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President Fraternal Society of the Deaf 1903-1905;

Secretary National Fraternal Society of the Deaf 1909-1927;

President 1927-1929

FRANCIS P. GIBSON—A TRIBUTE

By Alexander L. Pach

Our Home Office requests me to write about our late Chief for the memorial number of THE FRAT, and though I have been before the deaf public as a writer of sorts for nearly half a century, this task is the hardest I ever attempted.

Almost the last letter he wrote came to me telling of the impending operation, and at the close was the injunction: "Don't write to me till you know how and where I am."

In the past fifteen years I have enjoyed literally hundreds of letters from our Chief, but this one caused me acute anxiety, for I knew that he worried over his physical condition and that he had kept something back so that his dear ones at home (and in his case, "dear ones at home" had a volume and a depth of meaning that spells domestic bliss of a supreme order) and his circle of intimate friends should not be worried.

I write this poor tribute with a grand photograph of our Chief before me.

I think the face tells the story of the MAN. The man who had faith and had vision, who had the power to create, to build, to plan and to bring his plans to fruition in all their rich ripeness.

No deaf man ever worked harder or made more literal sacrifices for his fellow deaf than Francis P. Gibson, and no man ever surmounted more difficult and more persistent obstacles.

When he took charge of our more than a million dollar organization, it was a puny thing, the object of much derision and almost universal scoffs. But he fought on, overcoming every defect, meeting every resistance, until finally his monument was achieved, though he never worked for and surely never thought of his creation as a monument. That it surely is.

As evidence of this, the New York Times on the day following his funeral, had a half column story of the obsequies, and a New York newspaper, ordinarily, would not have devoted this much space to a Governor of the great State of Illinois.

Governors come, and Governors go, but a deaf man who accomplishes what our Chief wrought is an unusually big figure in the world, and the passing of one such is noted in detail.

While to the thousands of those who knew our Chief—and he knew, personally, more deaf people than any man who ever lived—he was just plain "Gib," and he loved the nickname. I do not think I ever used it in my dealings with him as I preferred "Dear Frank," and that name I thought was most appropriate, because frankness was one of his greatest attributes. It was this very honest frankness that won adherents to our cause, whether he was selling the organization to deaf men or defending it against the enemy.

In every organization, even church

organizations, the blighting hand of politics enters, and more than once at our big conventions there were those who thought the Chief had served long enough, but every effort to dim the lustre of the work he had wrought only added to his laurels.

The inevitable inquiry in the circles in which I move, following the heart-eating news of his demise, was: "Who will take his place?"

When this inquiry was directed to me, my reply was:

"Nobody!"

His passing does not impoverish us. The good work will go on. One of the highest tributes that we can pay our late Chief is to point to the thoroughness of our headquarters organization.

Since our Secretary-treasurer joined the headquarters Staff, and more particularly since the Denver convention furnished us with two men high in authority, and better yet, equal in authority, the organization has functioned wonderfully, because the two officials co-ordinated in such sincere co-operation that the gears meshed in great precision and either could function for the other.

But it is literally true that there is no one to take our Chief's place, as there is no one who trod the thorny road he was compelled to tread in our lean days, and no one who personally knew all the components of our organization as it was toilsomely welded together.

Then there is no one that I know of who can smilingly take all the knocks that our Chief took and with infinite patience point out the remedy, if a remedy were needed, or a way to remove, by legal means, a fault or a flaw, if there were faults or flaws.

Of course, it is not called for now, but who is there to take his place if it were again necessary to work seven days and seven nights a week for a salary of less than \$10.00 a week, as our Chief did in the early days of our organization, when the jeers were profuse and the cheers mighty few.

Other deaf men have accomplished great things, but no other deaf man of this time or of any time has by his native ability, his sublime faith, his indomitable perseverance and his impeccable honesty, ever given his deaf fellow-men, and deaf fellow-women, such a power of good as Francis P. Gibson gave us in the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. This should temper the grief of his sadly stricken family, our seven thousand members, their wives and their children, and deaf people everywhere.

This, I know, is a poor tribute to the man whose great personal friendship I have enjoyed for many years and with whom it was my good fortune to be associated on the board, but it is the hardest task of the kind ever assigned me.

And now he is gone from us forever, but what was laid away in Rosehill cemetery was only his tired bodily

frame. What was noblest in him no ground can cover, no sad farewell can take away.

THE GIBSON I KNEW

By John H. Mueller

The first time I heard of Francis P. Gibson was in the summer of 1905 when he wrote me a congratulatory note on my joining the F. S. D. That was the beginning of a lasting friendship. It was one of those friendships based upon the German philosopher's recipe of "Faith in one another, a willingness to lambast if necessary, yet, withal, a respect for the other's beliefs." Gib and I never had occasion to dissimulate—we knew each other too well. Once there was a mutual "Et tu, Brutus!" but there was nothing of Caesar in it.

The first time I met Gib was at the Cincinnati convention in 1907. It was a long time before I forgave him for calling me George. That, however, is a different story.

Beginning with that convention and lasting until his death, a bond existed between us that I share with but a few others today. We met many times—at conventions and at our respective homes. And invariably we played father confessor to each other. On several occasions he confided in me his inability to get along with some good friend of mine. When I offered to act as mediator, he would reply, "Nix, if I cannot convince a person myself, no one else shall."

At first I considered that a rank surrender. But as time went on, I adopted that course myself. I feel much better for it. There is much to be said in favor of such a course. If a man is to be convicted and hung on evidence that would not hold in a court of justice, why, let them go ahead and hang—if they can. Murder will out and truth crushed to earth will rise again. That's that, and no way of getting around it.

Gib's loyalty to the society was more than once misunderstood by even his friends. Time and again he had to lambast one of them, but few ever knew how much it hurt him. I know of several cases right now where Gib was looking forward to the time when he would meet some friends he had been obliged to disagree with and be able to straighten out the misunderstanding. The German poet spoke truly.

"O lieb so lang du lieben kannst,
O lieb so lang du lieben magst—
Die stunde kommt, die stunde Kommt,
Wo du an den graebe stehst and klagst."

In the twenty-five years Gib and I had relations, I saw him indulge in Frat politics but once. That was at the Louisville convention when the two secretarial offices were combined into one and the new secretary was required to live in Chicago and give his entire time to the society. Notes and whippers flew thick and fast. Neither of

the two leading candidates for the office of secretary had the number of votes needed to win—on a straw vote. Gib asked me to run, pledging me his votes. I was not interested. Or rather, and girl, who had the day before consented to take my name, could see nothing in Chicago but a necessary spot on the map to give Illinois a lake port.

Probably I played unfair politics that afternoon, going into the opposition's caucus, getting the lowdown on their slate, and busting it into smithereens when nominations were being made and votes cast. Gib was elected, and the growth of the society speaks for the wisdom of the delegates at that convention.

At Denver, he was elected to the presidency. That was an inevitable step in the progress of the society. It is unfortunate he was called before he was able to finish what would have been a real addition to the annals of the deaf, his "History of the N. F. S. D."

There is no denying Gibson's greatness. Only those who were in the old F. S. D. know what he has done. Not long ago, a friend of mine—and I might say, not a friend of Gib's—said to me: "Gibson is the greatest man the deaf ever had, after the Gallaudets."

Years ago, I stood at the grave of Edgar Allan Poe in Baltimore and remarked to my companion it was a sad commentary on human nature to forget the great in so short a lapse of time. His answer was, "A monument of granite may be worn down by the elements, a monument of achievement never."

And that is the way I feel about Francis P. Gibson—"the greatest man the deaf ever had, after the Gallaudets."

AN APPRECIATION OF FRANCIS P. GIBSON'S LIFE AND WORK

By Tom L. Anderson in The Iowa Hawkeye

Francis P. Gibson was probably the best known deaf man in America. Quite early in the history of the organization, he identified himself with the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and he served a term as its president before entering upon his much longer term as Grand Secretary up to the Denver Convention, which elevated him to the Presidency, in his fifty-seventh year, and apparently in his prime. Several decades of valuable service and mature judgments seemed to lie ahead of him at the time. But he lived to serve just half of the term between Denver and Boston. Therefore, the shock of his death was the greater in that it was so untimely.

Few men in America understood the art of making and keeping friends, among highest and humblest alike, as did Francis P. Gibson. He made them by personal contact, and held them close by voluminous correspondence. He invariably modified the style of his personal letters to meet the comprehension of the one to whom he wrote, so that the humblest understood,

and the highest delighted. Thus he was indeed a rare correspondent, a valued friend, and a worthy confidant.

His official acts were tempered by charity toward those who wronged him, if he had the slightest reason to believe they did not know any better. One of the guiding motives of his life seemed to be to hide the eccentricities of the deaf from the general public, while laboring to eradicate the cause—ignorant prejudice. Another was to hold the Society true to its course, to keep its activities within bounds, to hold it, in short, to a policy of minding its own business. History will show that he was actuated by sound motives, and that the line of conduct he chose to follow had much to do with the healthy growth of the Society for which he labored.

The difficulties confronting the leading spirit in the upbuilding of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf were formidable. His particular work had to do with the personnel problems, with the upbuilding of good-will, the fostering of confidence throughout the rank and file of the deaf who most needed the benefits of the organization—admittedly the hardest task. By sheer force of his personality, by his sincerity of purpose and honesty of dealing, he forced his way through the obstacles which cluttered the pathway of the Society, and he died with his hand on the controls operating a million and a quarter business institution, and a character-building device deeply rooted into the lives of seven thousand deaf men. What is more, he enjoyed the confidence of by far the greater part of these, and to these "Gib's" word was law.

By his prominence and ability, Mr. Gibson reflected honor upon all of the deaf in many ways. But an honor distinctly out of the ordinary was accorded them, through him, when he was invited, in 1928, to sit in at the conference of the National Research Council at Washington, D. C. He was one of three deaf men to be present in a gathering of nationally famous scientists engaged in a study of deafness and the welfare of deaf people. He was invited to address this gathering, which he did orally, sketching the history of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf as an illustration of the ability of the deaf to work out their own problems.

Recognizing his life work among the deaf as one of the outstanding accomplishments of the generation, Gallaudet College conferred upon Francis P. Gibson in 1928 the honorary degree of Master of Arts. Mr. Gibson was well educated, but did not attend Gallaudet College in his youth, although I understand he was admitted. He chose to marry, and his youthful decision was sound for his romance continued to the day of his death. Our hearts go out to the one who devoted her life to him, who stood by him through all the years his dream of organization was being realized, who now loses him just as his

work stands complete—to Minnie Taylor Gibson.

Francis P. Gibson was laid to rest in Rose Hill cemetery, Chicago, on the Gibson family lot graced by a tall shaft erected to the memory of his father, Captain George Gibson. Tall though this shaft be, it is overshadowed by the gleaming memorial built of the imperishable granite of love, in the hearts of his friends who were his brothers. Let his epitaph be, as he would have it simply: "Carry on!" And let the result of the obedience to that last command be shaped into the monument the deaf of America owe to the memory of Francis P. Gibson.

A TRIBUTE TO THE CHARACTER AND WORK OF FRANCIS P. GIBSON

By John H. Geary

There are times in our life when we are called upon to perform tasks which we never dreamed would be laid upon us. This thought comes to me today, as I sit down to write of my departed friend, Francis P. Gibson. I thought he would be the one to stay and I the one to go.

When the first shock occasioned by the utterly unexpected news of his death had worn off, my mind went back to the early days of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and my intimate association with him. For a period of four years, our relations were close and so varied that I came to know and appreciate his many fine traits and accomplishments.

His business ability amounted almost to genius, and added to this rare talent was an undaunted perseverance. He was keen to note the essentials of a transaction and follow out the necessary details to the correct conclusion. I found him always ready to discuss and analyze a proposition, and when he had reached what he believed the correct result, there was no more tenacious and persevering a debater than he. He was not lukewarm about anything. If he approved of a thing, he said so firmly. If he disapproved, he was just as firm against it. One always knew what to expect of him. Therefore, he was esteemed, and deserved to be. This was his strength. It was the corner stone of his character and upheld his long and successful career at the head of the Society.

To his unquestioned business ability he added a personal charm of manner which few people could resist. Cheerful and pleasant with a sense of humor that made him a favorite in any company, he had rare ability as a story teller. There was no obtrusiveness. Nothing but the free and easy conversational manner of one who felt good and could make others feel good, too. His friends were legion, and he kept them. That he could remain so long the guide and leader of the Frats is proof positive of his endearing qualities.

The National Fraternal Society of

the Deaf is his monument. Other memorials will doubtless be erected in his honor, but none will equal it. He built his own monument and it will endure.

There is mourning in the Divisions of the Society today. Throughout the length and breadth of our great country, the deaf who knew Francis P. Gibson, their president, leader and friend, are sad. They have reason to be. His kind heart is now stilled. His busy brain is at rest. His ready hands that worked so long and faithfully for them are folded now and will do no more work, but the memory of his deeds will continue in the hearts of those who loved him for himself.

FRANCIS P. GIBSON IS DEAD

By A. L. Craig, M. D., Medical Director N. F. S. D.

In the passing of Francis P. Gibson, the city of Evanston, Illinois, has lost a highly respected citizen and a most valuable asset.

