munger, Cleveland, Ohio.....	\$ 20.00
J. L. Wiggernhorn, Dayton, Ohio.....	25.00
*P. J. Maue, Buffalo, N. Y.....	15.00
*Arthur Smith, Little Rock, Ark.....	15.00
J. F. Calvert, England, Ark.....	50.00
B. C. Wortman, Cincinnati, O.....	10.00
Z. L. Osmun, Los Angeles, Cal.....	10.00
W. O. Dilworth, Baltimore, Md.....	15.00
J. N. Bernstein, Hammond, Ind.....	40.00
H. H. Mayberry, Waterville, Me.....	10.00
W. J. Curran, Chicago, Ill.....	25.00
T. I. Lounsbury, New York, N. Y....	15.00
H. A. Scherer, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	15.00

Total for the month\$265.00

DIVISION NEWS.

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John W. Kurry is thinking of selling his two houses, which are in a very good neighborhood. A purchaser would not regret buying this property, as both the houses are in excellent condition. Brother Kurry's reason for selling is that he wants to buy a poultry farm.

Nick Pleskatchek is trying to teach his baby boy to say "Papa." Nick, Jr., was born on January 30.

Edwin Teweles and William Howard headed the list of givers to the Belgian Relief Fund with contributions of \$3.00 and \$2.00 respectively.

The fraters recently contributed to a purse being made up in aid of a deaf man and his family who are destitute and in want. The children have to go out and hunt for fuel, which they pick up anywhere they can find. The father, not himself a Frat, is a consumptive. There are five children in the family. Brother Plunkett is collecting more money to help relieve their further needs.

H. B. Plunkett ran up to Madison for a few days on business recently.

Claude J. Russell has gone back to Georgia.

H. B. Plunkett is finding every day a deal of comfort and satisfaction in using the swivel office-chair that was presented to him by the Division last Christmas. Ladimir Kolman, too, is making good use of the silver smoker's set, which he received at the same time. Both these gifts were tokens of appreciation for hard work and faithful service.

Cleveland.

Arthur Gabel has had an addition to his family by the birth of an eight-pound boy on March 8. The members of Cleveland Division have not seen Brother Gabel around yet, but are looking for him to show up at the April meeting with his broadest smile and the cigars.

F. C. Krull ought to be nearly dead of hard work, but he isn't. Really, his vitality is wonderful. He works all day in a steel welding shop, and in the evenings does a photographer's work at home. He has got 'way beyond the snap-shot stage of kid days, and is busied with real commercial work. In his spare hours he is likely at any time to be either twenty-five miles away getting a picture with his big 14x11 camera or at home too busy to leave the developing room. He is finding a good many customers with more work coming all the time. He doesn't have to go out after the business—it comes to him.

Arrangements are under way for our social on April 28th. There will be a dialogue, with other interesting attractions.

Rev. Brother Allabough was given a birthday surprise party at his home on Thursday night, March 18th. Twenty-three Clevelanders formed the storming party. Brother Allabough was presented with a new "visible" typewriter. We hope the "visible" feature will help clarify his vision, and save him from going it "blind."

Indianapolis.

William James, molder, was accidentally injured on February 6th in the shop where he works, when molten iron fell on his foot. He was confined to the house for several days but is reported to be improving.

Clyde Tong has written that he is enjoying life out west these days. He recently transferred from Indianapolis Division to Los Angeles.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. Harry V. Jackson on January 18th a boy, who lived only one day, dying from cerebral hemorrhage. Mrs. Jackson is reported to be doing well.

The marriage has been announced of Ledger J. Sackett and Miss Lyda Allman. They were wedded on January 23rd before a Justice of the Peace, and have gone to housekeeping with Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Allman, parents of the bride. Cigars were passed around at the last meeting.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. N. L. Harris on January 16th, a girl. Mother and baby are reported doing well.

N. L. Harris has been on the sick list, but not confined long enough to draw benefit. His condition is said to be improving, we are glad to state. Owing to

his health troubles he has been obliged to wear spectacles.

Several Frats in this city are temporarily out of employment now, while two or three have not been working for a long time. Business is in fair shape but nobody is hiring just now.

J. William Seitz was elected to be No. 22's delegate at Omaha, with Robert E. Binkley and George Marsch as first and second alternates respectively.

