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TO DIVISION TREASURERS.

To those who are retiring from the above named office headquarters wishes to extend its appreciation of the good services you rendered the past year and wish you good luck.

To the new men who start with 1918 the following instructions are given:

Hereafter, there will be supplied you but one color of report blanks, instead of the three kinds supplied heretofore. You may use up whatever supply you now have on hand, no matter what the color is—then write headquarters for a fresh supply.

The Division Trustees being three in number, a majority, or two, would constitute a "quorum", so it is to be understood that in auditing and approving your reports, if all three cannot be present, two will suffice for approving reports, never less.

You being new on your jobs, we request that you get fully posted, through instruction from your predecessors, before starting out, also that you carefully read the Society's law governing your office.

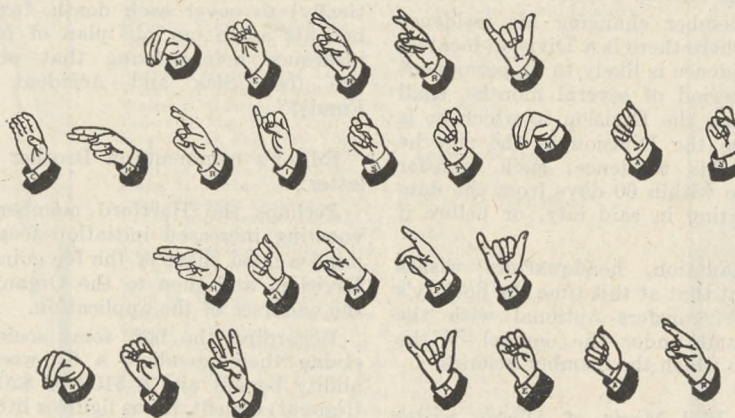
It has come to headquarters' notice that some Division Treasurers do not completely fill out the due card spaces, and that others have used rubber stamp names as "signatures." This will not do. The payment made by a member must be completely recorded and with pen and ink, the date of payment, amounts for the respective funds (lines), and your signatures (either name or initials), all must go down. The due card payment must show just as it shows on your book (record) and on the duplicate headquarters receives. Such payments require as complete a receipt as any other business transaction should have—otherwise it bespeaks carelessness on the Division Treasurer's part.

A FRIEND.

A friend is a person who is "for you" always. When charges are made against you he does not ask proof. He asks the accuser to clear out. He likes you just as you are. He does not want to alter you.

He likes your success. And your failure endears you to him the more. He is better than a lover because he is never jealous. He wants nothing from you, except that you be yourself. He is the one being with whom you can feel safe. With him you can utter your heart, its badness and its goodness.—[The Artisan.

Our Season's Greetings



PAY ON THE FIRST DAY.

It is a good plan to get into the habit of paying your lodge dues on the first day of the month rather than the last.

There is really nothing to distinguish the last day from its neighbors, and it easily slips by unnoticed. But who can forget the first day of the month, with its horde of bill collectors flitting about in such numbers as to almost impede one another's progress?

Even those fortunate persons who conduct their affairs upon a strictly cash basis cannot pass the day in ignorance of its advent. The visitation descending upon some neighbor is certain to be sufficiently heavy to attract attention.

But besides this advantage which the first possess over the last, as payday, there is the additional one of having thirty days subsequent to it, in which to check any evil consequences of forgetfulness.

With the "last day system" a lapse of memory is apt to entail a lapse of protection—[Home Builders Bulletin. Previous article are fillers can go over—

Some "drive," wasn't it? Shows what we can do when we try hard enough.

DO THE BEST YOU CAN.

It matters not if in the end,
The towers we build may fall!
Or if the stone by sculptors hewn
May crumble after all;

For not blame lies withing the deed
So much as in the plan—
The measure of success is when
We do the best we can.

Heed not if others win the race
And carry off the prize;
Not in defeat but in despair
Is where the failure lies.

And this the truth our lives have taught
Since ever time began;
They do the best, who, come what may,
Still do the best they can.

Though Fame deny her laurel wreath
We still may win the crown;
If recompense from heaven we gain
Why labor for renown?

And since our talents are diverse
To each and every man,
The Master only asks that each
Will do the best he can.

—[J. Schuyler Long.



Brother Fred W. Meinken of New York recently spent some time at Akron, Ohio, and as a result of his observations there he writes us to this effect:

He was surprised to note that about four-fifths of the members of the N. F. S. D. residing and employed in Akron are not attached to Akron Division, and most of them have not attended a Division meeting for several months. These members, while living in Akron and making their living there continue their connection with other Divisions. This he believes to be wrong, just as do many others, and he offers for discussion the following amendment to the Society's laws:

"Any member changing his residence to a city where there is a Division located, if such residence is likely to be permanent or for a period of several months, shall transfer from the Division to which he is attached to the Division in the city he claims as his residence; such transfer to be made within 60 days from the date of his locating in said city, or before if desired."

In explanation, headquarters wishes to point out that at this time the Society's laws leave transfers optional with the member, and under the control of the Division to which the member belongs.

Brother Phil Morin of Albany writes us as follows:

"I was interested in reading the suggested amendments as offered by a Hartford member in last month's Forum, but I can not say that I agree with him.

"In the first place, there is no necessity of increasing the initiation fee—the Expense Fund to which fees go (aside from that part going to the Divisions) is in good condition.

"The idea of increasing the disability benefit to \$7 per week is good. \$5 does not pay for a week's board and lodging, nor does \$7 in most places, but I am against such a thing as \$3 for the first week's disability. We must follow the rules laid down and the sound business management which is being observed by all the best societies of our class—these refuse first week payments, as I have stated before.

"While suggesting the benefit be increased from \$5 to \$7, the Hartford member makes no suggestion as to how the increase is to be met. While our Sick and Accident Benefit Fund has stood the demands made upon it (since its readjustment at Omaha), it really is in no condition to stand a strain.

"Our organization boasts of being an excellent machine, in good working order. So it is, in all the parts except one of the rear wheels, the tire of which is punctured. Now, this Hartford member, instead of suggesting a remedy, suggests that we knock off the wheel.

"Before the Louisville Convention (1909) the dues for sick and accident benefits and Grand Division expenses were really 50 cents per month. Death benefits were paid from a special assessment of \$1 on each member, called when needed. If we want a well-oiled, easy working machine, with all its parts properly made and fitted, we should restore the 50 cents monthly 'disability-expense' tax (in place of the present 35 cents), which could be split up between the two funds 30-20, 35-15, or 25-25, as might be needed.

"Such increase would hardly be enough to pay the proposed \$7 per week benefit. Remember societies paying \$7 per week benefits charge as much as 75 cents and \$1 monthly, including expenses and a \$100 or \$200 funeral benefit.

"Will our Hartford brother move for these increases?

"Why start a 'Relief Association,' and assess members a dollar a month (practically) to cover each death, for funeral benefits as in our old plan of providing insurance before fixing that punctured tire (our Sick and Accident Benefit Fund)?"

Editor's comment on Brother Morin's letter:

Perhaps the Hartford member in advocating increased initiation fees had in mind a good share of the fee going to the Division, and then to the Organizer and the endorser of the application.

Regarding the fact some societies are giving their members a \$7 weekly disability benefit and a \$100 or \$200 death (funeral) benefit, let us figure a little. The rate for \$100 death benefit with the N. F. C. table of rates used will amount to from 10 cents (at age 21) to 35 cents (at age 55) monthly—for a \$200 benefit it would be double the foregoing amounts. Deduct these payments from the 75 cents or \$1 monthly Brother Morin speaks of and see what "disability-expense" costs in those societies. The N. F. S. D. could easily grant like benefits at such charges (assessments).

Remember, too, that the N. F. S. D. at one time had a \$100 death benefit class—and discontinued it because it was not wanted.

GOODYEAR BOYS DRILLING.

The drill classes for the Mutes of the factory are making wonderful progress and Sergeant Talley is greatly pleased with the work of the class. Despite their handicap, the boys of this class are very quick to learn the commands which are given by signs and are rapidly advancing in the work.

The squad drills twice a week, on Mondays and Wednesdays and two drill classes are held each day. The classes on Mondays and Wednesdays meet at 1:30 to 2:30 and from 4:15 to 5:15.—[Wing-Foot Clan.

DIVISION OFFICERS—1918.

In the January Frat we will print the list of Division officers for 1918 and have the Division Directory up to date.



We were recently asked why we do not print the names of rejected applicants and of those members who drop out. The question in itself may seem natural to the unthinking, but a minute's study would show where such publicity is out of the question. However, as the inquiry was prompted by someone who thought to catch us napping, we will add that in the annual statement published in the February issue of The Frat each year is given the number of lapses (those members leaving the Society) for the year, along with the number of losses by death. It would seem that the party starting the query has the idea the Society loses more members than it takes in—or wanted to convey that impression. Just another knock run up.

Anent our reply last month as to social members taking The Frat, we are asked why we could not let them have it gratis. As they pay no dues or assessments to the Grand Division they should not expect that sort of something-for-nothing, hence the special subscription rate we have to make to them.

Our members should feel free to make use of this column. Of course it is only for matters of general interest which we wish to print, but we believe there must be plenty of such, so fire away.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Ledger Assets, November 30, 1917.	
First mortgage loans.....	\$110,600.00
First mortgage bonds.....	26,450.50
Liberty Bonds.....	5,100.00
Farmers Trust Co.....	1,666.00
Central Trust Co.....	5,139.90
Secretary's fund.....	300.00
Treasurer's cash balance.....	99.00
Total ledger assets.....	\$149,355.40

Balances in Funds.

Reserve Fund.....	\$114,476.12
Expense Fund.....	4,220.19
Sick and Accident Fund.....	1,873.09
Mortuary Fund.....	28,786.00

Total in all Funds.....\$149,355.40

Concerning Investments.

There are no principal payments to report this month, nor were any investments made. Funds are being allowed to accumulate until selection can be made from some of the investments now up for consideration.

It may not be out of place to state here that net interest receipts to date this year amount to \$6,232.47—a sum more than enough to pay all death claims that have been incurred this year, totaling \$4,250. The society is exceptionally fortunate in being able to pay all its death losses out of interest earnings alone, thus allowing the entire premium income to be used toward building up our reserve and surplus.

ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

Enquiries have been made of headquarters as to the proper time for the election of the Division delegates to the Philadelphia Convention. Attention is called to the following:

While there is no fixed rule concerning when the delegates are to be elected, except that our laws say they must be elected sixty days before the convening of the Convention—which as the Convention convenes July 1st will mean the delegates must be elected on or before May 1st—it is advisable the delegates have plenty of time to ascertain the wishes of those they are to represent, study up the various matters they will have to discuss and pass upon, etc. Consequently it is not only permissible that such elections may be held at any time now, but also advisable that it be done early in the year. However, some of our Divisions are bearing in mind that too early elections of delegates might bar certain members who would be disqualified for being candidates through the operation of the law which says that a candidate for delegate must have been a member of the Division for six months previous to such election, so it will be noted that such elections are to be governed by more than one kind of local condition.

A careful reading of Article IV, By-laws, will we believe set each Division right as to the proper procedure in the matter.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

For November, 1917.

Balance from October.....\$145,321.85

Receipts.

Division collections.....	\$ 4,102.38
Rent Chicago Division.....	5.00
Button sales.....	20.00
Secretary's fees.....	3.25
Fob sales.....	.50
Interest from bonds.....	137.50
Interest from loans.....	696.75

Total, balance and receipts...\$150,377.23

Expenditures.

