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OFFICERS AND DELEGATES OF THE OMAHA CONVENTION.

Top row, left to right—M. L. Ahern, P. W. Haner, J. M. Koehler, G. W. Arnot, J. H. Burgherr, G. D. Martin, Philip Morin, Daniel Tellier, D. McG. Cameron, J. W. Howson.

Second row—C. R. Barnett, P. N. Hellers, Lawrence James, W. J. Sullivan, I. D. Todd, Paul Sandusky, J. F. Flynn, W. H. Chambers, J. R. Goldman, L. J. Bacheberle, Jackson Bates, J. M. Stewart, E. M. Bristol, J. D. Moran, William Pfunder, E. C. Luther, James Downey.

Third row—Gordon Midget, A. J. Myers, Herman Koelle, George Hobb, Walter Green, Joseph Turnbow, M. J. Kestner, A. T. Bailey, P. J. Maue, L. A. Cohen, J. E. Curry, G. C. Brown, D. E. Moylan, J. W. Kurry, Ladimir Kolman, F. M. Leitner, J. S. Reider, C. R. Lawrence, R. E. Hartman, R. E. Binkley, J. W. Seitz, H. M. Leiter.

Fourth row (bottom)—J. E. Pershing, G. Pitzer, A. R. Murdock, Harold Lee, E. I. Holycross, F. G. Schwartz, W. L. Davis, H. B. Plunkett, H. C. Anderson, F. P. Gibson, C. C. Neuner, Washington Barrow, G. F. Flick, H. L. Tracy, J. S. Long, W. H. Rothert, J. W. Barrett, A. L. Roberts, J. A. Key, E. M. Rowse, E. A. Hart, Anton Tanzar.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

Triennial Convention of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Held at the Hotel Rome, Omaha, Nebraska, July 6 to 10, 1915

Morning Session, July 6.

Tuesday morning, July 6, 1915, the Convention was called to order at 9:15 o'clock, by Grand President Anderson. The meeting place was in the convention hall of the Hotel Rome, 16th and Jackson Sts., Omaha, Nebraska.

President Anderson announced the appointment of Brother A. Ross Murdock as Sergeant-at-Arms of the Convention.

At the President's request, Brother John W. Michaels offered the invocation.

The President then stated that this first session of the Convention was in the nature of a private one and for the main purpose of organization, that at 10 o'clock the doors would be thrown open to the public and addresses of welcome and a program prepared by the Local Committee would be gone through.

The report of the Credentials Committee was then called for, and rendered as follows:

Grand Officers present—

Harry C. Anderson, President.

Henry B. Plunkett, Vice-President.

William L. Davis, 2nd Vice-President.

H. Lorraine Tracy, 3rd Vice-President.

Francis P. Gibson, Secretary.

C. C. Neuner, Financial Secretary.

Washington Barrow, Treasurer.

George F. Flick, Chairman of Trustees.

Horace W. Buell, Trustee.

Edwin I. Holycross, Trustee.

Delegates present, and as arranged by Divisions (Alternates' names in parenthesis)—

Chicago—Edward M. Rowse (Edward A. Hart, Harrison Leiter, Anton Tanzar, alternates).

Detroit—Clyde R. Barnett (Peter N. Hellers).

Louisville—Robert E. Hartman.

Little Rock—George D. Martin.

Nashua—William J. Sullivan.

Dayton—Jackson Bates.

Cincinnati—Louis J. Bacheberle. (Joseph Goldman).

Evansville—James Downey.

Nashville—Joseph Turnbow.

Springfield—J. Ernest Pershing (Gilbert Pitzer).

Olathe—Arthur L. Roberts (James A. Key, Walter J. Thurston).

Flint—James M. Stewart (E. Morris Bristol).

Toledo—John E. Curry.

Milwaukee—Ladimir Kolman (John W. Kurry).

Columbus—Frederick G. Schwartz.

Knoxville—William H. Chambers (Gordon Midget).

Cleveland—Herman Koelle.
 Indianapolis—J. William Seitz (Robert E. Binkley).
 Brooklyn—Louis A. Cohen.
 St. Louis—John H. Burgherr (George W. Arnot).
 New Haven—John D. Moran.
 Holyoke—Philip Morin.
 Philadelphia—James S. Reider.
 Kansas City—Jacob M. Koehler (Pearl W. Haner, Matt L. Ahern).
 Omaha—J. Schuyler Long (Waldo H. Rothert, John W. Barrett).
 New Orleans—Max J. Kestner.
 Kalamazoo—Daniel Tellier.
 Boston—D. McGregor Cameron.
 Pittsburgh—Frank M. Leitner.
 Hartford—Edgar C. Luther.
 Memphis—Walter Green (George Hobb).
 Portland, Me.—John F. Flynn.
 Buffalo—Philip J. Maue.
 Portland, Ore.—Charles R. Lawrence.
 Providence—Arthur J. Myers.
 Utica—Paul Sandusky.
 Washington—William Pfunder.
 Baltimore—George C. Brown (Daniel E. Moylan).
 Cedar Rapids—Lawrence James (A. Ross Murdock).
 Albany—Arthur T. Bailey.
 Rochester—Ira D. Todd.
 San Francisco—James W. Howson.

Total on Convention roll: Officers, 10; Delegates, 42; Alternates, 20; Total present, 72.

The Credentials Committee also reported that the following Divisions had been unable to send delegates: Saginaw, Bay City, Atlanta, Newark, Seattle, Syracuse, Huntington. Los Angeles' delegate, Milton M. Miller, had come East enroute for the Convention, but had been taken ill at Louisville and was unable to be present. This made a total of 8 Divisions not represented.

President Anderson announced that the Credentials Committee's report showed a quorum of the Grand Division was present and duly authorized, etc., and declared the Convention as organized and in session.

Secretary Gibson was instructed to co-operate with Brothers Hartman, Luther and Myers, as a committee, and telegraph Brother Miller at Louisville the Convention's regret at his inability to be present, and its wish for a speedy recovery from his illness.

Brother Koehler moved the Convention suspend its rules of procedure (Brother Luther seconding) and consider a resolution to be presented by Omaha Division. Passed.

Brother Long offered the following resolution:

Resolved, that Brother Harold S. Lee, of Omaha Division, be appointed to act as Sergeant-at-Arms during the Convention and that he receive as compensation therefor the sum of three dollars per day during the sessions of the Convention.

Brother Koelle seconded the resolution, which became a motion.

Brother Davis moved to amend it by

making the compensation \$1.50 per day (Brother Luther seconding).

After considerable debate, during which it was pointed out that the appointments of Convention Sergeants-at-Arms had always been made by the President, Brother Koehler (seconded by Brother Kestner) demanded the previous question, and Brother Davis' amendment was put to vote and failed to pass. Then Brother Long's motion went to vote and was passed.

President Anderson called attention to his appointment of Brother Murdock as Sergeant and stated it would be understood that Brother Lee's appointment would be in the nature of an additional one to that already made. Further discussion of the matter was deferred.

Brother Tracy moved (Brother Green seconding) that the Convention suspend its business and allow the open session to begin, it being close to 10 o'clock. Passed.

The doors were then opened and the hall filled up with visitors, among them many ladies.

The regular program, as prepared by the Local Committee, was then taken up.

Open Session.

Invocation was offered by Brother Jacob M. Koehler.

Mayor Dahlman was unable to be present to deliver the address of welcome and sent as his representative L. J. Te Poel, Assistant City Solicitor. Mr. Te Poel, interpreted by F. W. Booth, remarked on the great pleasure it gave him to hand to the Convention the key to Omaha, and dwelt at length upon what the key would unlock to the delegates and visitors; how they would find within the gates one of the finest schools for their class, and not far away another just as fine, in the sister state across the river; how in Omaha itself would be found about everything necessary to their enjoyment and welfare during their stay; and if they did not see what they wanted, to ask for it.

Responses to the address of Mr. Te Poel were made for the Society by Brother Reider, for the East; Brother Roberts, for the Middle West; Brother Howson, for the West; Brother Tracy, for the South.

Rome Miller, the proprietor of the Rome and Mine Host of the Convention, was introduced and, interpreted by Mr. Booth, told how pleased he was to welcome the Convention; how he considered that his duty to his guests was more than the ordinary landlord's idea of such things; how he wanted to do all he could to make everybody feel at home, and to remember he had a personal interest in their enjoyment and comfort, etc., and was at the Convention's service at any and all times.

Henry W. Rothert, Superintendent of the Iowa School for the Deaf, and F. W. Booth, Superintendent of the Nebraska School for the Deaf, delivered addresses. Both touched on the fact that many of their "boys" were among the officers and delegates present and

several were connected with their schools as instructors; both had hearty words of approval and congratulation for the Society, and extended cordial invitations to all to pay visits to the two schools before leaving for home.

Mrs. Florence Phelps Rothert recited in signs "The Brotherhood of Man," written by J. Schuyler Long for the occasion:

The Brotherhood of Man.

It matters not if one may be
 A Christian or a Jew,
 Or whether he be humbly born
 Of if his blood be "blue."

If he be clean and earn his bread
 By honest and faithful toil,
 And if no base, dishonest deed
 His willing hands may soil;

If in the race no deed unfair
 Doth rob the weak of right;
 And he doth share another's grief
 And make some burden light;

No word untrue of his doth bring
 Reproach to some fair name;
 And he is ever quick to praise
 And always slow to blame;

If, like the good Samaritan
 He helps another's need,
 He's true to God no matter what
 May be his race or creed.

For such is what the Father taught
 Since first the world began,
 That peace and love should join us in
 The Brotherhood of Man.

"America" in signs by Brother Cohen closed the program.

On motion of Brother Todd (Brother Burgherr seconding) adjournment was taken until 2 p. m., at which time business would be resumed.

Afternoon Session, July 6.

Order was called at 2:15 o'clock, President Anderson in the chair. Roll call showed all present.

The business of organization was again taken up, as laid over from the morning session.

President Anderson announced that he had appointed Brothers Reider, Stewart, Cameron, Roberts and Bacheberle a Business Committee, and that the committee was now ready to report.

Brother Cohen (Brother Luther seconding) requested the report be read and then considered by sections. Passed.

Brother Reider read the report—which made various recommendations as to business procedure for the Convention.

Brother Koehler moved (Brother Long seconding) the report be referred back to the committee as being incomplete and not in accord with the Columbus Convention's intent, etc. Failed to pass; Ayes 15, Nays 22.

Brother Koehler (Brother Long seconding) moved the report be rejected. Brother Reider (Brother Stewart seconding) made a substitute motion to legalize the committee's report and the

President's action in appointing the committee. After some discussion, Brother Koehler withdrew his motion and requested Brother Reider to do the same and then have the President reappoint the committee as per the Columbus Convention's resolution. President Anderson acknowledged that he had overlooked the fact that only three members were called for and that the mistake was one with all good intentions behind it.

Brother Koehler (Brother Reider agreeing) made his request a motion (Brother Luther seconding). It was put and carried. The committee retired to reorganize and reconsider the report.

At this juncture Brother Koehler arose to a matter of personal privilege and called attention to a gross error made in the proceedings of the Columbus Convention (page 9, third column), by Acting Secretary Cohen. Secretary Gibson explained just how it happened and that no injustice was intended either way; that all the parties interested had agreed that the paragraph was wrong, etc., and that it should be expunged from the minutes. Brother Davis moved the matter be tabled until the reading of the minutes was in order (Brother Bates seconding). Passed.

The Business Committee here returned and stated it was ready to report.

Vice-President Plunkett was in the chair during the reading of the revised report of the Business Committee. President Anderson acting as Chairman of the reorganized committee, with Brothers Reider and Roberts making up the necessary three.

The report was as follows:

To the President and Members of the Convention:

In order to expedite the business of the Convention your Committee on Business, appointed by the President in pursuance to a resolution adopted by the Columbus Convention, would respectfully and earnestly recommend the following rules of procedure for your guidance and adoption.

1. All routine business of the sessions shall be passed or attempted to be passed by general consent. (By routine business is meant that which is expected to come before the sessions as a daily routine and motions of minor importance.) The President will say, after a question or routine matter has been properly presented, "If there be no objections, the question (matter or motion) will be adopted (or approved, as the case may be): then, if no one rises to object, he will say, "There appears to be no objection; the motion (or whatever it be) is adopted" (having previously raised his gavel and sounding it at the last word). Should any member object, the question or matter shall be put to a regular vote.

2. Reconsideration of a question shall be decided without debate, other than the remarks the mover may make in stating his reasons for wanting a reconsideration.

3. When any question is regularly before the Convention, it cannot be interrupted, except by a motion to adjourn,

for the previous question, for postponement, commitment, or amendment.

4. A motion to adjourn is not in order when a member is speaking or when a vote is being taken on any question.

5. Whenever it may be supposed that debate has been continued for a sufficient length of time, a member may move for the previous question, when, being seconded by a majority of the members all further discussions are precluded at once.

6. Every member shall be entitled to an opinion and the privilege of expressing that opinion in a proper manner, and, while so speaking, shall not be interrupted under any consideration, provided he is in order.

7. Debate upon any single question before the Convention shall be limited to two minutes for each member until all so desiring have spoken, when another two minutes may be granted by consent of the Convention to any previous speaker.

8. All new propositions, changes or amendments shall be referred to the proper committee without debate for consideration and recommendation to the Convention.

9. All resolutions and amendments must be submitted in writing.

Section 1 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, Brother Tracy seconding.

Section 2 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, Brother Curry seconding.

Section 3 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, Brother Burgherr seconding.

Section 4 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, seconded by Brother Chambers, with one vote against.

Section 5 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, seconded by Brother Green.

Section 6 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, seconded by Brother Stewart, with amendment granting floor privileges to the alternates, with one vote against.

Section 7 was adopted on motion of Brother Davis, seconded by Brother Stewart, with two votes against.

Section 8 was adopted on motion of Brother Flick, seconded by Brother Schwartz, with one vote against.

Section 9 was adopted on motion of Brother Cohen, seconded by Brother Flynn, with three votes against.

With the adoption of the report and other matters of organization, the regular order of business was taken up.

Brother Davis moved the opening ceremony be dispensed with at the sessions, also the closing ceremony. Brother Pfunder seconded. Passed with two against.

Brother Rowse moved the reading of the minutes of the previous Convention sessions be dispensed with as they had been printed in the official publication. Brother Luther seconded. Passed.

The matter of the error in the minutes referred to and objected to by Brother Koehler earlier in the session was here taken up and on motion of Brother Gibson, Brother Long seconding, was or-

dered expunged from the records, by unanimous consent.

Communications being in order, Secretary Gibson reported he had several letters containing changes in laws which the writers wished brought up, but that instead of reading them he would refer them to the Law Committee if there was no objection. President Anderson, after putting the proposal to the Convention, stated there were none.

Letters were read from the publishers of The Frat, Kable Brothers, in connection with the discussion of possible enlarging of the paper. After discussion, the matter was referred to the Board of Directors, with power to make all necessary arrangements in connection with such change, by motion of Brother Leitner, seconded by Brother Reider. Adopted with one against.

Communications in regard to certain "stagnant" Divisions were read and discussed, but with unanimous consent were tabled, with the understanding that the Board of Directors would attend to them.

A telegram from the Board of Trade of Baltimore was read, in which an invitation was extended to hold the Society's next Convention in that city.

A letter from President Haggerty of Holyoke Division, extending the Division's greetings and best wishes for a successful meeting, etc., was read.

The Secretary explained how three disability claims had been rejected by the Claims Committee and filed for reference to the Convention—those of William Curran of Chicago Division and of Brothers Kettelman and Drake of Flint Division.

As the claims were shown to be morally valid and only at technical variance with the rules, Brother Koehler moved that all three be ordered paid under a suspension of the rules (Brother Moran seconding). Passed.

Secretary Gibson at this juncture requested that the order of business be temporarily suspended for the transacting of some "unfinished business." The permission was granted, on motion of Brother Rowse, seconded by Brother Green.