Francis P. Gibson was a man of fine presence and of much more than ordinary ability; recognized as an able leader in the fraternal world of which he was an active member for more than a quarter of a century. He was an honored member of his profession and his counsel and assistance were daily sought by his colleagues.

Francis P. Gibson was a man of high ideals and his every word and act was prompted by noble aspirations. He was respected by all and those who knew him best loved him most.

His home life should be an example and inspiration to all who had knowledge of the clear judgment that ruled it and the deep affection and abiding faith that tempered and sweetened it.

It is a great privilege to know well such a character as was Francis P. Gibson, to have his confidence and enjoy his friendship over a long period of years.

Flowers and words of praise today are as nothing to his sightless eyes and deafened ears.

He had reason to know he was appreciated.

As its president, his wise and deeply interested ministrations to the membership of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf will be surely missed by those beneficiaries.

He made a good fight.

He has gone to his reward.

GIBSON TAKES LAST RIDE

By Troy E. Hill

Wednesday, December 4, 1929, this message was flashed to all points of the compass, "President Gibson died this morning following operation."

Oh! what poignant grief this message brought to the world of the deaf. Gibson dead? Gone? Impossible! He seemed so full of vitality and life when we saw him last. Only last week the news came that he had been ill, but was recovering, and now we hear he is gone.

With the death of Gibson, the deaf

men and women of America, and even the whole world have lost a friend. One of the staunchest fighters of all deafdom was he. So big, and yet so small, that even the most obscure member of the great N. F. S. D. which Gibson nursed from infancy to virile strength, prided himself that Francis P. Gibson, the great "Gib," was his personal friend.

F. P. Gibson during his lifetime arranged many special trains. "Gibson Specials" were the delight of all deaf travellers, and now he has gone on his last long journey, and another "Gibson Special" goes off into history.

"Oh, Mr. Conductor, on this last great train, take care to deliver him at his destination. Tell your engineer to drive safely, and slow down for dangerous curves. Deliver this Precious Soul to the all highest on time." "The shadow of his loss drew like eclipse, Darkened our world.

We have lost him; he is gone;
We know him now; all narrow jealousies
Are silent; and we see him as he moved,
How modest, kindly, all accomplished, wise,
With what sublime repression of himself,
And in what limits, and how tenderly;
Not swaying to this faction or to that;
Not making his high place the lawless perch
Of winged ambitions, nor a vantage ground
For pleasure; but through all this tract of years
Wearing the white flower of a blameless life,
Before a thousand peering littlenesses,
In that fierce light which beats upon a throne
And blackens every blot,
Above it all he stood a man."

FRANCIS P. GIBSON

Francis P. Gibson spent twenty-six years of his life in the upbuilding of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. He found it, a few years after its birth, as a local and illogical plan on insurance lines. Largely through his work it was reorganized to comply with all the legal requirements of fraternal orders that carry a scheme of life and accident insurance. This made it safe and desirable as a plan for providing relief for the accidental injuries of members and accumulation of funds for the inevitable day when they must leave their loved ones.

Adherents became numerous, divisions spread and multiplied, and the populous centers of the United States became the homes of licensed divisions, all working and thriving under the charter granted by the State of Illinois. Up to the present time the benefits distributed aggregate nearly half a million dollars, and there is now in the treasury a total of \$1,200,000.

When one considers the handicap

which deafness imposes, such an accomplishment is indeed great. And it was chiefly through Mr. Gibson's personality that such remarkable results were attained. The deaf young men are bound together by fraternal ties. They are made more thrifty, much wiser, more happy—and they now number at least six thousand. In acknowledgment of Mr. Gibson's miraculous achievements, Gallaudet College at Washington, D. C., conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts, an action that was gratifying to "Gib's" legion of friends, but did not alter the attitude of unassuming endeavor that has placed him high in the ranks of benefactors of the deaf.—*Deaf-Mutes' Journal*.

JUST A LITTLE TRIBUTE

By C. Allan Dunham

Fratdom is in mourning.

Our beloved Grand President was Francis P. Gibson on formal occasions, but to thousands of fraternal brothers and personal friends, "Gib" he was and "Gib" he will remain. It was a nickname of the fondest and sincerest respect, the respect he inspired in all with whom he came into contact in fraternal circles and without.

It is neither my privilege nor my intention here to act as his biographer. All I wish to do is to pay a little tribute to a man for whom, though I had the pleasure of meeting him but once in my life, I have entertained the deepest feeling of admiration.

I find it harder than I at first thought it would be, to set down on paper any adequate idea of the impression the firm, sincere grip of his hand, the friendly, straightforward flash of his eye, all the charm and magnetism of his personality made upon me the evening I was introduced to him at a Fraternal Committee reception in his honor in Buffalo. To express myself very simply, I was "taken" with him at once. I somehow realized I was meeting a man worth knowing, a scholar, a gentleman and one who could, and would, be a real friend.

I hoped that as time went on I should have the opportunity to see more of him, to come to know him better, and finally to win for myself the privilege of calling him my friend, and of working hand in hand with him for the advancement of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and of the deaf as an entire class.

Now the opportunity is gone. The Supreme Grand President has summoned him to a greater field of work, to a higher and everlasting fraternity.

I—we—shall never see him more in this life.

But we shall not forget:

"He was the noblest Roman of them all His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up and say to all the world, 'This was a man!'"

Memorial

TO MINNIE TAYLOR GIBSON, WIFE OF OUR DEPARTED COMRADE, FRANCIS P. GIBSON: TO HIS SON, DONALD GIBSON: AND TO THE OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY:

The Board of Directors of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf express their profound sorrow in this our mutual bereavement.

To Brother Gibson, the welfare of the Society was his constant concern. To its advancement he gave the best years of his life. He took up the work when the Society was in its infancy and remained with it through twenty-seven years of first, vicissitudes, then steady progress, and finally unqualified success. To thousands of his fellow men, high and low alike, he was affectionately known as Gib, a name that has become a household word throughout the land. To his patience, painstaking care, and wise counsel is very largely due the phenomenal success of the Society in the work it has done and is doing. His hold upon minds and hearts has contributed immeasurably to the growth of the Society which he loved.

His departure from our ranks is keenly felt. His place will be very difficult to fill. But we realize that his one wish would be to have the Society grow and prosper and continue in still greater measure its splendid work. To the fulfillment of this wish the efforts of his fellow workers throughout America and the Dominion of Canada will be dedicated.

The members of the Board of Directors acutely realize the loss of their comrade and co-worker, but at the same time they cannot be unmindful of the still greater loss that you, dear friends, have suffered. Our sympathy goes out to you, and may you be consoled by the knowledge that his place in the hearts of his fellow men is secure forever.

ARTHUR L. ROBERTS,
Grand Secretary-Treasurer.

By direction of the Grand Division Board.
December 12, 1929.

FRANCIS P. GIBSON—A TRIBUTE

By Mrs. Edgar C. Luther

Gone is the jovial, smiling face;
Gone is the friendly, hearty clasp;
Run is the manly, four-square race—
The scheme of life he aimed to grasp.

But living on with even keel,
The argosies he set to sail.
Those well-laid plans, inspired, reveal
A confidence that could not fail.

The kindly word, the thoughtful deed,
The human interest, whole souled life,
Has gone to reap the victor's meed,
Forsaking here the care and strife.

His work shall last, no man can live
So true and noble, but shall leave
A host of monuments to give
A lasting impress. We must not grieve.

OUR LEADER

By Paul Revere Wys

A noble life for mankind done,
With heart that ever beat as one,
And hand that led us on,
Today in sleep you lie;

The banner shall be waving on,
As we go marching, marching on,
Along the path you carried on;
Now rest, dear "Gib," goodbye.

Because the road was steep and long,
And through a dark and lonely land,
God set upon my lips a song
And put a lantern in my hand.

—Joyce Kilmer.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION BY TOLEDO DIVISION No. 16

Whereas, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst our honored brother, esteemed friend, and earnest co-laborer in our organization, Francis P. Gibson, who for years has been a prominent advocate in the interest of our Society, maintaining under all circumstances a character untarnished—and a worthy reputation; therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Francis P. Gibson, we have sustained the loss of a brother and friend whose fellowship it was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy; that we bear willingly testimony to his many virtues; that we offer to his bereaved family and mourning friends, over whom sorrow has hung her sable mantle, our heartfelt condolence and pray that infinite goodness may bring speedy relief to their burdened hearts and inspire them with the consolation that hope in futurity and faith in God give even in the shadow of the tomb; and further be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mrs. Francis P. Gibson, to the Home Office of our Society, and that our Division enter them in its minutes out of respect and brotherly esteem.

JOHN E. CURRY,
HARRY AUGUSTUS,
NATHAN HENICK,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY OMAHA DIVISION No. 32

WHEREAS, The ways of nature are sometimes cruel; the flesh is likened to the ripened fruit which sooner or later must fall to the earth from which it sprung; and

WHEREAS, The Almighty and Just God has called to the sleep of enduring death, to the new rising to life eternal, Brother Francis P. Gibson, Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, who ever tireless in his devotion and service to the Society, has performed well his earthly task, and will never more know the trials and tribulations of a ruthless destiny; and

WHEREAS, In contemplation of the twofold grief and sorrow that has befallen his loved ones, when memories of the dear wife, Mrs. Francis P. Gibson, and son, Don, pierce their hearts with overwhelming grief, and there is no light in the distant horizon save the beacon of hope and expectation of a meeting in the land of the hereafter; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, members of Omaha Division No. 32 of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, do tender our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family during this hour of grief and sorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes, a copy be inserted in THE FRAT, and a copy sent to the family.

ROBERT E. DOBSON,
THOMAS S. CUSCADEN,
EDWIN M. HAZEL,
Committee.

RESOLUTIONS BY BALTIMORE DIVISION No. 47

Whereas, The Supreme Creator and Ruler called out of this life, on December 4, 1929, our Brother, Francis P. Gibson, strong up-builder, popular Grand President, and most truly, in his personification, the very cornerstone of our National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and

Whereas, Brother Gibson, by his steadfast and kindly practice of honor, equality and fraternity among us, had won a lasting place in our hearts; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Baltimore Division No. 47, deeply mourn his death in fraternal unison with our 7000 brother members; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his family, that they be inscribed in the minutes of our Division, and that they be sent to THE FRAT, the official organ of our order, for publication.

OLIVER J. WHILDIN,
ORLANDO K. PRICE,
AUGUST WRIEDE,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY ROCHESTER DIVISION No. 52

Francis P. Gibson, our Grand President, is dead. The passing of a wise counsellor, a loyal friend, and an example of true living. "Gib," as he was known to the deaf through his lovable traits of character, paid several visits to our Division, and his very genial personality won the love and esteem of all who met him. He strengthened these ties through his correspondence, official as well as personal, that was admirable for fairness and consideration, molding our minds and hearts to the finest type of fraternity which he ever strove to exemplify. The Society is now rated among the strongest and safest of all fraternal orders, standing out as a remarkable proof of the executive ability of the deaf. This is chiefly due to his wisdom and vision as a leader. He had to struggle for years through vicissitudes of pioneering; yet he was loyal, true and unwavering to the last, and he had the well earned satisfaction of heading our great fraternal organization that bids fair to give the deaf a high place in the business world.

We mourn for our fallen chief. His work is done; his influence for good will be a rich heritage to us. His name will live long in the annals of the deaf—an inspiration to coming generations.

Be it resolved that this expression of sorrow be spread upon the minutes of our Division, and a copy of the same be sent to Mrs. Francis P. Gibson and her family with our tenderest sympathy and loving thoughts.

RESOLUTION BY SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION No. 53

WHEREAS, The Almighty in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to his final reward our valued member and honored President, Brother Francis P. Gibson; and

WHEREAS, The deceased had consecrated his life to the welfare of the deaf, earnestly laboring two score years for their uplift, and endearing himself to all deafdom by his sterling qualities and unswerving devotion to his ideals and the cause of the deaf; and

WHEREAS, It was his steady hand, his clear headed foresight, his patience and steadfastness of purpose that guided the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf out of the treacherous shoals of infancy to its present solid eminence, a monument to an outstanding successful career devoted to the brotherhood of the deaf; and

WHEREAS, Our beloved president was called away while in the prime of life, only a short time after his western tour, when it was given us to better appreciate his splendid personality and character, and his brilliance of mind in full vigor; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Division No. 53, N. F. S. D., go on record as deeply mourning the loss of a beloved leader, a true friend and wise counselor of the deaf, and a preeminent teacher and exponent of fraternity among the deaf, in the passing away of Grand President Gibson, and that the division extend its sincere condolences to the bereaved family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the secretary be instructed to spread this resolution on the minutes, and to send copies to the members of the bereaved family, and to the society's official organ.

Unanimously passed December 7, 1929.

ISADORE SELIG, Secy.

FRANCIS P. GIBSON— A RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

In the untimely passing from among us of Francis P. Gibson, our late Grand President, the Deaf of America, who have been touched by his ideals of Fraternity and quickened by the nobility of his faith in them, have lost a great leader.