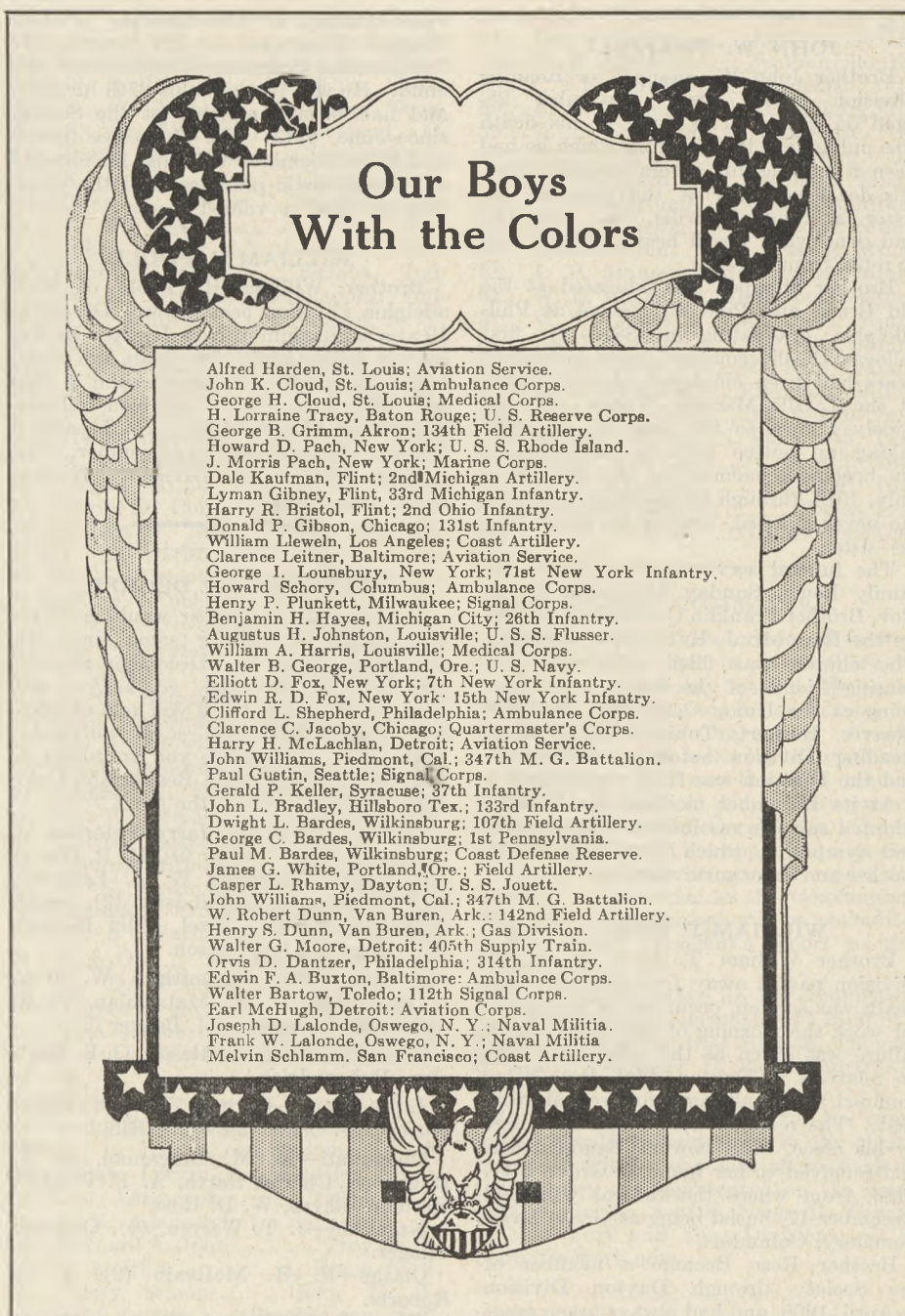
Sick benefits.....	\$ 195.00
Accident benefits.....	100.00
Salary, Dr. Furlong.....	15.00
Salary, E. M. Rowse.....	83.33
Salary, F. P. Gibson.....	116.66
Officers quarterly salaries.....	141.86
Services (clerical).....	30.00
Printing and stationery.....	67.33
Rent.....	45.00
Special expenses.....	33.09
Official publication.....	107.60
Furniture and fixtures.....	32.80
Refunds.....	2.98
Postage.....	30.23
Office expenses.....	20.95

\$ 1,021.83

Recapitulation.

Total balance and receipts.....	\$150,377.23
Total expenditures.....	1,021.8

Balance November 30.....\$149,355.40



NOVEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS.

Culmer Barnes, New York, N. Y.....	\$ 5.00
Albert Petit, Berlin, N. H.....	50.00
C. E. Batchelor, Indianapolis.....	10.00
*J. Dingham, Cleveland O.....	5.00
Jacques Alexander, New York, N. Y.....	20.00
C. H. Jenkins, Havelock, Neb.....	50.00
Phil Morin, Schenectady, N. Y.....	5.00
W. A. Rice, Monticello, Ind.....	5.00
*Loren D. Dane, Northville, N. Y.....	5.00
*William Wilds, Huntington, W. Va.....	15.00
Dewitt Stephens, Evansville, Ind.....	20.00
E. P. Ligon, Memphis, Tenn.....	25.00
*Peter Fitzsimmons, Portland, Me.....	45.00
Perry Williams, Cedar Rapids, Ia.....	5.00
*J. A. Crossman, Portland, Me.....	25.00
*D. L. O'Connor, Akron, O.....	5.00

Total for the month.....\$295.00

*Accident claims.

THE FRATERNAL SPIRIT.

Very much is being said in reference to the fraternal societies of this country. The wonderful growth in membership, the thousands of widows and orphans who have been protected and saved from a life of want and misery, and many other good and noble achievements that are open to the people of the whole world. But one of the strongest features which has helped to make fraternalism what it is today is very little known to the outside world and is not heralded forth from the housetops, and yet this one feature is the chief corner stone in the fraternal building. It is the "Fraternal spirit."—[Union Reporter.]

Don't forget to write it "1918."

JOHN W. SHAPPELL.

Brother John W. Shappell of Reading Division passed away November 28, aged 55 years. The cause of his death was pulmonary trouble from which he had been a sufferer for several months past. His death occurred at the home of his sister, at Shomakersville, Pa., where he had gone when his ill health obliged him to retire from his work.

Brother Shappell was educated at the old Broad and Pine Sts. school at Philadelphia, graduating in 1881. He first followed the cigarmakers' trade, but recent years had been employed as a machinist at the Textile Machine Works. He was widely known to the deaf of his state, taking an active part in their affairs. He became a member of the Society in July, 1915, through Philadelphia Division. He never married, making his home with his sister.

The funeral services were held at the family home, Sunday December 2, the Rev. Brother Franklin C. Smielau, assisted by the Rev. Mr. J. K. Stoudt, officiating. The church was filled with deaf and hearing friends of the family, interment being at the Union Cemetery. Brothers Weaver, Burkert, Tobias and Yoder of Reading Division acted as pallbearers, and the Division was fully represented.

At its December meeting the Division adopted suitable resolutions of condolence and sympathy, which were sent to the mother and sister surviving him.

WILLIAM T. ROSE.

Brother William T. Rose of Dayton Division passed away December 14. His death was sudden, occurring as he started for work the morning of that day. Heart failure was given as the cause. He had no relatives in Dayton, Mrs. Rose being confined to an infirmary for several years past. The remains were taken in charge by his niece, Miss Norma Baumgartner, and removed to her home at Grove City, Ohio, from where the funeral was held December 17, burial being at Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus.

Brother Rose became a member of the Society through Dayton Division in April, 1908, and had always taken great interest in his Division and its work. He was a man of unassuming nature and lovable character and will be missed not a little by his many friends and fraters. He was in his 55th year.

CLARENCE R. TAGGART.

Brother Clarence R. Taggart of Nashville Division passed away at Chattanooga, Tenn., December 15. The preceding day while at his work at the Chattanooga Plow Co. plant, a gasoline roach which he was using exploded, resulting in burns that covered nearly his entire body, and his death occurred the following morning.

The funeral was held from his late home December 19, the Rev. I. D. Steele officiating. The pallbearers were fellow employes with whom he had been working for the past seven years. Brother Byron Royd of Chattanooga represented Nash-

ville Division at the funeral. Brother Taggart is survived by his parents, five brothers and three sisters, and his wife and child. He was just past his 27th birthday and had been a member of the Society since June, 1913. His Tennessee friends and fellow members will miss his cheerful and enthusiastic presence, and the Chattanooga deaf a valued leader.

WILLIAM H. POOLE.

Brother William H. Poole of Philadelphia Division passed away December 19 at a sanitarium in New Jersey. He had been in failing health for about two years, being removed to the sanitarium a year ago. We have not yet received full particulars as to his death. He became a member of the Society in December, 1912, through Philadelphia Division. He was in his 48th year.

THE GET-ONE DEGREE.

We thought November would hold the membership record for some time yet, but along came the December get-ones and over the top they go, as you will see by this list. Take off you hats to them, then tighten belts and see if you cannot beat them. And, while you are about it, note how our Michigan Beaver and Colorado Fisher are still on the job:

Chicago Division—Harry Peterson, J. H. Tuskey, J. S. Fisher (9), H. R. Glover (2), Harry Davidson, W. J. LaMotte, E. F. Toomey, Emil Knudston (2), Joseph Miller (3), Edwin Hazel, Felix Boerste, F. O. Johnson, E. P. Olson.

Detroit—Frank D. Smith, A. W. Meek, J. D. Ulrich, R. H. McLachlan, T. R. Leach, W. J. Japes, B. J. Beaver (7).

Louisville—L. E. Scott, (2), G. E. Hartman, Robert Irick.

Little Rock—Harmon Reeder, Burrell Nutt, C. P. Coker (2), Willie Hill.

Cincinnati—R. M. Bingaman, H. A. Hagedorn, Charles Barth, A. F. Wenner, Herman Eikens, W. D. Ross.

Nashville—J. T. Warren, (4), Clarence Olinger.

Olathe—E. H. McIlvain (2), A. L. Roberts.

Flint—E. M. Bristol (2).

Milwaukee—Ladimir Kolman (2), Walter Lindman, Adolor Bohan.

Columbus—H. J. Bard, E. I. Holycross (4), C. C. Neuner.

Knoxville—W. J. Kennedy, W. H. Chambers, L. A. Palmer.

Cleveland—W. E. Stover, F. C. Krull, D. M. Poling, K. B. Ayers, C. M. Thomson.

Indianapolis—N. L. Harris, A. H. Norris, H. C. Anderson, H. V. Jackson, George Breysacher,

Greater New York—J. J. Rudolph, J. D. Shea (2), M. B. Greene.

St. Louis—W. H. Schaub, H. L. Bumb.

Holyoke—A. L. Mercier, R. A. Rock, Arno Klopfer.

Atlanta—W. A. Willingham, Percy Ligon, R. A. Johnson (2).

Philadelphia—G. H. Porter, W. K. Clayton (3), H. B. Young (3), Daniel Chestnut (2), W. L. Davis.

Kansas City—W. G. Chase.

Omaha—F. L. Chase, F. J. Hellsten, H. G. Long.

New Orleans—H. J. Soland.

Pittsburgh—Charles Fritzges (2), J. L. Friend.

Memphis—Walter Greene.

Buffalo—J. J. Coughlin.

Portland—C. R. Lawrence, W. F. Schneider.

Newark—Bennie Abrams, Edward Bradley (2).

Seattle—J. H. O'Leary, A. W. Wright.

Utica—J. C. Stahl (3), P. J. Sandusky (3), T. L. Kinsella.

Washington—A. J. Parker (3), N. P. Souder, O. D. Guire.

Cedar Rapids—C. W. Osterberg.

Huntington—D. J. Biagi.

San Francisco—Isadore Selig, Stuart Evans (3).

Reading—F. C. Smielan, H. F. Sommer.

Akron—Isadore Levy, M. J. Grimm, H. C. Ware (2), John Schaffter, J. S. Dobbins, J. M. McCartt, L. J. Laingor.

Salt Lake City—A. M. Amundson.

Springfield—Hiram Huff (2), C. J. Huegel.

Davenport—A. E. Olson (3).

Worcester—T. S. Kane.

St. Paul—F. C. Holton (3), J. A. Benolkin (4), Fred Brant, E. B. Chenvert.

Ft. Worth—T. W. Davis, P. D. Hudson (2), H. O. Silk.

Dallas—Tilden Smith, Fee Griggs.