Secretary Gibson then outlined how at the Columbus Convention Brother Tracy had been awarded a prize for securing the most new members within a specified time, and how this prize had not yet been given him; how he had preferred to wait until something extra could be gotten out—as he was told would be the case. A new die had just been made for a standard style of fob for the members and the first fob pendant to be made from the die was one of solid gold, mounted on a ribbon fob and (suited the action to the words) presented to Brother Tracy. The reverse of the pendant was engraved thus: "Presented to H. Lorraine Tracy in appreciation of his hustling fraternalism, Columbus—1912." In well-chosen words Brother Tracy expressed his thanks, adding that the "fraternalism" was still all there, and more of it than ever.

Brother Long, on behalf of the Local Committee asked that Friday's session

be set for between the hours of 8 and 10:30 a. m., as arrangements had been made for spending the rest of the day in Council Bluffs and Omaha as the guests of the schools for the deaf in those cities. The ayes and nays were called for, and the rule adopted with six nays opposing.

Brother Leitner here moved that an evening session be held, seconded by Brother Cameron and set for 8 p. m., by unanimous vote.

Brother Luther here requested the floor on a matter of "personal privilege," and presented to Omaha Division with the compliments of Hartford Division a handsomely carved peach stone, as a souvenir of the meeting.

On motion of Brother Koehler, seconded by Brother Tracy, adjournment was taken at 5:45 p. m.

Evening Session, July 6.

The Convention reassembled at 8 p. m.; President Anderson in the chair. Roll call showed all Divisions duly represented as per the official roll.

On motion of Brother Flick, seconded by Brother Davis, a request was made for the suspension of the Convention rules and to allow smoking. The motion failed by one vote.

Secretary Gibson took up the reading of communications and read the following letter from the Society's Actuary, Brother Frederick A. Draper, addressed to the Convention:

"It seems but a short time since the meeting at Columbus when I was honored in addressing you relative to changes in your laws necessary to place the Society upon a solvent and permanent foundation. It was very pleasing to me, personally at that time, to have my suggestions adopted with an enthusiastic readiness that spoke much for their ultimate success. Because of the results that have followed the action then taken, and the exceptionally secure and satisfactory financial condition in which the Order now finds itself, I take this occasion to send greetings and congratulations to you all. You are entitled to the fullest measure of praise and commendation; no adverse criticisms can be made of the condition of the Society, and you have before you a secure and progressive history in the beneficent work in which you are engaged. In these words of praise, I cannot omit to mention that much credit is due for the successful results to the officers of the Grand Division whose experience and foresight dictated that action should be taken in time, and who had the courage of their convictions to act rather than delay. As a result, you have today a Society in which membership is something of which to be proud."

Additional communications were:

A telegram of greetings and a request that Baltimore be considered as the next Convention City, from Brother Duvall, President of Baltimore Division, No. 47.

Greetings from Brother Frederick of Louisville Division, and reporting Brother Miller as ill at his home, but in no danger.

A letter from C. C. Codman, of Ronan, Montana, an old friend of many present, conveying best wishes for a successful meeting.

A letter of greetings from Brothers John and Daniel Shea of Nashua Division.

Letters from the Mayor of Buffalo, the Honorable Louis P. Fuhrmann, and the President of the Buffalo Chamber of Commerce, H. A. Meldrum, extending cordial invitations to hold the next Convention in Buffalo.

Reports of officers being now in order, President Anderson presented the manuscript of his address to the Secretary, with the request that it be read by him. Secretary Gibson then read the address. [It is printed in full elsewhere in this issue.—Ed.]

Brother Koehler, on the conclusion of the reading, suggested that a committee be appointed to which the recommendations in the address could be submitted and a report thereon brought in by it. Brother Cameron made the suggestion a motion, Brother Bailey seconding. Brother Leitner amended it to make the committee consist of three members, with Brother Koehler as chairman, Brother Luther seconding. The amendment was adopted by a vote of 33 ayes, 13 nays. The original motion was also adopted, by 32 ayes, 6 nays. The President appointed Brothers Koehler, Stewart and Cameron as such committee.

Treasurer Barrow's report, covering the period from August 1, 1912, to June 30, 1915, was here rendered. [Printed in full elsewhere.]

Secretary Gibson then read the report of Edward H. Harrison, a certified public accountant, of the examination of the books, vouchers, securities and bank deposits of the Society as shown at the close of business June 29, 1915, which report verified that of the Treasurer.

(This report from the accountant was rendered in accordance with a resolution adopted at the Columbus Convention, and so doing away with an auditing committee, besides verifying the Treasurer's and Trustee's reports.)

On motion of Brother Koehler, seconded by Brother Kestner, the Treasurer's report was accepted and ordered filed.

Financial Secretary Neuner's report was then given, covering the same period as Treasurer Barrow's, and agreeing therewith. [Printed elsewhere.]

Brother Koehler moved that it be accepted, with much appreciation of Brother Neuner's devotedness to his duty under somewhat trying circumstances; Brother Curry seconding. Passed.

Brother Koehler also moved, seconded by Brother Cameron, that the accountant's report be accepted and filed.

Chairman of Trustees Flick read his report [printed elsewhere].

On motion of Brother Reider, seconded by Brother Koehler, it was accepted and filed.

Brother Morin here requested permission to present to the Convention, with Holyoke Division's compliments, a

box of cigars (which were distributed after adjournment). The Secretary was directed to advise the Division of the Convention's appreciation.

Brother Pfunder moved to adjourn until 9 a. m. the following day. Brother Morin seconded. Adjournment taken at 11:15 p. m.

Morning Session, July 7.

Order was called at 9 a. m.; President Anderson in the chair.

Brother H. Lorraine Tracy offered invocation.

Roll call showed all present but one—an officer excused.

The minutes of the preceding day's session were read, and on motion of Brother Flick, seconded by Brother Davis, approved, after three corrections had been made.

Communications being in order, Secretary Gibson read:

A telegram from T. C. Forrester, Principal of the Maryland School for the Deaf, bespeaking consideration for Baltimore Division's appeal for the honor of entertaining the 1918 Convention.

A letter from His Excellency, Phillips Lee Goldsborough, Governor of Maryland, adding his invitation to those already sent and received by the Society in connection with Baltimore's wish to have the next Convention.

A note from the Local Committee requesting adjournment at 11 o'clock so the Convention's photograph could be taken.

Brother Luther moved that adjournment be taken at 11 o'clock and reassembling be set for 1 o'clock (Brother Moran seconding). Passed with one against.

Secretary Gibson here offered the report sent to President Anderson by Chairman Brady of the National Propaganda Committee. In line with the Convention's order to have all reports printed in the proceedings, it was ordered so disposed of. [It is printed elsewhere.]

The Secretary's report was here called for and Secretary Gibson proceeded with its reading, and was still at its delivery when adjournment was taken at 11 o'clock, as previously decided on.

A box of cigars was passed around as the members left the hall, with Brother Thurston's compliments.

Afternoon Session, July 7.

Order was called at 1 o'clock; President Anderson in the chair.

Roll call showed all present.

Communications being in order, a card from Brother Ayers of Cleveland Division, extending greetings and announcing the arrival of a son at his home, was read. The Secretary was instructed to extend to him the Convention's felicitations.

The reading of the Secretary's report was resumed and concluded, and ordered printed in the proceedings with the others. [It is given in full elsewhere.] Approved on motion of Brother Luther, Brother Barrett seconding.

Brother Koehler moved that adjournment be set for 5 p. m., so as to allow

the members good time to prepare for the evening's feast—the banquet set for 8 p. m. Brother Bailey seconded. Passed.

Brother Long made announcements in connection with the banquet and for the following evening's trip to the "Isle of Pep" as guests of the Ak-Sar-Ben.

Brother Flick moved that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed. Brother Luther seconded. Passed. President Anderson announced that he would give out the names of those composing the committee later.

Brother Reider moved that the reading of the Necrology report be dispensed with, and the list printed as an "In Memoriam" in the proceedings. Brother Curry seconded. Passed. [It is printed elsewhere.]

Brother Roberts moved that the Ritual Committee's work be continued in connection with additional ceremonies (Brother Gibson having reported that his Committee was not agreed on certain matters for the work and asking for additional time to make complete report), and report made at the next Convention. Brother Pfunder seconded. Brother Curry amended this motion, to leave the matter to the Board of Directors, with power to adopt and publish if the report was ready before that time; seconded by Brother Flynn.

Brother Curry's amendment was passed by a vote of but one against; Brother Roberts' motion passed unanimously.

The report of the Law Committee was here called for and Chairman Tracy took the floor and stated that his Committee's action on each change submitted to it, and printed in the "briefs" sent out, would be stated as "favorable" or "unfavorable" and the final action left to the Convention—he to read each change from his memoranda, etc.

Before the Law Committee's report was begun, Secretary Gibson distributed proof sheets of the revised Constitution and By-Laws as they were effective at this date, including all the "Massachusetts amendments," so the members would have them at hand for reference.

The Committee reported unfavorably on the change proposed for Article IV, Constitution, adding "women" to those eligible to membership, and submitted by Brother Cory of Dayton.

After considerable debate on the subject, participated in by several, in which it was shown that the sentiment was overwhelmingly against the change, and during which debate Brother Morin withdrew his offered changes in connection with the same matter, Brother Stewart, seconded by Brother Bates, moved that the Committee's report be adopted. Passed unanimously.

Favorable report was brought on the change submitted by Brother Brady of Philadelphia, to add to Constitution, Article VI, Section 4, and Article XVII, Section 2, the word "resident," making seven resident members necessary to the organizing of Divisions, and on motion of Brother Curry, seconded by Brother Luther, it was adopted, with one against.

At this juncture, consideration of the changes in the "brief" were started at the beginning (first page) and acted on from there.

On motion of Brother Davis (the Committee having reported favorably thereon) all of the Headquarters' changes were adopted (with Brother Stewart seconding), except that proposed for a Sub-section 5 to Section 1, Article XI, By-Laws, which was withdrawn by request of Brother Rowse. The vote on this adoption showed but one against.

The changes are as follows:

Constitution, Article XI, Sec. 2. Change entire section to read:

Section 2—The Grand Vice-Presidents shall be three in number—First, Second and Third. They shall assist the Grand President in an advisory capacity, shall take the chair at meetings in his absence and shall perform whenever called upon such duties as he may assign to them. If the office of Grand President should become vacant at any time the First Grand Vice-President shall succeed, and the other Grand Vice-Presidents shall move up one step in the order of rank and succession.

Constitution, Art. XI, Sec. 3—Insert:

* * * He shall record all changes of beneficiaries, all increases and reductions of certificate amounts and shall register all duplicate certificates issued; he shall keep an account of all fees received for such recording, registry and so on, and shall turn them over to the Grand Treasurer, together with any and all other moneys he may receive in payment of the incidental charges incurred by Subordinate Divisions or individual members under the following heads: lodge supplies, buttons, charms, etc., surty bond premiums, sundry supplies, and so on.

In same Section the part about preparing the proceedings or minutes of the Convention for publication in the official organ, the words "in the official organ" should be struck out. It may be advisable to print the proceedings in book form by themselves.

Constitution. Article XI, Sec. 4, change first clause to read:

The Grand Financial Secretary [since the Convention discontinued this office the duties here given will be added to those of the Grand Treasurer] shall collect and receive from the Subordinate Division Treasurers all stated monthly contributions of the members to the Grand Division funds (the regular mortuary assessments, per capita taxes, and any special payments due), together with all special extra assessments for the benefit of any of the Funds, the Grand Division's share of all admission fees from applicants for membership, and all subscriptions to the Society's official organ. He shall keep a true and * * *

Changes must also be made elsewhere in conformity with the new designations of the payments of members, which should hereafter be known as "assessments" (regular monthly), "per capita taxes," and "special assessments" or "specials."

Constitution, Art. XVIII, Sec. 3, insert: * * * He shall closely scrutinize for errors, omissions, and the like, all applications for membership, claims for benefits, and certificates of membership passing through his hands * * *

Same Art. Sec. 4, insert:

* * * shall collect from the Division Secretary all admission fees of applicants and such other fees as belong to the Division's funds, and from the members he shall collect the stated monthly payments of each, any special extra assessments that may be levied, any special Reserve payments that may be due from particular individuals, and the local Division dues, with any fines that may be called for under local rules. He shall keep a careful and true account of such collections * * *

Constitution, Art. XIX, Sec. 2, insert:

(After "handling"—24th line, page 17) * * * dispensing or sale thereof * * *

(After the word "beverage" on line 4, same page) insert: * * * provided that a person directly engaged in the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors who is personally a total abstainer from the use of them as a beverage, may be admitted to membership; * * *

Same Section, but to become Sub-section 3—present Sub-section 3 to become 4, same page, addition:

(3) Bottlers may be admitted to limited membership only, for the death benefit alone, and shall not be entitled to draw sick or accident benefits. In such cases the payment of the tax for the Sick and Accident Fund shall not be levied.

By-Laws, Art. I.

Eliminate the present Section 1, and renumber the Sections, with Section 4 (present) added to Section 3 (present) as a proviso.

By-Laws, Art. II, Sec. 2 should be eliminated. (It is fully covered by Article IV, Section 10, By-Laws.)

By-Laws, Art. IV, Sec. 10, should be changed to read:

Section 10—No member shall be eligible to hold office in the Grand Division who has not been a member of the Society in good standing for six months previous to election, nor shall any member be eligible to act as delegate who has not been a member in good standing of the Division he is to represent for a period of six months previous to election; provided that this rule shall not apply to Divisions organized within six months of the date of holding the convention to which said delegate is to be accredited. Nor shall a member be eligible to hold office in a Subordinate Division who has not been a member in good standing of that Division for a period of six months previous to election; provided that this rule shall not apply to the initial election of newly organized Divisions.

By-Laws, Article IV, Section 11.

This Section should be made an Article by itself and it is recommended that it be made Article XXIII, of the Constitution, and the present Article XXIII renumbered XXIV.

By-Laws, Article VII, Section 16, change to read:

No Division shall solicit from other Divisions financial aid of any kind, either direct, in the shape of a grant, appropriation, advance, loan or outright gift, or indirect, through the sale of tickets or chances in drawings, raffles and the like. Provided, that in the case of newly organized Divisions, if circumstances seem to justify so doing, or where some stroke of misfortune might come to a Division or its membership, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors may, on request, grant permission to solicit such aid.

By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 1, change to read:

Section 1—The term, "a member in good standing," shall denote a member who has paid all required contributions (mortuary assessments, per capita tax, any special extra assessments that may have been levied, together with all local dues, fines and special assessments) within the specified time for which said contributions are due and is not under charges of misconduct or breach of the laws of the Society or its Divisions.

By-Laws, Article VIII, Section 11 (new Section):

Section 11—A member wishing to transfer his membership from one Division to another, on account of change of residence, for greater convenience, or for any good reason, may do so; but a transfer card shall not be issued to him until he has paid up all back assessments, taxes and dues to the date of transfer and has settled in full any other financial obligations he may have incurred to the Division of which he has been a member; provided that the Division may waive the settlement of its own claims and allow him to defer payment of what he owes its local funds (but in no case shall a transfer be issued while Grand Division payments are in arrears). Divisions shall control all transfer rights as concerns members still within their charter limits, not only by the foregoing, but also by local conditions and the convenience of their Treasurers' work.

By-Laws, Article IX, New Section 12:

Section 12—A claim for sick or accident benefit in behalf of a member who is totally disabled, insane or in any way incapacitated from acting for himself in the matter and from signing claim and voucher or endorsing payment check in his own person, may at the discretion of the Grand Division Claims Committee be paid to one of the following named persons, acting for the member—selection to be made in the order of naming: (1) if married, and not divorced or separated, to his wife; (2) to the nearest of kin with whom he has been making his home; (3) to the nearest of kin with whom he has not been living; (4) to the beneficiary named to receive his death benefit; (5) to a legal representative, guardian or attorney duly appointed by a court having such jurisdiction.