Francis P. Gibson was a great man. Of this we are sure. We are now too near him to attain a true measure of his stature. But as he recedes farther and farther from our earthly bourne of time and place, we shall see and understand as we cannot now how fine and high and true were the guiding motives of his life. We shall then realize how much his patience, his faith and his charity contributed to the success

of our Order, and how aptly he typified in his life and work the aspirations of the deaf everywhere.

He believed in the deaf; in that conviction he lived and died. He looked out upon a world where misunderstanding and prejudice concerning the deaf were writ large. And he saw the day when the deaf should no longer be regarded as dependents and worse, but should take their rightful place as freemen and citizens. Through his writing, speaking and organizing, he labored constantly that these things should be, and before he died it was given him to see the dawn. He was a leader in the high adventure of faith, and lifted up a shibboleth of idealism, unselfishness and Fraternity that inspires us still. Thus, Francis P. Gibson stood as the symbol of the things that are nearest our hearts.

Feeling that expression must be given its sense of deep loss in the passing of this great friend and leader, that the future members of this Division may know how highly we have esteemed him, when, we, too, are gone, Reading Division No. 54 directs that the resolution be inscribed in its minutes; and further,

Be it directed that a copy be sent to the widow, Mrs. Francis P. Gibson, and to THE FRAT, official organ of the N. F. S. D.

Reading Division No. 54

HARRY H. WEAVER,
EDWIN C. RITCHIE,
HENRY J. PULVER,

Committee.

RESOLUTION BY FORT WORTH DIVISION No. 62

WHEREAS, In the death of Grand President F. P. Gibson the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf has lost one of its staunchest supporters, one who nursed the Society from infancy into strong manhood; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we express to the family of the deceased our heartfelt condolence and sympathy in their great loss; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be entered upon the minutes of our Division, and a copy sent to the Home Office for publication in THE FRAT.

ALBERT TULLY,
ROY W. GEER,
JOE W. HALE,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY DALLAS DIVISION No. 63

WHEREAS, In the death of our beloved Grand President, Francis P. Gibson, we, the members of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, have lost one of our staunchest supporters, one who has nursed the Society from infancy into virile manhood; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we express to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their great loss; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Dallas Division No. 63, and sent to the Grand Division office for publication in THE FRAT.

TROY E. HILL,
CLIFTON L. TALBOT,
LOUIS B. ORRILL,
Committee.

RESOLUTION BY FARIBAULT DIVISION No. 101

WHEREAS, The final summons has come to Francis P. Gibson, Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, in the prime of his life and at the height of his usefulness; and

WHEREAS, To the character and ability and untiring work of Francis P. Gibson is due, in great measure, the steady growth of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and its present excellent financial status; and

WHEREAS, Francis P. Gibson was a man among men, widely known, universally respected, and a shining example of eminence to which a man may rise in spite of the handicap of deafness; and therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Faribault Division No. 101, N. F. S. D., do hereby testify to the great loss that the N. F. S. D., in particular, and the deaf people in the country in general, have sustained through his decease; and be it

RESOLVED, That we express our earnest appreciation of the high qualities of his mind and character and of the great work he has done for the deaf, and that we voice our deep regret that he is no more; and be it

RESOLVED, That these preambles and resolutions be entered upon the records of Division No. 101 and that a copy be sent to THE FRAT, the official organ of the N. F. S. D., to Mrs. Gibson, and to The Companion.

BROTHER FRANCIS P. GIBSON

By J. S. Bowen

Upon an unknown quest he starts,
Our Brother of the days now past.
The stormy sea he bravely sailed
Will lead to harbor safe at last.

Dear Brother, we, who knew you well,
Your good intent, your brilliant mind;
True purpose to uplift and help
And firmly stand by your own kind.

You lived to see your hopes achieved;
To take the praise that was your due;
And while our Order does endure
Your Brothers still will think of you.

And what is life? What is the end?
Do sage or philosopher know?
Is it a sleep or future life?
You hold no fear where'er you go.

What use of flowery, highflung words
In praise of him who now has gone?
He lived, and loved, and did his work
That lives, and will endure for long.

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Through you, I would like to thank the Board of Directors for its expression of sympathy in our recent loss.

Also please convey our thanks to the many Divisions of the Society and their individual members who have expressed in various ways their sympathy with us.

Naturally, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf has always meant much to us and always will. The Society was a great part of Gib's life just as his home was another part. Therefore, these words from all of you are comforting in that they are added proof of his having lived right in every way.

The Memorial will be put away among our treasures to be looked at from time to time as the years roll by.

We also wish to thank you for the many kind things you have done for us in the past two weeks.

Very sincerely,

MINNIE T. GIBSON AND SON DONALD.

December 20, 1929.

NOVEMBER DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to Minnie Schuermann, Closter, N. J., for death benefit of Henry B. Schuermann, certificate No. 1076, deceased October 15, 1929, \$250.

Paid to Grace K. Bell, Argonia, Kansas, for death benefit of Charles H. Bell, certificate No. 5796, deceased August 28, 1929, \$36.

OBITUARY

Francis P. Gibson

Brother Francis P. Gibson died at Chicago, Illinois, December 4. He joined the Society through Chicago Division No. 1, July 1, 1903. He was born August 6, 1870, and was in his sixtieth year. He became deaf at the age of 8, and attended the Chicago Day Schools for the Deaf in the old days when the combined system was used. In his early twenties, he married Minnie Taylor, hearing daughter of deaf parents. They had one son, Donald, who saw service over seas in the late war.

In his early years, Brother Gibson was a clerk in the Chicago postoffice, a bookkeeper in an industrial plant, and a proofreader in various job printing offices in Chicago.

He held certificate No. 61. He was president of the old F. S. D. from 1903 to 1905. From 1905 to 1909, he had no official connection with the Society, although in this interval he helped with the publication of THE FRAT. In 1909 he was elected Grand Secretary, serving in that capacity until 1927, when he was elected Grand President.

Joseph H. Heeke

Brother Joseph H. Heeke, 64, died at Washington, D. C., December 6. He joined the Society through Washington Division No. 46, December 1, 1919, and held certificate No. 4837.

BIRTHS

August 10—Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Ries, Yonkers, N. Y., a girl.

August 18—Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Call, Charlotte, N. C., a girl.

October 10—Mr. and Mrs. John Kearns, Philadelphia, Pa., a boy.

October 31—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zeiss, Brooklyn, N. Y., a girl.

November 3—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Belk, Charlotte, N. C., a girl.

November 6—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berry, Akron, O., a boy.

November 7—Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones, Homewood, Pa., a girl.

November 9—Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smead, Ft. Wayne, Ind., a girl.

November 11—Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Lemaster, Cincinnati, O., a girl.

November 11—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Kepp, Philadelphia, Pa., a girl.

November 18—Mr. and Mrs. George Townsend, Los Angeles, Cal., a girl.

December 3—Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Joncas, Lowell, Mass., a boy.

December 3—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Flood, Omaha, Nebr., a boy.

December 5—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sack, Schenectady, N. Y., a girl.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Boyer, Johnstown, Pa., a boy.

—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Swee, Faribault, Minn., twins, a boy and a girl.

MARRIAGES

August 24—S. E. Davis, Alhambra, Cal., and Selma Ballenger, Anaheim, Cal.

October 4—R. D. Anderson, Council Bluffs, Ia., and Ella M. Folkers, Franklin, Nebr.

November 28—Earl T. Huff, Nashville, Tenn., and Estelle Short.

November 30—John A. Cook and Notie J. Riddle, both of Burlington, N. C.

November 30—George S. Beyer, Seymour, Ind., and Theresa M. Gotz, Kenosha, Wis.



FRANCIS PEREW GIBSON

Aug. 6, 1870 Dec. 4, 1929
 "Gathered to the Golden West
 The sundown splendid and serene—
 Death - - - -"

All deafdom is in mourning for the passing of our epic figure. There was only one Gibson. There will never be another. Peace to his ashes.

VILLANELLE

If you fancy the Villanelle,
 Tell me the truth and it is thine
 To hear, to hold, to trade, or sell.

Read as you please in dale or dell;
 Repeat it o'er as you recline,
 If you fancy the Villanelle.

Who would elect the fond gazelle
 When verse is theirs from me—of mine
 To have, to hold, to trade, or sell?

What do you want? Confess! Please tell
 And it is yours—I'll not repine
 If you fancy the Villanelle.

Sweeter than taffy or caramel
 Take it. You're welcome. It's yours to shrine,
 To have, to hold, to trade, or sell.

If this is your brand of doggerel,
 I'll color the form of your design,
 If you fancy the Villanelle
 To have, to hold, to trade, or sell.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS

My offer to versify to order is bearing fruit. There comes to hand a letter from Brother A. C. The dear boy wants me to write an Epic! Just that—no less. The Epic to be a panorama of the history of the deaf from Bocaccio to the present, with special cantos devoted to the careers of De l'Epee, Gallaudet, and, I suppose, others. I am properly flattered, A. C., but when I left home years ago, my mother, may she live forever, with tears streaming down her cheeks, made me promise never to write Epics.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Though Henry is as deaf as a person you'll find

He says he can hear himself changing his mind,
 And Addison, also, although he is blind,

Can see, he asserts, as well fore as behind

GET 'EM SLOGAN

All wan and hoarse,
 I cry "Oh, brother,
 Get one, of course,
 Then get another."

LOST AND FOUND DEPARTMENT

Some time ago I had a verse in the Iowa Hawkeye. "The Danbury Newsman, where is he?" I wailed—bemoaning the passing of humorists of other days. It seems I was a bit previous for, according to a letter from this identical person, he is still alive, and working in a Chicago hotel. However, he left Danbury, Iowa, some time back, and is deaf. Letters from Connecticut cognoscenti inquiring into this matter will receive no attention.

THE DOCTOR'S CHRISTMAS DINNER

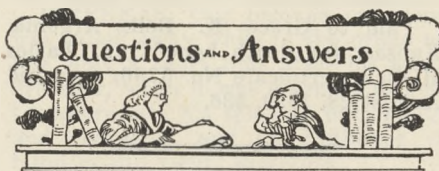
"When at the groaning board I sit,
 Pass a well-baked Vitamin;
 A Carbohydrate from the spit
 Roasted brown but rare within;
 A shirred callory—tender—pink—
 Plucked all dewy from the vine;
 A bowl of proteids, hot, to drink,
 Then you gluttons, how I'll dine!"

—Yours truly, in the
 Indianapolis Star.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYBODY!

—H. D. Hetzler.

1234 W. 34th St.
 Indianapolis, Ind.



ON PARLIAMENTARY LAW

By Edwin M. Hazel

Question No. 1—What is a quorum?

Answer—It usually means a majority of the members of a division; enough to open a meeting, and is fixed by the Society's law.

Q. 2—Has the Chair power to open the meeting when there is no quorum?
 A.—No.

Q. 3—What is a majority?

A.—One more than one half. If a division has 50 members, a majority is 26; if 15, a majority is 8.

Q. 4—Has a member a right to change his vote after having voted?

A.—Yes, provided the Chair has not announced the result. After the result has been announced, he can do so only by the division's consent.

Q. 5—Must a committee have a meeting to act on a motion referred?

A.—Yes. The parliamentary law says: "A committee MUST actually meet in order to transact business. A quorum must be present, and the decision reached must be by a vote of the majority. A majority of the committee at the committee meeting is the committee, therefore, the report agreed upon by the majority is the report of the committee."

Q. 6—Can a member of a standing or special committee be punished in any way by the committee itself, such as to demand his resignation, etc.?

A.—No, but the committee may complain to the division.

Q. 7—Can a member who did not vote, claim to be on the prevailing side when offering a motion to reconsider?

A.—No. He must show that he voted on the prevailing side. Silent votes must never be considered.

Q. 8—Is it proper to move that a main motion be withdrawn or rejected against the mover's wish?

A.—No. The only course is to move "Objection to the consideration of the motion," provided the objection is made before debate starts, or before any subsidiary motion is offered. It does not require a second, but a two-third vote is necessary.

Q. 9—Has the Chair the right to debate while in the chair?

A.—No, he has no "voice" whatsoever, and sees that all parliamentary rules and the Society's are followed. But as a member, he may take part in the debate by first relinquishing the chair. However, it is best for the Chair not to do this unless absolutely necessary.

Q. 10—Is it necessary for the Chair to appoint himself on a committee with the others appointed?

A.—No, because he is an ex-officio member of all committees. He has the same privileges that the other committeemen have. But he is not obliged to attend committee meetings. His presence does not help constitute a quorum.

NEW MEMBERS

1. A. E. Spears.....Chicago
1. W. B. Vogt.....Elgin, Ill.
5. Wm. Cheney.....Little Rock
5. W. H. Williams.....Little Rock
5. Thomas Kermit.....Benton, Ark.
5. A. Ringgold.....Cabot, Ark.
15. K. M. Waters.....Frankfort, Mich.
21. W. L. Haver.....Cleveland
23. Benj. Beltsender.....Brooklyn
23. Louis Rosensweet.....Brooklyn
24. Tony Genovese.....St. Louis
24. F. J. Lippert.....St. Louis
24. W. Mannen.....W. Frankfort, Ill.
26. W. Gunther.....Westfield, Mass.
30. H. Applebaum.....Philadelphia
30. L. H. Marconi.....Philadelphia
30. C. J. Ricchini.....Philadelphia
30. W. P. Smith.....Philadelphia
32. R. Chermok.....Garrison, Nebr.
32. E. Marshall.....Lincoln, Nebr.
36. A. A. Paulovkin.....Pittsburgh
36. W. D. Brant.....Meadville, Pa.
52. Edward Ott.....Rochester
52. L. W. Richter.....Rochester
52. *Frank Murray.....Elmira, N. Y.
56. H. Christensen.....Ogden, Utah
58. R. S. Greenan.....Springfield
62. E. Vickers.....Norman, Okla.
62. E. Harrison.....Okla. City, Okla.
65. F. Di Ambrose.....Waterbury
81. J. D. Reed.....Houston
87. C. H. Walker.....Brooklyn
98. C. A. Bennett.....Toronto
98. C. T. Willmott.....Toronto
102. H. Ehrick.....La Porte, Ind.
104. R. Bates.....Wilkinson, Ind.