"PLAN 1" PAID OFF.

At the 1912 Convention two "plans" were adopted for the paying off of the deficit then shown in the Society's reserve and the old members given the choice of paying their portions off by (1) paying same in one cash payment or in monthly installments for five years, or (2) having their rates redated by attained ages to cover such deficits. A majority of the members chose "Plan 1" and with the close of this year, five years from January, 1913, all their installments will be paid off.

Notices will be sent to each member in this class, advising them of the completion of their payments and of their return to their original rating. The Division Treasurers who have such members on their books also will receive notice to the same effect.

These old members who have met those extra payments with all good grace and thus shown their loyalty are the same pioneers who stood by when the Society needed their help the most. Now that they are clear, and can return to their original ratings, it must be with a lot of pride that they can look at the present fine showing the Reserve Fund makes—instead of the 30 percent deficit in 1912, there now is a surplus of around 35 percent.

However, it must be understood that the above notice of completion of the payments for "Plan 1" have no connection with the "Plan 2" ratings, and members who chose the latter continue as they are now.

NEW MEMBERS.

1. Charles Waters.....Paris, Ill.
1. Conrad Urbach.....Ft. Morgan, Colo.
1. Jay E. Williams.....Pueblo, Colo.
1. C. L. Allen.....Denver, Colo.
1. William Greenewald.....Denver, Colo.
1. D. H. Wolpert.....Henderson, Colo.
1. J. E. Rodgers.....Boulder, Colo.
1. F. A. Lessley.....Denver, Colo.
1. W. C. Swink.....Denver, Colo.
1. F. B. Pleasant.....Denver, Colo.
1. J. C. Henck.....Atlanta, Ga.
1. Clarence Looney.....Point Peter, Ga.
1. J. W. Thompson.....Atlanta, Ga.
1. W. W. Yeagan.....Atlanta, Ga.
1. A. L. Johnson.....Sioux Falls, S. D.
1. T. J. Tinsley.....Clinton, S. C.
1. J. A. Cook.....Columbia, S. C.
1. E. A. Seth.....Pine Bluffs, Wyo.
1. W. L. Smith.....New Brookland, S. C.
1. H. J. Pines.....Chicago, Ill.
1. T. J. Moore.....Chicago, Ill.
1. L. Scheinberg.....Chicago, Ill.
1. P. L. Holzner.....Chicago, Ill.
1. A. H. Burandt.....Chicago, Ill.
1. Adolph Swee.....West Concord, Minn.
1. John Bauer.....Chicago, Ill.
1. Henry Hansen.....Chicago, Ill.
1. George Petrimoulx.....Chicago, Ill.
1. Frank Riha.....Chicago, Ill.
1. F. A. Rise.....Ottawa, Ill.
2. Loyd E. Sparrow.....Ypsilanti, Mich.
2. Cecil R. Ladd.....Detroit, Mich.
2. Asa A. Stutsman.....Detroit, Mich.
2. E. F. Brinckman.....Detroit, Mich.
2. J. E. Crough.....Windsor, Can.
2. Leon J. La Porte.....Detroit, Mich.
2. W. D. Frey.....Detroit, Mich.
2. F. H. Holbrook.....Detroit, Mich.
2. R. S. Adams.....Dearborn, Mich.
2. W. W. Mosby.....Detroit, Mich.
2. Samuel Raskins.....Detroit, Mich.
2. W. V. Eamon.....Detroit, Mich.
2. F. J. Russow.....Detroit, Mich.
4. R. A. Hertzman.....Louisville, Ky.
4. W. B. Brewsaugh.....Robinson, Ky.
4. O. P. Cundiff.....Louisville, Ky.
4. P. C. Groom.....Lake City, Ark.
5. Ralph Hutching.....Rector, Ark.
5. Claud Adams.....Little Rock, Ark.
5. Dean Horn.....Little Rock, Ark.
5. L. E. Conway.....Benton, Ark.
5. J. H. Bata.....Dardanelle, Ark.
10. T. U. Moore.....Cincinnati, O.
10. W. J. Kalkbrenner.....St. Bernard, O.
10. W. E. Buchert.....Newport, Ky.
10. W. A. Farwick.....Covington, Ky.
10. Adelbert Watters.....Cincinnati, O.
10. J. F. Welte.....Newport, Ky.
10. C. H. Woodrum.....E. Akron, O.
12. W. B. Rosson.....Nashville, Tenn.
12. R. W. Conditt.....Nashville, Tenn.
12. Earl Crumpler.....Nashville, Tenn.
12. J. M. Carter.....Nashville, Tenn.
12. Richard Baker.....Nashville, Tenn.
14. B. R. Keach.....Wichita, Kan.
14. Pearl Parker.....Winchester, Kan.
14. V. V. Bower.....Manhattan, Kan.
15. R. F. Greenwood.....Manistique, Mich.
15. Fred Rydahl.....Flint, Mich.
17. H. J. Booz.....Milwaukee, Wis.
17. C. O. Martin.....Milwaukee, Wis.
17. J. F. Jezewski.....Milwaukee, Wis.
17. Guy Brown.....Waukesha, Wis.
18. F. L. Gillespie.....E. Linden Heights, O.
18. G. W. Fox.....Newark, O.
18. F. E. Masterson.....Newark, O.
18. C. W. Hoyt.....Newark, O.
18. W. L. Redman.....Newark, O.
18. F. A. Jones.....Columbus, O.
20. J. E. Decell.....Knoxville, Tenn.
20. W. R. Dalton.....Iron City, Tenn.
20. N. G. Mankin.....Knoxville, Tenn.
21. F. G. McClish.....Cleveland, O.
21. David Friedman.....Cleveland, O.
21. E. L. Palmateer.....Cleveland, O.
22. Odes N. Rinker.....Marion, Ind.
22. J. E. Wharton.....Flora, Ind.
22. John Cooper.....Anderson, Ind.
22. Earl R. Gilbert.....Sedalia, Ind.
22. H. U. Jenkins.....Indianapolis, Ind.
23. F. J. Winters.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
23. G. F. Oberbeck.....Bronx, N. Y.
23. J. E. Stafford.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
24. Roy D. Jones.....St. Louis, Mo.
24. F. J. Bumb.....St. Louis, Mo.
26. Henry Gunther.....Westfield, Mass.
26. A. E. Rau.....Turners Falls, Mass.
26. Ernest Klink.....Pittsfield, Mass.
27. Alvin D. Conrad.....Porterville, Cal.
27. Robert E. Martin.....Porterville, Cal.
27. F. E. Carlson.....Porterville, Cal.
30. A. S. Orberg.....Philadelphia, Pa.
30. M. J. Kuchar.....Milnesville, Pa.
30. J. J. McGovern.....Scranton, Pa.
30. E. P. Cawley.....Dunmore, Pa.
30. F. J. Wahl.....Philadelphia, Pa.
30. J. C. Reinmiller.....Hazleton, Pa.
30. John Mowbray.....Philadelphia, Pa.
30. L. J. Rowland.....Scranton, Pa.
30. G. J. Aschman.....Mahanoy City, Pa.
30. Morris N. Garbett.....Olyphant, Pa.
32. F. W. Trisler.....Omaha, Neb.
32. Joseph Eckstrom.....Omaha, Neb.
32. Andrew Stinar.....Omaha, Neb.
33. G. E. Latreyte.....New Orleans, La.
36. Reinhart Fritzges.....Cranesville, Pa.
36. W. S. Watt.....Corliss, Pa.
36. R. L. Orr.....Coimokenessing, Pa.
38. O. D. Williams.....Belleville, Ill.
40. Wayne Polk.....Buffalo, N. Y.
41. C. A. Lynch.....San Francisco, Cal.
41. J. O. Reickle.....Portland, Ore.
42. W. A. Rapp.....Newark, N. J.
42. J. E. Westwood.....Newark, N. J.
42. John R. Golden.....Newark, N. J.
44. A. L. Alt.....Spokane, Wash.
44. Oscar Larson.....Seattle, Wash.
45. J. J. Adamezyk.....Utica, N. Y.
45. S. E. Adamezyk.....Utica, N. Y.
45. Bernard A. John.....Troy, N. Y.
45. C. A. Hiltz.....Rome, N. Y.
45. Harry Simon.....Ilion, N. Y.
45. J. M. Lewis.....Binghamton, N. Y.
45. E. D. Davis.....New Hartford, N. Y.
45. Harry Wolfe.....Utica, N. Y.
46. Charles Shepherd.....Washington, D. C.
46. G. L. Esterly.....Washington, D. C.
46. L. I. Peterson.....Washington, D. C.
46. J. E. Calhoun.....Washington D. C.
46. Julian West.....Washington, D. C.
49. D. M. Oakfield.....Cedar Rapids, Ia.
53. C. L. Dodge.....San Francisco, Cal.
54. F. A. Roberts.....Peckville, Pa.
54. J. M. Caley.....Columbia, Pa.
55. Marcus Krohngold.....Akron, O.
55. F. A. Andrewjeski.....Akron, O.
55. Morris Rubin.....Akron, O.
55. S. M. Rosenberg.....Akron, O.
55. Walter Krohngold.....Akron, O.
55. A. M. Bannon.....Barberton, O.
55. R. R. Shannon.....Akron, O.
55. A. S. Rasmussen.....Akron, O.
55. Samuel Swafford.....Akron, O.
55. Elmer Grady.....Akron, O.
55. I. N. Phillips.....Akron, O.
56. J. D. Rowan.....Salt Lake City, U.
58. Harry Mather.....Jacksonville, Ill.
58. E. E. Mather.....Jacksonville, Ill.
58. C. E. Griffe.....Springfield, Ill.
59. L. L. Mathews.....Galesburg, Ill.
59. F. M. Stephens.....Galesburg, Ill.
59. J. A. Heavy.....Galesburg, Ill.
60. J. W. Ellard.....Marlboro, Mass.
61. H. O. Saterlund.....Minneapolis, Minn.
61. B. L. Winston.....Minneapolis, Minn.
61. Arthur Bren.....Eden Prairie, Minn.
61. J. P. Hansen.....Minneapolis, Minn.
61. W. L. Williams.....Minneapolis, Minn.
61. W. C. Jones.....St. Paul, Minn.
61. Leo J. Werner.....St. Paul, Minn.
61. F. E. Gray.....St. Paul, Minn.
61. A. H. Peterson.....Faribault, Minn.
62. J. M. Fitzgerald.....Ft. Worth, Tex.
62. Edward Phipps.....N. Ft. Worth, Tex.
62. Frank Daley.....Ft. Worth, Tex.
62. W. L. Greene.....Sanger, Tex.
63. Manor F. Sample.....Dallas Tex.
63. W. M. McLean.....Gladewater, Tex.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The question of the admission of women to the Society either in an auxiliary of their own, to special benefits, on equal terms with the men, etc., is sure to come up at the Philadelphia Convention. Recognizing this fact and believing the matter is of importance and one that will require research and study so it may have proper presentation to the Convention, Grand President Anderson has appointed a special committee to take it up and report its findings to him prior to the Convention. The committee's report will be embodied in the Grand President's report to the Convention.

The following make up the committee: J. Schuyler Long, Chairman, 611 Bluff St., Council Bluffs, Ia.; Olaf Hanson, Thomas S. Marr, Alexander L. Pach, James M. Stewart.

Communications intended for the committee should be addressed to the chairman. It will be seen that all sections of the country are represented on the committee—Omaha, Seattle, Nashville, Greater New York and Flint Divisions. It is ready for work now.

PUTTING IT OFF.

"Some day I'll have my life insured," the cheerful husband said; "when I have got the bacon cured, and built a barn and shed. You do not need to worry, Jane, for worry makes you gray; you have insurance on the brain—I'll tend to it some day. Just now I'm needing every cent that I can rustle up; some vacant lots I want to rent, I want to buy a pup; I'd like to buy a billy goat—I know of one for sale—I need a new clawhammer coat, and that will take some kale. I cannot buy insurance now, I need each pieayune; but I'll attend to it, my frau, some sunny afternoon." Death always seems to lie in wait for people of this stripe; he follows them with eager gait; and picks them ere they're ripe. The story in the Daily Flute brings teardrops to our lids: "He left his family destitute—a wife and nineteen kids."—[Walt Mason.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Division Collections for November.