William Jerrell was a visitor in Indianapolis one Saturday recently, renewing old acquaintances. He returned home the same evening.

William F. Marer, who had been employed for several years as a shoe-repairer in a large Indianapolis shoe-store, was recently laid up by sickness for several weeks. On returning to work, he found his job had been given to another man, and there was no place for him. Hard lines, indeed. However, we are told that Brother Marer has bought out one of N. L. Harris' shoe-repairing shops; it is located on Ft. Wayne Avenue. We hope he will find success in this new venture, and are glad to hear that although he started only a few weeks ago, he is already doing well.

Brooklyn.

Maximilian Weisberg is said to be doing well on his New Jersey farm. Before settling down, he was married to Miss Freda Rothstein, a pretty miss from the Fanwood school.

Joseph H. Lykes and W. H. Aufort, to prove that times were good, also passed through the "little green door," and are now housekeeping.

Considering the hard times and other adverse conditions, Brooklyn's ball last February was all that could be asked for in the way of attendance. Chairman Taplin and his committee deserve great praise. A brother of our own Frank A. Brown furnished the music. As the name of this orchestra is widely and favorably known, standing as it does for good music, the hearing people—of whom a considerable number attended—were well looked after in all they care for at this kind of an affair. Comment on all sides was favorable.

A reading of Verdi's "Rigoletto" by Brother Louis A. Cohen is scheduled for May 8th. A treat is promised those who attend.

Our genial John F. O'Brien met with an accident just as he was reaching home one evening. A fall on the steps of his dwelling resulted in the breaking of a bone—maybe two bones—in his right arm. Present reports state he is doing nicely.

No. 30 passed No. 23 lately, and there is some excitement up this way. However, Philadelphia has our best wishes.

Brother Pach's smile is broader than ever since he opened a photograph studio of his own at 111 Broadway.

A silver loving-cup was recently presented to Louis A. Cohen by his pupils of present and former years, in recognition and appreciation of his service as Sunday school teacher of a Jewish class at Fanwood.

Los Angeles.

The stork brought a girl baby to the home of Clarence H. Doane on December 22nd.

Rev. Clarence E. Webb, of Pomona, California, recently became a member of this Division. He is hard-of-hearing, not totally deaf. He is rapidly learning the sign language, and getting widely acquainted among the deaf. Naturally, he is actively interested in church work. His acquaintance and standing with hearing people make him all the more a welcome addition to the deaf circle, as such a person in any one locality can do more or less service in the way of correcting mistaken ideas and bringing about among hearing people a better understanding of the deaf.

We were glad to welcome Henry A. Germer, who recently took out his transfer to this Division from Detroit No. 2. He is an old Frat, a veteran in the order, and we are glad to have the benefit of his experience.

Willis H. Denson of Buffalo Division is paying us a visit. He came across the continent on his motorcycle in spite of bad weather, muddy roads and other hindrances.

Atlanta.

John D. McPherson, one of Chicago Division's far-scattered non-resident members, left Atlanta for New York City to sail for his home in Scotland on January 2nd. We Frats here have not yet heard from him and would like to know if he reached his distant destination safely. [Probably some of the No. 28 members have had a word from him by this time. In any case, we know at this office from his recent advices that he arrived duly at his home, fit and sound, escaping all the Kaiser's submarines.—Ed.]

At this writing, our state organizer, W. E. Gholdston, has been suddenly called to the bedside of his mother who is reported ill in Tennessee. We earnestly hope that she is out of danger and will rapidly recover—and that this jolly brother comes back soon.

Rev. Brother J. W. Michaels recently was in Atlanta for a few days, coming in from the West on his way to Florida.

Ross A. Johnson paid a week-end visit to Jesse B. Martin at his country home recently. They enjoyed the rabbit-hunting—and those old Southern cookies.

Percy W. Ligon of Atlanta has gone back to his home in Tennessee for a visit with his relatives.

Philadelphia.

The annual ball held on February 12th was rather a disappointment, as far as attendance was concerned, and will be our last formal affair. Deaf people cannot well keep up with the rapid changes that are taking place in terpsichorean styles. The dignified dances of yesterday look out of date beside the modern flighty steps, and it is a hard thing to convince hearing people that we have real music, not mere "deaf and dumb noise" masquerading under the name. Rather than be wall-flowers, many deaf friends stayed away.