By-Laws, Article IX, Section 8, change to read:

Section 8—No claim shall be paid

which is not supported by the signed statement (which in the case of non-resident claims shall furthermore be sworn to) of a regularly licensed physician (which term shall be construed to denote a practicing physician who holds the degree of M. D. from a reputable medical college, and the statement of a practitioner of any other school shall be accepted if the Society's Medical Director and the Grand Division Claims Committee are fully satisfied as to his standing and competence); the claim and the physician's statement shall be made on the official blank provided by the Society; and when it is not possible for the Division's Sick Committee to investigate personally—as in the case of non-resident members—the physician's statement must be sworn to before a notary public or other county official.

By-Laws, Article XI, Section 1, change to read:

Section 1—Membership certificates shall be issued for benefit amounts of \$250, \$500 and \$1,000, and shall be made payable only to the person or persons specifically named in the application of the member and on the certificate (by a later revocation of a previous designation, also on the certificate) as beneficiary or beneficiaries, who shall be related to the member by blood, or as wife or affianced wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepchildren, children by legal adoption, or to a person or persons dependent upon the member; provided that if after the issuance of the original certificate the member shall become dependent upon an incorporated charitable institution, he shall have the privilege, with the consent of the Society, of making such institution his beneficiary. With the foregoing restrictions each member shall have the right to designate his beneficiary or beneficiaries and, from time to time, have same changed in accordance with the laws of the Society, and no beneficiary shall have or obtain any vested interest in the said benefit until the same has become due and payable on the death of the said member.

(2) On the death of a member who has named two or more beneficiaries without specifying in what proportion they shall share in the benefit, the whole amount to be paid shall be divided among them equally, if all have survived.

(3) If a member has named two or more beneficiaries, and if any of said beneficiaries should have died prior to the member's own demise, in the absence of specific disposition otherwise (received and recorded at the Society's home office) made by the member the share of the deceased beneficiary shall be divided equally among the surviving beneficiaries.

(4) In event of the death of a sole beneficiary before the settlement of the claim has been made, payment shall be made to the heirs-at-law of said beneficiary.

Action on an amendment submitted by Brother Waring of Iowa to By-Laws, Article XI, was reported as "unfavor-

able" because of such provision having already been made. The Committee's report was accepted, on motion of Brother Cohen, Brother Moran seconding.

Amendment to Article XII, By-Laws, submitted by Brother Poshusta of Iowa, was reported on unfavorably. The Committee's report was accepted, on motion of Brother Flynn, seconded by Brother Cameron.

Amendment to By-Laws, Article VIII, by Brother Henick of Ohio, was reported on unfavorably. Brother Howson called attention to the fact that such an amendment was wanted by his Division, and that it would be valuable in plainly marking the dividing lines of Divisions, and their territory. He was assured that the present rules of the home office provided for a fair division of territory in every state and the drawing of all reasonable lines, and that the interests of No. 53 would be looked after, as were those of the rest. On motion of Brother Cameron, seconded by Brother Schwartz, the Committee's report was adopted, with seven voting against.

On the amendment offered by Brother Morin of Massachusetts to drop the Financial Secretary from the list of grand officers and create an Assistant Grand Secretary, the Committee reported that it made no recommendation, but left the question to the Convention. Brother Cameron asked that action on this question be deferred until the report of the Committee on President's Address was rendered. Agreed to.

Chairman Koehler (of the Committee on President's Address) then rendered his report.

Report on Committee on President's Address.

The Committee has read with much appreciation the address of the President and desires to go on record as saying that it evinces not only a conscientious devotion to the duties of the office, but a keen insight into the needs of the Society, present and future. The recommendations made are of a nature to demand the most careful consideration; there can be no question of their value; all of them must be adopted sooner or later, and the committee feels that they should be acted upon by this Convention. They suggest as important for present action the following recommendations of the President, at the same time admitting that it is not for the Committee to advise just what precise action should be taken upon any particular recommendation.

The President's recommendations in their order are, in effect:

1st. That the pro rata assessments of the Sick and Accident Fund and of the General Expense Fund be so increased as to provide adequately for the demands upon them. Experience has shown that the monthly dues for the Benefit Fund are insufficient, while the General Expense Fund must be increased to provide for necessary administrative and constructive work.

2nd. The recommendation to provide

means to carry on an aggressive propaganda is most important. Organization of new fields is most essential if we are to hold our growth and protect our beneficiaries. This will cost money and it must be provided.

3rd. The increase of work at headquarters demands that provision be made for an Assistant Secretary with specified duties for the more expeditious handling of the affairs of the Society.

4th. For greater efficiency in the handling of the Society's income and resources it is expedient that the office of Financial Secretary be consolidated with that of the Treasurer. The advantages of such an arrangement are so obvious that the Committee consider its prompt adoption most essential to the interests of the Society.

Lastly, the Committee respectfully suggests that while consideration of financial matters is not within its province, yet it would recommend that consideration be given the subject of more adequate compensation for the time and labor our President must necessarily give to his duties in our behalf. The office demands more than ordinary ability; the work is exacting—and increasingly large; and the amount of time necessary to do it properly is so great that it deserves and should have much more compensation than the merely nominal sum now paid.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed.

J. M. KOEHLER, Chairman,
JAMES M. STEWART,
D. MCGREGOR CAMERON.

Brother Long moved that the report be referred to the Law and Resolutions Committees for attention and incorporation with their reports. Brother Barrow seconded. Passed.

The President announced that he had appointed Brothers Roberts, Bacheberle and Cohen as the Resolutions Committee.

Brother Koehler moved that the report of the Committee on President's Address having been in its favor, the amendment to the Constitution offered by Brother Morin, dropping the Financial Secretary and creating an Assistant Secretary, be adopted. Brother Moran seconded. Passed by a vote of 36 ayes and 8 nays.

Adjournment was here taken, at 5 o'clock, as previously agreed.

Morning Session, July 8.

Order was called at 9 a. m.; President Anderson in the chair.

Brother Daniel E. Moylan rendered the invocation.

Roll call showed all present, except one officer, excused.

The reading of the minutes being in order, Brother Kestner moved they be dispensed with as they would be printed in full in the proceedings where all could read; Brother Green seconded. Passed.

The Secretary here read a telegram from the Honorable James H. Preston, Mayor of Baltimore, containing an invitation to hold the Society's next Convention in Baltimore.

Explanation was here requested of the arrangement made to give each delegate at this Convention a copy of the revised Constitution and By-Laws in proof form, as had been done the day before. Secretary Gibson told how these proofs represented the Laws as they stood at that time, with the referendum additions made a year ago and those made at the suggestion of the Massachusetts Insurance Department and as authorized by the referendum (vote of Divisions). Brother Koehler moved that these laws as given out at this Convention be given the Convention's approval and acceptance, subject to what changes were made at this meeting. Brother Kestner seconded. Passed unanimously.

After some discussion of the Law Committee's work, its report was proceeded with by Chairman Tracy.

It reported favorably on Brother Morin's amendment to the Constitution, Article X, Section 3, adding the Assistant Grand Secretary to the officers to reside in Chicago, and making the complete Board of Trustees residents of Chicago as well (the Board of Trustees to consist of three members, instead of five, hereafter). Brother Davis moved its acceptance; Brother Flick seconded. Passed.

The Committee reported unfavorably on Brother Morin's proposed amendment to Article XI, Section 1 (Constitution), making the Grand President the General Organizer, etc. Brother Luther moved that the Committee's report be adopted; Brother Bailey seconded, and the change was rejected.

Brother Cameron moved that discussion of "Class B" be dropped and that class be discontinued; Brother Burgherr seconded. Brother Rowse amended to make its discontinuance permanent and an order for the refunding of the difference in payments (between Class A and Class B rates) made by those who were in Class B; Brother Pfunder seconded. The Rowse amendment was passed unanimously, and the Cameron original motion also.

The Law Committee reported favorably on the Morin amendment to By-Laws, Article XII, Section 4, to make the per capita tax 40c per month, instead of 30c, and split up 20c to each fund involved. On motion of Brother Koehler to adopt the Committee's report, seconded by Brother Kestner, a long debate ensued, during which Brother Flick asked for roll call on the vote. The roll being called showed 42 ayes (in favor of the amendment), 48 nays. The motion was declared as failed.

The Committee reported favorably on the Morin amendment to By-Laws, Article XV, but on motion of Brother Long, seconded by Brother Leitner, the Committee's report was rejected and the amendment with it.

President Anderson here called Vice-President Plunkett to the chair.

(It is understood that all amendments that were printed in and offered by the "brief" of the Law Committee published prior to the Convention which are not mentioned in these minutes were passed

over and not brought before the Convention by the Committee, under authority given it to, from this point on, report only on those it wished to give "favorable" or "referred to the Convention" presentation.)

Favorable report was given Brother Cory's amendment to give delegates "one vote for every seven members on the Division roster," instead of one-to-twenty representation. Brother Long, seconded by Brother Davis, moved the report be accepted. Passed.

Favorable report was made to a change by Brother Cory giving alternates floor privileges at Conventions—which was already a rule—and adopted on motion of Brother Stewart, seconded by Brother Hartman but, later on all discussion and motions concerning this were withdrawn as it was argued that floor rules adopted at Conventions would arrange for all this, and that part of the Committee's report was tabled.

Brother Cory's amendment to split the 30c per capita tax on a 10c to Expense Fund and 20c to Sick and Accident Fund basis was given to the Convention by the Committee without recommendation. Brother Flick moved, with Brother Plunkett seconding, that it be amended to a 40c basis, with 20c to each Fund. Roll call vote was taken on this, showing 68 nays, 21 ayes. Failed.

Brother Cohen here moved adjournment to 2 p. m. Brother Myers seconded. Passed, and adjournment taken at 12:10 p. m.

Afternoon Session, July 8.

Assembled at 2 p. m.; roll call showed all present, President Anderson in the chair.

Brother Tellier, with Brother Pfunder seconding, moved that the minutes be dispensed with. Passed.

Secretary Gibson read a letter from the Mayor of Baltimore elaborating on the invitation already extended by telegraph for the Society's next Convention.

Chairman Tracy resumed his report on Law Committee work, and reported as emphatically unfavorable the amendment offered by Brother Cory for the adding of membership fees to the Sick and Accident Fund. The Committee wished to comment on the fact that each Fund should be self-supporting and to switch the fees from one Fund to another was but a makeshift that would be but temporary as to its results.

Favorable report was brought for the amendment of Brother Myers to By-Laws, Article VIII, that at special meetings only the business the meeting was called for may be transacted. Brother Barrow, with Brother Curry seconding, moved its adoption. Passed.

Favorable report was made on the changes offered by Brother Brady in connection with the Division Trustees and adopted by motions of Brothers Sullivan, Moran and Luther, seconded by Brothers Lawrence, Burgherr and Bailey.

Brother Irick's amendment to By-Laws, Article VII, Section 5, striking out the allowing of suspension of opening and closing ceremonies by Divisions was

reported favorably, and on motion of Brother Sullivan, Brother Hartman seconding, adopted.

Brother Cohen asked permission to withdraw all the amendments he had offered, as per the Committee's "brief," in the interest of the saving of the Convention's time. The permission was granted by general consent.

Brother Tracy here reported that his Committee was unfavorably inclined towards all other changes presented in the "brief" and that they would not be read. Approved.

Brother Long here offered several changes bearing on the districting of State Organizers' territory, and touching on Iowa-Nebraska territory particularly. One was rejected and others withdrawn—the former on a vote.

Brother Long also offered an amendment limiting grand officers' expenses while in attendance at meetings, but withdrew it after some discussion; and an amendment to Constitution, Article XI, Section 1, obliging the Grand President to issue a new password quarterly, which was adopted on motion of Brother Sullivan, seconded by Brother Luther.

A change offered by Brother Long and seconded by Brother Howson, to Article VIII, Section 5, By-Laws, and repealing Section 15 of Article VII, By-Laws, failed to pass.

A change to Article IX, Section 9, By-Laws, offered by Brother Kolman, was withdrawn.

Brother Koehler moved that the Convention now proceed to select the next Convention city. Brother Curry seconded. After some discussion, Brother Pfunder moved the motion be tabled, Brother Moran seconding, and on a vote it was laid on the table.

Brother Long moved that the Convention pay Brother Murdock the same compensation (\$3.00 per day) as was paid the other Sergeant-at-Arms, Brother Lee. Brother James seconded. Passed.

An order was entered that all amendments or changes could be offered and discussed by the Secretary without observing the rule as to their being in writing, and so save time. Secretary Gibson here took the floor and touched on several matters that should receive attention by the Convention; as follows:

The fact that it was possible to issue certificates now up to a \$1,500.00 amount, and it might be possible to issue them for \$2,000.00 before the next Convention met. On motion of Brother Tracy, seconded by Brother Curry, the \$1,500.00 class was declared open and the higher than that classes were left to the discretion of the Board of Directors to declare open, should mortuary collections warrant.

Attention was called to the fact that the Society's Medical Director should be paid more for his services, and explanation was given of the circumstances connected with his appointment. On motion of Brother Koehler, seconded by Brother Tracy, the matter of such compensation was referred to the Board of Directors.

A home office building for the Society, in which space for the Society's offices and possibly a meeting hall, general offices or flats and stores from which an income could be had, was broached and discussed. On motion of Brother Long, seconded by Brother Plunkett, the matter was referred to the Board of Directors for consideration, and instructions given to have the matter thoroughly figured out.

Adjournment having previously been set for 5 p. m. by agreement so as to give ample time for the members to prepare for the banquet that evening, it was taken at that hour, with the call for the next morning's session set for 8:30 o'clock.

Chairman Long of the Local Committee made several announcements before adjournment, touching on the Committee's arrangements for the evening and the next day.

Morning Session, July 9.

Order was called at 8:30 o'clock; President Anderson in the chair.

Invocation was offered by Brother George F. Flick.

Roll call showed all present, except two officers (Trustees).

Brother Koelle moved that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with; Brother Koehler seconded. Passed.

Communications being in order, letters of greeting were read from Vice-President Himmelstein of Chicago Division, President Powell of Brooklyn Division; and a telegram from Brother Branum of Knoxville, who was ill at Chicago and so unable to attend the Convention. Brother Koehler moved that Brother Chambers be asked to reply to the greetings of Brother Branum, with the Convention's best wishes for a speedy recovery; Brother Curry seconded. Passed.

The Committee on Resolutions, through Chairman Roberts, here stated it was ready to report.

Brother Koehler moved that each resolution be considered separately and as read; seconded by Brother Curry. Passed.

Brother Roberts then read the report—as follows:

No. 1. Whereas, A tendency has developed among the members of this society to abuse the right of free speech and free publication in the columns of the different papers belonging to our class, tending to bring into disrepute not only the individual so attacked, but to hurt the good name of the N. F. S. D.; therefore be it

Resolved, That we deplore this dangerous tendency so manifest to abuse and transcend the right of free speech and free publication by the circulation of insinuations, criticism, etc., affecting the private character of the members, to the ultimate detriment of the whole membership, and we urge that all the members refrain from the abuses that have made a reproach to the good name of our Society.

No. 2. Resolved, That the delegates to this Convention are hereby instructed to use their best efforts to instil greater

interest among the membership to a more consistent perusal of any official notice in The Frat, the proceedings, and the Constitution and By-Laws.

No. 3. Resolved, That the Law Committee shall, with the co-operation and advice of the headquarters staff, pass upon all amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, and that their recommendations for adoption and rejection of same shall be printed and distributed to Grand Division officers and delegates at least three (3) months before the next Convention.

No. 4. Resolved, That the rules of the Business Committee now in force at this Convention be made permanent rules for conducting the business of future Conventions.

No. 5. Resolved, That this Society is heartily in accord with all individuals and organizations making efforts to better the condition of the deaf as a whole.