*Denotes social member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Division Collections for November

Grand Division	\$ 56.42
Chicago No. 1	622.31
Detroit	553.78
Saginaw	33.33
Louisville	174.47
Little Rock	170.12
Dayton	82.12
Bay City	26.84
Cincinnati	237.67
Evansville	24.59
Nashville	59.71
Springfield, O.	19.18
Olathe	163.66
Flint	203.67
Toledo	201.43
Milwaukee	193.18
Columbus	154.32
Knoxville	103.06
Cleveland	143.49
Indianapolis	309.47
Brooklyn	431.58
St. Louis	399.08
New Haven	54.84
Holyoke	52.10
Los Angeles	434.21
Atlanta	95.64
Philadelphia	218.87
Kansas City	162.06
Omaha	135.29
New Orleans	148.21
Kalamazoo	54.25
Boston	226.86
Pittsburgh	255.58
Hartford	67.99
Memphis	68.95
Portland, Me.	58.98
Buffalo	138.39
Portland, Ore.	177.28
Newark	114.74
Providence	49.84
Seattle	135.95
Utica	124.01
Washington	137.66
Baltimore	117.06
Syracuse	62.73
Cedar Rapids	83.99
Huntington	64.29
Albany	53.31
Rochester	114.13
San Francisco	212.22
Reading	187.19
Akron	281.04
Salt Lake City	42.03
Rockford	94.43
Springfield, Ill.	53.00
Davenport	43.15
Worcester	62.34
St. Paul-Minneapolis	127.33
Fort Worth	101.41
Dallas	210.27
Denver	146.05
Waterbury	30.98
Springfield, Mass.	69.31
Waco	
Bangor	63.57
Kenosha	89.64
Birmingham	99.84
Sioux Falls	75.93
Wichita	68.88
Spokane	22.13
Des Moines	64.96
Lowell	68.27
Berkeley	56.31
Delavan	173.53
Houston	110.14
Scranton	69.19

Richmond	84.85
Johnstown	46.91
Manhattan	253.13
Jacksonville	87.03
Lewiston	72.29
Peoria	
Jersey City	102.53
Bronx	103.16
Columbia	
Charlotte	70.16
Durham	75.88
Dubuque	47.63
Grand Rapids	39.78
Toronto	476.00
Duluth	35.16
Canton	42.62
Faribault	54.01
South Bend	63.41
Council Bluffs	89.13
Fort Wayne	63.32
Schenectady	48.16
Chicago, No. 106	124.39
Miami	28.41
Binghamton	68.58
Wilkesburg	58.43
San Diego	26.54

Total collections \$12,555.34

TREASURER'S STATEMENT
FOR NOVEMBER, 1929

Balance and Income

Balance, October 31	\$1,214,494.61
Division collections	12,555.34
Interest, mortgage loans	3,905.98
Interest, bonds	900.00
Interest, banks	13.86
Organizing refund	10.00
Sale of emblem jewelry	9.70
Recording fees	26.50
Subscriptions to FRAT	2.70
Advertising in FRAT	15.00
Exchange on checks	1.90
Sundry supplies	2.50

Total balance and income \$1,231,938.09

Disbursements

Death benefits	\$ 286.00
Sick Benefits	915.00
Accident benefits	405.00
Old Age Income payment	4.06
Accrued Int., mortgages	219.20
Salaries	637.49
Services	500.00
Official publication	336.09
Rent	250.00
Office expenses	55.13
Furniture and fixtures	15.80
Postage	12.39
Lodge supplies	6.50
Sundry supplies	4.05
Surety Bond Premium	1.17

Total disbursements \$ 3,647.88

Recapitulation

Balance and income	\$1,231,938.09
Disbursements	3,647.88
Balance, November 30	\$1,228,290.21

A little said and truly said
Can deeper joy impart
Than hosts of words
That reach the head
But never reach the heart.
—Unknown.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, November 30, 1929

Real estate	\$ 11,000.00
First mortgage loans	955,150.00
First mortgage bonds	227,905.63
U. S. Liberty bonds	15,000.00
Canadian bonds	10,996.02
Cash in banks:	
Central Trust Co.	2,600.42
Bank of Montreal	4,648.46
President's cont. fund	300.00
Sec'y-Treasurer's cash	689.68

Total ledger assets \$1,228,290.21

Balances in Funds

Reserve Fund	\$ 990,683.11
Mortuary Fund	77,908.31
Sick and Accident Fund	85,731.12
Unallocated interest	59,584.31
Convention Fund	9,460.89
Organizing Fund	1,850.80
General Expense Fund	3,071.67

Total in all funds \$1,228,290.21

Investments

In November, maturity payments on mortgages amounted to \$2,750.

The Society acquired during the month \$10,000 in Province of Manitoba bonds, and \$20,000 in real estate building bonds on improved property in Chicago.

NOVEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

B. B. Berg, South Bend	\$ 10.00
J. M. Durant, Bronx	250.00
G. S. Elliott, Toronto	15.00
*A. F. Wenslowes, Jr., Waterbury	50.00
*F. J. Tremonte, Hartford	10.00
*O. L. Thuis, Indianapolis	15.00
*L. E. Kirschbaum, Rockford	10.00
*V. J. DeMarco, Baltimore	30.00
*S. Slothnick, Boston	40.00
*J. L. McDonald	75.00
*J. S. Klein	35.00
*S. Mundheim, Brooklyn	15.00
*C. C. Dille, Akron	75.00
*C. N. Howell, Dayton	50.00
V. Lockert, Birmingham	100.00
A. G. Petersdorf, Little Rock	50.00
B. F. Jackson, Rockford	50.00
E. W. Carlson, Chicago	25.00
E. J. Humphreys, Des Moines	15.00
M. F. Leblanc, Lowell	40.00
J. C. Chapman, Flint	25.00
M. Garfinkel, Newark	15.00
J. Coughlin, Buffalo	10.00
J. J. Byck, Brooklyn	50.00
W. F. Seibel, Brooklyn	35.00
W. P. Feters, Dayton	50.00
W. A. Ownby, Columbia	50.00
C. K. McConnell, Seattle	50.00
W. O. Dowe, Milwaukee	30.00
F. P. Gibson, Grand	10.00
A. Dietzsch, Chicago	35.00

Total for the month \$1,320.00

*Denotes accident claims.

Imagination is the eye of the
soul.—Houbert.

FOURTEEN THOUSAND

LET'S make it Fourteen Thousand. Let's double the membership by December 31, 1930. That is entirely possible. In fact, it is easy. It is so easy that it is ridiculously simple.

LET every member appoint himself an organizer to obtain at least one member in 1930. That goes from the Grand President down through the rank and file.

WE have the greatest and finest organization of the deaf the world has ever known, or ever will know. We are one of the strongest institutions financially, for our size, regardless of character of business, on earth.

OUR Society has come to its present commanding position because it serves the needs of the deaf. It helps the sick and the disabled. It comforts the bereaved when death stalks across the threshold. It prevents destitution in the hour of greatest need. It stands as a bulwark against misery and distress.

IT has come to its position not quickly, not flamboyantly, not full of promises that cannot be kept, not suddenly over night. It does not shove a gold brick into a man's hands, or attempt to sell him the Aurora Borealis.

IT has builded through Twenty-Nine Years of effort, upon the rock of integrity and common sense, of conservatism and good judgment, of dependability and genuine service.

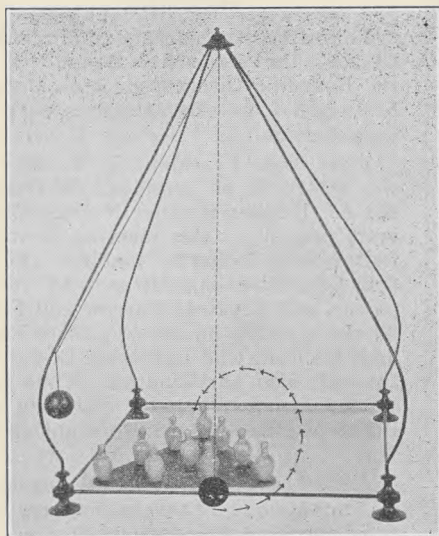
WHAT better record could we wish? What better covenant of promises fulfilled can we desire? What greater faith can we ask than the faith of our loyal members in this broad land?

TRANSLATE your faith into deeds. Line up your prospects. Spot your men. Go after them.

SEE each of them Twenty-Nine Times, or until they get in line. Twenty-Nine interviews, one for every year of our existence. Twenty-Nine interviews compared to Twenty-Nine long, hard, years are so easy that you should be ashamed to stop there. Make it Twenty-Nine times Twenty-Nine.

WE want Fourteen Thousand members in 1930. We are going to get them.

NOW ALL TOGETHER. LET'S GO!



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Score sheets and directions accompany each game.

DEATHS

June 9—Samuel L. Graff, brother of Moss Graff, Kalamazoo, Mich.

October 5—Helen Longworth, mother of R. B. Longworth, Richmond, Va.

October 27—Frank Rudnick, father of A. P. Rudnick, Tacoma, Wash.

November 2—Father of John Simcox, Manito, N. Y.

November 11—Father of Edward Smith, West Lynn, Mass.

November 17—Agnes Campbell, mother of John Campbell, Cleveland, O.

November 18—Bridget Egan, mother of Fred C. Egan, Providence, R. I.

November 22—Frederick Stevens, father of Bertram Stevens, Syracuse, N. Y.

December 2—Pearl Blechner, mother of Harry Blechner, New York, N. Y.

December 4—Mother of Louis Hattowsky, New York, N. Y.

December 7—May Malley, sister of Thomas, John, Joseph and Edward Malley, Owatonna, Minn.

ENGAGEMENTS

Werner A. Schutz and Cecelia A. Flinn, both of Chicago, Ill.

Max Wisotsky, New York, N. Y., and Sadie Serventick, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lawrence K. Tivvis and Mary Ruppell, both of Baltimore, Md.

Hubward, 1931.

THE GET-ONE DEGREE

Chicago Division No. 1—Oscar Pearson, H. A. Hathaway.

Little Rock—C. F. Athy (2), E. L. Bell (2).

Flint—Walter Hanrath.

Cleveland—Howard L. Judd.

Brooklyn—Louis Cohen, Wm. Schurman.

St. Louis—Max Blachsleger, W. H. Schaub, W. H. Maack.

Holyoke—Arno Klopfer.

Philadelphia—Leon Krakover (4).

Omaha—J. H. Burlew, C. H. Jenkins.

Pittsburgh—Walter Willinski, C. A. Colegrove.

Rochester—W. D. Heffernan, A. L. Slater, L. A. Samuelson.

Salt Lake City—E. R. Thurston.

Springfield, Ill.—R. H. Powers.

Ft. Worth—M. E. Thurman (2).

Waterbury—A. F. Wenslowes.

Houston—R. C. Morriss.

Manhattan—Hyman Gordon.

Toronto—J. N. Rosnick (2).

South Bend—H. W. Draves.

Ft. Wayne—Fay O. Trees.

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FRATERNITY

To steel our souls against the lust of ease;

To find our welfare in the general good;

To hold together, merging all degrees
In one wide brotherhood.

To teach that he who saves himself is lost;

To bear in silence though our hearts may bleed;

To spend ourselves, and never count the cost,
For others' greater need.

—Owen Seaman.

DO NOT DELAY

Reinstate; do not delay it—

Think of those for whom you pay.

If you owe a payment, pay it;

Life may close for you today.

Not a day but what some household

Is called to mourn departed life;

Bitter struggle oft' the portion,

Of those who linger in the strife.

So if you owe a payment, pay it;

Pay it quick—do not delay,

For we cannot scan the future;

Life may end for you today.

—Degree of Honor Review.

Study the cause of an unusual condition before permitting it to influence your decision.



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DECEMBER, 1929

FRANCIS P. GIBSON

Our Gib is no more.

On December 4, it became our painful duty to flash to the four corners of the compass the sad tidings of his passing from earthly activity.

His going was a shock not only to his devoted family and to his associates at headquarters, but something that approached a calamity to his friends and followers in two countries.

He had become a stalwart fixture in the affairs of our Society, and no one dreamed that he would be taken away so suddenly. Yet life is that way. The unexpected always happens. Time and tide and fate wait not upon the wishes of mankind. Mortals are the helpless playthings of destiny.