Chicago.....	\$ 473.90
Detroit.....	186.55
Saginaw.....	14.41
Louisville.....	63.26
Little Rock.....	52.25
Nashua.....	32.29
Dayton.....	45.34
Bay City.....	8.19
Cincinnati.....	82.46
Evansville.....	21.48
Nashville.....	42.73
Springfield, (O).....	20.25
Olathe.....	84.56
Flint.....	80.63
Toledo.....	99.10
Milwaukee.....	116.42
Columbus.....	60.86
Knoxville.....	39.92
Cleveland.....	91.49
Indianapolis.....	171.97
Greater New York.....	182.13
St. Louis.....	188.23
New Haven.....	52.64
Holyoke.....	83.38
Los Angeles.....	68.06
Atlanta.....	69.23
Philadelphia.....	128.90
Kansas City.....	69.97
Omaha.....	72.07
New Orleans.....	79.41
Kalamazoo.....	15.17
Boston.....	67.53
Pittsburgh.....	104.58
Hartford.....	21.96
Memphis.....	45.45
Portland (Me).....	86.06
Buffalo.....	43.86
Portland (Ore.).....	40.43
Newark.....	61.15
Providence.....	23.53
Seattle.....	23.74
Utica.....	50.12
Washington.....	73.53
Baltimore.....	28.19
Syracuse.....	29.20
Cedar Rapids.....	79.24
Huntington.....	20.62
Albany.....	32.59
Rochester.....	25.65
San Francisco.....	83.52
Reading.....	26.78
Akron.....	72.44
Salt Lake City.....	35.65
Rockford.....	56.34
Springfield (Ill.).....	63.92
Davenport.....	41.45
Worcester.....	25.49
St. Paul.....	30.32
Ft. Worth.....	49.74
Dallas.....	52.15

Total Collections.....\$4,192.38

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To Those Wishing to Apply for Work at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company:

Warning is herein issued to applicants for work at Goodyear that the following precautions be taken before coming to Akron.

First send for an application blank. Fill this out and return. When you are notified to come, bring recommendations from your last employer and the principal or superin-

tendent of your school. At this time of the year the various departments in which the deaf can work are overcrowded. In the past it has been the habit of deaf applicants to disregard application blanks and come to Akron without notice. Most of them were fortunate in securing positions. Of late several have been unable to secure work and incurred some expense and loss of time owing to the above conditions.

If you have a deaf friend who is planning to come to Akron please tell him about this notice and save possible disappointment.

A. D. MARTIN,
Labor Department.

Authorized by
F. H. FULLER,
Asst. Mgr. Labor Dept.,
The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.



THE HOTEL ADELPHIA, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Headquarters of the 1918 Convention at Philadelphia. A first class hotel in all respects in the center of the city at Chestnut and Thirteenth Streets, opposite Wannamaker's big store. Within easy distance from the Pennsylvania and Reading stations. Has 400 rooms, each one with bath. The meetings of the Convention will be held in its large Gold Room, so everything will practically be under one roof. It has a roof garden which the visitors and delegates can thoroughly enjoy in the good old summertime. It is within four blocks of the lodge hall of Philadelphia Division; two blocks from the City Hall. Service and cuisine unsurpassed. David B. Provan, the Managing Director, has been host to the deaf of Philadelphia for the past twelve years and he will give his guests the very best attention. The Hotels and Transportation Committee has not yet completed its list of smaller places, but it is the wish of the committee that all delegates, as well as visitors, make the Adelphia their home during their stay in Philadelphia. This may be taken as an official bulletin of the Local Committee. Another will follow soon.

HIGH COST OF SUSPENSIONS.

Suspensions come high, very high. The cost is assessed against the beneficiaries, who often, too often, are the mother, wife, and orphaned children. You and your members can render no better service to God and humanity than to look after, carefully and closely, the member who is in danger of suspension. —[Royal Arcanum Bulletin.]

A confirmed old bachelor defined a flirt in a scorching epigram that is easy to remember.

"A flirt," he says, "is a fragrant rose from which all of her summer admirers have taken a petal. The thorns remain for the future husband."

Philadelphia—July 1-6, 1918.



COMING DIVISION EVENTS.

January.

1. Open House Chicago
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5. New Members' Night Akron
5. Mask Ball Newark
6. Reading Akron
12. Banquet Davenport
19. Reception and dance Chicago
19. New Members' Night Cincinnati
19. Social Springfield, O.
19. Social Atlanta
19. Smoker Utica
25. Mask ball Philadelphia
25. Mask ball St. Louis
26. Social Detroit

February.

2. Annual ball Greater New York
7. Annual ball Louisville
15. Mask ball Albany
15. Annual ball Indianapolis
22. Banquet Pittsburgh

Chicago.

Recent callers at the home office were Ernest L. Lewis of Pueblo, Colo.; Virgil B. Bower of Manhattan, Kansas; Rev. H. C. Merrill of Washington, D. C., on his way home from a visit in Minnesota; Alfred Arnot of Billings, Mont. Last, but not least, J. Frederick Meagher late of Vancouver, Wash.

A last reminder: the date—Saturday, January 19; the place—Cedric Hall, Linden place and Kedzie Boulevard; the event—Chicago Division No. 1's annual ball. To reach the hall: take Logan Square "L" to end of line; or, take Milwaukee ave. surface cars to North Kedzie Boulevard, and walk one block south. The first intention of giving a mask ball has been abandoned, and the dance will be a regulation affair, without masks and fancy dress. Hon. Glenn Smith is chairman of the committee on arrangements, and proposes to do the thing up in high, wide and handsome style.

No. 1 will keep "open house" on January 1 at All Angels parish hall, 6122 Indiana avenue. In the evening, the installation of new officers for 1918 will take place.

Jimmie Meagher blew into town last week, unannounced, and called at headquarters—where his unexpected appearance left the astounded staff gasping for breath. For the time being our breezy friend is holding down a case at Rand, McNally & Co.'s, until he can look the ground over and pick a location to his liking.

Herbert A. Hathaway of Elgin made his annual pilgrimage last week to call at the home office and pay his year's dues in advance as has been his custom for a good many years—and a mighty good

habit is, too. There are many of us who would do well to take a leaf out of his book.

David A. Turrill, after a stay of nearly two years in the Windy City, has gone back to Detroit and will probably spend the winter there.

Harry P. Bailey, one of No. 1's old-timers, who has for some years been employed as a pressman in the plant at Mt. Morris, Ill., where this very selfsame Frat is printed, has moved back to his old home in Buchanan, Mich. The main reason for his move was the fact that his mother's health has been failing. He is now employed in a foundry, that is running day and night on government work.

Springfield.

No. 58 held a pleasant and real "clubby" smoker in connection with its regular business meeting this month.

Earl Shaffer is back in town, quite recovered from his recent illness with scarlet fever, and has gone to work at the Sattley plow factory.

George H. Roberts and his son-in-law, Guy Cantrall, motored out to Montana last August and looked over homesteads. Then they went on to Casper, Wyoming, and George's son-in-law picked out a claim—640 acres of level land, about twenty miles north of Casper.

We wish all the other Divisions a Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Milwaukee.

Walter O. Dowe has secured a good job as a chandelier worker at Grassler and Gezelschap factory here in Milwaukee. He is glad to be back after an absence of about six years, during which he has been working in Watertown at a similar job. He can now come regularly to meetings, social affairs and so on.

John Lewis has at last obtained a good job at the fashionable tailoring establishment of Polacheck & Co. on West Water street. He has been a long time recuperating from an attack of appendicitis, and is well pleased to be back at work again.

William Tischeafer left Milwaukee for Albert Lea, Minn., on December 6 to do some marble work for a contractor on the Norwegian Lutheran church. He is not expected back until Christmas.

Fred Rapp motored with his family to Milwaukee from Kenosha on December 2. They were surprised to find snow on the ground here as there was none in Kenosha when he left. The ride between the two cities took a little over an hour.

Ladimir Kolman's father died on November 9 at the age of seventy-five. He leaves a nice bungalow into which Ladimir and his wife will move next summer after the present lease to another party expires.

William Schollmeier, Harris F. Boryseka,

and others are overjoyed at their change to day work from now on. For the past six months they have been working nights at the plant of the Federal Rubber Co. in Cudahy, Wis. They are receiving a bonus of ten percent over regular wages and are well satisfied with their jobs.

Paul Krueger went to Beloit in his auto on December 1 to see his brother-in-law on business, returning December 3 in time to be at his work.

We are glad to note that George Parish of Akron has at last joined our order. We hear he has a good job and is doing well. No doubt he has made many friends in Akron already through his magnetic power with the sign language.

Henry B. Plunkett has returned to work this week after about six weeks' idleness due to a strike of the cigarmakers employed by the Louis Kindling Co. He intends to go to Waco, Texas early in January to see his son Harry, who enlisted in the signal corps last March on his sixteenth birthday.

Although December 8 was a very cold day, eight degrees below zero, the calico party held by the aux-frats under the management of Mrs. Katie Knoblock, Mrs. Edwin Nelson, Mrs. Minnie Nordwig, Mrs. Bridget Kolman, Mrs. Elizabeth Kurry, and Mrs. Marie Pleskatchek was a real success, despite the cold weather which, no doubt, kept many of the would-be attenders at home—and kept those who came staying on to a late hour, preferring to dance than go out into the cold lake breeze. Edwin Nelson, who knows how to cook as well as his wife, proved his skill and every one left the dining room looking well-fed. William J. Geilfuss won a cravat tie and Miss Elizabeth Jelinek an embroidered silk apron, as prizes for the best waltzing, Mrs. Lizzie Harter being one of the three judges. After the dance broke up, Paul Krueger proved himself generous and useful, helping about fifteen people get home in his automobile—especially those who could not take an owl car.

Detroit.

Abner Clark and his bride were pleasantly surprised by the Illinois contingent at the Beavers' home on Thanksgiving Day. There were games a-plenty and swell refreshments were served. The newly-married couple were presented with a beautiful cut glass water set.

Evan R. Scott of Groton, Mass., a member of Worcester Division, recently took unto himself a wife in the person of a charming young lady, a product of the Northampton school. Their honeymoon trip brought them westward by way of Montreal, where the groom met a number of his old friends, and Belleville, where he attended school in his teens, and they finally reached Detroit. Bro. Scott has secured a very good position at the Ford tractor plant, and they will shortly start housekeeping. This new-comer frat from the east was a visitor at No. 2's December meeting.

Asa Stutsman of Old Mission, Mich., taking advantage of the idle season on his farm, has come to Detroit and obtained

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DECEMBER, 1917

SPECIAL NOTICE.

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

\$149,355.40.

Philadelphia—July 1-6, 1918.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year
to us.

Vale, 1917! You were some year for
us. May your example spur us to even
greater things.

Salve, 1918! You bring with you our
Convention; come in with the best of
prospects and your predecessor's legacy
is a fine one indeed. We appreciate
it is up to us to help you to keep up the
standard set you.

Seeing that your Society is good enough
for you it must be good enough for your
friends. Unless they are doubtful as to
your judgment why should they hesitate
about joining? It's up to you to prove
your case—just as we proved ours to you.

We meet the new year with an excellent
record in the old. For one thing, the new
members admitted this month is the record
for any one month. For the year itself
we admitted 700 new members and over
\$35,000 was added to our Reserve Fund,
which is another record.

About this time, ten years ago the N. F.
S. D. reorganized and was chartered under
its present name and method of doing
business. The exact date was December
2, 1907—a day that made history for the
deaf of this country. It then had 502
charter members and in round figures
some \$3,000 in its treasury. Today it has
\$150,000 more, over 3,000 members and
60 branch lodges in active operation. Those
who had a hand in this feat have some-
thing to pride themselves upon. Those
who are to come after us will never ex-
perience the difficulties we pioneers had,
but theirs will be the opportunity of still
greater things.