Took unto themselves wives: Henry P. Friemel, Ludwig G. Rebstock and Howard E. Arnold. The engagement of Frank Kuhn is also announced. May their troubles be—inconsequential.

James S. Reider has been elected as No. 30's delegate at Omaha. For those who do not know him (if such there be) this information is given: he is president of the Pennsylvania Society for the Advancement of the Deaf, secretary of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf Alumni Association, and lay-reader at All Souls' Church for the Deaf—a credit to us and to the N. F. S. D.

During the past year Brother Pennell and his aides did good work on the Social Committee. This term Brother Porter is in charge, with Brothers McGinley, Wolf, Klein and Richards as co-workers. All are young men and ambitious to show what they can do.

The sympathy of the whole division goes out to Harry F. Sommer, whose young wife has departed this life—a sacrifice to motherhood.

We are proud of our financial strength, which we owe wholly to our hard-working Board of Directors. Many an organization would envy our growth, when the limited class from which we can secure members is taken into consideration—only a comparatively small number being eligible. Still more gratifying is the harmony existing among our "higher ups," a thing which can scarcely be said of most organizations of the deaf, where usually the personal element holds full sway. "Safe, sane, and sound" well fits our society.

Several of the Brothers are out of work and some have been so for a long while, but they are bearing these hard times with fortitude, never asking the more fortunate Brothers to help them out. At the ball, the sum of \$15.00 was contributed to a non-Frat relief committee for the help of several of the deaf who are out of work.

Brother Roach was at the Brooklyn masque, and speaks highly of the arrangements. Congratulations, No. 23, on your great success.

Pittsburg.

William J. Gibson met with a painful accident at the printing office where he is employed. A splash of molten type metal hit him near the eye. He was taken to the Beaver Valley hospital and was laid up four weeks. He has quite recovered, and is now back at work again.

Merrill O. Wilson has returned to town after an absence of several months.

Lack of space has crowded out, until now, mention of the Watch Night Social on New Year's Eve. It was a grand success. There was a good-sized attendance and a pleasant time was passed, with refreshments and coffee to stay the inner man.

John M. Rolshouse is a "second Kellar." As a magician and legerdemain artist, he is there with real stuff. He has been engaged for several exhibitions—and his bookers made no mistake in securing his services, for he can give a mighty good show. We consider him one

of the best sleight-of-hand performers among the deaf. He is well supplied and has a wide repertory of tricks. Divisions desiring to put on a unique and interesting entertainment should engage him.

Pittsburg Division, No. 36, had a banquet at the Seventh Avenue Hotel, on the evening of February 20th to celebrate the second anniversary of the establishing of the Division. The attendance was very gratifying, some fifty persons taking seats at the long table—members, wives, sweethearts and friends. All appreciated the excellent order of the arrangements, the plenty and variety of the menu, the wit and wisdom of the toasts and stories. Everybody enjoyed it all and went home contented and pleased. All told it was a first-rate affair, and a big improvement over last year's which was attended by only twenty-nine persons.

Besides members and their wives, the list of those present includes: Dr. and Mrs. W. N. Burt, as guests of honor; Miss E. Blackhall, Miss Eleanor Chestnut, Miss Margaret Brachen, Miss Eleanor Appell, Miss J. Kirchberger of McKeesport, and Mrs. J. Hanson, sister of Charles W. Hopkins. Out-of-town members present were: W. R. Barker of Johnstown, with Mrs. Barker; Raymond Callaghan, Johnstown; William S. Lemon, Mt. Pleasant; J. H. Buterbaugh, Altoona.

The toasts and speakers were as follows: "The N. F. S. D.," J. M. Rols-house; "The Frats," S. Nichols; "The Aux-Frats," Mrs. F. M. Holliday; "Safety First—or Insure with the N. F. S. D.," W. R. Barker; "Ways of Insuring," Dr. W. N. Burt, Superintendent of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf; "Our Guests," James K. Forbes; "The Absentees," Wm. J. Schull.