He had not been in robust health for some years. His condition, however, did not become pronounced until early in November. During that month, he was under the care of a specialist, and submitted to a very thorough examination. It was found he was suffering from stones in the bladder, and an early operation was advised.

Even then, the report of the doctor was reassuring. It was believed he would withstand the ordeal well. But even doctors do not always know the frailties of the human body, or foresee hidden complications that may arise.

On December 1, he went to St. Luke's hospital. The operation was performed on the morning of December 3. He rallied well from the ordeal, and reports during the day were optimistic and encouraging. During the night, however, he began to lose ground. In the early hours of December 4 the doctors were working to save his life. The end came at 8:05 that morning.

Post-operative shock was the direct cause of death, complicated by general arterial sclerosis and degeneracy of the renal organs and kidneys.

The funeral on December 7 was very largely attended by the deaf of Chicago and other friends. The services were in charge of the Reverend Philip J. Hasenstab, a long time friend and one time neighbor of Brother Gibson. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, filling the chapel to overflowing. Interment was in the family lot in Rosehill cemetery, Chicago, beside his parents and other relatives who had preceded him. The last rites of the Society were conducted at the grave, led by Brother F. J. Neesam. The pall bearers were Brothers Washington Barrow, Louis Newman, John D. Sullivan, H. M. Leiter, Leo J. Clinnen, and A. L. Roberts.

While Brother Gibson had been ill enough to be confined to his home for two weeks early in November, he recovered sufficiently to return to the office late in the month, and during the greater part of the last week he worked upon the final issue of THE FRAT he was destined ever to edit. The completed number went to the printer on Thursday, November 28.

On Saturday, the 30th, he attended to a few items of correspondence, and turned over some of the matters he wished disposed of. We were alone together in the office that last afternoon he was to spend there. While he had no fear of the impending ordeal, he was not blind to the possibility that he might never return. He was approaching 60, and was well aware that at his age, the ordeal would not be easy. It is possible that he knew his own condition better than his doctor or any of us. While extremely fearful of the outcome, knowing the general condition of his health, we concealed this uneasiness and tried to encourage him, telling him he would be back with us by the first of the year, a new man and good for a quarter of a century still. He thought we were rather optimistic as to longevity. When he prepared to leave for home late in the afternoon, he was grave, with a hint of sadness in his face. It seemed as though he felt he was bidding goodbye forever to the Society which he loved and for which he had so long labored, and to the seven thousand members of the order, a great many of whom he knew by their first names.

We went with him to the door and bade him goodbye. Turning there, he said: "Bobs, if anything happens to me, carry on." Thus he passed out never to return. When we saw him again, at the hospital, whither we had been hastily summoned, he was dead, having passed away a short time before.

Gib, old man, we are carrying on.

The French Legion of Honor has nothing on our Get One Degree. Make the degree in 1930.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Following the death of President Gibson, the Executive committee of the Board of Directors met on December 6 and 7, to effect the necessary reorganization.

First Vice President F. J. Neesam was sworn in as president on December 6. Besides Brother Neesam, there were present at this meeting Brothers Leiter and Roberts, making up the full Executive committee with voting power, and Trustees Barrow and Flick. At the meeting on the 7th, Vice President Shilton, who had come in for the funeral, also participated. Thus four of the six members constituting the Board of Directors were present on the 7th.

Action at both of these meetings was unanimous on several matters that came up for consideration.

President Neesam is to continue his residence in Delavan, Wisconsin, and will commute back and forth when necessary. The members of the committee were mindful of the law requiring the executive officers of the society to live in Chicago or its suburbs. The Delavan-Lake Geneva district, where President Neesam lives, is part of the metropolitan area of Chicago, and many business men of the city reside there. Brother Neesam will be in close touch with the Home Office at all times.

An additional stenographer-clerk has been added to the staff of four at the Home Office.

The committee directed that a suitable resolution be prepared and sent to Brother Gibson's family and published in THE FRAT.

The editing of THE FRAT and organizing work will be carried on by the Home Office staff and President Neesam.

The members of the Board present at the two meetings feel that the arrangement is the best that could be provided, all circumstances considered, and that the work will go forward successfully, without additional expenditure beyond the present budget, and possibly at some saving.

Rallies to obtain new members are now in order. Chicago Division No. 1 has started the ball rolling. Do likewise.

WAIVER FOR EXPENSE FUNDS

As provided by the Denver convention of 1927, which gave the Grand Division authority to waive two mortuary assessments, if necessary, during the following quadrennial period, and convert the amount so waived into funds for necessary running expenses, the first of these waivers will be in February, 1930. However, this will make no change in the reports sent in by Division treasurers. The necessary accounting and transfer of funds will be done at the Home Office.

AFTERMATH

Practically every Division in the country and many other friends sent floral offerings to the funeral of President Gibson, and all Divisions sent either wires or letters of condolence. The list of those sending flowers and messages is too long to be printed in THE FRAT, but all such have been acknowledged by the family of the deceased.

Three former Grand Presidents were at the funeral; namely, Brothers Kleinhans, Bristol and Anderson. The other living Grand President, Brother Hellers of Detroit, was unable to be present.

A list of Division representatives present will also be found in the Division Notes in this issue.

As the Home Office was burdened with many details following Brother Gibson's death and in connection with the funeral, we had Brother Jimmy Meagher get in touch with the city News Bureau, and the announcement of the death was given wide publicity in the press of the nation. We also had the Chicago Tribune send a representative to the funeral, and the account of this was sent to practically every newspaper of importance in the country. The comment in the deaf press has also been wide and varied. It is impossible to reproduce all of these comments in this issue of THE FRAT.

EAU CLAIRE DIVISION
INSTALLED

Eau Claire Division No. 111 was installed November 30th with vice-president F. J. Neesam in charge. Brothers Leisman of Milwaukee, DeLance of Duluth and Benolkin of St. Paul were present. Sub-zero weather and a snow storm caused several St. Paul Frats to cancel their plans to be present.

It is deeply regretted that Brother Wachuta, who had been the leading spirit in the organization of the division, was unable to be present. He was confined to his bed with paralysis of the right side. A late report is that he is slowly improving.

The installation took place in the Elks Club, which was headquarters for the W. A. D. reunion last summer. After the officers were seated the visiting delegates each spoke in turn, assuring the new division of the well wishes of their neighboring divisions. Delavan Division No. 80 sent, instead of a delegate, a check for \$50.00 to start the new division on its way. The presentation was received with great enthusiasm.

San Diego Division No. 110 sent the nursing bottle, which it had outgrown, and the Eau Clairites proved themselves worthy sons of the foremost dairy state by quickly draining its contents amidst great hilarity. The bottle was sent in a small wooden case with "No. 111" on the top. This was the handiwork of Frats of the San Diego Division.

To the Membership at Large

Dear Brother Members:

Now that Brother Gibson is gone you undoubtedly wish to know what arrangements have been made for the conduct of the Society's affairs.

As first vice president, I succeeded to the vacancy created by Brother Gibson's death, taking the oath of office on December 6. I shall continue to reside in Delavan, which is but a short distance away, and commute back and forth as required.

Secretary-Treasurer Roberts will be in full charge of all details at the Home Office. To those who know him, this is a guarantee that the affairs of the Society will be handled in an efficient, economical, and satisfactory manner.

The staff of assistants at the Home Office is retained and an additional stenographer hired so things will proceed with celerity and precision. The Home Office force will co-operate with me in getting out THE FRAT.

The last words of Brother Gibson, just previous to his departure for the hospital, were "Carry on." This is his last wish and message. It is a message addressed to all: brothers in the rank and file, division officers, and grand officers alike. Let us dedicate ourselves to its fulfillment, working together to make our Society, to which Brother Gibson gave the best years of his life, a bigger and better one. One that will continue and prosper as long as there are deaf people upon the earth.

FREDERICK J. NEESAM,
President.

Dec. 21, 1929.

The new Division has the entire northwest part of Wisconsin to itself, as the other three Wisconsin Divisions are all grouped in the southeastern part of the state, and it is expected it will have a steady and permanent growth. Now go to it boys, we are all with you.—N.

Why not start the New Year right by getting a new member.

BOSTON, 1931

Regarding the Boston Booster

Many of you will remember that The Local Convention Committee of Boston Division held a contest to find the best design for a cover for the proposed Boston Booster, a magazine which we had hoped to print and distribute among the membership of our Society.

We received quite a number of designs and left the decision of choosing the best design to a committee of experts employed at the Rumford Press, Concord, N. H.

The prize of twenty-five dollars was awarded to the winner after the judges had decided on which one of the many designs submitted would be most suitable.

We then set about to start the Booster on its way. We knew that the first thing to do in an undertaking of this sort was to get advertisements, so after making inquiries we were referred to the Chamber of Commerce.

There we were received with the utmost courtesy, and found to our dismay that it would be impossible to live up to the conditions of the Chamber regarding such matters. If we were to get any advertisements, we must first get the endorsement of the Chamber of Commerce, and to get the endorsement of the Chamber, it was necessary to comply with their regulations. Among their regulations were several which it would have been utterly impossible for us to comply with. These were as to the number of issues per year and the number of years which we would have to print and issue the Booster before the time of the Convention. We explained matters to the man in charge, but he could not see any way out, as the rules were not made by the Chamber itself but by the merchants, as a matter of protection.

We therefore regret to announce that the proposed publication of the Booster has been dropped, and instead we will use the columns of THE FRAT to acquaint all who care to read what we will do, what you may do, and what may be expected here during the convention. When the proper time comes, a series of notes dealing with Boston past and present will start in THE FRAT and run until convention time.

LOCAL CONVENTION COMMITTEE,
BOSTON DIVISION NO. 35.

Fourteen Thousand in 1930.



Edited by Charles B. Kemp

COMING DIVISION EVENTS

January

- 4. Smoker Rochester
- 4. Rally Chicago No. 1
- 5. Lecture and movies Boston
- 11. Carnival Greater New York Divisions
- 11. Card party Schenectady
- 11. Installation New Haven
- 11. Banquet Holyoke
- 11. Social Cedar Rapids
- 18. Bunco party Chicago No. 106
- 18. Social Toledo
- 18. Social Dayton
- 18. Mock court martial Rochester
- 18. Social Hartford
- 18. Lecture Baltimore
- 25. Banquet Boston

February

- 1. Circus ball Flint
- 5. Banquet Miami
- 8. Annual ball St. Louis
- 15. Valentine party Indianapolis
- 15. Valentine party Rochester
- 15. Masquerade social Huntington
- 22. Grand ball Los Angeles
- 22. Mask ball Cleveland
- 22. Frat frolic Philadelphia
- 22. Masquerade ball Utica
- 22. Social Wichita
- 22. Social Omaha

March

- 1. Mask ball Chicago No. 1
- 8. Fraternal Fort Worth
- 29. Social Cincinnati

Chicago

The sudden death of Grand President Gibson was a great shock to the members of Division No. 1. The evening before, at the regular business meeting of the Division, Grand Secretary-Treasurer Roberts had announced the fact of his having undergone an operation, that he was resting comfortably, and that there was every hope and expectation that he would speedily be up and around again. So the news that he had left us caused both surprise and grief. Until the formation of the Grand Division, Brother Gibson had always been an active and influential member of No. 1, and his transfer to the Grand Division in no way lessened his keen interest in Division affairs, nor his willingness to give us of his store of wisdom and experience. His remarks during the Good of the Order period, full of good advice and helpful suggestions, came to be almost an order of business at every meeting of the Division. And he seldom missed a meeting. To the many members who have worked side by side with him for over a quarter century, he will be greatly missed. To

those who knew him less intimately, but to whom his engaging personality and helpful ways always made a pleasing impression, his passing will also be noted with regret. Practically every member of the Division attended the funeral or viewed the remains at the chapel previous to the funeral, paying their last earthly respects to their deceased brother with heavy hearts. The Division sent a floral offering, and the secretary wrote a letter to Mrs. Gibson expressing the sorrow and sympathy of the members. His like was never known, and his place will be impossible to fill in the hearts of those who have known and trusted him. We will miss his leadership in the Society he did so much to make what it is today. No tribute can do him justice, so we will not try.

The annual election of officers is a thing of the past. There will be several new faces in the various stations, and some old faces remain to help give confidence to the new. Secretary Elmer Disz and Treasurer Abe Migatz are examples of the old, Brother Disz starting his fourth term, and Brother Migatz his fifth, and there are no more willing workers in the Division. Altogether, we look for a very prosperous year to come. The new officers will assume office at a public installation at the Silent Athletic Club on Saturday evening, January 4. After the ceremony there will be a rally, starting a drive for new members. Interesting addresses will be made by prominent members, in which the advantages of being a member will be made plain. The affair will wind up with free refreshments.

The Division gave a Christmas tree party on December 21. It was for members and their immediate families only, the large size of the Division precluding the possibility of entertaining others. Santa was there with bells on and every child received a present, and there was plenty of Christmas candies and nuts for all, old and young alike.