No. 6. Resolved, That the salaries of the Grand Division officers be fixed at the following amounts for the next three years: Grand President—\$200.00 per year and official expenses; also \$3.00 per day for time consumed while on official business. Grand Vice-Presidents—the same compensation as the Grand President's when filling his position. Grand Secretary—\$1,300.00 per year and official expenses. Assistant Grand Secretary—\$800.00 per year with such allowance for expenses as the Board of Directors may decide upon. Grand Treasurer—\$200.00 per year and official expenses. Chairman of Trustees—\$37.50 per year. Other Trustees—\$15.00 per year, each.

No. 7. Whereas, Certain abuses have arisen in connection with disability claims; and

Whereas, The expenses of this Society have been increased; therefore be it

Resolved, That sick and accident benefits shall be payable only from the beginning of the second week's disability; and further be it

Resolved, That the monthly assessment of thirty (30) cents for sick and accident benefits and Grand Division expenses be divided between the respective funds as follows: Ten (10) cents to the Sick and Accident Benefit Fund and twenty (20) cents to the Grand Division Expense Fund.

No. 8. Resolved, That this Convention extends its thanks and appreciation to the Grand officers, the confreres of the Law Committee, Claims Committee, Credentials Committee, Propaganda Committee, Business Committee, Local Committee, and Ladies' Committee; to Mr. E. V. Parrish, Supt. F. W. Booth, Supt. H. W. Rothert; the Omaha Commercial club; Messrs. Elwood Stevenson and Rome Miller, and Mrs. Waldo H. Rothert; King Samson and the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR L. ROBERTS, Chairman,

LOUIS A. COHEN,

LOUIS J. BACHEBERLE,

Resolutions Committee.

Brother Koehler moved that Resolution No. 1 be adopted; seconded by Brother Curry. Adopted unanimously.

Brother Luther moved that Resolution No. 2 be adopted; seconded by Brother Kestner. Adopted.

Brother Koehler moved that Resolution No. 3 be adopted; seconded by Brother Moran. Adopted.

Brother Long moved that Resolution No. 4 be rejected; Brother Leitner seconded. Carried, and rejected.

Brother Curry moved that Resolution No. 5 be adopted; Brother Chambers seconded. Adopted.

Brother Koehler moved that Resolution No. 6 be adopted, with the salary set for the Assistant Secretary amended and set at \$900.00; Brother Long seconded. After some debate, Brother Luther called for the previous question, Brother Moran seconded. Brother Koehler asked for a roll call vote. The vote (roll) showed 9 ayes, 75 nays, and the amendment was lost.

Brother Flick moved that Resolution No. 6 be considered in sections, each officer's salary separately; Brother Pfunder seconded. Passed unanimously.

Brother Reider moved that \$200.00 annually to the President be adopted; Brother Chambers seconded. Passed unanimously.

Brother Long moved that the compensation for the Vice-Presidents be set at \$100.00 per annum, divided equally among the three; Brother Reider seconded. After considerable debate and the previous question being called for by Brother Moran, with Brother Chambers seconding, the motion prevailed by a vote of 32 ayes, 5 nays, and the Vice-Presidents' collective salary allowance was adopted as being \$100.00.

Brother Davis moved that the \$1,300.00 annual salary for the Secretary be adopted, Brother Stewart seconding. Brother Howson moved to amend the amount and make it \$1,400.00 annually; Brother Cameron seconded. After both amounts had been debated, Brother Pfunder called for the previous question, Brother Martin seconding. Brother Howson's amendment carried by a vote of 30 ayes, 9 nays; Brother Davis' motion going through unanimously, as amended.

Brother Pfunder moved to adopt the Resolutions Committee \$800.00 annual salary for the Assistant Secretary; Brother Myers seconded. Brother Gibson gave it as his opinion that the office was one which called for a \$1,000.00 man and moved that the Pfunder motion be so amended; seconded by Brother Koehler. Vote on the amended motion showed none against, and the same vote carried with it the original resolution as amended.

Brother Long moved that the Treasurer's salary be set at \$50.00 annually; Brother Bailey seconded. Brother Koehler made a substitute motion, setting the amount at \$300.00; Brother Pfunder seconded. After considerable debate, in which it was shown that the Treasurer's duties would be increased over what they had been, but not to a great extent, both Brother Long and Brother Koehler withdrew their motions.

At this juncture Brother Pfunder moved to adjourn to 8 p. m., Brother

Koehler seconding and adjournment was taken at 10:30 o'clock.

Evening Session, July 9.

Order was called at 8 p. m. and with President Anderson in the chair.

Roll call showed all present.

Brother Leitner, seconded by Brother Bailey, moved the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. Carried unanimously.

Secretary Gibson read letters of greeting from President Waters of Detroit Division and President Fisk of Los Angeles Division. The latter expressed his regret that his Division would not be represented at the Convention, through Brother Miller's illness, but that it was then too late to send an alternate.

The Committee's (Resolutions) report was then taken up again.

Brother Stewart moved that the Committee's figure of \$200.00 annual salary for the Treasurer be adopted; Brother Luther seconded. Carried by a vote of 32 ayes, 9 nays.

Brother Pfunder moved to adopt the Committee's report of \$37.50 annually for the Chairman of Trustees; Brother Myers seconded. Passed.

Brother Koehler moved to adopt the Committee's report of \$15.00 annually to the other members of the Board of Trustees. Passed.

Brother Bailey moved that Resolution No. 7 be adopted as presented; Brother Green seconded. Brother Koehler moved in amendment that the resolution having two parts should be considered as such and separately, and that the first part should be adopted. Brother Bailey's motion was withdrawn, and Brother Koehler's, seconded by Brother Long, was carried.

Brother Koehler then moved that the division of the 30 cents per capita tax should be 10 cents to the Expense Fund and 20 cents to the Sick and Accident Fund; Brother Moran seconded.

Brother Pfunder moved a substitute, that a 35 cents monthly tax be imposed, with 15 cents going to the Sick and Accident and 20 cents to Expense. Brother Plunkett seconded.

There was considerable discussion as to the latter motion being in order, during which Brother Gibson called attention to the fact it should have thorough discussion and asked that it be given such under a suspension of the rules of procedure; Brother Koehler seconded. Unanimous consent was given.

Brother Howson wished to put in a substitute motion but was ruled out of order and the debate continued. It was clearly shown that there must be money provided for both the Funds in question, as had been recommended by the President and other officers and failure to do it now would mean a mistake that would be serious, etc. Several others met the same reception as Brother Howson in attempts to make motions, until one calling for the previous question (made by Brother Burgherr and seconded by Brother Lawrence) prevailed by a vote of 29 ayes and 9 nays.

Brother Pfunder's amendment then went to vote (roll call being asked by

Brother Koehler, with Brother Sullivan seconding the request) and resulted in 70 ayes, 17 nays, and it was declared adopted.

Brother Bailey moved that Resolution No. 8 be adopted, Brother Luther seconding. It was unanimously adopted.

Brother Koehler moved that the Convention's thanks be tendered the Resolutions Committee and it be discharged; Brother Bates seconded. Passed unanimously.

Brother Stewart here asked for the floor to explain at greater length the circumstances in connection with the Drake claim ordered paid under a suspension of the rules. The amount was \$40.00. It was suggested that in the final revision of the laws, provision be made to give the Claims Committee of the Grand Division more latitude in like cases, and such was made an order on Brother Stewart's motion, seconded by Brother Pfunder.

Brother Rowse presented the following motion: "I move that the draft of the Constitution and By-Laws as approved by the Massachusetts Insurance Department, with all changes and amendments incorporated by the Convention, be referred to a Committee on Revision, consisting of three members to be selected by the President; and that they revise the draft to accord with the later amendments; and that furthermore they be instructed to draw up a section defining the duties of the Assistant Secretary, to be substituted for the present section defining duties of the Financial Secretary; and that they be directed to report as soon as possible." Brother Koehler seconded, and it was unanimously adopted.

President Anderson appointed Brothers Rowse, Tracy and Davis as such committee.

Brother Koehler moved that the order of business for the following day begin at 10 a. m. with nomination and election of officers. Brothers Myers seconded. The vote showed 22 ayes, 22 nays. The President cast the deciding vote as nay, and the motion was declared lost.

Brother Curry moved the Convention now proceed with the nomination and election of officers; Brother Luther seconded. It was pointed out that no adjournment could be taken until that business was completed and the session would probably last far into the night. The vote on the motion was unanimous in its favor. President Anderson suggested that those who wished to send out word of their being detained, do so now and prepare for a long stretch of work, and also arrange for having lunch brought in.

The President appointed Brother Bristol as Judge of Election and Brothers Rothert and Tanzar as Tellers.

Nominations were declared in order.

Brother Koehler, seconded by Brother Stewart, nominated Harry C. Anderson for President. Brother Cohen, seconded by Brother Leitner, moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention (by acclamation) for Harry C. Anderson. Unanimously passed.

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The Frat is late again, but it is because we wanted to get the proceedings in our members' hands in the quickest possible way, so we held back this issue to have it as it is. The August number will get things back at normal.

Several articles were crowded out of The Frat for June, among them some that really had the right of way. We are sorry, and are using them now, even though they are rather late. Our apologies are due those affected by the omissions.

Sure; it was some convention, and not a little credit belongs to the Local Committee and its efficient auxiliary, the Ladies' Committee. In giving right here our personal thanks, as we wish to do, we believe the "motion" has the second of everybody who was at Omaha.

GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Collections for June.

Chicago	\$ 341.39
Detroit	75.57
Saginaw	11.94
Louisville	59.67
Little Rock	42.23
Nashua	20.28
Dayton	48.67
Bay City	7.79
Cincinnati (June and July)	125.61
Evansville	32.89
Nashville	26.98
Springfield	23.27
Olathe	24.88
Flint	47.17
Toledo	30.14
Milwaukee	59.50
Columbus	43.09
Knoxville	29.25
Cleveland	62.73
Indianapolis	112.20
Brooklyn	83.15
St. Louis	113.89
New Haven	35.62
Holyoke	47.83
Los Angeles	55.78
Atlanta	31.06
Philadelphia	138.23
Kansas City	59.50
Omaha	54.25
New Orleans	35.33
Kalamazoo	14.93
Boston	60.28
Pittsburgh	44.15
Hartford	14.56
Memphis	26.41
Portland, Me.	77.68
Buffalo	41.87
Portland, Ore.	28.05
Newark	21.66
Providence	18.23
Seattle	14.56
Utica	45.06
Washington	28.03
Baltimore	36.37
Syracuse	14.44
Cedar Rapids	42.42
Huntington	13.10
Albany	24.72
Rochester	16.30
San Francisco	47.59

Total collections\$2,511.20

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

For June, 1915.

Balance.

From May report\$76,914.61

Receipts.

Financial Secretary Neuner	\$ 2,511.20
Rent, Chicago Division	10.00
Interest from bonds	165.00
Interest from deposits	1.97
Grand Secretary's fees	3.75
Division bond premiums	7.00
Button sales	28.50
Engraving refund	2.13

Total balances and receipts\$79,644.16

Expenditures.

Death benefit (Mrs. Ellis)	\$ 1,000.00
Sick benefits	80.00
Accident benefits	65.00

Rent and light	42.00
Services, E. M. Rowse	60.00
Services, Dr. Furlong	10.00
Grand Secretary's salary	100.00
Official publication	53.20
Insurance Department fees	30.00
Office expenses, sundries	8.92
Postage account	9.97
Refunded overpayments	12.21
Filing cabinet	14.50
Printing and stationery	38.95

Total expenditures\$ 1,524.75

Recapitulation.

Total balances and receipts	\$79,644.16
Total expenditures	1,524.75

Balance, June 30, 1915.....\$78,119.41

TO DIVISION TREASURERS.

As will be seen by the Convention Proceedings, the per capita tax (assessment) has been increased from 30 cents to 35 cents. This goes in effect August 1st.

Class B has been permanently discontinued and refunds have been made to all who were in that class of the difference between the "B" rates they have been paying and the "A" rates. For August, as you have been notified by letter, the "A" rates are effective.

Your monthly remittances, beginning with August, are to be made to Washington Barrow, Grand Treasurer, at Chicago headquarters. These remittances must be made by Chicago draft, or by money order (express or postal). Local checks will not be accepted, unless the Division's own account is used, and "exchange" added to the amount of the collections remitted.

As notified by letter, only one set of statement sheets is to be used. But it will be insisted on that you have your statements (reports) absolutely correct. The Division Trustees must see to that. We intend to install a record at headquarters with your records as to efficiency shown in it. The reason is obvious. We will not be backward in sending either criticism or praise your way as it is deserved.

TO DIVISION SECRETARIES.

Disability claims for August and thereafter are to be sent to Washington Barrow, chairman of the Claims Committee, at headquarters.

Remember the new law is effective then which disregards the first week of disability, and that no benefit is to be paid for that week. The 14-day period clause remains the same.

There will be notices of other matters sent you or given out in these columns from time to time.

Otherwise, things concerning your duties towards headquarters remain the same.

JUNE DEATH BENEFIT.

Paid to Mrs. Nellie B. Ellis, Los Angeles, Cal., for death benefit claim of Frank E. Ellis, deceased, May 3, 1915, \$1,000.00.

COLLINS CHARLES COLBY.

BROTHER COLLINS CHARLES COLBY, State Organizer for Michigan and Secretary of Detroit Division, died at his home in Detroit, early in the morning of June 1. His passing was sudden and the result of an attack of acute indigestion and accompanying heart failure. He was among a gay party of Frats at the home of Brother Rutherford the preceding day—an outing in the country—and none dreamed of his being among those to leave so soon.

Brother Colby was born in 1859 and received his education at the Michigan school. In 1888 he was married to Miss Magdalena Gottschlag and they took up their residence in Chicago, where he had previously been living since 1883. Brother Colby was prominently identified with the progress of the Chicago Pas-a-Pas Club and was its President in 1897 and again in 1900. The Colby home was removed to Michigan in 1903, in which state he had since resided. He joined the Society in 1908, through Flint Division. He represented Kalamazoo Division, to which he was transferred when it was organized, at the Columbus convention, during his residence at South Haven. Moving to Detroit about a year ago, he then affiliated with Detroit Division.

The funeral service was held at the home of a friend in Detroit, June 3, Brother Horace B. Waters conducting services, after which the body, accompanied by about 40 friends, was borne on a funeral car to Wayne, Mich., about 18 miles from Detroit, where services were held at the Wayne M. E. church. The Rev. Mr. Exelby officiated, assisted by Brother Waters—the latter delivering an address and a biography of the deceased. The pallbearers were Brothers Stark, Leach and Rheiner of Detroit Division, and Messrs. Monie, Behrmann and Gentendar representing Detroit Typographical Union. Burial was at Wayne.

Brother Colby leaves a widow and two daughters. The sympathy of a host of friends in his home state and in Chicago goes out to them, and the Frats mourn the loss of one of their most enthusiastic and willing workers in the cause.

NIXIE LIST.

WILL some one please furnish us with correct addresses of the members named?

(Post-office notices have been received stating that copies of this paper addressed to the members named below are not deliverable at the addresses given for one of these reasons: Removed, leaving no address; Not found; Refused; No such number; Unclaimed.)

Beckham, William R.—2904 Live Oak St., Dallas, Texas.

Browna, Robert L. N.—2921 Orianna St., Philadelphia, Pa.

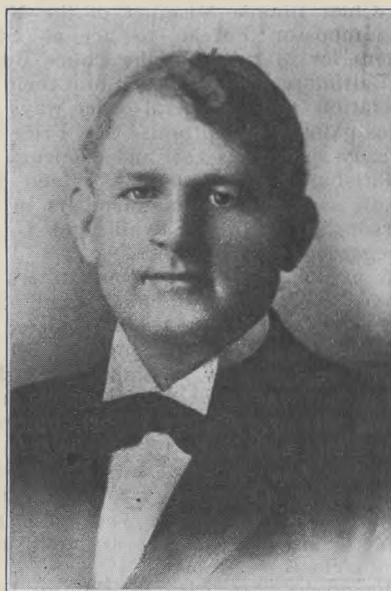
Carmichael, Glenn R.—627 S. Bell St., Kokomo, Ind.