Frank Holliday, Mrs. George Annis, Miss Eleanor Appell, Charles W. Hopkins and James H. Buterbaugh told stories or in some other way entertained the company and finally, to close the program, Miss Appell rendered "Yankee Doodle" in signs so plain and vivid that you would have said she was Yankee Doodle herself.

Hartford.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. George Mottram on January 10th, a girl.

The annual dance held on December 31st was a financial success although the attendance fell far below anticipation.

R. E. St. John attended a dance in Providence on February 6th and reported a fine time up there.

The Frats helped all they could to make the annual dance given by Benevolent Society for the Deaf of Connecticut a grand success. Time and time again the Frats of Hartford and New Haven Divisions have been called on to help run these social affairs. They have always responded heretofore and will continue in the future to give their help when needed. They are old hands and experienced at this sort of thing—giving social affairs and entertainments. Out of a committee of eight, five were Frats.

Portland (Me.).

Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon A. Bradbury are still receiving congratulations over the arrival not long ago of a little girl.

Eddie Weymouth has by now, we hope, quite recovered from a recent accident. While fixing shingles he fell off the roof and broke his collar-bone.

E. L. Weymouth and Howard H. Mayberry not long ago went over to Gardiner for Brother Carlisle's Sunday service, which was well attended. His subject was, "Fasting and Prayer," and he gave us a very fine sermon. We met several Brothers of the Frat and were happy to see them again. Brother and Mrs. Will O. Kimball, of warm and hospitable hearts, invited the visitors to a plentiful supper, of which they partook with lively appetites; soon afterward the time drew around to start for home.

The necessity for omitting Division News from the January and February issues of the Frat has delayed until now this mention of Portland Division, No. 39's, banquet, which was held at the close of the December meeting. Twenty-five of the members were present at the spread given in Mitchell's banquet room. There was a fine time, greatly enjoyed by all. After the tables were cleared, Brother Flynn passed the cigars around, and a pleasant hour was spent in story-telling, cracking jokes and so on.

No. 39 claims the honor of having three "real" Brothers, all members of the same Division. Can any other Division beat us? [Well, we guess no other Division can beat you, as we know of none which has four brothers on its roll, but Brooklyn, with three Bergs and three Plapingers, and Evansville, with three Greenbergs, can at least tie you and your trio of Jellisons.—Ed.]

Chas. W. Hopkins of Augusta is now in Pittsburg, visiting his sister. He is expected back before long.

Three new members were added to our ranks at the December meeting. Wish we could have had three more then, so as to have let us begin the new year with an even 50 names on our roll. [Got them now.—Ed.]

Buffalo.

James R. Auld and Miss Anna Knorr were united in holy wedlock on the 20th of January. The wedding was a private affair, but genial Brother Jim says, "Wait, Brother Frats, wait." We wonder what we have to wait for.

Born, to Elmer A. Briel and Katie Strittmatter Briel, January 5, a daughter.

Born, to Brother and Mrs. Daniel Coughlin, January 30, a son.

Buffalo Division wound up the old year with all members paid up and a sheet clean of arrears. Also with a good showing for the year in the way of new members admitted, the total number being 29. For bringing in the most new members, Secretary Maue received a gold emblem button from State Organizer Louis A. Cohen.

President Wm. E. Davis and the members of Buffalo, No. 40, recently presented Secretary Philip J. Maue with a valuable fountain pen in recognition of

his services to the Division and his work to bring No. 40 up to a good rank with other Divisions. Thanks, Brothers, for your kind remembrance and appreciation.

Henry C. Zink, watchdog of No. 40's treasury, spent the holidays visiting his friends in Fredonia and Jamestown.

Notice to non-resident members of Buffalo Division: A good deal of trouble in getting postoffice money orders cashed has been experienced, owing to misspelling of the Secretary's name or the Treasurer's. Please note carefully: The Secretary's name, correctly spelled, is Philip J. M-a-u-e; Henry C. Zink is the Treasurer's.

Portland (Ore.)

Just before the holidays, a surprise party was given at the home of Sanford Spratlen in honor of his wife. Several of the Frats, with their wives, attended the gathering of friends which assembled there, and spent a very pleasant evening. Mrs. Spratlen received several fine presents.

The December literary meeting of the Portland Association of the Deaf was very well attended. About all of the Frats went. Nearly a hundred people were there.