The funeral of Grand President Gibson brought many representatives from other Divisions, as well as many friends from near-by cities. Among those registering at headquarters were three of the four living Ex-Grand Presidents, J. J. Kleinhans, Niles, Mich., E. M. Bristol, Flint, Mich., and H. C. Anderson, Indianapolis, Ind. Others were First Vice President F. J. Neesam, Delavan, Wis., Fourth Vice President John T. Shilton, Toronto, Can., T. L. Anderson, Council Bluffs, Ia., O. M. Treuke, Omaha, Neb., W. P. Souder, Washington, D. C., A. M. Hinch, Detroit Mich., C. V. Trigg, Dallas, Tex., J. F. Cordano, St. Joseph, Mich.,

Charles Kinser, Cedar Rapids, Ia., L. J. Bacheberle, Cincinnati, O., Harry Mather, Jacksonville, Ill., John G. Otto, Springfield, Ill., John T. Hower, Akron, O., E. C. Birdwell, Detroit, Mich., Clifford Davis, Wilkesburg, Pa., William H. Schaub, St. Louis, Mo., Hiram Huff, H. A. Molohon, Fred Fancher and Ernest Tilton, Jacksonville, Ill., William Riordan, Grand Rapids, Mich., Fred Shatwell, Rockford, Ill.—C. B. K.

It is needless to say that we of No. 106 were all shocked at the untimely death of Grand President Gibson. He was by no means an old man; in appearance he looked younger than his age, and we had no doubt of his being able to serve the Society for many more years to come, as acceptably and as successfully as in the past. He, with his associates in the Home Office, built up the Society on a firm foundation, so it will not be difficult for it to carry on and prosper. His successor in office, Brother Neesam, will have our sincere co-operation. The Division members attended the funeral in force. The writer does not remember attending a funeral where the floral tributes were so many and varied.

We, in common with the other Divisions had our annual election of officers at the December meeting. We had no trouble in securing sufficient candidates for office, and the voting was lively, going through with speed and good sportsmanship. Two of the old officers were re-elected. The balance were new men, who no doubt will give a good account of themselves.

Chairman Hinrichs and his committee pulled off a very interesting affair in the "Collegiate Carnival" on December 14, at Crystal Hall, North Ave. There was a crowd of about 200, mostly young people. There were many new faces in the crowd, which makes one wonder how many more there are in and around Chicago. A few of the young fellows were ready to sign up, but no member had an application blank with him, so the golden opportunity was lost—for a time, at least. At such affairs it would pay the members to see that a supply of blanks were on hand for use, if wanted. There is no telling when one will be needed. Strung to the ceiling of the hall were bunches of small balloons, each like a multi-colored bunch of grapes. Late in the evening the lights were shut off, a spot-light played over the merry-makers, and the bunches of balloons were dropped down among them. It was fun to see them scramble for the balloons, and fun for them, too, evidently. The affair lasted until one o'clock in the morning, the time limit for our use of the hall.

By the time this issue of the paper is out, we probably will have had our New Year whoopee party at Occidental Hall, on December 31. Something about this affair will appear in a later issue.

On Saturday evening, January 18 we will have a "500" party at the

Capitol Building, State and Randolph Sts., 19th floor. This will be sponsored by the smoker committee. Refreshments will be served. A nominal charge of 35 cents gains you admission, and we anticipate a good crowd and a good time.

To the newly organized Eau Claire Division No. 111 we extend our congratulations on their establishment, and also our best wishes for their successful growth and prosperity.

On November 24, at the Benzinger alleys on West Monroe St., the bowling team of No. 1 defeated the team from No. 106 by a small margin. Better luck next time, boys.—F. B. W.

Cleveland

A majority of the local Frats were not aware of the passing of Grand President Francis P. Gibson until they attended the business meeting on the day of the funeral at Chicago. The effect of the news on "Gib's" boys was evidenced by their lack of perceptivity during the session. We regard the detailed account of the funeral, as well as a brief sketch of Gibson's life and work, which the Associated Press gave all over the nation, the best tribute they have for great men.

Carmelo Cheraso passed cigars around at the meeting, following the announcement of his retirement from bachelorhood. Carmelo has not been in this country very long, but he already knows our signs well, has a paying shoe-repairing business and dresses like a prosperous business man. He joined the N. F. S. D. without much coaxing. His hobby is art.

"Chairman Abe Mansky will now give his report on plans for the February masquerade," said President F. C. Smielau, glancing at his order of business chart at the December meeting. Sergeant-at-Arms Charles Ortolfo stepped up to the altar and informed the president that Brother Mansky and two others were imprisoned in the automatic elevator. A rescue party was immediately organized, and after an hour of pow-wow-ing on whether to leave them there or call the fire department, Frank Faulhaber, the little man with a big heart, got them out with a trick pencil.

The election held by No. 21 was the most closely-contested ever experienced, most offices requiring as many ballots as there were candidates. The list shows all but one to be repeaters, and their experience should go a long way toward making 1930 a successful year. President Harry McCann is back in harness after two years trying to regain his health. He feels the loss of Grand President Gibson as much as anyone, and aims to help headquarters carry on. Harry also was chosen scribe for this column during 1930 and will have the hearty support of your 1929 scribe, P. D. Munger.

St. Louis

The Division recently held its annual smoker and initiation, when 12

brothers rode the Division's goat to full membership. This was the largest number initiated for some time past, but we have already started out to get material with which to break the record, voting in three new members at the December meeting. The evening was enlivened by the presence of some dozen visitors from neighboring Divisions, among them being a load from Jacksonville, brought down by Fred Fancher, and some from Springfield. Quite a number of our own non-resident members were also present. Some 40 of our local members attended the Thanksgiving Day football game at Fulton, when the Missouri state school team met the Kansas state school team and went down in defeat. The boys of No. 24, No. 31 and No. 14 had a nice time together. Among those taking a load were Oscar Harrison, and he had the misfortune to have his auto skid off the hard road, with minor injuries to itself and its load. No one was seriously injured, for which the writer is thankful. He counted 11 cars partly wrecked from having skidded off the road into fences along the way.

The Division was greatly shocked at the unexpected death of our Grand President. We had received a letter from him a short time before our smoker, informing us of the Division's standing in number of members, and the news of his death was entirely unexpected. William H. Schaub was sent as the Division's representative to attend the funeral. Mrs. Gibson has the sincere sympathy of all of our members in her bereavement.—A. O. S.

Pittsburgh

Brothers Reiser and Korn of Pittsburgh Division, and Brothers Sawhill, McGivern and McConnell of Wilkesburg Division attended the veteran employee's banquet given by the Union Switch and Signal Co. at Hotel Schenley on November 9. They were presented with service buttons. Brother Korn has been with the company for 33 years, Brother Sawhill, 26 years, Brother McConnell, 24 years, Brother McGivern, 22 years, and Brother Reiser, 21 years. We congratulate them all on the splendid record.

Every member of the Division attended the December meeting, drawn by the annual election of officers. Two applications were presented and approved, and we expect three more at the January meeting. The Division is growing in membership rapidly, and we hope to reach the 150 mark before the Boston convention. President Zahn appointed the following as the degree staff: P. N. Harkless, chairman, C. E. Reiser, T. P. Ross, Samuel Frank and W. McK. Stewart. All are hustlers. The next smoker will be staged at McGeagh Hall on February 23. We will have a large number of new members up for initiation. There will be plenty of eats and cigars, and everyone will be assured of a good time.

Chairman Connor and his aides on the banquet committee are making arrangements for the banquet to be held

on February 22. Brothers Gorman and Forbes of this Division, and Brother Leitner of Wilkesburg Division will be guests of honor at the banquet. Reservations should be made through the chairman, Fred R. Connor, 508 Hazelwood Ave., Pittsburgh. Price, \$2 per plate.

The Pittsburgh Silent Basketball team is a member of the Greater Pittsburgh League. Its members are all Frats. All home games are played at the gymnasium of the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf on Friday nights. They always attract great attention when they go abroad for games.

We were shocked to learn of the death of Grand President Gibson. We will miss him greatly. Our Division extends its sympathy to Mrs. Gibson and the family.

Pittsburgh Division wishes all Divisions a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—S. J. R.

Berkeley

Our members were deeply grieved when they learned that our Grand President had passed away after working so many years for our own and the Society's good. May he rest in peace. At the December meeting the members stood with bowed heads in silent respect to our dead leader.

C. A. Hutton is receiving the congratulations of his friends. A local paper had his name in it recently as one who had been associated with the Western Electric Co. for 25 years. He resides with his mother, and his hobby is roses.

Emery Vinson, the Division's champion turkey raiser, has sold hundreds of birds recently. While dressing birds, he had the misfortune to cut a deep gash in one of his index fingers.—W. A. C.

Detroit

Our meeting on December 7 will live long in the memories of the members of the Division who were present. The lodge room was crowded to capacity, and quite a few had to stand, or trade off with some accommodating brother. There was a solemn expression on every face, and many depicted dumbfounded amazement, for the news of the death of Grand President Gibson had just been announced, leaving us in a state of incredulity, of awe and of unbounded sorrow. Division President Drake occupied the chair, and opened the meeting by calling the members to their feet, to stand with bowed heads, in silent respect, for five minutes. Five more minutes were taken up by eloquent tributes to the memory of our departed chief by Past Grand President Peter N. Hellers, Ivan Heymanson and R. V. Jones. All business, beyond what was absolutely necessary, was suspended. The transfer of A. C. Harrell from Wichita Division was accepted, and the pledge was administered to Russell Marshall, Maxime La Belle, Sam Zimmer and M. A. Fielding. The annual election of officers was then taken up, and if the

personnel of the new officers presages any luck for the Division, it stands a pretty fair show of "mushing through" 1930 in good shape, for the list of officers selected comprises good timber, and will be well able to stand the strain. On account of his work at the Ford River Rouge plant, Rudolph Huhn felt obliged to resign from the board of trustees, so two trustees had to be elected this year. Ferdinand McCarthy, chairman of the nominating committee, managed the election, and everything went off smoothly.

Brothers Hinch, Difazio, Breece, Glaze and Lobsinger, Mrs. Lobsinger, and about eight others whose names I did not get, went to Chicago to attend the funeral of Grand President Gibson. Wreaths were sent by the Division, by the Detroit Association of the Deaf, and by the Cadillac Association of the Deaf.

Our Division president, C. E. Drake, left during the week of December 9 for the sunny southland, where he expects to bask in the shade of orange trees during his vacation.

I am again compelled to issue a warning to the deaf who may be thinking that the new wage raise of the Ford Motor Co. means plenty of work and prosperity for all who come to this city. As a matter of fact, the labor situation here is very bad just now, and thousands are walking the streets looking for work. So it would be only a waste of time—and money—to come here before spring, if then.—R. V. J.

St. Paul-Minneapolis

Everybody was shocked to hear of the death of our Grand President. It came so suddenly and unexpectedly. We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family. The deaf all over the country will realize that they have lost a great leader and a great benefactor—a man who worked hard to make the Society a success, and succeeded admirably.

Everything is ready for our annual New Year's dance. Chairman Inhofer expects a packed house, and has something good to offer in the way of prizes.

A "500" party was given at the clubhouse on November 30. Ray Inhofer was in charge, and cleared a nice sum.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—J. J. M.

Milwaukee

Our annual election of officers on December 3 was a rather quiet affair. The chief change was in the office of Secretary. Samuel Sutter has held that office for 15 years, and retires for a well-earned rest.

The following day we were all shocked and grieved to learn of the passing of Grand President Gibson. Because of his many fine traits he will be greatly missed. The Division sent a floral offering as a token of sympathy to his family. We had been expecting him to come to Milwaukee sometime this coming winter and give a lecture, but will have to forego the pleasure.

Mark Bishop and wife have returned to Milwaukee from Perry, Ia., Brother Bishop having been called back to work at the Seaman Body Corporation.

Arthur G. Leisman wishes to thank those Eau Claire Frats who entertained him so well when he was there at the time of the installation of their new Division.—S. S.

Lowell

It was a great shock to the mem-

WHY The Public is Turning to Building & Loan

Figures recently made public reveal some interesting facts about building and loan associations. During the year 1928 the resources of the 12,666 associations in the U. S. increased \$837,471,876 to bring the combined resources to the impressive total of more than EIGHT BILLION dollars. 659,644 new investors joined building and loan or an average of 2,200 EVERY BUSINESS DAY. The total membership now exceeds TWELVE MILLION or one of every 12 of the nation's entire population. Last year the associations loaned \$751,305,735 on homes. The number of homes financed PER DAY averaged about 1000.

Statistics for the past nine years reveal the remarkable fact that this vast business has been carried on with an AVERAGE ANNUAL LOSS OF ONLY 6-100 (.006) of 1% of total resources. On this record it would take 166 years to lose 1%.

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bers of Lowell Division and their friends to learn of the death of Grand President Gibson, and they all join in extending their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Gibson and family. How well we remember his visit to Lowell in May, 1928, and how we enjoyed his address on Americanism and Fraternalism, given at the local Y. M. C. A.

We have had no fall socials this year because of the many counter attractions every week at other New England Divisions, but will start a winter program on January 11 with an installation of officers, followed by a smoker, open to members only. Another event will be a banquet in celebration of our 10th anniversary, at which we hope to have speeches by several well known New England Frats. Watch for announcements in THE FRAT, later. On January 18 Colin McCord will engineer a social and whist party in the Essex Savings Bank Bldg., Essex St., Lawrence. Movies of the raising of the flag at Riverbank on July 4 will be shown, also pictures of places visited by John O'Rourke on his European trip. The profits from this later affair will go to help boost the Boston convention fund.