Detroit Division, besides bringing in a
big batch of recruits this month invested
in another \$100 Liberty Bond.

The women are to have their case gone
over thoroughly at last. Note the ap-
pointment of a committee to do that.

There's another Division looming up in
the West. Its name will be Denver.
Westward the frats' star is taking its way
again.

The "beaver" is busy in Detroit and the
"fisher" is landing them out in Denver.
Suppose *you* tray—what's in a name,
anyhow?

"Every forward step in history has been
taken over the bones of empty-headed
fools who giggled and snickered."—Bruce
Barton.

"I think this 'Frat' business is the very
best demonstration of the ability of the
deaf to manage their own affairs that has
ever appear in their annals. Let the good
work go on."—George S. Porter.

Reports of the Division elections held
this month show the continuation in
office of many, the coming in of new
and retirement of old officers. To the new
ones The Frat extends its welcome and
best wishes for their successful adminis-
tration; to the retiring officers we wish
good luck and thank them for their good
work.

As our Society expands and as time
our Convention year becomes more and
more looked forward to, and added im-
portance is given to each successive meet-
ing of the Grand Division. As we live we
learn, and as we transact our business
we discover through that best of teachers,
Experience, where imperfections lie, where
improvement is indicated and desired.
But six months lie between now and the
convening of the Philadelphia Convention
—and there is a lot to be done in that time
in the way of preparation—officers, dele-
gates and committeemen all have some-
thing cut out for them to finish up before
July 1st. Think this over, you who are
to have a part in the meeting, and when
the gavel falls be on hand with your bit,
and in correct shape as well.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS.

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Davis of
Fort Worth, Texas, on November 10, a
girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Collins of
Denver, Colo., on November 14, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac R. Lipsett of
San Francisco, Cal., on November 5,
a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rosenfield of
Milwaukee, Wis., on November 19, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Williams
of Pawtucket, R. I., on November 1, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Erhard D. Strecker of
Latham Park, Pa., on November 23, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. James E. Foster of
Philadelphia, Pa., on November 23, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Max Blachschleger, of
Cincinnati, O., on November 25, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leslie W. Ramsdell of
Everett, Mass., on November 26, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKean of Marion
Iowa, on November 29, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harris of Seattle,
Wash., in November, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Perry J. Hubbard of
Saginaw, Mich., on May 8, a boy.

Married.

On October 28, William E. Young and
Miss Clara Kennedy of Dallas, Texas.

On November 8, Frank J. Hanley and
Miss Ida Nicholson of Philadelphia, Pa.

On November 14, Samuel McAllister,
formerly of Iliou, N. Y., but now of Bridge-
port, Conn., and Miss Margaret Ridolf
of New Haven, Conn.

On November 17, Chester B. Huffman
of Washington, Courthouse, O., and Miss
Elizabeth D. Wyble of Louisville, Ky.

On November 26, Evan Robert Scott
of Groton, Mass., and Miss Helen Heald.

On November 28, James E. McGinley
and Miss Agnes Slater of Philadelphia, Pa.

On November 29, Robert E. Cottner
and Miss Marie Barth of Cincinnati, O.

On December 9, Elbie L. Winters of
Oakland, Cal., and Miss Goldie Conrad
of Santa Cruz, Cal.

On December 25, Ogden Ray of Walnut,
Iowa, and Miss Fern Mcleod of Cedar
Rapids.

Died.

On October 20, Mrs. Christina Rebuck,
mother of Samuel S. Haas of Shamokin,
Pa.

At Marion, Iowa, on November 1,
Allan B. McKean, father of Jay McKean.

At South Greenwood, S. C., on Novem-
ber 5, Louisa Josephine, wife of William
A. Ownby.

On November, 20, Mrs. Retta Hartzell,
daughter of William C. Shepherd of Phil-
adelphia, Pa.

BE A BOOSTER.

If you think your lodge the best,
Tell 'em so!

If you'd have it lead the rest,
Help it grow!

When there's anything to do,
Let the others count on you,
You'll feel good when it is through,
Don't you know?

If you're used to giving knocks,
Change your style.

Throw bouquets instead of rocks
For awhile.

Let the other fellow roast;
Shun him as you would a ghost;
Meet his banter with a boast
And a smile.

When a member from afar
Comes along,
Tell him who and what you are—
Make it strong.

Never flatter, never bluff,
Tell the truth, for that's enough.
Be a booster, that's the stuff.

Don't just belong!

—[Selected.]

DIVISION NOTES.

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a good job at the tractor works of the Ford company. He was formerly a boy's supervisor at the Illinois school up to about four years ago.

The eldest son of John Moore is now serving in a supply truck train at one of the mobilization camps. And Frank McHugh's young son Earl has joined the aviation corps.

Saginaw.

F. O. Ramage has secured a good job in an automobile factory in Bay City, and has been working there for the past two months.

W. J. Cummingford, after a search for a better job at higher wages, found work in a big foundry that makes malleable castings. He got the place through an old friend and playmate, who is now a foreman in that plant.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Perry J. Hubbard on May 8, 1917.

Evansville.

War economy will be the rule at No. 11's annual watch party. Guess we will have to feast on hard-tack and let the soldiers have all the meat.

As the old year draws to a close, Evansville Division desires to extend to all the other Divisions a Yuletide greeting with best wishes for a Happy New Year—and let's all hope the war comes to an end before another Christmas rolls around.

Indianapolis.

Walter Marsh of Muncie, Ind., has been with the Warner Gear Co. for several years and stands high with that firm as a gear-cutting expert.

The eldest son of Richard E. Taylor of Terre Haute has bought a \$100 Liberty Bond, the next little fellow is now buying one, and the baby is on for the third issue. Some bond-buyers, these kids!

The bazaar held on December 8 was not as much of a success as it might have been, on account of the awful cold weather. A small crowd, however, did brave the zero temperature, and all had a good time.

Curtis Barr of Linton, Ind., has been laid up with bad boils and has been down sick quite a long time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grubbs celebrated the 20th anniversary of their marriage on December 1. They received many useful presents of china ware. The friends and well-wishers who attend the gathering at their home to help them celebrate all had a pleasant time and enjoyed the excellent refreshments that were served at the close of the evening. Bro. Grubbs holds a good job and is now working for the government on some engines being built for submarines and other vessels.

The aux-frats gave a box social on November 24, the proceeds of which were to be used to buy Christmas presents for the sons of deaf parents who are now in the army. They made enough to buy presents for ten soldier boys. The committee in charge was headed by Mrs. Rollin O. Yoder, with Mrs. N. Lee Harris, Mrs. R. H. Phillips, Mrs. Paul Riedel.

Mrs. Hafford Hetzler, Mrs. George Grubbs, and Mrs. Samuel Ottenbacher as co-workers.

While Lawrence Ralston was out riding with his uncle one evening recently their auto was struck by an interurban car. They were not badly hurt but Lawrence had to have a cut on the inside of the upper lip sewed up.

Paul Riedel, riding to work on his bicycle one morning during a heavy fog, was run down by an auto. He was knocked unconscious for a while, and had to be carried home and have a cut on the back of his head sewed up. He was laid up for two weeks.

George Marsch on the evening of Thanksgiving Day in some manner fell off a moving street-car. The result was a black eye and a bruised face, a sprained wrist, and a broken middle finger of his left hand.

Our Grand Secretary, Francis P. Gibson of Chicago, will give a reading of "The Miracle Man" on December 31 here in Indianapolis. Come every one and enjoy the evening with us and spend New Year's Day meeting everybody else at our "Open House."

Mrs. Audie McCullough, widow of the late David G. McCullough—an old frat died on November 15.

George Williams of Brazil, Ind., sprained his ankle quite badly while working in the brick-yards. He was laid up for a week.

Otto E. Allen, who has been working here as a molder, has left Indianapolis on account of slackness of work at the foundry. He is now working for a railroad company at Bedford, Ind.

Lawrence E. Osborne of Trumann, Ark., writes that he has bought a \$100 Liberty Bond, and is proud to do his bit in that way.

Louisville.

We were in great luck to have held our December meeting on the first day of the month for the reason that on our regular meeting date Louisville experienced the worst blizzard in the history of the city for so early in the winter as December 8th (our meanest winter weather is always between January 15 and March 15, so this 6-below-zero brand was unexpected).

The night of December 8th was given to a social gathering in celebration of Gallaudet's birthday. In spite of the worst kind of weather imaginable, with the street car service out of commission except on one or two lines, eleven Frats gathered and enjoyed a Dutch Lunch with hot coffee to help warm up the enthusiasm. Games and a raffle of fine poultry and whatever helped to make the evening enjoyable went on finely. Beg your pardon, the writer was not there and reports are meager at this time, but I'll give those eleven braves all the glory and credit they want for the success of the social under such weather conditions.

Our meeting on December 1st was the best we have had in the last three years to say the least. We elected officers, elected new members to membership, transacted business with a spirit that shows No. 4 has taken long strides ahead in the last few months. The absence of prearranged

affairs was highly noticeable in that many races for offices had to be settled with a second and a third ballot. Only one office went to a member without opposition, that of secretary, Brother Irick being re-elected for another year. The following were the successful candidates: Geo. E. Hartman, president; Uncle Pat Dolan, vice-president; Robert Irick, secretary; Lloyd E. Scott, treasurer; J. Willie Ferg, director; John Werner, sergeant-at-arms; J. W. Ferg, Robt. F. Hartman and Harry Dunham, trustees in the order named for one, two and three years. The Division did a very handsome thing when they voted to allow our injured treasurer A. S. Johnston, his salary for the rest of the term, three months, and pay the acting treasurer also. The sick committee reported Bro. Johnston doing nicely at the city hospital, and his broken leg healing up in good time. It will not be long until he is with us again.

Non-resident members will please take notice: After January 1st you will forward your dues to the new treasurer, Lloyd E. Scott, whose address is 323 Stein Court, Louisville, Ky. Good business rules and system, as well as our laws, require you to make your money orders payable to "Louisville Division No. 4, N. F. S. D." We have honest men on the job here but you can never tell what may happen, so adopt the safety first rule and pay your money to the Division, not to Robert, Irick, or Lloyd E. Scott, or A. S. Johnston, or anybody. Just write it "Pay to Louisville Division No. 4, N. F. S. D." The proper officer will deposit your money in our bank and give you a receipt. Brother Lloyd E. Scott is the man to send your money order to for the Division after January 1st.

At our November meeting we had six applicants and all were accepted at headquarters. At the December meeting four more applications were voted on favorably, a fifth came too late for the meeting and will have to go over until January. Others are expected. All this the result of No. 4's participation in the "Drive for Recruits." We are still driving for them and our special fee will hold good for those who received letters from us until they sell their tobacco crops, etc. "It pays to advertise", we will have to do a little more of this kind of good advertising and help break some more records up at Chicago and a still bigger list of applications for the month.

Brother W. C. Fugate resigned as member of the board of trustees at the time of the election. Brother Robt. F. Hartman was elected to fill the unexpired term of two years.

Mrs. Robt. F. Hartman has been visiting the Schetzers down at Brumfield, Ky., for a couple of weeks. Reports are that Brother Ike has gained several pounds in weight and that he is on the road to recovery from his pulmonary trouble.

Rev. Brother J. W. Michaels was in Louisville on December 9th to preach to the deaf at the Fourth and Oak Sts. Baptist church. Sorry the weather for the day was the worst ever, and the street car service so bad that but few of us could be present.

Rev. Brother Allabough's reading of the "Gunmaker of Moscow" was greatly enjoyed by most all of our members on the night of November 24th. His Sunday services at Christ Church Cathedral were largely attended. We got a promise that when he comes to see us again after the Lenten season he will give us a Shakespeare reading and Hamlet was tentatively selected as the play. It will be a treat to see him read Hamlet.

Here's hoping that you had a Merry Christmas, and our best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Memphis.

Fred P. Armstrong had a nice trip recently down to his old home in Mississippi. He made a side-trip to Jackson (we all wonder what for) where he met S. W. Harris and E. S. Foltz. He did not put in an appearance back here in Memphis for fully two weeks.