A while ago the news came of J. A. Fisher that he was very sick. At this writing, however, he is reported to be feeling much better, and we trust will have quite recovered by the time this is printed.

During the holidays P. L. Axling gave a lecture before the pupils of the Washington School for the Deaf at Vancouver. And the next day, Sunday, he also gave them a chapel talk.

W. W. Fleming, who had previously been out of work for some time, struck a godo job a month or so ago at a wood camp near Oswego. All right for you, Bill; glad you landed. When Brother Fleming came in for the Division meeting he was sporting a real beard.

Robert Siebert was visiting friends in Vancouver just after New Year's. What were you looking for, Brother Siebert? Fish?

F. S. Delanoy was away from home for a few days last month. He went to help a friend with his work on a ranch near Vancouver, and enjoyed his job.

A birthday surprise party for Mrs. Lawrence Gromachey was sprung on the evening of January 9 at her home in St. John. She received several presents, with which she was very much pleased.

Providence.

At the date of this writing the Division is planning to give a whist party on February 6th at our hall. It is hoped that a good-sized wad will be realized, as same is to go into the delegate fund.

Joseph O'Connell of Holyoke was a visitor here during the holidays. With Mrs. O'Connell, he was visiting his parents.

The Frats have organized a basket-ball team. Just before Christmas it beat the team from the Institute for the Deaf to the tune of 45-16. Brother O'Neill is a bear-cat at the basket game. Philip Shine

is captain of the school team and is easily their mainstay.

That bold highwayman, Dan Cupid, is one busy gink these days hereabouts. We dassen't tell just who was stabbed, but we hope very soon to lay before our readers some inside dope.

The majority of the Frats here are for continuing the Division News notes—but, say, you fellers gotta do something to get your names in the paper. [Right you are.—Ed.]

Baltimore.

Our Vice-President, Ray M. Kauffman has branched out as quite a star at basket-ball. He plays on a team representing the Y. M. C. A. His deafness has not proved too much of a bar as regards team work and scientific play, although all the other players are hearing fellows. Fine for you, Brother, but remember. "Safety first."

From the time of our organization last April we have enjoyed the distinction and satisfaction of getting one or more new applications each month up to the close of the old year. Our clean record was smashed—busted—blown to the winds—in January, as no applications were received to be acted upon at that month's meeting. What's the matter? Reckon the new application blanks—four pages, mind you—had something to do with it. [Don't see how the new blanks could have made so very much difference. The change apparently has not had much effect on the number of new applications received elsewhere. Guess it only means a passing lull in the recruiting down your way—a bit of a let-up, of no great significance.—Ed.]

No. 47's Secretary and his wife wish to extend heartiest congratulations to Charles A. Williams, Treasurer of Providence Division, No. 43. On what, Brother Charles? That's for you to guess. The problem of figuring how the cat got out of the bag will afford you some relaxation from the responsibilities of being treasurer.

Albert C. Buxton, a non-resident of our Division, but now living temporarily in Cleveland, Ohio, has had a great sorrow come to him by the death of his father. Brother Buxton and his family have the heartfelt sympathy of every member of the Division. The deceased father was widely known here in town. When a good man dies the earth is poorer. But, Brother, you have the solace of knowing that your loss is his gain.

Syracuse.

Jesse H. Kenyon was married on February 17 to Miss Grace Fortner, a charming young lady of Richmond, Va.

John L. Keller was recently quite ill for some time, but gamely went to work as usual. At this writing he has fully recovered and is himself again.

At the date of writing Syracuse Division, No. 48, is planning to give a big party on February 20th at the home of George D. Connor. It is hoped to realize a good sum toward paying the expenses of a delegate to the Omaha Convention.

On January 30th the members of the Division were entertained with a "smoker" at the residence of J. Fred Keller. We netted a good sum of money.

James T. Lynch has recently purchased a swell semi-bungalow in Liverpool, N. Y., to live in while his ten-acre farm is rented to a tenant.

James P. Shea was married some time ago to Miss Annie Owens of Syracuse. The announcement should have appeared in The Frat long before this. We hope, however, it is not too late to offer the appropriate congratulations and good wishes.