The Lowell Silent Bowling Team stands ready to meet any team in Massachusetts in a bowling match for championship honors. The Lynn and Boston Silent Clubs are asked to note this challenge. For games, write Colin C. McCord, 87 Andrews St., Lowell.—C. C. M.

Worcester

The annual ball given by the Division at Washburn hall on November 16 was easily one of the most enjoyable events held in the 12 years of the Division's history. There were nearly 300 present, some coming from as far as Lewiston, Me. The grand march was led by Secretary Harry Jarvis of Hartford Division and his beautiful wife. The waltz contest was won by J. B. McMahon of Lowell and his partner, Mrs. Lottie Clark of Medford. The second prize was awarded to A. Kianity and Miss Helen Spiratt of Boston. President Battersby of Boston Division made the presentation of prizes. Miss Juliet Boisvert of Beverly gave us an exhibition of the Charleston, which was very good. At last year's dance Brother McMahon won a loving cup. The ball was greatly enjoyed by all present, and they want another like it next year. We hope we may be able to give them what they want, and an even better one, if possible. A rousing vote of thanks was given Chairman Larry Donovan and his helpers for making the ball such a success. As one result of the ball

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a check for \$125 went to swell the Boston convention fund. The Division wishes to extend its sincere thanks to those brothers of Boston, Lowell, Springfield, Hartford and Providence Divisions who did their bit to help make the ball a success. It is appreciated. The Division has decided to make the ball an annual affair, to be held in November, and also a social party on Patriots' Day in April.

The writer has had several letters inquiring about work here. He wishes to say that there is no prospect of work here at this time. The American Wire Company's mills will not give employment to deaf workers, as the work is very dangerous, and the insurance companies object to them.

Archie La Framboise of Pittsfield was a visitor at our December meeting. He was one of those transferred to other Divisions when the Pittsfield Division was suspended for lack of sufficient local membership. He has a steady job at St. Luke's hospital in Pittsfield, and expects to hold it indefinitely.

Several of our local members will go to Boston to attend that Division's ball on December 28.

Our members were greatly shocked to learn of the death of Grand President Gibson. He was a great friend to all Frats in the United States and Canada. We will miss him very much. The Division extends its sincerest sympathy to the bereaved family. He was a man whom we reverently regarded as the greatest figure in the silent world.

Worcester Division wishes all of the other Divisions a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.—D. J. T.

Rochester

The news of the death of Grand President Gibson came as a blow to all of the Rochester Frats, most of whom had not even known of his illness. We all feel that it is a big loss to the N. F. S. D., as it was he who actually put the Society on its feet and raised it to its present height among fraternal organizations. A resolution of sympathy was read at the December meeting, and a copy sent to the bereaved family.

The Division had a Hallow'en social on October 16. Miss Ruth Todd, 15-year old daughter of Ira Todd, was chairman of the affair, with her father, the Division's game wizard, in charge of the games. Everything went off in great shape. Many of our Buffalo brothers attended the social and helped make it an enjoyable one. William J. O'Neil of Kenosha Division No. 72 was among those present, and we were glad to see him.

The Division's parcel post social was a great success. Each guest, on paying admission, was given a numbered ticket, which number corresponded with a number on a parcel. The latter was delivered upon presentation of the ticket, and many contained surprises. LeGrand Klock was chairman of the social, which was greatly enjoyed by all, many of whom had never attended a similar affair.

Our annual card party was held at the school for the deaf, and the proceeds donated to the school's Christmas fund to provide presents for those pupils who were unable to go home for the holidays. In spite of frosted windshields and icy pavements, a good crowd turned out and made it a big success.

At the close of our business meeting on January 4 we will stage a smoker. Members of neighboring Divisions are cordially invited to be present. It will be held in Culver Hall, the usual meeting place of the Division.

We are looking forward to our big masquerade ball to be held on February 15. Everyone will be welcome. I. O. O. F. Hall, Main and Swan Sts.—C. H. S.

Boston

Hubward, 1931.

We, the members of Boston Division as well as the 1931 local committee, were greatly shocked to hear of the death of our dear friend and brother, Grand President Gibson. His usefulness in the past, and his expected help at the time of the convention will be both appreciated and missed. Our sympathy goes to his bereaved wife and son.

Don't forget to attend our annual New Year ball at Convention Hall, St. Botolph and Garrison Sts., Boston, on Saturday evening, December 28. Also, begin the new year right by attending the New Year social on Tuesday evening, December 31, 8 p. m. to 1:30 a. m., Huntington Chambers, 30 Huntington Ave., Boston. Prizes, games, refreshments and novelties galore. Both of the above will be under the management of the 1931 committee, and those attending the annual ball will be admitted to the social at a reduced admission fee. Don't miss either of them.

Donations during the month of December received from Springfield and

Worcester Divisions and the Boston Silent Club were much appreciated. Our convention fund is growing fast.

The Division will hold its "Booster Banquet" at Gilbert Hall, Tremont Temple, on Saturday, January 25, at 6:30 p. m. Only \$2 per plate. Number of plates limited to 175, so make your reservations early, before January 18. Write to Secretary A. A. Sinclair, 16 Princeton Terrace, West Lynn, or to President W. H. Battersby, 45 W. Neptune St., West Lynn.

John O'Rourke will deliver a lecture, accompanied by moving pictures, of his trip to Japan, China, Australia, Java and the Samoan Islands at Berkeley Hall, at 2:30 p. m., on January 5. Admission only 35 cents. Bring your family and friends. Proceeds go to the convention fund.

There were almost no changes in office made at our December election. That will mean continued good team work in preparing for the convention.

William Hall has gone home to be with his family for the winter in Yarmouth, Me. Mrs. Hall recently presented him with a bouncing boy, who will keep him from being lonesome.

In the November issue of THE FRAT I inadvertently spoke of Brother Battersby as chairman of the 1931 local committee. This was an error. Brother Battersby is secretary and publicity man. A. A. Sinclair is chairman of the committee.—A. A. S.

Akron

We were all greatly shocked to learn of the death of our beloved Grand President. We sincerely regret the passing of this great N. F. S. D. worker and booster. He put the Society on a firm foundation, now rating as one of the strongest fraternal societies in the world. He was the friend of every man, and will be greatly missed. Our Division president, John T. Hower was delegated to attend the funeral in Chicago as the representative of the Division.

Frank Bauer, Cleveland, Herbert Archer, Kent, and Raymond Haney and John Cipriano, Ravenna, were out of town members attending our December meeting.

Earl Hinkley is occupying a new modern home on Morningview Ave., in place of the one he had on Malasia Road, which was bought by the city for a school site.

Arthur Rasmussen has been given a year's leave of absence at the Good-year shops. He wishes to rest up and try to get rid of the rheumatism that has been bothering him for the last few years. We all wish him a speedy recovery and return to work.

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Nathan Henick and Edward Hetzel of Toledo were business callers in Akron the week of December 4, and attended the meeting of the Akron Advance Society. Brother Henick was throwing out his chest because his wife won the prize as the prettiest girl at our Hallowe'en social.

A fine brotherly spirit was shown at the December meeting, when the hat was passed around for contributions to help the family of Brother John Fleming, who has been out of work for a long time. The collection amounted to \$17.69 and a bus ticket. After deducting three months' dues, which were in arrears, the balance, added to some outside collections, goes to help support his family until he is able to secure work again.—J. O. H.

Columbus

The usual annual election of officers took place at our December meeting. The secretary, treasurer, director and deputy were re-elected. The rest are new men. Of our officers, six are attached to the school for the deaf in one capacity or another. We had some difficulty in getting candidates to run for office. The members seemed to have adopted ex-president Coolidge's "I do not choose to run," and declinations were the order of the evening.

Tickets are out for our annual New Year social, of which Jesse Inman is chairman. He has selected a fine array of assistants, and they mean to give us a "whoopie" party. The affair will be held at Knights of Pythias Hall on December 31, from four in the afternoon until the old year expires. We will make no further announcement regarding it, as it may be all over by the time this issue of THE FRAT reaches its readers.

Hereafter all notes for THE FRAT will be furnished by the Division secretary, as this is my final effort as official scribe. Now if you want to see your name in print, see Brother Arnold at the state school for the deaf. Do not sit around and think that he is a mind reader, or can imagine everything, as has frequently been my experience. If you are about to get married, or have been, tell Brother Arnold. If you have an addition to your family, tell Brother Arnold. If you've had a raise in salary and your hat feels too small, tell Brother Arnold—maybe he can adjust it properly. In short, keep him posted on what is doing, if you want to see Columbus in the columns of THE FRAT.

As the above was being penned, news came of the death of our Grand President at Chicago. Words fail me to express how shocked we all were at the news, and how sad we feel.

Brother Gibson was a good friend to us, and his advice and help was always a great encouragement to all. Now that he is gone, we feel keenly the great loss we have sustained. A friend has gone whose place it will be hard to fill. May he rest in peace. Our sincere sympathy is extended to the bereaved family.

This being my final official letter for the Division, I wish to thank all who have assisted me in any way, and to bespeak good luck to one and all. With this, I make my bow of retirement.—C. C. N.

Faribault

The members of the Division were shocked to learn of the untimely death of Grand President Gibson. Unable to send a personal representative to honor our chief at the funeral, a floral offering was sent. At the December meeting, held on the evening of the day of the funeral, the members stood in silent reverence for one minute in respect to our departed leader. A committee on resolutions was appointed, who drew up a set of resolutions, which the secretary was instructed to forward to THE FRAT for publication.

The Gallaudet social was held as scheduled, with quite a large turnout. Dr. J. L. Smith gave a talk on "Gallaudet, the Pioneer," and Mrs. J. S. S. Bowen recited a Gallaudet hymn. Games were then played, and the evening wound up with tasty refreshments served by the Aux-Frats under the direction of Mesdames Schwirtz, Bruns and Lauritsen.

Albert Swee was receiving the congratulations of his brothers at the December meeting, the reason being the fact that he had just become the happy "dad" of a pair of twins—a boy and a girl. Brother and Mrs. Swee now have five boys and one girl. The five boys will soon be helping run the Swee farm, and the girl will be of great help to her mother in the housework for such a large family.

One December 7, May, the hearing sister of Brothers Tom, John, Joseph and Edward Malley, died. Yes, we have four deaf men from the same family enrolled as members of our

Division, and Bridget, their sister, is enrolled in the Aux-Frats.—W. A. L.

Toronto

We were greatly shocked to hear of the passing of Brother Gibson, our Grand President. I can well imagine how greatly he will be missed. He was a great man among the deaf, and was well liked by Toronto people, and was always ready to give a helping hand whenever he could. It seems hard to realize that he is gone. But the way of Providence is inscrutable, and all we can do is to bow in submission to the Divine Will, assured that the chastenings of affliction are not sent in anger, but are proof of a loving Father's care. His paths are in the sea, and His footsteps are in the deep waters; He causeth all things to work together for good to those who put their trust in Him.—H. E. G.

Cincinnati

All of our members were greatly shocked when the news of the death of Grand President Gibson reached us and was spread rapidly by telephone to all parts of the city and its suburbs. L. J. Bacheberle was chosen to attend the funeral as the Division's representative, and left at once for Chicago.

The Thanksgiving social held on November 30 was a success, despite the zero weather we had—it was one degree above zero that morning. In awarding the prizes to the maskers, Frank Simpson got first prize for men, and John Dunham the second prize. On the ladies' side, Mrs. Howard Crews and Mrs. Oliver Anderson were the winners of the first and second prizes, respectively. The little son of Brother and Mrs. Adelbert Watters won the children's prize. One of the out of town visitors was George Surber of Mowrystown, about 55 miles from Cincinnati. It was his first visit to one of our Division affairs in 15 years. He is a member of Dayton Division. Another was Roy B. Conkling of Versailles, O., editor of the American Deaf Citizen, who enjoyed meeting many of his boyhood friends.

The convention committee for the meeting of the Ohio Divisions next year is meeting frequently, and is making first-hand arrangements for the gathering. The date selected is July 3 to 6. The committee is busy securing a hall, picnic ground, etc., that will be big enough to accommodate the large crowd expected. Ten of our ablest members compose the personnel of the committee, and those who contemplate attending next year's convention can well feel assured of a good time. Visitors from other states will be welcome.—J. M. S.

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The news of the death of Grand President Gibson at Chicago came as a great shock to the members of our Division. Many of them are old timers, who knew Brother Gibson when the Society was young. He will be greatly missed.

We have decided to hold our silver jubilee celebration on May 30, May 31 and June 1 instead of in March, as originally intended. While our birthday properly comes on March 18, the weather at that time is apt to be unpleasant, while in May we have warm weather, and many who have automobiles will be able to attend, who otherwise might not find it convenient. We anticipate a big crowd. Watch for further notices concerning the celebration. Alby Peterson is chairman of the committee in charge, and will be assisted by Arthur Peterson, Stephen Miller, Ray Black, and Henry Hartley. A reception and smoker have already been named as a part of the celebration. Other events will be added.

Our Piqua members gave a social on October 6 for the benefit of the jubilee celebration fund. There was a big crowd, and as a result they were able to send us the tidy sum of \$59, which gives us a total of about \$200 in the fund. We extended a vote of thanks to our Piqua brothers and their friends for their generous help.—A. H. P.