Dixon, Richard B.—1540 Logan St., Denver, Colo.

Karfe, Michael J.—675 Summer St., Springfield, Mass.

Scheffler, Bert Q.—Merriam, Kansas.

IN MEMORIAM.



Frank E. Ellis.

At a meeting of the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, held Thursday evening, June 3, 1915, the following was passed:

Whereas, It has come to pass that Brother Frank E. Ellis has fallen asleep in the arms of Jesus, until the time of His Second Coming, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the Los Angeles Division, No. 27, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, do hereby express our sympathy to the family of our friend and charter brother, and also do hereby voice our appreciation of, and respect for, many sterling qualities which made him a popular member of our Society. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the records of our Society, that a copy thereof be sent to Mrs. Nellie Ellis and family, Mrs. Caroline Ellis, Mr. Herbert Ellis and family, and also be sent for publication in The Frat.

CLARENCE H. DOANE,
EDMUND M. PRICE,
MILTON M. MILLER,
Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMITTEES.

The following is the makeup of the various standing committees of the new Board of Directors, as appointed by President Anderson:

Law Committee—H. L. Tracy, W. L. Davis, A. L. Roberts.

Grievance Committee—G. F. Flick, E. M. Rowse, W. Barrow.

Claims Committee—W. Barrow, F. P. Gibson, E. M. Rowse.

Emergency Committee—W. L. Davis, A. L. Roberts, H. L. Tracy.

Executive Committee—F. P. Gibson, E. M. Rowse, W. Barrow, G. F. Flick.

Ritual Committee—E. M. Rowse, H. L. Tracy, W. L. Davis, A. L. Roberts, F. P. Gibson.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS.

- 53. G. F. Bucking, San Francisco.
- 53. E. W. Brodrick, Berkeley, Cal.
- 53. D. S. Luddy, Burlingame, Cal.
- 53. C. J. Pale, San Francisco.
- 53. Monroe Jacobs, San Francisco.
- 53. George Davis, San Francisco.
- 53. L. S. Bender, San Francisco.
- 22. R. O. Yoder, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 18. F. E. Neal, Columbus, O.
- 21. J. S. Dobbins, Akron, O.
- 32. J. R. Jelinek, Council Bluffs, Ia.
- 32. J. L. Macek, S. Omaha, Neb.
- 32. R. O. Thayer, Omaha, Neb.
- 32. J. W. Claussen, Omaha, Neb.
- 36. J. B. Smith, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
- 36. H. C. Boyer, Johnstown, Pa.
- 42. Samuel Eber, Newark, N. J.
- 23. James Quinn, Kingston, N. Y.
- 39. T. J. Quirion, Augusta, Me.
- 39. F. G. Berry, Mt. Vernon, Me.
- 49. Floyd Frederick, Greenfield, Ia.

COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

August.

- 1. Outing, Brooklyn.
- 5. Excursion, Baltimore.
- 7. Picnic, St. Louis.
- 8. Picnic, Milwaukee.
- 14. Picnic, Cleveland.
- 15. Outing, Holyoke.
- 21. "Riverview" day, Chicago.
- 21. Field day, Albany.
- 21. Social, Philadelphia.
- 28. Picnic, Brooklyn.
- 28. Picnic, Rochester.
- 29. Picnic, Chicago.

September.

- 6. Clam-bake, Syracuse.
- 6. Picnic, Toledo.
- 6. Picnic, Cedar Rapids.
- 6. Picnic, Muncie, Ind.

NOTICE TO ORGANIZERS.

The terms of the State Organizers automatically expire when the Grand Officers' do, on July 31, but it is my wish that all continue to serve until duly notified as to the name of their successors. No consideration is to be given to appointments until this office, in conjunction with the Executive Committee and the General Organizer, can formulate a plan for the effective strengthening of our field work. It is the desire of this office to have the work systematized to produce the best results and along that line suggestions are invited from each Organizer.

HARRY C. ANDERSON,
Grand President.

JUNE DISABILITY BENEFITS.

W. C. Reesink, Wamego, Kas.....	\$ 10.00
J. B. Ward, Paterson, N. J.....	15.00
J. B. Rogers, Gadsen, Ala.....	10.00
O. Langner, Milwaukee, Wis.....	15.00
H. H. Henriques, Brooklyn, N. Y.	10.00
*J. F. O'Brien, New York, N. Y....	45.00
K. M. Leighton, Westbrook, Me....	10.00
H. C. Dunham, Louisville, Ky.....	10.00
*F. C. Bolin, Indianapolis, Ind.....	20.00

Total for the month.....\$145.00

SEE OMAHA FIRST.

There are scenes in distant countries
That entice the rich to roam,
But for me they can not equal
Those I find right here at home.

From the city's towers on hillside
Like the knights in castles old
I look out upon the landscape
Where rare beauties here unfold.

Bluffs and vales all green and golden
Blend with distant skies of blue
O'er a wide, far-reaching valley
Grandier than the ones they knew.

Through this broad, enchanted valley,
With its source in heights of snow,
I can see the wide Missouri's
Old, historic waters flow.

All about me in the distance
Lie, as far as can be seen,
Fertile fields with dotting woodland
Framed in hills of living green.

Here the blood of bold frontiersmen
Dyed the ground red with its stains;
Here their ox-drawn "prairie schooners"
Took the trail across the plains.

Here the first transcontinental
Railroad joined the east and west;
Here the course of empire gathered
Strength as farther on it pressed.

Now instead of red men's terror
Reigns the might of peace and law
While the only sign they left us
Is the name of Omaha.

There are scenes in distant countries
That entice the rich to roam,
But for romance and for beauty
Few surpass those here at home.

—J. Schuyler Long.

(The above poem was crowded out of our June issue, but, although somewhat late, we are pleased to publish it at this time.)

IN MEMORIAM.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God in His infinite wisdom to remove from our midst our brother member, Collins C. Colby; and

Whereas, Brother Colby was always a devoted member of Detroit Division, No. 2, N. F. S. D.; and

Whereas, In the death of Brother Colby Detroit Division, No. 2, has lost a willing worker and a good State Organizer, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the officers and members of Detroit Division, No. 2, extend to the bereaved family our sincere sympathy and condolence in their hour of sadness; and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped for a suitable period, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased, and spread upon the minutes of our Division and a copy be sent to The Frat for publication.

CLYDE R. BARNETT,
PETER N. HELLERS,
JOHN G. T. BERRY,
Committee.

FRATS EVERYWHERE.

Orlando K. Price has been deputized by Chief Jimmie Meagher of the N. A. D. Impostor Bureau to act as State Agent for Maryland. The Police Board of Baltimore have promised him their co-operation, and in several other ways besides gaining this promise Mr. Price has already shown his zeal and efficiency.

Pittsburgh Division has gained two gladly welcomed social members in the persons of Collins Sawhill and G. M. Teegarden.

A number of the Hartford fraters attended New Haven's annual whist party and dance on April 17, and reported an excellent time. Aside from this and the recent visit of Edward Smith, of Nashua Division, there is little to chronicle from down that way. They report, however, that times are getting a bit better; for instance the Royal and Underwood Typewriter Companies are operating their works five days a week now, and some shops are running every night until nine o'clock.

From the "Mt. Airy World" we learn that No. 30's Social Committee has arranged an excursion to Atlantic City for July 24, over the Reading road. And that the annual ice cream social will be given on August 21, and will be for the joint benefit of the Division and the Home at Doylestown.

Thomas P. M. Knaut of Reading, Pa., visited his Mt. Airy friends on Memorial Day. We are pleased to know that he has been having steady work right along with the Reading Wood Pulley Co.

Sylvester Z. Hoshauer took advantage not long ago of the excursion rates and ran down from Reading, Pa., to the national capital. We trust he saw all the sights, including the Washington monument and Walter Johnson, and that he enjoyed his holiday.

A report has it that Merrill E. Stover and family who are now living in Atlantic, Iowa, are planning to move to Omaha, where Merrill will set up a shop for shoe-repairing.

DID YOU?

Did you give him a lift? He's a brother of man, and bearing about all the burden he can. Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue, and the smile would have helped him to battle it through.

Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill, and the world, so I fancied, was using him ill. Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road, or did you just let him go on with his load?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight when a lift just in time might set everything right? Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand when a man's borne about all a man ought to stand.

Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip? Why the half-suppressed sob and the scalding tears drop? Were you brother of his when the time came of need? Did you offer to help him, or didn't you heed?—From Tidbits.

DIVISION NEWS.

Portland (Ore.).

The Silents of Portland went up to Vancouver, Wash., early in March and played a match at "Five Hundred" with the N. A. D.'s of Vancouver. The Oregonians were defeated by the score of 2 to 1. The Vancouverites will play a return match here during April. The Silents are a social club, to which most of No. 41's resident members belong.

O. H. Fay was taken sick suddenly one Sunday a few weeks ago, and was confined to the house for several days with a severe attack of stomach trouble. But within a week he was able to return to his work.

P. L. Axling's family and household goods arrived here from Seattle not long ago, and now they are comfortably settled in a nice home at 1399 Garfield Ave. So "P. L." is a happy man these days.

W. W. Fleming and Robert Siebert blew into town for a week-end visit over Saturday and Sunday a few weeks ago.

Miss Grace Fay, who is staying with her aunt in Seattle, was here recently, visiting her father, O. H. Fay.

Mrs. Claire Reeves of Vancouver, Wash., visited at the home of C. R. Lawrence and other Frat friends during the first part of April. Well, Ella, come again and come often. Plenty of pie-plant, pies and cake for you.

Our meeting this month was held at the residence of C. R. Lawrence at his invitation. After our business was finished, sandwiches and coffee were served, and these refreshments were most comforting to the inner man. All the brothers enjoyed this hospitality very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Swangren are in charge of things and are looking after the place for Mrs. Swangren's parents while they are away on a visit in the east.

Sanford Spratlen has lately traded his farm near Sherwood, Oregon, for a fine residence near Portsmouth. He is a regular "hoss-trader," and we feel sure he did not come out at the little end of the horn.

Joseph Boston and family stopped over for a few hours in Portland recently on their way home to Kansas City. Since last spring he has been living on a small ranch at Chehalis, Wash. But he sold out not long ago and has now gone back to his old home on the Kaw.

Hurrah for Omaha!

Huntington.

Roy Conkling some time back quit working for the "Sandy Valley Calf" at Catlettsburg, Ky., about fifteen miles from here. We have since learned that he and his brother have formed a partnership and opened a printing office at Terrace Park, Ohio. We were sorry to lose him when he took out his transfer to Cincinnati Division. We hope he is doing well and meeting with success in his new venture.

On April 8 Rev. Brother Whildin gave a farewell service at Trinity Church, with a good attendance present. When Mr. Whildin told us that he had given up his work in West Virginia the announcement

stirred us all up and filled our hearts with sorrow.

Mrs. Sam McCarthy, who was for a time very ill with typhoid fever, is out of danger at this writing and steadily improving. We are very glad to be able to say this, and hope that by the time this is printed she will be quite restored to health.

James A. Pring—"Jim boy"—was elected as delegate to the Omaha convention. He is the watchdog of our Division treasury, and recently said in a joking way that, when he leaves for Omaha, we must get a real bulldog to guard our funds, as they are increasing steadily all the time. Brother Pring is a good, hard-working member, who has done much for the development of our Division, and was recently appointed State Organizer. He believes we will have several more members this summer and is working actively for the growth of the Society in this state.

It is reported that Christopher Whitehead went up to Detroit not long ago to see his brother, Daniel, on business. It was just a flying trip, and he soon returned home again. We are glad to hear that he found his brother doing very nicely with his poultry business.

A lawn fête, planned for May 29, had to be abandoned because it rained that day.

THE OMAHA CONVENTION.

What the Visitor, As Well As the Officers and Delegates, Saw There, the Good Times Experienced, and Some Notes of the Week.

The writer, a tenderfoot Frat, landed at Chicago headquarters Saturday, July 3rd. After introducing himself to Brother Rowse, Secretary Gibson's understudy, and being told that the latter was busy (the Board being in session) and could not be seen until later in the day, he was requested to register, after which he was introduced to the crowd of local and visiting fraters in the office. Enquiries were made as to his having been "hoteled," "baggage attended to," etc., and then he was asked where he would like to spend the afternoon, parties being made up for various points of interest. His choice fell on Washington Park, one of Chicago's many fine recreation spots.

The trip out was not a long one, and a bee line was made for the private tennis ground where Chicago's South Side colony of the deaf has its weekly gatherings through the spring, summer and fall pleasant days. Quite a crowd was there; introductions were made and the visitor made at home. The afternoon was spent in social chat and a trip around the park in tow of a local frater. (The tenderfoot was mindful of that injunction to "See Chicago First," and determined to do it as far as he could, but was told that the morrow would prove the best opportunity for that.) In the evening, the fine little hall of the park's "refectory" was the scene of a gathering in honor of the visitors, and all Chicago fratdom was

in evidence. Dancing was indulged in, but many preferred the cool verandas and cultivation of old and new acquaintances, with Chicago's celebrated lake breeze right on the job.

Sunday morning many attended church services; others made trips around the city. At 2 o'clock the pilgrims gathered at the public library entrance and were from there taken in automobiles on a 30-mile ride over the boulevards, through Washington and Jackson Parks, back to town and out to Lincoln Park, over the beautiful Lake Shore Drive, and including a few minutes' stop at the park zoo, as the guests of Chicago Division. It was a delightful ride; sure. And we certainly were glad we had seen Chicago first!

In the evening, the Northwestern station was the scene of another big gathering of the local deaf, to see us off. At 9:35 all were aboard the two special cars reserved for the party—and we were off for Omaha—1915.

Our train pulled into the Omaha station the next morning on time and everybody feeling fit and fine. The Local Committee, resplendent in palm beaches and white hats, was there, with the glad hand (and helping hand) and after general greetings, introductions, etc., we were soon at The Rome and engaged in the trying work of doing half a dozen different things at once—registering at hotel desk and at the convention bureau, looking after baggage, greeting old friends and making new ones, answering enquiries as to why Bill or Jack did not come along, too, and so on, but all with the thankful feeling that our long trip had ended and we were there and ready for business, when it was ready for us.

"Lunch is ready for you; hurry up," was the call. "Where?" we wigwagged back, and "We are ready for it, too." "Out at the park; come along," was the reply. Out at the park, we found a big crowd, many other delegates who had come in earlier than we had—and, oh, such a bounteous lunch, flanked by the Ladies' Committee, with its hearty welcome and "Ask-for-mores" that were in evidence as long as there was any more.

The afternoon was spent in the usual picnic manner, and was a pleasant relaxation indeed after the 500-mile night journey. The park is one of several natural beauty spots that Omaha has—Elmwood Park—and which it points to with pride. Towards supper time, the trip back to town was made and after supper everybody put on evening togs and, without leaving the building, a convenience that proved very popular and at times most agreeable, went to The Rome's ball room for the reception and ball.

A beautiful ball room, spacious and well appointed, is that of The Rome. The long line of those receiving extended down one side of the room. In the line were the Local Committee and the Ladies', and the Grand Officers and ladies. After all had been introduced, dancing was in order and continued until midnight, with light refreshments aiding in the intermissions.

The following morning saw the Convention's opening. I will not touch on this, or any of the business sessions, as the proceedings will take care of that part of the week's doings. I have agreed to help out The Frat's editor only as concerns the visitor's side.

Lunch as the guests of the Omaha Commercial Club was the pleasant experience of a small party at noon Tuesday, and a trip up to the observatory on the roof "capped" it. The club is located on the top floor of the fine Woodmen of the World building, and the view is a great one.

Wednesday noon saw the camera immortalizing the gathering.