Fred Foster and his partner, John L. Keller, have sold out their printing plant. They were obliged to do this for the reason that business was so poor.

Jerry Drumm of Utica Division was a visitor at a recent meeting. He commended the good order and fine shape with which the meeting went through.

Robert E. Conley not long ago went on for a wrestling bout in Utica with Jesse Westergaard, the well-known middle-weight. Conley was disqualified for using a forbidden hold. About twenty of the Utica Fraters saw the match.

It is hoped that this year will see all the members of our Division pulling hard and boosting for No. 48. Let us all work to bring strength to our organization—and there is never a better time than now. We have at least six applications in sight, but hard times are delaying them a bit.

Another smoker is on the cards for March 27th. It will be held at the home of J. L. Keller, on South West street.

The wives of the Frats met recently and determined to give an afternoon tea party once every fortnight to boost the Society and help make money for the local funds. The first of these Aux-Frat tea parties will be held on the 25th at Mrs. J. Fred Keller's.

Huntington.

James Pring and Domenic Biagi went over for a Sunday visit in Portsmouth, Ohio, a few weeks ago. They enjoyed pleasant chats with Brother William Cooper and a number of others.

Joseph Turvey and Howard Moore were both married in December, and are dividing the honors as newlyweds. Joe and his wife (nee Maud Lambert) were married at the bride's home in Cleveland. Coming down, they stopped over for a couple of days in Cygnet, Ohio, with Joe's cousin, Mrs. Arthur Whitacre. They started housekeeping in January. Howard's bride was Miss Pansie Canada of this city. She is a semi-mute. For a time she attended the Romney school. Howard is proud of her skill in cookery and boasts of it. He is wearing a well-fed look, and so makes himself an excellent testimonial.

Christopher Whitehead's father died of pneumonia a few weeks ago. His brother, Daniel Whitehead, came down from Detroit for the funeral, but could not stay long, returning to Detroit a few days later.

Brother and Mrs. Sam McCarthy are rejoicing over the birth of a boy on

March 1. They already have a little girl, and so Sam is glad this one is a boy. Mother and baby are both doing very well.

Huntington Division's raffle came off a fortnight or so ago. A mission clock was won by George Martin of Catlettsburg, Ky. The two money prizes of \$5.00 and \$2.50 in gold were won by E. Raspellieri of Huntington and M. Zegeer of Charleston, W. Va. All three are hearing men.

Albany.

Albany Division held its first annual banquet at Stanwix Hall on the 20th day of February—the same day the Panama exposition was opened. Brother A. L. Pach of Brooklyn Division was present, and spoke on "The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf." He told of its aims and objects, of the good it had already done, was doing, more and more would do as it continued to grow. Other visitors at the banquet were: Frank O. Lee of Utica, Patrick J. Conlon of Brooklyn, and Joseph Belovin of North Adams, Mass. The banquet was a success. The attendance was not confined to Frats only, and a good many were there who were not Frats. One result is shown in our gain of four new applicants this month—and we hope to have more soon. See Albany Division grow. Of course, we are proud of it.

Everybody watch out for our next social event!

Rochester.

Division No. 52 of Rochester, N. Y., held its first "annual New Year Eve social" at the "Kimmel place," where we have also been holding our meetings. The event was a success. It was well attended, about forty-five coming. Henry Kimmel was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, with William Heffernan and Ira D. Todd as helpers. It is reported that all had an enjoyable time, with games, refreshments and prizes.

Ira D. Todd took a flying trip to Buffalo early in January and was in time to attend No. 40's Division meeting. All of the Buffalo Frats were cordial and pleasant to him. The next day he spent with Brother Maue and stayed to dinner. He enjoyed a long and profitable chat with Brother Maue, who, by the way, expressed his intention of making a visit on the members of Rochester Division later in the month.

Rochester Division has secured a meeting place, known as Engineer's Hall. It is located on the third floor of the building at 77 Main street, West. The hall is a good-sized one and a very nice place to hold our meetings. It will also be more convenient for members to reach. Meetings will be held on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month—the regular business meeting on the second Saturday, while the fourth is for socials, etc.

The February meeting was held on the first Saturday instead of the second, for the reason that a "Valentine party" was planned for the regular date. It was to be held at the home of Secretary Ira D. Todd.