E. B. Woolf of Clarksdale, Miss., who is a non-resident member of Chicago Division made a flying trip to Memphis on December 9 to contract with a large supply house to furnish him with what he needs for carrying on his harness-making and auto topping business, which is paying him well. He intends to come up again for a visit with his friends on Christmas and will bring his wife along.

We have lost three good members lately by transfer to other Divisions—Nat E. Harris to Flint Division, Robert Stout and Abraham Lee to Akron. However, we have gained one in Carl Stephenson who has transferred to No. 38 from Nashville Division. Needless to say, Carl is a more welcome addition to deaf circles here.

Rev. H. L. Tracy of Baton Rouge, La., was here recently for a short stay of a few hours. He left so soon after he arrived that we can hardly realize that he was here at all. A banquet had been planned in his honor, but it had to be given up on account of his train being several hours behind schedule time—war necessities first! Rev. Mr. Tracy arrived just in time to hold his church service, then hied away to New Orleans immediately after the close of the service. Come again, Brother Tracy, and let us give you that banquet.

One of the biggest snows that ever struck Memphis came down on us December 7 and 8. Traffic was awfully mixed up, yet only two of the members failed to attend the December meeting—these two could have come all right, but were doubtful of being able to get home again in case the car service was stopped, and so played "safety first."

James E. Fowler of Ripley, Tenn., has met a sad misfortune in the loss of his harness and shoe shop, which was totally destroyed last month by fire which started in an adjoining building occupied in the basement of a clothes-pressing concern. There was no insurance. But—a strange and singular circumstance—the fire occurred only an hour or two before Brother Fowler was going to take out a fire insurance policy that would have covered his loss. Notwithstanding this disheartening setback, he and his father have

started all over again, and have bought everything necessary for the fresh start—even to the fire insurance! To those who are putting off joining the N. F. S. D., we would say—Do It Now! Don't say you "will see." You can start all over again after the fire—but not after you are dead.

The election of officers for the ensuing year passed off quietly at the December meeting—as Memphis's contests always do, and nothing but the best of feeling between victor and loser prevailed. The official roster will be published in the January issue of The Frat.

Non-resident members should remit their monthly dues—if possible, for three months, six months, or even for a full year in advance (so as to save stamps and money-order fees, as well as time and trouble)—to J. Amos Todd, the new treasurer. Please note that his new address is 631 Adams ave., Memphis—not 15 N. Auburndale St., or in care of the Y. M. C. A. as heretofore. (His mother having returned home from several month's sojourn in Texas to keep house for him. The ladies had better keep a watch on Brother Todd!) In order that No. 38's machine may run smoothly, Treasurer Todd wants to call the attention of the Division's members to the rule made long ago: non-resident members are requested to pay their dues between the 1st and 8th of the month; resident members should pay theirs at or before the regular meeting—never after it, as sometimes noted in the past. If they will observe this rule it will make the treasurer's work light. And it should be remembered that No. 38's treasurer does not draw a cent of salary. Brother Todd will appreciate it if the members make a note of this, as he has his hands full at the office and at home.

Nace L. Hutchinson of Crystal Springs, Miss., is working as a carpenter on construction now going on at the national guard cantonment in Alexandria, La. To that training camp the national guard of Louisiana, Arkansas and Mississippi have for the most part been assigned. Our Nace is making on the average six healthy bucks a day.

Now the "drive" for new members is about over.—[Don't know about that. The pull for new members is never over. We're out for new members *all the time*.—Ed.] On combing the territory carefully we find that the best have joined the N. F. S. D. already, with a few laggards who need a little more "Insurance" lecturing, and the rest willing to join but lacking the old dough. Yet we have done our best to double our membership roll.

Nashville.

As a side-line to his barber business, Wood Payne of Pikeville has taken the agency for the Indian motor-cycle in a district comprising three counties. Readers within easy reach of his location may buy from him at net cost, not including transportation charges.

Balloting for new officers at our December meeting resulted in the re-election by acclamation of all the old officers—something that has never before happened. The list will be published as usual in the January issue of The Frat.

Rutledge Osborne was back in town recently, busy with arrangements connected with a small tract of land near here which he bought last year. May we suspect the Cupid is going to tie him up? How soon?

No. 12's boosters have been busy and have brought in several new members lately. Watch Nashville Division grow.

Local frats unite in the expression of deep sympathy for Brother and Mrs. Joe F. Turnbow over their lost blessing in the death of their infant child some weeks ago.

On December 15 a Gallaudet social was held at the Y. M. C. A. College Club Parlor. The affair was well attended. A program entitled "From the Invention of the Sign Language to this Day" was conducted by the Division Secretary, Jesse T. Warren. It was interesting and worth knowing to most of the crowd, and was pervaded with the conviction that no improvement upon the Combined System can ever be found. Long live the memories of the Abbe de l'Epee, Sicard, Clerc, and Gallaudet! What gratitude is ours for what they did for us!

Thomas S. Marr has accepted an appointment by President Anderson to serve on a committee to study the question of admitting women, which is to be considered at our coming Philadelphia convention. Assuredly No. 12 is proud of the honor done its president. Brother Marr would be glad to hear either by mail or in person from those who have opinions on the question of admitting women to membership in the society.

Two brothers of Jesse T. Warren have joined the army. One, Robert K. Warren, "Smoky Bob," is in Battery C of the 115th Field Artillery at Greenville, S. C. The other, Jere B. Warren, is in the regular army, and is now quartered at Laredo, Tex.

To the other Divisions—Nashville Division wishes you one and all a Happy New Year and that you may prosper always.

JESSE T. WARREN,
Division Secretary.

Huntington.

Butler Fierbaugh of Charleston spent three weeks recently visiting relatives in St. Louis. He met several of the frats there and had a fine time. He returned in season to attend our December meeting.

No. 50 wishes to give due credit to the three non-resident members in Charleston for the help they gave toward realizing a good profit for our Division from the Labor Day picnic. They are James Breedlove, Butler Fierbaugh and Keith C. Hamilton.

Our mask party was a big success, although the attendance was not quite so large as had been expected, owing to weather.

The week before Thanksgiving Andrew Drake and James A. Pring made a trip to Cleveland and Akron. They attended Cleveland Division's social and stopped over there for a couple of days, then went on for a few days' stay in the Rubber City. From there Andrew came home, while

James came by way of Cincinnati, stopping over to attend No. 10's meeting.

Harrison Walker is on the sick list and is now in the hospital.

Mrs. James Breedlove of Charleston was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burgess for a week. She made a good judge at our mask party. Brother Breedlove almost starved while his wife was away; at last he could stand it no longer, so he sneaked down here, took a firm grip on his wife's ear and led her home.

Griffin McCarthy and Thomas Jermyn, brothers of our own Samuel and William, respectively, are with the colors in the ambulance and marine corps.

Cincinnati.

On Saturday evening, January 19, Cincinnati Division will have a "Smoker." A class of new members will ride the goat. Our Grand Secretary, Francis P. Gibson, of Chicago, will be on hand as guest of the occasion and will remain over Sunday.

Springfield, O.

The extreme cold weather and a heavy fall of snow prevented the holding of a "war meeting" of the Division that had been set for Saturday, December 8, only Brothers Harry H. Folckemer, Perry R. McMurray, Chas. H. Wilson and J. E. Pershing being present. The electric lights were out of commission too and the hall was dark, so Treasurer Folckemer bought some candles and lit them for the meeting. But as no others came, the meeting was adjourned until the following Tuesday.

Oren W. Riddle of Piqua has secured a job at the Wickham Piano Plate Co., and is well satisfied with his new place. Warren R. Albert of Dayton has a chance to go to work for the same concern as a drill-press hand, and it is thought he will accept it.

J. E. Pershing attended Dayton Division's meeting on December 1, on his way to Piqua to lead the Silent Folks' Bible Class on Sunday, December 2.

A box social will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Swords, 1143 Lagonda avenue, on Saturday evening, January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Redington's hospitable home was open on Thanksgiving Day for a box social, held for the benefit of No. 13's local fund. The ladies took advantage of the gathering on this occasion to hold a business meeting for the Aid Society and the sewing club at the same time. The ladies have agreed to hold regular monthly meetings at their homes in turn. A meeting of the Aid Society has been set for Thursday afternoon, December 13, at the home of Mrs. Folckemer, and the next one is to be held at Mrs. Redington's on Thursday afternoon, January 19. The object of the society is to aid the Ohio Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf. [A worthy and commendable object, indeed. And we are glad to see frats and aux-frats active in such good works.—Ed.]

Columbus.

Columbus Division elected new officers for 1918 at its December meeting. The president and secretary for 1917 traded jobs for the coming year, and hereafter the new secretary will do a bit each month

in the way of reporting Division doings for the Frat. The list of new officers will be given in the January issue.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Sprague of Reynoldsburg recently visited their daughter, who lives in Norwood, near Cincinnati. Mr. Sprague is one of our non-resident members, but is a pretty regular attendant at meetings. The daily press makes mention of Mr. Sprague's purchase of a \$100 Liberty bond, which shows that he has his share of the "Spirit of 1917."

Columbus Division is on the boom just now—five new members being added to its roster at the last meeting, with five or six more applications being expected for the January meeting. We all expect the boom to continue throughout 1918. Get out and work, you local frats, to help make it so.

The proposed football game between the deaf boys from Akron and the Mendel Pirates, to be followed in the evening by a reception to the visiting deaf players, as announced in last month's Frat, did not come off after all. The game had to be cancelled, to the disappointment of the local deaf people, because several of the Akron players had to be vaccinated and so were unable to play.

David B. Hadden of Chillicothe, O., a non-resident member of No. 18, met with a bad accident through a fall last September, which laid him up in bed for nearly twelve weeks according to the claim paper presented at this month's meeting. If any reader happens to be in Chillicothe, hunt him up and he will be pleased to show you around the now-famous Camp Sherman, where nearly 40,000 soldiers are quartered.

The Ohio Chronicle has added a department under the head "In Fraternity" for contributions by E. I. H. Any frat now living outside of Ohio who was educated at the Columbus school, ought to subscribe for the Chronicle—only seventy-five cents for the school year.

C. C. Neuner and Charles Robbins recently lost near and dear relatives by death—a brother and mother, respectively. We all feel sympathy for them.

The local fraters were all shocked the other day by the press announcement of the death of William T. Rose at Dayton, where he had been residing for about twelve years. He used to live in Columbus for a long time before moving to Dayton. His remains were brought to Grove City for burial on December 17. The deceased was a man of honesty and honor, and we all will miss his familiar, smiling face.

The program of the celebration in honor of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet at the Ohio school on December 8 was carried out in spite of the snowstorm and zero weather that came down on us in the evening and kept many of the frats from going. The evening was a profitable and pleasant one for all who attended. Among the speakers was A. H. Schory, who spoke on the topic of "Monuments and Relics," and told of those which he visited and saw at the Hartford Convention last summer.

"Smiling Pat" Connolly is now in Sharon, Pa., working in a dye and cleaning shop where J. F. Reinhardt, formerly of Springfield, O., is foreman.

Our Division boasts of three automobile owners—Harry Romoser, Elaseo Burcham and George Weber. War taxes have no terrors for this trio.

Toledo.

The Parcel Post Social on November 17th was a decided success, considering the crowd, which was only a fair-sized one. It was managed entirely by aux-frats. Mrs. Bartow, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Tussing composed the committee, and were assisted by Mrs. Opicka, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Steinwand and Mrs. Augustus. In making their initial debut the ladies did very well.

The Silent Club, composed of the younger set of local frats, held a "Dutch lunch" at John R. Schelusta's home on the evening of November 28 as a prelude to their election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: President, Nathan P. Henick; Secretary, Charles Hess; Treasurer, Jacob Schwartz.

The Silent Club will hold a debate under the auspices of Toledo Division No. 16 on December 15th, at Kapp Hall, for the benefit of the Red Cross Fund. Nathan Henick is in charge of arrangements for the affair.