That night the banquet took place. I append the menu and toast list, but am sorry to have to confess that it is not possible for me to do justice to the "feast of reason and flow of soul" in the way of reporting what was said, so I will not try. (I did all that there.) Suffice it to say that the 210 banqueters were a unit in agreeing that they had experienced a treat both ways.

After grace had been asked by Brother J. M. Koehler, attention was given to discussing the following:

Menu.

Cream of Tomato	Queen Olives	Gherkins
Radishes	Fried Filet of Sole, Sauce Tartare	
	Julienne Potatoes	
	Larded Beef Tenderloin	
	Mushroom Sauce	
Corn Saute, Mexican	New Potatoes	Rissole
	Hearts of Lettuce	
	Thousand Island Dressing	
	Neapolitan Ice Cream	
	Assorted Cake	
	Cafe Noir	

Toasts.

Toastmaster, Dr. J. Schuyler Long.
 "Omaha," E. V. Parish, Omaha Commercial Club.
 "Loyalty," Harry C. Anderson, Indianapolis, Indiana.
 "Knockers," James W. Howson, San Francisco, California.
 "The Square Deal," D. McG. Cameron, Boston, Mass.
 "Nuts," James M. Stewart, Flint, Michigan.
 "X Y Z," A. L. Roberts, Olathe, Kansas.
 "What Did You Do," William Pfunder, Washington, D. C.
 Impromptu, F. P. Gibson, Chicago, Ill.

Thursday evening, the visitors—that is, the visiting Frats, whether officers, delegates or visiting members—were given the freedom of "The Den" of the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, as the guests of King Samson and his court, and treated to a performance of "The Isle of Pep"—and to various other performances wherein the novices in attendance took leading parts. This was a treat, indeed, and one that is not given to everybody, and so was all the more appreciated. (Ask your representative who was at Omaha to tell you the rest of the story.) After the performances, speaking was indulged in,

interpreted by Mr. Booth and Mr. Stevenson (the latter kindly interpreted "The Isle of Pep," too), after which a "Dutch lunch" was served. Among the "Knights" who were introduced to us were His Excellency, Governor Moorehouse, and many prominent Omaha business men.

While the men folks were at the Den, it is said that the ladies left behind at the hotel lost no time in vain regrets over the absence of their alleged lords and masters, but got busy and organized a society of their own, the emblem of which is a tiny white elephant. Further than that my informant would not go, so I am unable to tell anything about the affair. One hardened sinner hinted the organization is in the nature of a penance-society because of the white-elephant status the members have as concerns their lords and masters (without the "alleged") but I don't believe it.

Early Friday morning, all had the opportunity to see the "Liberty Bell," and many took advantage of it. It was in Omaha for a few hours, en route to the San Francisco fair. At 10:30, cars were taken for Council Bluffs, across the Big Muddy Missouri to the Iowa side, and a nice ride through the country and the town brought us to the beautiful grounds of the Iowa School for the Deaf, at the entrance of which Superintendent Rothert was waiting to greet and bid us welcome. We were luncheon guests of the school, and a fine luncheon it was. Afterwards, the party was split up into smaller parties, each with a guide (some one connected with the school staff) and every part of the buildings was gone over and explained.

At 2 o'clock the return to Omaha was begun, and when that city had been reached and a short rest at the hotel had, a car ride about the city was taken and then the Nebraska School for the Deaf visited. Superintendent Booth greeted the party and showed the buildings and grounds, and told all to make themselves at home. The Ladies' Committee served a light supper, after which a lawn party was the order of the day until darkness set in. Then moving pictures (some of the N. A. D. films) were shown in the school chapel, for those who could stay. The officers and delegates had to return to the hotel for the night session called, and were lost to the world until early the next morning.

This wound up the regular program of events, but the following day and Sunday saw many parties formed for trips about the city and vicinity, as had also been the case all through the week.

Good-byes began to be said Saturday evening and by Sunday many had left for home. Those who stayed over until Monday were enabled to greet another bunch of pilgrims from the East, en route to the N. A. D. meeting at San Francisco, who stopped off in Omaha for a few hours. Among them were Brothers Hodgson, Keiser, Frisbee, Soper and Heyman.

It was not until the Convention adjourned that the discovery was made of the reason why the convention hall was the warmest place in the hotel. 'Twas

directly over the boiler and engine room. Just the same it was as fine a hall as there was in town.

The Rome and its staff are all right. That goes. Mr. Miller was as good as his word and played the host to everybody's taste. His automobile was placed at the disposal of a party of the ladies on Tuesday and they told me they had a lovely trip around the city.

All the Past Presidents of the Society were present, with the exception of Brother Kleinhans. Brother Hellers was a much observed attraction, with his honors of Certificate No. 1 and the Society's first President.

Religious services were held Sunday, the 11th, by the Reverend Brothers Moylan, Michaels, Koehler, Tracy, Flick and Dantzer.

Brother Bailey of Albany was kept busy showing how a hat could talk. His bore the autographs of nearly every officer and delegate—and in addition those of Governor Moorehouse and Frank Gotch. The latter was at The Rome July 5th and made the acquaintance of most of the Frats.

Brother Pach and his camera were missed, but Mr. Eitner's two groups were excellent ones. That of the officers and delegates was presented headquarters with his compliments. The cut that goes in The Frat was made from it.

Brother Murdock took some groups of the old and new Boards of Directors, but unfortunately had all but one spoiled. Speaking of him reminds me that he and Brother Lee, his brother Sergeant, made a pair of officers that all were proud to honor—both were willingness and tact personified.

It was a fine novice class that rode the goat Saturday night. There were 18 of them, and as many good Frats after it was all over.

Mesdames Thompson and Holloway of Council Bluffs turned to and lent their aid to the Ladies' Committee with a will. The local spirit was all there, even if it was not all Frat spirit.

The "welcome" pennants that were displayed by the stores in Omaha were a new wrinkle in convention arrangements, and the boys were not slow to reciprocate. Trade was brisk wherever the red, white and blue triangles flew.

The Omaha dailies had pretty good accounts of each day's doings, but the story one told of a 25c reward one of the Frats offered a deck sergeant when his lost wallet, containing \$170.00 in cash and two \$500.00 notes (as the article said), was restored to him, was the usual cub reporter's work. The World-Herald and the Bee gave the Convention plenty of attention and in the main the accounts were accurate and well written.

Brother Eckstrom of Omaha was nearly as proud of his prize button as Brother Tracy was of his fob. And both were won with lots of the "Isle of Pep" atmosphere in evidence.

That grape juice is a native of Nebraska was proven at the picnic. There were tubs and tubs of it on tap—and it was bulky.

(To be Continued.)

THE FAITHFUL FEW.

When the meeting's called to order,
And you look around the room,
You're sure to see some faces
That from out the shadows loom.

They are always at the meeting,
'An' stay till it is through,
The ones that I would mention
Are the always Faithful Few.

There's a lot of worthy members
Who will come, when in the mood,
When everything's convenient,
They can do a little good.

They're a factor in the Order
And are necessary, too;
But the ones who never fail us
Are the always Faithful Few.

—Fraternalist.

GOOD THING; PUSH IT ALONG.

THE deaf of Pittsburgh have formed a "Hartford Savings Club." Its object is to lay aside a little every month so that by the summer of 1917 each member will have accumulated a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of a trip to Hartford and have a good time to boot. It will be the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary celebration of the founding of the first school for the deaf in America. Mr. Henry Bardes is President; Mr. Charles Fritzges, Vice-President; Mr. H. H. B. McMaster, Secretary-Treasurer; and Messrs. G. M. Teegarden and John M. Rolshouse, Auditors.—Mt. Airy World.

If the deaf living in all of our large cities should form "Hartford Savings Clubs," what a gathering we would have here in 1917. Surely our staid old city would have a surprise party, but we think that the People of Hartford would be equal to the occasion and join us in entertaining our guests.—The New Era (Hartford).

GOLDEN RULE THE WORLD OVER.

Do as you would be done by.—Persian.
Do not that to a neighbor which you shall take ill from him.—Grecian.

What you would not wish done to yourself do not unto others.—Chinese.

One should seek for other's the happiness one desires for one's self.—Buddhist.

He sought for others the good he desired for himself. Let him pass on.—Egyptian.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Christian.

Let none of you treat his brother in a way he himself would dislike to be treated.—Mohammedan.

The true rule of life is to guard and do by the things of others as they do by their own.—Hinda.

The law imprinted on the hearts of all men is to love the members of society as themselves.—Roman.—The Insurance News.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

(Continued from page 9.)

The Secretary cast a total of 89 votes for Harry C. Anderson.

For 1st Vice-President: Brother P. E. Seely was nominated by Brother James; Brother J. S. Long, by Brother Koehler; Brother W. L. Davis, by Brother Cameron (Brothers Howson, Curry and Reider making the respective seconds). The ballot resulted: Davis 52; Long 20; Seely 6. Brother Davis was declared elected.

For 2nd Vice-President: Brother L. J. Bacheberle was nominated by Brother Moran; Brother L. A. Cohen by Brother Burgherr; Brother P. E. Seely by Brother Cameron; Brother H. L. Tracy by Brother Reider. The respective seconds were made by Brothers Koelle, Curry, and Bailey. Brother Bacheberle requested that his name be withdrawn, which was granted. The ballot resulted: Tracy 48; Cohen 25; Seely 15.

For 3rd Vice-President: Brother L. J. Bacheberle was nominated by Brother Moran; Brother L. A. Cohen by Brother Pfunder; Brother A. L. Roberts by Brother Koehler. The respective seconds were made by Brothers Flick, Luther and Bailey. The ballot resulted: Roberts 48; Bacheberle 22; Cohen 19.

For Secretary: Brother Leitner nominated Brother F. P. Gibson. Brother Koehler seconded the nomination. No other nominations being made, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the Convention for Brother Gibson and 89 votes were duly cast.

For Assistant Secretary: Brother Roberts nominated Brother E. M. Rowse. Brother Koehler seconded the nomination. No other nominations being registered (Brother Bristol declining to run when his name was offered), the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention, and 89 votes were duly cast for Brother Rowse.

For Treasurer: Brother Koehler nominated Brother Washington Barrow. Brother Pfunder seconded the nomination. No other nominations being made, the Secretary was ordered to cast the Convention's ballot for Brother Barrow, and 89 votes were duly cast.

For Chairman of Trustees: Brother Luther nominated Brother George F. Flick. Brother Moran seconded the nomination. No other nominations being made, the Secretary was instructed to cast the Convention's ballot for Brother Flick, and 89 votes were duly cast.

For Trustees: Brother Sullivan nominated Brother E. A. Hart; Brother Barrow nominated Brother H. M. Leiter; Brother Sullivan nominated Brother H. W. Buell; Brother Cohen nominated Brother Anton Tanzar; Brother Bates nominated Brother J. D. Sullivan. The respective seconds were made by Brothers Cameron, Chambers, Tracy, Flynn and Cameron. It was decided on that the two receiving the largest number of votes would be declared elected—a majority being waived in this special instance so as to save time. (Brother Tanzar retired from the position of

Teller, owing to his candidacy, and Brother Morin took his place. Votes for two candidates were to be cast in each ballot, it was understood.) The ballot resulted: Hart 76; Buell 36; Sullivan 34; Leiter 20; Tanzar 14. Brothers Hart and Buell were declared elected.

Brother Davis moved that the Convention proceed to select its next meeting place (1918); Brother Cameron seconded.

Brother Bates moved that adjournment be taken until 10 a. m.; seconded by Brother Curry. Motion put to vote and rejected.

It was then nearly 2 a. m. (Saturday, the 10th).

Brother Davis' motion was put to vote and carried.

Nominations being in order, Brother Reider presented the name of Philadelphia; Brother Cameron seconded. Brother Koehler named Kansas City; Brother Sullivan seconded. Brother Kestner named New Orleans; Brother Hartman seconded. Brother Brown named Baltimore; Brother Koelle seconded. Brother Maue named Buffalo; Brother Green seconded. Brother Flynn named Portland, Me.; Brother James seconded. Brother Luther named Hartford; Brother Moran seconded. Brother Burgherr named St. Louis; Brother Bates seconded.

Brother Pfunder stated that it had been his intention to nominate Washington, but he had decided to refrain from doing so and wished to add his second to that of Brother Cameron for Philadelphia.

The result of the ballot was: Philadelphia 44; Baltimore 12; Buffalo 8; St. Louis 7; New Orleans 4; Hartford 3; Portland 2; Kansas City 2. Total vote 82. Philadelphia having a majority was declared the 1918 Convention city.

During the balloting for the Convention city, Vice-President Davis was in the chair, and while the votes were being counted other business was taken up.

Discussion was had in regard to the arrangements to be made for The Frat, and Brother Cameron, seconded by Brother Luther, moved that all such matters be referred to the Board of Directors, with power to act. Adopted.

Brother Koehler arose and stated that Kansas City, with Buffalo seconding through Brother Maue, desired to make the choice of the Convention city unanimous. A rising vote showed that it was.

Brother Leitner moved to adjourn to 10 a. m.; Brother Sullivan seconded. Adjournment was taken at 2:30 a. m.

Morning Session, July 10.

Order was called at 10 a. m.; President Anderson in the chair.

Invocation was offered by Brother James S. Reider.

Roll call showed all present.

Brother Koelle moved that the reading of the minutes be deferred and printed entire in the proceedings; Brother Luther seconded. Passed.

Under a suspension of rules by unanimous consent, Brother Jay C. Howard, President of the National Association of the Deaf, was invited to the plat-

form and addressed the Convention on the work of that Association, and appealing for the co-operation of the "Frats" with the "Nads" by joining the Association and lending a hand in its good work.

Brother Pfunder, at the conclusion of Brother Howard's address, made an appeal to the Convention for a suspension of its rules about smoking, pointing out the long, hard session it had already had that morning and the night before, etc. Brother Myers seconded. The consent was unanimously given.

Secretary Gibson read letters of greeting from Vice-President Himmelstein of Chicago Division; Brother George T. Sanders of Philadelphia; President Powell of Brooklyn Division; and one from Mr. Anderson, the Rome's chief clerk, telling of the pleasure he had had in looking after the Convention and the hotel's guests, and trusting that all would have none but the same feelings when their stay at the Rome was recalled.

Discussion was taken up of the Division Secretary's record books that headquarters intended getting up. After considerable debate, Brother Roberts, with Brother Cameron seconding, moved that the Board members at headquarters be given full powers in that and kindred matters. Passed.

Brother Koehler, seconded by Brother Roberts, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That in recognition of the laborious and efficient services of Brother Neuner as Financial Secretary, and in view of the abolition of the office, an appropriation of \$50.00 be made as an addition to his salary for the remainder of his term of office.

It was unanimously adopted.

Chairman Tracy of the Law Committee reported that an amendment had been offered his Committee by Brother Curry, as follows: "No officer in the Grand Division shall hold office more than two consecutive terms." (For insertion in Article IV, By-Laws.) The Law Committee desired to report unfavorably upon the change. Brother Moran moved that the Committee's report be approved; seconded by Brother Luther. Passed.

Brother Howson, Brother James seconding, requested the Convention to go on record as approving the address made by Brother Howard.

Secretary Gibson pointed out that the N. A. D. already had the Convention's endorsement, with other associations engaged in the uplift of the class, in the resolution adopted the day before. The motion was withdrawn.

The Committee appointed the day before to attend to the changes in the Constitution and By-Laws made necessary by the creating of the office of Assistant Secretary and abolishing that of Financial Secretary, etc., was ready to report. For the Committee, Brother Davis read the following resolution, recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That all clauses and passages in the Constitution and By-Laws as

they now stand which conflict in wording or sense with the amendments incorporated by this Convention are hereby stricken out and the proper wording is substituted in accordance with the detailed recommendations of the Committee on Revision presented herewith.

Brother Koehler moved the resolution be adopted as offered; Brother Green seconded. Passed. Brother Stewart moved the Committee's changes be approved in detail; seconded by Brother Pfunder. Passed. (All the changes will be made in the final revision of the Constitution and By-Laws before printing.)

Brother Koehler offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother Pfunder; and adopted.

Resolved, That the report of the Treasurer to be presented at the next Convention be accompanied by a certificate from a certified public accountant.

Brother Koehler offered the following resolution, which was seconded by Brother Roberts; and adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be authorized to appropriate such sums as may be necessary in its judgment for organizing work.

Brother Flick moved that the rules of procedure and order be suspended and the President be empowered to declare out of order any motion to adjourn before the Convention's business was completed. Brother Stewart seconded. Adopted unanimously.

Secretary Gibson spoke of the yeoman service that had been rendered by the Ladies' Local Committee, how they had looked after the lady visitors and had seen to their entertainment, enjoyment, etc., as well as doing nearly as much as the Frats themselves for the Convention's comfort, naming Mesdames Blankenship, J. Long, Seely, H. Long, Rother, Barrett and O'Brien, and proposing that each be presented with one of the Society's emblem pins—of which he had on hand exactly seven and the required number—and with it the Convention's appreciation and permission to wear its emblem as good Aux-Frats. Brother Moran made the suggestion a motion, Brother Pfunder seconded, and it was passed unanimously. Brother Long was requested to notify the ladies and present them with the pins.

Past President Bristol being present as a delegate, he was requested to swear in the new officers. All were present and formed a line in front of the President's station and were duly sworn by Brother Bristol.

Secretary Gibson made a few remarks in connection with the rituals and by-laws books, stating that a special effort would be made by headquarters to complete the work on the former and to get out the latter, and asked that everybody remember that headquarters would be badly rushed for several weeks after the Convention's close, so patience would have to be a watchword.

Secretary Gibson reminded the Convention that the thanks of all who were the guests of the Rome were due Mr. Miller and Mr. Anderson and his staff, and requested permission to personally

convey such thanks to them. Brother Long made it a motion, seconded by Brother Roberts. Passed.

Brother Long made several announcements at this juncture, in connection with local matters, and stated that there was a big class of novices in attendance at the Convention and something should be done for them in the way of a "special session." By agreement, the coming evening was declared set aside for the initiation and the Sergeants were instructed to notify the candidates to appear at 8 p. m.

Brother Reider asked for the floor and on behalf of Philadelphia Division stated he wished to sincerely thank the Convention for its unanimous choice of Philadelphia as the 1918 Convention city.

President Anderson stated he wished to extend his personal thanks to each officer and delegate for their regular attendance and careful attention to business; to the Committees, local, regular and special, and above all for the harmonious and fraternal spirit that had been shown all through the week—wishing all a safe and pleasant trip home.

President Anderson then requested Brother C. Orvis Dantzer to pronounce the benediction.

Brother Harry G. Long followed with the signing of "A Lodge Valedictory," by request, as follows:

Good-bye, the spirits of the blest and the good

From these dear walls go with you and abide;

In hours of sorrow, hours of solitude,
Or when the hosts of melancholy brood
And cloud your mind, may angel-spirits glide

From the White Throne and give you great delight;

Dear friends, good-bye, good-night.

Good-bye, good-bye, and joy be with you all;
May sickness never blight, nor poverty;
May slanderous breath your spirits ne'er appall;

May no untoward accident befall,
But all things prosperous and happy be;
May morning suns rise on you fresh and bright;

Dear friends, good-bye, good-night.

Good-bye, and when the shadows of the grave

Close in around you—when the laboring breath

Draws heavily, and unto Him who gave
You yield the spirit, be He strong to save,
Who is our Guide and Saviour unto death;
Then may dear friends and heavenly hopes unite,

To say good-bye, good-night!

Brother Cohen was asked to lead in "Auld Lang Syne" and the Convention joined with him in signing that good, old song.

A motion to adjourn sine die was then made by Brother Koehler, seconded by Brother Reider, and with its salute to the old and new officers, the Convention adjourned by unanimous consent at 1 p. m.

FRANCIS P. GIBSON,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Delivered at the Omaha Convention.

In this address to the Convention, which is also my annual report to the membership body, many suggestions and ideas for the betterment of the Society as brought out from the situation and experiences confronting this Office could be enlarged upon, but I will confine myself to only such acts and recommendations as myself, in my official capacity, and the Board, as a composite unit, feel are vital to the forward policy of the Society's administration, and the welfare of the whole membership.

I am indeed glad to see you all, and here, and to be here with you myself. You are here, your officers, delegates and alternates, as representatives of the finest, the greatest and the most progressive organization of our class, to find out what is needed to keep the organization at its present fine standard, to better it if you can and to see that it remains in as good hands as it has been in—to conserve its present position in every way. You are the ones "it is up to" to pave the way for the next three years being as prosperous as have been those just ending. I am confident you will do it, too.

The past three years have been largely a constructive one under a new alignment of rates, and a policy of business reconstruction to meet such conditions had to be had. The management of a Society like ours is an extremely difficult one, and especially so when our growth has added so many details to the work, and with the growing totals in our funds, the need of its careful safeguard and investment is a matter of enlarged responsibility on the Executive officers, and as such we have had limitations. Of these limitations I will have something to say further on in this address.

The Columbus Convention built for its time, and the comparatively small standing we had then as a Fraternal. It did not foresee that the wise provision for adequate rates would bring the Society to its splendid financial status. It did not count on eventualities that would require modern business methods to properly and wisely meet such growth. Columbus did a splendid work and built well for the then present limitations, but only built the structure for a one-story, instead of what subsequent events show should have been a structure of more pretensions. In other words, the pro rata of the Sick and Accident Fund, the organization field, the help at the Home Office, the inequality of salary adjustment—all these, and more, had to be worked out under a large handicap by your officers, because of no specific provision to meet such and because of the pro rata limitations of the General, or Expense Fund. I trust this Convention will meet conditions rightly.

Now, take the Organization field as an illustration. I stand squarely for a specific provision out of the General Fund for its adequate financing. We

must look to the future and meet the issue of ways and means for an aggressive recruiting. That takes money, but such provision for recruiting would act as an offset for the losses that will inevitably follow when the present membership nears the period of "average expectancy" that is writ on the life of every Fraternal order. Such evolution is constant—as fixed and immutable as human life itself. As I said in substance in a letter addressed to the Propaganda Committee: "Our splendid financial condition now and the figures in our Reserve balance are strong and enduring and comprise a positive margin of safety for years to come, but no organization can withstand inadequate recruiting. The present system will not accomplish its purpose, because of its limitations."

The remedy is in the hands of this Convention—not by dilatory postponement to future Conventions, nor a make-shift—but decisive action now. A method can be worked out in conjunction with the Board of Directors through the Propaganda Committee; through the General Organizer, or any provision this Convention creates or authorizes. But the limitation of a lack of funds must first be removed.

This does not mean there is cause for alarm. I have a large faith in the N. F. S. D. and its present and future stability, but I believe that the question of an aggressive recruiting campaign is a live issue with this Convention.

The mortuary rates have been met and adjusted and removed any question of our solvency. Why not the other rates? In the case of the S. & A. Fund some may reply that we have the provision of a special assessment—the call for a fifty cent levy each time there is a deficit. It should not be made a regular thing. A deficit is a bad thing for an organization. And the periodical complaint by the membership every time a special call is made, which has been but twice and questioned each time, goes to show such a method is not the best. Only a slight increase per capita would remove the need of such special calls for all time.

The addition of five cents to the regular monthly per capita tax for the Sick and Accident Fund is something all should be willing to meet since it is for the benefit of the member while alive, paying for protection needed when disability cuts down the income, and, besides, it is a burden that the Society needs help in lightening the cost of right along, as its operation lightens the members' expense burden.

The Expense Fund also must have a per capita readjustment that will meet the requirements of new conditions as set out in another paragraph of this address. Its need is unquestioned and obvious if we are to go forward along the lines of greater growth—a growth that is bound to come—and in its very nature must be met rightly.

With the foregoing three vital propositions for your consideration, which have the force of the Board's recommendation back of them, I have yet another matter for your deliberation. For a good while

the Executive Committee has had under consideration the proposition to consolidate the offices of Treasurer and Financial Secretary into one, the duties of the Financial Secretary to be merged into that of the Grand Treasurer. While no specific recommendation is made, I feel it is worthy of discussion. Such a consolidation would carry with it the proposition of having the entire Board of Trustees within Headquarters call. That would bring about the centralization of the three most important working forces—that of Grand Secretary, Assistant Grand Secretary (for I take it for granted that the need of such an office is unquestioned) and Treasurer. This would reduce the Board of Trustees to 3 members and have them in direct touch with the entire financial system of the Society, instead, as now, of monthly auditing two officers' books. The facilities for handling the Society's business with greater efficiency are readily obvious.

Such arrangements might eventually carry with them the placing of the Treasurer on a straight salary, as will in time be a necessity. Part of such a salary is already provided in the elimination of one office and the nominal sum already accredited to the present Treasurer's office. With the new office made a salaried and permanent one, there is not the need to limit the selection of a man to Chicago itself, but it would be open to any member to be a candidate. This proposition is submitted to your deliberations.

I wish to impress upon each delegate here the important fraternal side that a Division System of advancing the dues of disabled or distressed members has. Many Divisions have it already, but those that have not should arrange for it. The plan has saved many a loss of benefits to those who could ill afford such. I shall later on call upon some delegate whose Division has the system to explain it before you, and believe its exposition and discussion will profit all.

There are many important questions for your attention, notably the Massachusetts referendum laws; "B" Class suspension; the question of the admission of women; and other reforms, but I will leave it for proper presentation during the session.

Now, while leaving the question of finances and other matters to the other officers for report, I will go into a brief resume of the progress the Society has made the past three years.

In investment of our funds we have been fortunately situated in having the benefit of connections with two excellent Banking concerns. It must be remembered that the Society has no "Legal Department" for the proper handling of papers, etc., in connection with direct loans by the Society, and has to rely on the facilities of investment houses. The investment and the earnings thereof speak for themselves. With 1914's reports to the Insurance Commissioner as a basis, it will be seen that the interest earnings have been on an average of 5.13 per cent, which is an excellent earning on very high grade securities. And the

average has been kept up during the greater part of this administration, with never a default of interest on any one of our bonds and mortgages—a feature indicating a careful scrutiny by the Trustees of not only the property itself, but the moral risk.

The record for the three years, beginning with the closing of the balances of the preceding administration, June 29, 1912, show interesting figures alongside of the closing of the balances of this administration.

The total balance June 29, 1912, being \$21,735.54.

Same balance, June, 1915, being \$78,119.41.

A gain of \$56,383.37.

With admitted assets ending with the June, 1915, audit of the Treasurer's books, of \$78,119.41; a membership of 2,026; 50 active Divisions; operating in 27 states; a minimum of lapses, and a Reserve of over \$75,000.00 as the feature showing in our three years' progress, we have an organization of our class that deserves all praise, recognition and support; and from this Convention co-operation by wise and careful legislation to enable the Society to go forward to greater things. In this connection, I most earnestly advise against adopting unwise, unnecessary and impossible laws—laws that will make our own top-heavy and also place us under the ban of recognized State laws. Again, there should be as little radical revision of our present excellent laws as possible; only strengthening where needed, defining meanings more clearly in some parts of present laws. Aim to amend where such amendments carry with them all proper safeguards, and remedy such of our financial drawbacks as may seem apparent to the Convention, or when laid before it by the executive officers who know the System.

In conclusion, at this Convention, I will endeavor to co-operate with the delegates here assembled, either individually or collectively, in a way that when the deliberations are closed, each one of us can go to our respective Divisions, and there render a report of the membership body that will have for its watchword: "Duty well done."

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the beginning of this, my second term as your Grand Secretary, you will remember the Columbus Convention left to headquarters some pretty knotty problems to solve. The biggest was the proper presentation to the membership body of the deficiency in the Reserve Fund, and the necessary arrangements for making good this deficiency; it was of course necessary to have the matter clearly and plainly explained to those who would have to dig down into their pockets on account of old obligations of the past—which as all appreciate are the hardest of obligations to meet.

By January 1, 1913, all blanks had been sent out, and the choices of the members as to which plan they wished to pay up under—(1) cash, either in one sum down

or in monthly installments, or (2) by a re-rating of certificates—had been made and recorded. Since then the payments have gone on regularly. Many have paid off their share of the deficit in cash (either during 1913 or since). And now at this date, June 30, 1915, there is less than a thousand dollars charged against the certificates, where at the beginning of 1913 the total deficit charge was approximately \$8,000.00. This is indeed a splendid thing to be able to point to, when we stop to think that the re-adjustment and additional payments it necessitated did not make a single quitter out of a membership of 1,300. In 1909, when the Society adopted the N. F. C. rates, it was prophesied that we would lose many members thereby. We lost about a dozen at that time—just so many there were who could not see that the change was an improvement, a great step for the better in the Society's plan of work. It is something to pride ourselves on, that a second re-adjustment—naturally provoking to many—should find all standing pat and in full accord with the Society's decision to get right and stay right. To be a "Frat" means a lot, indeed!

When we now turn from the contemplation of that 1912 deficit of \$8,000.00 to gaze on the surplus of \$14,691.53 over and above all reserve liabilities on January 1, 1915, as reported in The Frat for February, 1915, there is no need to go further into any reporting of the Society's progress financially. But I wish also to call your attention to the exhibit of the Society's funds made in Grand Treasurer Christenson's report at the Columbus convention, which showed balances as follows:

Reserve Fund	\$12,325.43
Mortuary Fund	5,245.66
Sick and Accident Fund (a deficit)	
Special Relief Fund.....	1,039.63
Expense Fund	3,124.82

Total in all funds.....\$21,735.54

It was decided that the balance in the Special Relief Fund should be closed into the Reserve Fund, reducing by so much the deficiency in that Fund, and thus at the same time reducing proportionally the individual deficiencies of the old members who had built up that fund—giving them the benefit of it instead of dividing it with others.

The deficit in the Sick and Accident Fund was met by a special assessment, as will be remembered, and another such deficit was met in like manner during 1914.

From the Expense Fund, which showed a good balance, a transfer of \$1,000.00 was made to the Reserve Fund, thus decreasing by that much more the deficiency before referred to. Naturally, this left a smaller working balance in the Expense Fund, and, as will be seen by the Grand Treasurer's report rendered at this Convention, the present balance in this Fund is approximately \$2,000.00 below its 1912 mark.

On the other hand, note what the 1915 balance in the Reserve Fund shows—

what the total of all balances shows. Our Reserve has made a gain of nearly \$61,000.00, and the total of all balances shows a gain of over \$56,000.00. In other words, our funds have more than trebled in the three years, and instead of facing a 30 per cent deficit in our Reserve, as was the case in 1912, we have in hand at this time just that much ABOVE all requirements, or a 30 per cent surplus. Comment is unnecessary. The figures speak for themselves.

Our membership growth has not been what it might have been with a little more pep and ginger injected into the work all along the line, but we have made good progress. At the Columbus Convention I reported that the Society had nearly doubled its membership in the preceding three years; that an average number of 18 new members had come in during each month of that term. From August, 1912, to July, 1915, 981 membership certificates have been issued, which gives an average of 27 and a fraction for each month of this term. This is a better showing than for the preceding period, but not what it ought to be. Instead of that "4,000 by Omaha"—our President's slogan—standing for an accomplished fact, we have fallen short of that mark by nearly half.

It is up to the Convention to remedy this. There is no question as to the importance of provision for recruiting, and Omaha—1915 should solve the problem that phase of our work presents.

Since the Columbus Convention 18 Divisions have been chartered (from Pittsburgh, No. 36, to San Francisco, No. 53) as against ten chartered during the 1909-1912 term—a very appreciable gain. The showing made by New York state in this respect deserves especial notice.