Harry G. Augustus has moved his family here from Dayton—including the renowned Augustus twins that are so hard to tell apart. They are now living in a flat on Maplewood avenue, near the corner of Georgia. We hope Brother Augustus will soon transfer to our Division.

Hobart Yauck spent Thanksgiving Day at Columbus visiting the school and—er—er, a handsome damsel who, we hear, is to accompany him to Toledo in the near future as Mrs. Yauck.

Paul Smith and Joseph Schoenfeld have flitted to Dayton, where they have secured good positions and are now located.

A party was held at the home of Nathan Henick on November 10 in honor of his twenty-third birthday. The guests were all young maids and bachelors, who spent the evening delightfully. "Nate" was the recipient of many useful and handsome presents as mementoes of the occasion, and not until the small hours did the party break up.

Sam E. Brown, of Milwaukee Division, who with Mrs. Brown has been sojourning in Toledo for the past few months, has been called back with an increase in wages to his old job at the plant of the Nash Motors Co. in Kenosha, Wis. We are sorry to see them go as we had hoped to see them remain in Toledo.

Pittsburgh.

Joseph W. Atcheson has been admitted to No. 36 as a social member.

Pittsburgh Division's annual banquet will be held on February 22, Washington's birthday.

Reading.

Announcement was made on November 24 of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Weidner and Harrison F. Yoder. No date has yet been set for the wedding.

Edwin C. Ritchie has been promoted and now has a fine position as a linotype operator at Pottstown, Pa.

The sale of chances for our drawing is going on finely, and a good sum will be

realized to turn into Reading Division's local fund.

Washington.

From a daily paper of the capital city the following clipping is taken:

"Even though all avenues to Germans becoming citizens of the United States are closed for the time being, Max Victor Hariton, a native of Frankford-on-the-Main, Germany, filed application for his first papers today, and they were received and place on file by the clerk of the District Supreme Court.

"Hariton, who is deaf and nearly dumb, is twenty-eight years old and a lithographer by trade, and lives at 929 H. street northwest. He was born in Germany April 12, 1889, of Russian parents and married a native of Russia, and came to this country in August, 1908. Hariton claims to be a Russian subject, even though born in Germany, and his application was entered accordingly."

Baltimore.

A Merry Christmas and a Bright, Prosperous New Year to all—especially to the board of officers, individually and collectively. [For the board we respond, "Many thanks"—and we wish the same to No. 47—Ed.]

Our past president, W. W. Duvall, was called to Washington a couple of weeks ago to help out at the government printing office. The position and surroundings are by no means new to Brother Duvall, for he held a similar position in the "g. p. o." for several years before locating permanently here with a Baltimore firm. Now Brothers Duvall and Nicol are alley mates. No. 47 is sure proud of them for their ability to hold these positions.

Once again Secretary Price desires to call the attention of non-resident members to the need of giving him notice of changes of address. Do not just notify the treasurer or some one of the members about your removal. If you want to get your monthly Frat—which some of you claim you don't receive—drop the secretary a card notifying him, and he will do the rest. In most cases, no one but you is to blame.

At the time of writing, Mrs. Adolph Bomhoff is still confined to the hospital recuperating from a recent operation. We are sincerely sorry for her as well as for Brother Bomhoff in his distress, and hope soon to hear of her complete recovery.

Secretary Price is one of those who suffered personal loss when the U. S. S. Chauncey was sunk. Ensign Harry G. Skinner, a first cousin and old boyhood playmate of Brother Price's, was among the lost, "somewhere at sea." Another deaf relative survives him in the person of Miss Fannie Thompson, now an oral instructor at the Indiana School for the Deaf, in Indianapolis.

Syracuse.

On the evening of Saturday, December 8, after a short business meeting of thirty minutes duration, a "Gallaudet social" was held by Syracuse Division, No. 48. In spite of the cold blizzard that was blowing outside, about fifty people attended. Mr. Robert Mayershofer gave an interesting talk.

Mrs. Annie S. Lashbrook spoke about Gallaudet and his work, and followed this tribute with an account of what she saw and heard at the Hartford centennial convention last summer. Then Secretary Woodworth made a brief address, and after that we had some games and other social diversions, to round out an affair that was enjoyed by all who attended.

We will have no social in December on account of the Christmas holidays and other activities of the season—and besides we need our money for Christmas shopping.

Albany.

On Saturday, December 1, Albany Division gave a performance of the Play "Rheims." It was carried out in a very creditable manner, all of the amateur actors acquitting themselves commendably, and going through their parts with snap and spirit. After the performance Mr. Frank McMahon, of Troy, gave a stirring rendition of The Marseillaise, and Mrs. Lashbrook, costumed as "Liberty," signed The Star-Spangled Banner. Then there were refreshments, followed by dancing which continued until midnight.

No. 51's next affair will be a masquerade ball on February 9.

Cedar Rapids.

Our Thanksgiving Day party held at the Sinclair Memorial Church and a large crowd was present. There were at least ten out-of-town visitors present from Davenport, Laporte City, Fairfax and Center Point. A nice time was enjoyed, and a good sum realized for the local fund.

Allen B. McKean, father of Jay McKean of Marion, Iowa, passed away on November 1, 1917, after five years of suffering.

Wedding cards are out announcing the coming marriage of Miss Fern McLeod of Cedar Rapids to Ogden Ray of Walnut, Iowa, on December 25. They will make their home in Walnut. Best wishes for a happy married life go to them from Cedar Rapids Division No. 49. A reception will be given in their honor on December 26 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Osterberg.

Omaha.

While Omaha has not shown up much in these columns of late, No. 32 has not been slumbering. It has been business as usual with us—only more so.

The Ladies' Aux—"The Original Seven"—acting as the Division's entertainment committee, has been giving socials and so on quite regularly. In November a card and dancing party was pulled off with glowing success. On December 8 the gracious ladies served a sumptuous supper for the frats and a number of friends. The feed preceded our regular meeting, and was held in the dining hall of Labor Temple. This Ladies' Aux has as its chief object at present the raising of our delegate's fund, which through their efforts has been brought up to well over the \$100 mark.

How many of the Divisions will have their "ladies' aux" representative at Philadelphia? Omaha expects to have one

of "The Original Seven" on hand to toot for their cause—the admission of women to membership in our society.

At the November meeting the boys pulled off a really exciting poultry raffle, the winners being: former Superintendent R. E. Stewart, a turkey; John M. Robinson of Silver City, Iowa, a goose; Chas. E. Dunker of Ft. Calhoun, Neb., a chicken. The sale of chances netted quite a rake-off for the local fund and will doubtless be repeated in the future. Chances were sold at twenty-five cents each.

The Rothert Motor Co., of which Waldo H. Rothert is secretary-treasurer, is prospering very well for a newly-organized firm. At present they have temporary quarters located in Council Bluffs on the Lincoln Highway, but plans are under consideration for the erection of a new plant in the spring. The company handles trucks and motors, with a general business in accessories and supplies, in addition to the garage end. Later on they may add a line of some good make of pleasure cars.

The appointment of Dr. J. S. Long and Dr. Olof Hanson to serve on the committee to report on the question of admitting women to our order is, to say the least, gratifying to out Division. Dr. Long will be chairman of this committee. Dr. Hanson is living here in our city, though still attached to Seattle Division, and in a way represents both No. 32 and No. 44. The idea of the committee originated here in Omaha, and President Anderson honored in the appointment not only two distinguished and worthy members but also the Division. Judging from the personnel of the committee, all sections of Fraternity are well represented. The committee has a real job before it, but we are confident it is competent to deal with it and good results will be shown in its report.

A lively tussle for the office of Director took place at No. 32's election this year—something unusual with us. There were four candidates for the place, and it took six ballots to convince the Division that it wanted Brother Bingham for the place.

Gus Belgium of Albion, Neb., had the misfortune to be kicked in the abdomen by a horse recently. Details, however, are lacking at present, except that he is resting easier.

Harry G. Long and family spent the week-end of December 8-9 at Plattsmouth, Neb., as guests of Brother Jelinek.

Robert O. Thayer resigned his place at the Nebraska school recently and is now on a farm at Milford, Neb.

St. Louis.

Ira B. Marshall was recently called back to his Tennessee home by the death of his father. After a short stay he returned to St. Louis.

At its December meeting St. Louis Division initiated a class of twenty new members—the fruits of the recent drive for recruits. The ceremonies were in charge of J. H. Burgherr, with Irvin Lynch, Ernest Miller and Joseph Palecek as assistants. A smoker was held later, with refreshments, and several informal talks

about the fraternity were given by members. Out-of-town visitors present were Brothers Wilson and Schwartz of Alton, Walter Greene of Belleville, Ill., and Earl R. Bueltemann, lately of Akron, who gave his impressions of that Mecca of the deaf. All called it a great evening.

St. Louis Division holds its annual mask ball at Hibernian Hall, Finney avenue near Grand, on Saturday, January 26. All prizes will be in cash. George Tureczek is in charge of the affair and with his assistants guarantees a fine time.

William Stafford, one of No. 24's charter members intends to shake off the dust of St. Louis permanently, and with his better half will depart before the holidays for Paris, Ill., to live with their daughter. We regret to see them go, as Brother Stafford has always been a Division booster in all possible ways, and he will be missed. A hundred miles, however, is easy to travel these days and we look to see him at our meetings from time to time.

Charles Wolff, an old-time resident of St. Louis, has returned from Brooklyn and is again to become a resident of this city. There's no place like home after all. He was present at our Division smoker, and met all his old fraters.

The season's greetings to all the Divisions from No. 24.

Waco.

One of the enjoyable affairs of the Thanksgiving season was the dinner served for the frats of Waco from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tilden Smith. The feast was a most enjoyable one, consisting of oyster cocktail, turkey with all the fixin's, fruit, cakes, pies and coffee. Nineteen persons, including three hearing guests sat down to the feast, which was given for the benefit of the local club's funds—the Waco Frat Club, lately organized with Thomas E. Childers as President, and Tilden Smith as secretary-treasurer. The lion's share of the credit for the unqualified success of the affair goes to Mrs. Smith for her untiring efforts in preparing the feast.

As yet, Waco has no Division, and so the Frat Club was formed in order to bring the members together frequently in a social way. This Thanksgiving feast was the first of a series of pleasant affairs that the club expects to enjoy, for under the leadership of President Childers and Secretary Smith there'll be "some diddins" among the frats here during the next few months.

Denver.

The "drive" went great in Colorado. It looks as if Denver would be No. 64.

The lecture on "War Surgery" given by George W. Veditz on November 24 under the auspices of the Get-One Club was well-attended and the lecture itself proved extraordinarily interesting.

Portland, Ore.

J. Frederick Meagher, friskiest of local frats, has departed for new fields and pastures green, where he expects the browsing to be better. He left for Seattle in the latter part of November. His family will stay on in Vancouver for a while

yet. May good luck and fortune attend him is the wish of his fraters here.

Arthur Stalker is still in our midst. His family has just arrived and have taken up temporary quarters out St. Johns way.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Schneider were in Salem November 24-25 on a visit for both business and pleasure.

There was a slim attendance at the Thanksgiving party at Wayne Thierman's home. The old year party scheduled for December 29 is expected to be well patronized, since the gathering-place selected is right in the heart of town.

A leading daily paper of this city had been raising during the past few months a fund for the purpose of supplying tobacco to our soldiers in France. At the literary meeting in October Mrs. W. F. Schneider collected \$4.25 from the deaf people present. The manager of the daily paper wrote a letter of thanks and notified us that we will in due course of time receive postals from the boys who received our tobacco packages.

The Church of the Strangers, where the local deaf congregate every Sunday for divine services, appealed to its silent communicants for aid in repairing the basement floor. And so one night a small crew of volunteers, with a few of the frats among them, ripped, hammered and sawed till a late hour. They got away with the job in good shape.

Seattle.

Roy O. Harris is now Papa Harris, a daughter having been born to Mrs. Harris during November while visiting her mother in Wenatchee. Brother Harris went over to see the new arrival and do a little deer-hunting on the side. He was accompanied on the hunting trip by Brother Waugh, but they failed to bag any game.

Jimmie Meagher, who for the past few years has been connected with the state school for the deaf in Vancouver—The Washingtonian being especially created to hold his overflow pep—has thrown up the sponge and quit. He laid over a day in Seattle while enroute to St. Paul and other points east. The monthly meeting of the Puget Sound Association of the Deaf was held at Brother Wright's home while Jimmie was a guest there, and he spoke for half an hour on his favorite topics of impostors and eugenics.

At No. 44's December meeting A. W. Wright was named as delegate to the 1918 convention, with instruction to boost for, cheer for, whoop 'er up for, and last, but not least, to vote for Los Angeles as the city in which to hold the next convention—1921.

Out-of-town members present at the December meeting to help elect new officers for 1918 were Ray Foster and Maurice L. Miller of Tacoma, and Hugo A. Holcomb and Rudolph Stuht of Bremerton.

John Gustin, No. 44's only social member, is up at Arlington, Wash., doing general repairing on the farm buildings of Mr. Brazelton, a deaf friend.

A surprise party was given at the home of Clarence K. McConnell recently in honor of Mrs. McConnell's birthday. She received a number of presents.

Seattle Division No. 44 will give a dance and card party on Saturday evening, December 29.

John Bodley recently received several boxes of apples from North Yakima, a gift from his sister. If John has an occasional pain in the region of his tummy, the cause can be guessed.

San Francisco.

New house rules were adopted at the Division's November meeting.

Halloween was celebrated with a party on October 27. Sigmond Horn was present for the first time he has been seen at a social in a long while. He is still thin from his long "rest" in the hospital, and walks with the aid of crutches, but is back at work again for the same company.

H. O. Schwarzlose has left the employ of the Schmidt Lithographing Co. and has accepted a position with the Kohnke Printing Co.

Isadore Selig moved to Berkeley on November 1, and is now nicely settled in a house of his own. He is having the interior altered to suit his taste. Brother Selig has been appointed a member of the N. A. D.'s committee for raising funds for the De l'Epee statue in America.

Division No. 53 will give a Thanksgiving party on the 24th of November. There will be a raffle for a large, fat turkey. For three years Henry H. Neil has won the prize. Hope he will let someone else have a chance at it this time. Last year he won it on ticket number 13—not very unlucky, you'll have to admit. [Say, what kind of a rabbit's foot has this lucky guy got? He must be tattooed all over with four-leaf clovers.—Ed.]

Leo White and Leslie Ross are now at work for the San Francisco branch of the Ford Motor Co., and are doing well. There are now six deaf men employed there; besides Brothers White and Ross, they are: Martin F. Johnson, E. E. Vinson, with Messrs. Hole and Burgess. Mr. Hole in particular has been steadily employed for thirteen years, and is highly recommended by the company.

Peter Musladin, a new member who was initiated at the November meeting, gave a short talk that was heartily applauded.

We wish the frats *would* admit the ladies and allow them to be present at the business meetings. It would keep them more peaceful than they sometimes are now. Ahem!

The Los Angeles Division has set a good example with its newsy little paper. "Go thou and do likewise" would be good advice for other Divisions. (I wonder how long it will last!)

Floyd Hatcher, who has not been present at a meeting for a good while—he got married not long ago, and that is perhaps the reason—attended the November meeting and was immediately set upon by all the other members, who as he expressed it afterwards, almost shook his talking hand off.

Considerable interest has been manifested by the members of No. 53 in this year's election of officers and the picking of a delegate to send to Philadelphia in 1918. See January issue for the list of successful candidates.

Isaac R. Lipsett was given an ovation that lasted minutes on his entering our lodge-room at the December meeting. For the reason, see birth announcements in this issue. Congratulations, papa!

George Bucking reported a net profit of \$17.50 for the social which he engineered. Brother Goodrich, on the other hand, reports a profit for his social of only 28 cents, to which he kindly added 2 cents out of his own pocket to make it amount to what he felt like.

Leo White was chosen as official "detective." His duty—to write down the names of offenders who break the "No Talking" rule. Each was fined five cents. Anything goes to help the fund these days.

FRATERNITY AS A TEACHER

The good of fraternal insurance is not all bound and wrapped up in the fact that if you die, your family gets the money on your benefit certificate. That in itself is amply sufficient to induce any reasoning and reasonable man to invest in a benefit certificate, but there is much more to fraternity as exemplified by the benefit certificate. Fraternity teaches self-help, it urges charity and good will, it extends the hand to help, not only to those who are bound to you by the ties of blood and fraternity, but away and beyond them all to humanity, and the laws of our institution teach that all men are brothers and we are under obligations to aid and assist them in every possible way when they are in need of help. There is a first and peculiar duty we owe to those who are with us in the council room, and who have taken the same obligations that we have taken, but our Order and our creed are as broad as humanity itself, and whether the one in distress is a member or not, we are bound to extend to him the hand of help if in our power to do it when his call comes. Do not forget that fraternity does not merely mean the paying of assessments and the taking of benefits; it means all the best of the modern teachings of men, ancient and modern and, above all and beyond all, it means the living up to all those rules and teachings as they are exemplified in the Golden Rule.—[Fraternal Aid.

FRATERNAL DIVIDENDS.

Old-line insurance companies boast of dividends paid in cash to members. But the cash paid back to the members is only the same cash collected from them—cash over and above the cost of their insurance. There are no dividends or profits about the transaction. Their proposition to policyholders runs something like this:

Pay us (the company), say, \$12 a year for insurance, \$15 for expenses, and \$15 for additional investments, and at some time in the future, perhaps, we'll return the last \$15 and call it a dividend. Then when the \$15, which the company have had the use of for years, and which is never needed, is returned, a great ado is made over it.

So far as the actual cash dividend is concerned, the members of fraternal keep

it in their own pockets for their own use. Other dividends, however, are paid daily. There's the dividend of sociability found in the lodge room; the dividend of good times enjoyed many evenings. There's the dividend of brotherly love, of kindness, of good cheer. The dividend of little helps, of kind acts. The dividend of assistance to a brother or sister when in need. The dividend of caring for the sick, of lifting the fallen, of curing the afflicted, of burying the dead, of extending sympathy.

Ah! fraternal dividends are too many to enumerate, too sacred to have a cash value, too valuable to have a price! Compared to the cold cash dividends returned by the old-line companies they are as substance to shadow, as sunshine to darkness, as warm, human heart beats to cold, mathematical, corporation methods.—[Patrician.

Kickers, Attention!

Millions of dollars can be destroyed by a child lighting a match, but it requires brains and industry to create and construct.—*Golden Cross Journal*.

So, now, Mr. Kicker, when you go ranting around in the lodge room about "what became of all the money," you are running headlong into the class with kids and matches—you nonsensical little firebrand!

ONLY ONE WAY TO GET TYPHOID —EAT IT.

It should be borne in mind that typhoid fever is a disease which is received through one route only—that is through the mouth. Typhoid is a disease peculiar to man. It does not occur in the lower animals. It is caused by a minute vegetable organism known as the typhoid bacillus. This bacillus leaves the bodies of the infected persons in their excretions and is taken into the bodies of well persons in polluted water and infected food. Sometimes persons who have had the disease continue to excrete the bacilli for a considerable period of time after recovery. These are known as chronic carriers, and may, for example, as in the case of the famous cook, "Typhoid Mary," infect the food supplies and cause epidemics of typhoid. Flies, by reason of their filthy habits, are great distributors of the germs of typhoid fever. They act usually by infecting foodstuffs.

"There is no friend like the old friend who has shared our morning days,
No greeting like his welcome, no homage like his praise;
Fame is the scentless sunflower, with gaudy crown of gold,
But friendship is the breathing rose, with sweets in every fold."

—[Webster C. Weiss.

In A Friendly Sort O'Way

When a man ain't got a cent, and he's feeling kind o' blue,
An' the clouds hang dark an' heavy, an' won't let the sunshine through,
It's a great thing, O my brethren, for a feller just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way

It makes a man feel curious, it makes the teardrops start,
An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the region of the heart:
You can't look up and meet his eyes; you don't know what to say
When his hand is on your shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound, with its honey and its gall,
With its cares and bitter crosses, but a good world, after all.
An' a good God must have made it—leastways, that is what I say,
When a hand is on my shoulder in a friendly sort o' way.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

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Robert Irick.....	468 N. 25th St.
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First Wednesday.	
Sidney W. King.....	School for the Deaf
NASHUA, No. 7.....	Nashua, N. H.
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Daniel Shea.....	Derry, N. H.
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1210 Locust St.—Second Friday.	
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1127 Gaienne St.—First Thursday.	
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Second Wednesday.	
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Second Wednesday.	
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First Saturday.	
Grover C. Burcham.....	1736 Fifth Ave.
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50 State St.—Second Saturday.	
Fred Lloyd.....	52 Hibbard St., Amsterdam, N. Y.
ROCHESTER, No. 52.....	Rochester, N. Y.
Engineers' Hall—Second Saturday.	
W. J. Hughes.....	65 Reynolds St.
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44 Page St.—Second Saturday.	
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Owls' Hall—Second Saturday.	
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Labor Temple—First Saturday.	
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NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



WHAT IT IS.

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

WHEN AND HOW IT WAS ORGANIZED.

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

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

ITS OBJECTS.

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

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

MEMBERSHIP AND ITS QUALIFICATIONS.

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

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

COST OF JOINING.

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

MONTHLY DUES.

The monthly dues are based on the amount of insurance the candidate wishes, certificates being issued in five different amounts (\$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500, and \$2,000), and the rates therefor are as follows for Death Benefits; these rates being those of the National Fraternal Congress, which are recognized as the standard by the majority of first class fraternal organizations:

Applications may be made for certificate amounts of \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$1,500 and \$2,000. For the \$1,500 class the monthly assessments will be based on a combination of the rates for \$1,000 and \$500 as per rate table. For the \$2,000 class the rate is double that for \$1,000.

Applications for a higher than the \$1,000 class will not be accepted where the 45th birthday has been passed.

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

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

HOW FIGURED.

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

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

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

The monthly dues for death benefits are according to the following Table of Mortuary Rates; the rate to be figured at the nearest birthday of the applicant for membership:

AGE	\$250	\$500	\$1000
18 to 21	\$0.24	\$0.47	\$0.93
22	.24	.48	.96
23	.25	.49	.98
24	.26	.51	1.01
25	.26	.52	1.04
26	.27	.54	1.07
27	.28	.56	1.11
28	.29	.57	1.14
29	.30	.59	1.18
30	.31	.61	1.22
31	.32	.63	1.26
32	.33	.66	1.31
33	.34	.68	1.35
34	.35	.70	1.40
35	.37	.73	1.45
36	.38	.76	1.51
37	.40	.79	1.57
38	.41	.82	1.63
39	.43	.85	1.69
40	.44	.88	1.76
41	.46	.92	1.83
42	.48	.96	1.91
43	.50	1.00	1.99
44	.52	1.04	2.07
45	.54	1.08	2.16
46	.57	1.13	2.25
47	.59	1.18	2.35
48	.62	1.23	2.45
49	.65	1.29	2.58
50	.68	1.36	2.71
51	.71	1.42	2.83
52	.75	1.49	2.97
53	.78	1.56	3.12
54	.82	1.64	3.28
55	.86	1.72	3.44

LOCAL OR DIVISION DUES.

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

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

PAYMENTS OF DUES, ETC.

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

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

BENEFITS.

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

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

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

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

THE SOCIETY'S RECORD.

Since the organization of the Society, to the present time (March 1, 1917), it has paid sixty death claims and thousands of dollars in sick and accident claims, keeping its promises to the letter.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

In addition to the sick, accident and death benefits provided, the various Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members, giving parties, balls, picnics, lectures,

readings, etc., from time to time. In this way they make membership doubly attractive.

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

SAFEGUARDS.

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

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

WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

HOW TO JOIN.

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

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

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

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

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

Do it now.

**For the Address of
State Organizers,
Grand Officers and a
Directory of Divi-
sions, See Page 15.**