The Society's growth necessitated some expansion at the home office, and now a suite of three rooms is occupied, with a vault for the storage of records, books, etc. Filing appliances and other equipment has been added as needed. Chicago Division No. 1 continues to sub-rent part of the space for its Treasurer's office and for its Board and Committee meetings.

Figures in connection with the material benefit the Society has been to members and their beneficiaries are given in detail in the Grand Treasurer's report, and these figures speak with their own special eloquence. I have told the membership body in The Frat month by month just what the N. F. S. D. is doing and has done for them and for their beneficiaries—and what it wants to do for the deaf who are not now members. I have also told them many a time what a splendid order they have of their very own and how proud they should be of it.

During the 1909-1912 term, \$10,500.00 was paid out in death benefits and \$6,200.00 in sick and accident benefits. The 1912-1915 term just closed saw the paying out of another \$10,000.00 to the beneficiaries of deceased members, and \$8,800.00 for their own relief in disability benefits. These figures, as well as the general progress touched upon elsewhere,

certainly give the deaf man who is interested in the welfare and advancement of his class plenty of food for thought—to say nothing of cause for congratulation.

Since the Columbus Convention, 26 of our members have passed to the great beyond. Of these, two were under suspension at the time of demise, and, consequently no benefits were paid; two were killed while walking on the railroad tracks; and another committed suicide; deducting these leaves 21 as the number of claims paid in full—the same number, it may be added, that was paid during the preceding term. A report of the names of these members, with the Divisions to which they belonged, will be made by the Committee on Necrology. On this roll of those who have passed on ahead of us are the names of many whom the Society could not well spare, and their absence has been keenly felt.

I wish to touch upon the fact that the Society is now doing business in 27 states, and extending its field right along. This means that 11 states have been added to our territory since the Columbus Convention.

In June of this year, I mailed out to the home offices of 157 fraternal societies a circular letter of inquiry concerning matters that have considerable interest for us all. Replies have been received from 88, and letters from nearly all the leading fraternal of the country were among them. The questions put were:

(1) Has your organization, so far as you know off-hand, any deaf members? (By "deaf" is meant, not persons who are only partially deaf or hard-of-hearing, but out and out deaf men—in common parlance, deaf-mutes.)

(2) Are deaf men barred, either by a specific or general provision in your constitution and by-laws or by any ruling of your home office, from being admitted as beneficial members of your order?

(3) Does—or would—your order admit the deaf to social membership, while denying them membership carrying benefit privileges?

A summary of the returns is here given, and furnishes information that many of us have long wished to have. As it comes direct from the home offices, this information may be taken as conclusive, and our organizers should make a special note of the data. The original letters are of course on file at headquarters; only a summary is given here and all names omitted for obvious reasons.

(1) 79 societies say that they have no deaf members as far as they know. 7 societies say they have a few. 2 say they have no deaf members, but we know they have at least one in each.

(2) 57 societies say the deaf are absolutely barred from benefiting membership. 12 say simply that the deaf are not barred. 6 say that the deaf are not expressly barred, but it is very doubtful if they would be admitted. 3 say the deaf are not barred, but are rated as "hazardous" risks and are required to pay a higher rate. 2 say the deaf are not barred except from the class which

is entitled to draw accident benefits. 2 say application of a deaf person would receive same consideration as that of a hearing man. Risk would be weighed in same way for each individual case. 1 says that "In case of partial deafness, a waiver is required." I would not admit the deaf unless surroundings safeguarded from ordinary hazard. 1 says the deaf are not barred, but the deaf and dumb are. 1 says the totally deaf are barred and the partially deaf are rated as hazardous risks, and pay extra for their protection. 1 would accept applications from partially deaf persons for the minimum amount of insurance.

Such societies as the organizations of trainmen, engineers and firemen, and letter-carriers have no deaf members. They are barred by the very nature of the case.

(3) 26 Societies would admit the deaf to social membership. 13 bar the deaf from even social membership. 3 are not certain but think the deaf would be barred. 2 think they would admit. 7 say that the admitting of social members rests with the local lodges—and of these 7 societies 2 limit social membership to relatives or beneficiaries of members. 22 societies have no social membership at all. 7 made no reply to this query. Some of the Societies which expressed a willingness to admit the deaf as social members point out that there would be very little attraction or inducement for deaf persons to attend their gatherings.

The results of this enquiry but confirms what I have said many times both in public and in private, and what I repeat here: that it is time we (the deaf) ceased "crying for the moon" (membership denied us by other fraternal) and be content with the steady, warm and cheery glows from our own "star," and go about with renewed vigor the up-building of our Society, the solving of our own special problems of life, the bringing about of "the public must know us" state of affairs much desired with our own efforts alone.

Here, we have in the N. F. S. D. an organization without a peer as well as without precedent in the annals of our class, and one that is well up among the "hearing" leaders of its field, with no favors asked because of our handicaps. One, too, that is receiving more than a few words of praise and considerable notice from men who have done things in the fraternal field.

Yes, we have a lot to be proud of in this Society of ours! Every member should make it a point to show it, and to "show" at least one of his friends. Those "shown" will in turn show others. The result is—what we have been wanting these many years—concerted teamwork all along the line. There are thousands of possible recruits who have yet to learn of the Society's existence or work. We must reach these. When the Society meets again, in 1918, there should be a better showing made in the organizing field—and we believe there will be. Start now.

Touching on The Frat, in conclusion of

this report, I believe it is agreed that the little monthly is an appreciated visitor in each of our homes. It is to continue so—and if possible should be enlarged. The Omaha convention will be asked about this.

Truly has the period since the Columbus Convention placed Prosperity, Progress and Permanency among the things our "P" stand for—as I hoped it would.

IN MEMORIAM.

(Report of the Committee on Necrology Made to the Omaha Convention.)

(Giving name, Division and date of death)
Gustavus A. Christenson, Chicago, September 1, 1912.

Arthur R. Norlander, New Haven, September 16, 1912.

Henry A. Beaman, Chicago, October 2, 1912.

John F. Dixon, Portland (Me.), February 5, 1913.

John E. Motter, St. Louis, May 9, 1913.

Milton B. Hixson, Milwaukee, June 13, 1913.

Alfred Cole, Flint, June 16, 1913.

Charles L. Woofter, Indianapolis, October 12, 1913.

Dennis Dunn, Louisville, November 27, 1913.

Fred L. Shaffer, Indianapolis, March 29, 1914.

John Hartman, Jr., Detroit, April 8, 1914.

Charles W. Huff, Columbus, April 18, 1914.

Harvey M. Eisenhart, St. Louis, May 27, 1914.

Samuel E. Burkey, Philadelphia, July 3, 1914.

Harry G. Johnson, Philadelphia, July 3, 1914.

Oscar H. Regensburg, Chicago, August 3, 1914.

James H. Stemmer, Milwaukee, September 21, 1914.

Charles T. Sullivan, Chicago, October 7, 1914.

Otto C. Meunier, Louisville, October 22, 1914.

Sievert Field, Milwaukee, November 6, 1914.

William F. Sickles, Springfield, December 5, 1914.

Nate A. Gordon, Atlanta, January 16, 1915.

William J. Curran, Chicago, March 23, 1915.

Howard H. Mayberry, Portland (Me.), April 3, 1915.

Frank E. Ellis, Los Angeles, May 3, 1915.

Collins C. Colby, Detroit, June 1, 1915.

ILLINOIS ENDORSEMENT.

At its recent convention at Jacksonville, the Illinois Association of the Deaf passed a resolution endorsing the N. F. S. D. The Illinois Alumni Association gave its endorsement several years ago.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

From August 1, 1912, to June 30, 1915.

(As made to the Omaha Convention.)

Balance from Past Treasurer

Christenson, July 31, 1912.....\$ 21,990.76

Receipts.

Interest from all sources.....	\$ 6,604.24
From Financial Sec. Neuner.....	80,868.17
Ins. Dept. fees refunded.....	56.66
Rent of part of office.....	350.00
General Organizer's fees.....	16.00
Furniture and fixtures sold.....	2.00
Lodge supplies—button sales.....	691.80
Secretary's fees	70.50
Sundry supplies	248.39
Bond premiums—Sub. Divis's, Office expenses—sale of office supplies	147.83
Official Publication	2.00
Sick Benefits (refunded).....	.60
Special Reserve payments.....	20.00
	53.86

Total balances and receipts...\$111,122.81

Expenditures.

Sick and Accident Benefits.....	\$ 8,800.00
Death Benefits	10,000.00
Refunds to members and applicants	161.90
Legal expenses	175.00
Insurance Department fees.....	1,050.06
Rent and light	1,365.00
General Organizer	126.00
Office expenses	716.78
Furniture and fixtures.....	516.95
Lodge supplies	571.33
Postage, express, telegraph and telephone	564.18
Officers' expenses	782.17
Salaries of Officers.....	4,753.13
Services of employees.....	710.50
Bond premiums—Grand and Subordinate Divisions	198.73
Interest (accrued)	153.94
Official Publication	1,605.20
Printing and Stationery.....	480.60
Special Appropriation (Dayton Relief)	20.55
Sundry supplies	251.38

Total expenditures\$ 33,003.40

Recapitulation.

Receipts	\$111,122.81
Expenditures	33,003.40

Total balances, June 30, 1915 \$78,119.41

Exhibit of Balances, June 30, 1915.

First Trust and Savings Bank..	\$ 84.34
Illinois Trust and Savings Bank ..	84.16
Northern Trust Co. Bank.....	84.33
Central Trust Co. of Illinois (savings)	51.95
Central Trust Co. of Illinois (checking)	2,675.88
Secretary's Fund	300.00
Financial Secretary's Fund.....	100.00
Mortgage bonds	15,500.00
Mortgage Loans	58,300.00
Farmers' Trust Co.	838.75
Cash in Treasurer's hands.....	100.00

\$78,119.41

Exhibit of Balances in Funds.

Reserve Fund	\$73,106.45
Mortuary Fund	2,775.97

Sick and Accident Fund.....	1,020.46
Expense Fund	1,216.53
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	\$78,119.41

Note.

Balance on hand, June 30, 1915,	\$78,119.41
Balance received from Past	
Treas. Christenson on July	
31, 1912	21,735.54
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Gain	\$56,383.87
Respectfully submitted,	
WASHINGTON BARROW,	
June 30, 1915. Grand Treasurer.	

REPORT OF THE GRAND FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

(Made to the Convention of the Grand Division, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, at Omaha, July 5-10, 1915.)

Receipts.

August to December, 1912.....	\$ 8,900.99
January to December, 1913.....	26,427.46
January to December, 1914.....	29,622.88
January to June, 1915.....	15,916.84
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Total receipts	\$80,868.17

Disbursements.

Total to Grand Treasurer for	
the same period	\$80,868.17
Respectfully submitted,	
C. C. NEUNER,	
Grand Financial Sec'y.	
Columbus, June 30, 1915.	

CHAIRMAN OF TRUSTEES' REPORT.

(As Made to the Omaha Convention.)

I beg to report that since October, 1912, when I was appointed to the office of the Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees, left vacant by the untimely death of the late Brother Christenson, the Board has examined monthly all the books and transactions of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Financial Secretary. I shall not give figures as Treasurer Barrow and Financial Secretary Neuner are ready to give them in their reports. The Trustees at Columbus, Brothers Schwartz and Holycross, have regularly sent in their monthly report of their examination of Financial Secretary Neuner's accounts.

You are familiar with the excellent progress of our funds. You may have observed the growth of the Reserve Fund. At the Columbus Convention, the total funds of nearly \$20,000 was reported, and after these three years it has more than tripled. It is a matter of great moment and pride.

In absence of such department as is found in most lodges and insurance offices—that of the legal appraiser—the trustees are charged with the duty of passing on investments. We have been able to make investments yielding handsome incomes through very reliable sources. I wish to record the appreciation of the Board of Trustees of the services of our Grand President in this matter. Being connected with a Trust Company, he was instrumental in securing for the Society the pick of loans.

Not only this, but also the wisdom and judgment of Brother Anderson in dealing with such matters have been of incalculable benefit to us.

Treasurer Barrow's books have been audited in accordance with the wish of the last Convention. The report of the accountant, Mr. Harrison, will be a part of Brother Barrow's report.

Respectfully submitted by
GEO. F. FLICK,
Chairman of Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF PROPAGANDA COMMITTEE.

Dear Brother President:

As the Propaganda Committee was appointed by you, we take it that our report should go direct to you. We were appointed in January, 1914, and organized in the following February.

We have had six regular meetings besides numerous special meetings between Brother Dantzer and myself. Our total expenditures thus far have amounted to \$31.10, which has been paid by the Grand Treasurer. We also enclose bill for further expenses.

At the first meeting in February, 1914, the Committee outlined its work in a letter, published in The Frat, which follows in part:

"While it is the obvious purpose of the Committee to originate and disseminate ideas and suggestions for the growth and uplift of the N. F. S. D., the Committee respectfully asks the co-operation of every Division and members individually . . . Individual members who have ideas or suggestions of value in the Committee's work should send same to, or submit them to their Division's Committee. It must be borne in mind that ideas which might be good in one district are often useless in another and for that reason there must be general co-operation by all Divisions and the membership generally. The Committee will act as a sort of clearing house of ideas and suggestions . . . will issue bulletins from time to time . . . credit will be given in The Frat to the Division or individual members whose ideas meet with the approval of the Committee."

But sad to say, not one idea or suggestion was received and a good many Divisions delayed or neglected to send in the names of their Sub-Propaganda Committees. This left the Committee with nothing to do but to plan its own work. But right here the Committee was confronted with the difficulty of having to work without an allotted sum of money to help produce results. Still having the President's word that reasonable expenses would be met by the Home Office, we went ahead and published "THE FRAT'S CATECHISM." Five thousand copies were printed and about four thousand were distributed through the Sub-Propaganda Committees, or the Secretary of the Local Divisions. In the preparation of this tract the idea uppermost in the mind of the Committee was to provide a statement that would meet

the average intelligence of the deaf—simple language so arranged that the average deaf person would have no difficulty following the explanations about the purposes and benefits of the N. F. S. D. The Committee anticipated many responses from it, but we regret to say that only five Divisions took the trouble even to acknowledge the receipt of their copies. Two contained rather flattering references to the tract, and one promised to try to make each copy received, the means of bringing in one new member.

Not a very encouraging return for the outlay of labor given to the work!

Our experience has taught us that a committee constituted as ours is can not be expected to produce great results. We believe that if all the State Organizers working in conjunction with the Home Office is resolved into a Propaganda Committee far better results would be achieved. And in passing, may we suggest that the new Committee, whether composed as now, or of State Organizers in conjunction with the Home Office, have a stated annual working fund at its disposal.

Thanking you for your many courtesies, and regretting that we can not make a more encouraging report, I am

Fraternally yours,
JAMES F. BRADY,
Chairman.

Attest:
C. ORVIS DANTZER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

A DISINTERESTED VIEW.

A "KEEP OFF THE TRACK" bill has been introduced in the Illinois Legislature to prohibit trespassing on railroad property, the intention of the measure being to minimize the danger of accident and death to people using the railroad's right of way. The deaf as a class ought to be the very last people in the world to walk on or along the shining tracks, and if they cannot be persuaded to avoid the alluring steel, it is but proper to invoke law on them. The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf is the only fraternal insurance organization, deaf or hearing, as far as we know, that refuses to pay death claims of deaf track-trespassers, and we believe the proscription is just and for the good of all concerned.—The Mississippi Bulletin.

The annual statement in the February issue of The Frat shows the N. F. S. D. to be in a healthy financial condition. It lacks but a few members to make an even 2,000 enrollment. The total admitted assets are over \$67,000, most of which is invested in first mortgage loans and bonds.—The Observer.

MICHIGAN STATE ORGANIZER.

THE office of Michigan State Organizer, rendered vacant by the passing of Brother Collins Charles Colby, will not be filled until the expiration of the term. General Organizer Gibson will attend to the duties of Acting Organizer. This is in accord with headquarters' wish to in that way honor Brother Colby's memory.