Little Rock

The announcement of the death of Grand President Gibson came like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky. We were deeply shocked and could hardly realize that it could be true. We remembered him as appearing in the best of health on his last visit. His death brought us to a full realization of how faithfully he had toiled through the many crises in the growth of the Society, and how with a great personality and never-dying spirit he had brought the success of the organization to the highest point. We ex-

tend our most heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Gibson and the family.

When we admitted those 11 new members at our November meeting, we were confronted with the fact that the hall we were using would be too small for the increased membership. By a piece of good luck we have secured another hall that is of sufficient size to accommodate us. It is just out of the heart of the city, but has car lines running close by, and offers plenty of parking space for automobiles. The "grandpa's favorite" chairs will tempt the members to snore, and the presiding officer will be kept busy keeping them awake. The hall is over Guenther's filling station, West Markham and Cross Sts.

During the Good of the Order period at the December meeting, Secretary Jones was called out of the room for a few minutes. When he came back he was severely arraigned for negligence in the performance of his duties during the year. He was ordered to open his satchel for the inspection of the members, when, to his utter surprise, he found therein a case containing a handsome Shaeffer pen and pencil set and a large bottle of ink, a testimonial of the Division's appreciation of his "negligence." He was so touched that he could hardly express himself when he tried to thank his fellow members for their kindness.

Charles Beadle was the victim of a hold-up on a recent Saturday night, near his home on the outskirts of the city. As a result, he mourned the loss of \$19. He has decided to rent his house and move into town.—P. B. J.

Denver

Our members were shocked and grieved when the telegraph brought us the news of the death of our highly respected Grand President on December 4. His picture and a write-up appeared in one of the leading Denver papers

the next day, and this aided in spreading the sad news throughout the city and state. Many were the expressions of regret, as well as of esteem for the man who had done more for the upbuilding of the N. F. S. D. than anyone else, and contributed much toward the advancement of the deaf of the nation. Denver has been honored several times by visits from our late Grand President and friend, his last visit being in July of this year. The profound sympathy of the Colorado deaf is extended to the bereaved wife and son.

Our smoker, planned for December 7, the date of Grand President Gibson's funeral, was postponed indefinitely for that reason.

Our annual election of officers was held as usual this year. The new officers are all youthful and energetic fellows who will doubtless keep things moving. They are all "self-starters," and certainly will not go to sleep on the job, and wait for someone to tell them their duties; nor will they be influenced by petty politics or allow personal matters to interfere with the faithful discharge of their official duties. We feel safe in predicting a great year for the Division. As an indication of the interest taken in the election, this meeting was attended by nearly every Frat in Colorado.

A big New Year celebration is planned for this year. Brothers Grace, Haden and Rasey are in charge of arrangements, and this fact alone is enough to guarantee the success of the event. The gathering will be held in the parish hall of the magnificent St. John's Cathedral, which Brother Grace secured for our use.

Henry Wolfe, who has been conducting a farm near Greeley, Colo., expects to move with his family to Denver in the near future. Since losing his last year's crop by a destructive hail storm, having his bean crop killed by frost, and his sugar beets frozen in the field by the early cold weather this year, Henry has lost all interest in farming, we believe. However, he is an optimist thru and thru, and refuses to see anything but success ahead.

Speaking of the all-Colorado attendance at our December meeting, those non-residents present were Brothers Petrie, Herzberger, Wright and Veditz, Colorado Springs, Claus and Wolfe, Greeley, Sparks, Rock Springs, Wyo., and Simpson, Shields, Matticks, Castillian, Lemaster, Burnett, Lamoreaux and Opfer, of the southern part of the state. Most of them remained over Sunday, to attend a meeting of the Arkansas Valley Deaf

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Club, and to visit with friends. The wives of the majority of the visiting brothers accompanied them.—T. Y. N.

Hartford

Our true friend and brother, Francis P. Gibson, is gone. We find it almost impossible to believe it, and that he is separated from us forever. But the N. F. S. D. and Francis P. Gibson will never be separated, in our memories at least.

When Secretary Jarvis received the telegram announcing the sad news, he at once communicated with President Moran, and a call was sent out for a special meeting of the resident members, at which over three-fourths were present. A telegram of sympathy was ordered sent to Mrs. Gibson, and \$25 telegraphed to the Home Office for a floral offering from the Division.

We can see a picture of Brother Gibson, smiling, ready to listen to any one in trouble, or to talk business. He thoroughly enjoyed a joke, and was always ready with a new one. We well remember his visit here in 1928, when he and Mrs. Gibson spent three days with us, and how pleased he was with the presentation of the table lamp, the wood of which came from the building of the original Hartford school, erected in 1817, and torn down in 1919—102 years later. We remember, too, his last words when he bade us good bye: "See you in Boston, 1931." But alas, it was not to be.—H. V. J.

Los Angeles

It was with sadness that we received the news of Grand President Gibson's death. Accompanied by Mrs. Gibson, he made us a visit last July, the same smiling Gibson that we always knew. Although weary from travel, he seemed to be in good health, and happy to meet old friends and make new ones. As a friend and leader he will be greatly missed. The greatest tribute that we can pay this great man is to carry on for the Society to which he devoted the best years of his life. Mrs. Gibson has the sincere sympathy of this Division, and of her many friends in Los Angeles. To Brother Neesam, who succeeds Brother Gibson as Grand President, we offer our best wishes and assurances of cooperation.

Lawrence James passed away on November 18 from internal injuries received in a street car accident. He had spent a part of Sunday with friends in Eagle Park, a residential district of Los Angeles. On his way home he paused to let a car pass him, but failed to see a car coming from the opposite direction. He was struck and thrown 42 feet, dying the next day of his injuries. He was president of our Division in 1927. He was a jolly good fellow, and well liked by everybody. At the age of 64 he seemed much younger. He is survived by a daughter and three sons. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.

Tickets are now on sale for the dance to be given on February 22 at Sunset Temple, 1308 Orchard Ave. The hall is on the corner of Orchard Ave. and Pico St., three blocks east of Vermont Ave. The entrance is on Orchard Ave. The hall is a fine one, and a pleasant evening is in prospect. Resident and non-resident Frats are urged to attend, and to bring their friends. There is plenty of parking space on Orchard Ave. for autos.—L. A. F.

Bangor

It has been many a moon since Bangor Division has had a note in the news columns of THE FRAT, but now we want the world to know that Bangor Division is still on the map. After steering the ship through 10 tough long years, we are still going strong, and expect to for many more years, despite predictions to the contrary by false prophets. The past year was a wonderful one for us. The attendance average was slightly over 12 to a meeting, the second best in the history of the Division, the best being in 1919, the year we were organized. This attendance may seem small and ridiculous to some, but considering that we have only 30 members all told, and many of them non-resident, the showing isn't so bad. Only four members actually live within the city limits. Two of our most regular members are John Jellison and Harold Clark, who have not missed a meeting in two years; yet they live, respectively, 75 and 60 miles away. Some record!

On December 7 we held a supper in celebration of the anniversary of the Division. The proceeds went to swell the Boston convention fund. We are planning on holding something later for the same purpose of aiding the fund.

We were greatly shocked to receive the news of Grand President Gibson's death. We extend our sympathy to the family.—J. R. H.

Spokane

The news of the unexpected death of Grand President Gibson struck our members dumb. That our beloved brother and valued friend was gone, we found it hard to believe. His was a life full of knightly love and of friendly overtures that made a favorable impression upon everyone that met him. His friendly spirit and just counsel made him a leader to be admired—and missed. We sincerely mourn his passing, and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his bereaved family.—E. W. C.

Washington

The Division was holding its December meeting when the shocking news came announcing the death of Grand President Gibson. Adjournment was at once taken, out of respect to this great leader. At the time this item is being penned, W. P.

Souder is in his way to Chicago as the Division's representative at the funeral. It goes without saying that the Society has lost an important prop in its structure, and that his place in the esteem of the members will be hard to fill.

The long looked for oyster supper of No. 46 at the Northeast Masonic Temple on the night of November 23 is a thing of the past. All who partook of the viands provided, feel that they got their money's worth. Quite a crowd from Baltimore was on hand to assist in making the affair a success. The committee, composed of Brothers S. B. Alley, A. J. Rose, R. P. Smoak, J. H. Davidson, L. P. Shulte and W. W. Duvall is to be congratulated upon making the supper a success.

Harley D. Drake, who is treasurer of the E. M. Gallaudet Memorial Fund, is just now making heroic efforts to have the aimed-at-sum, \$50,000, completed ere the 5th of February rolls around, he now having about \$40,000 on hand. It would be a pity if the committee having the matter in hand were to be disappointed. If there are any Frats who have not contributed, the writer especially urges one and all to do so at once, thereby showing their appreciation of the good that Edward Miner Gallaudet did for all of the deaf the world over.

The Division lately gained two new members in the persons of Louis Pucci and Morton Rosenfeld. The former is a linotype operator, and the latter is a senior in Gallaudet College.

The scenic beauty around the national capital is a constant lure to motorists, hence it is no surprise to note the increase in the number of cars owned by members of the Division. The latest is William Cooper, who now sports a 1930 model Dodge sedan. Creed Quinley, another enthusiastic motorist, has exchanged his Chevrolet sedan for the latest model Essex coupe.

Walter J. Krug, member of the faculty of Gallaudet College, recently gave the student body a lecture on "Roaming," thereby stirring up the latent wanderlust in not a few. By the way, Brother Krug has been made leader of the college basketball aggregation, and from the way he has started training the promising material on hand, he will soon have a team that will make the others sit up and take notice.

W. W. Duvall has launched out as the national capital correspondent of the Deaf-Mutes' Journal. If you have any items of interest, send or hand them to him.

It may be of interest to the readers of THE FRAT to know that a wealthy lady in Pasadena, Cal., has offered to match every dollar, up to \$15,000, that the Conference of Church Workers of the Deaf secures. H. L. Tracy, the treasurer of the Conference, has opened the "Margaret E. B. Fleming Fund" in one of the local banks. Reports of contributions will be made monthly in the official journal

of the Conference, the Silent Missionary.

Members of the Division were on the program of the National Literary Society at its November meeting. Gerald Ferguson gave a reading, "The Chinese Man-Trap," and Elmer Hannan, who has just returned from France, gave a talk on his stay overseas. A dialogue, "The People Sleep" was given by S. B. Alley and Edwin Isaacson.

May the Society and every Frat have a Merry Christmas and a Happy new Year.—H. L. T.

Bronx

After Boston, New York!

The New York Divisions are getting ready for the crowd that will include this city in their itinerary going or coming to the Boston convention. They will make a determined effort to accord them the true Fraternal spirit, as exemplified by the N. F. S. D.

On January 11 the three Divisions will stage a winter carnival at Masonic Temple, 310 Lenox Ave., Cor. 126th St., N. Y. City. This will be one of a series of events to raise funds for the entertainment of visitors who pass through town enroute to Boston. We are looking forward to a great crowd at the carnival. Tickets, 75 cents. If you are able to be present, fail us not!—J. M. E.

Philadelphia

The passing away of Grand President Francis P. Gibson was a surprise and a shock, considering that few knew that he was even ill. It is hoped that he died peacefully, and that his family's grief is somewhat assuaged by the knowledge that he is given credit for having put the Society on a firm foundation in its early days. Despite criticism, pessimism, suspicion and all the other troubles incident to pioneering, he steered the Society safely to the high place it now occupies, with close to 7,000 members and with assets nearing the million-and-a-quarter mark. He has left behind an enduring monument—the N. F. S. D., and it is up to us, the living members, to carry on the good work for the benefit of the future generations of the deaf. Hail and farewell, Brother Francis P. Gibson, "May the Turf be Green above Thee."

As a result of our annual election of officers, some were re-elected, and some stations will have new occupants. A full list will appear in THE FRAT later.

The secretary and treasurer have been kept busy with conversions, but they do not mind it. A good many have changed from Class A to the other classes, which are better. It is hoped that those who have not done so will be reminded to make the change.

Once more attention is called to Section 194 of the Grand Division laws. A sick or disabled member must notify the secretary within ten days after the beginning of such disability, or he will lose benefits. No one wants to deprive disabled brothers of their

benefits. It is very embarrassing for the officers to have to reject claims, but the law says they have to if the secretary has not been notified within the prescribed 10 days. It is suggested that notification be made as soon as the disability starts instead of waiting 10 days. It is much safer.

February 22 has been decided on as the date for the Frat frolic, which in the past has attracted large crowds. A larger turn-out is expected at this affair, as it will come on a holiday. Look up the advertisements in this paper for particulars.

The Division has purchased more goat-riding accessories, and they were used for the first time at the November meeting. It was great fun. Four new members were brought in by Leon Krakover at the December meeting, and it is hoped that we may soon have enough to make it worth while to have a separate initiation some Saturday evening, to enable non-residents to attend.—J. F. B.

Omaha

The "Jamboree" supervised by Horace W. Buell on November 23 was just another successful Frat entertainment for No. 32. There were over 200 present, many motoring from a great distance.

Brother and Mrs. Harold Newman of Akron, O., spent nearly two weeks visiting friends in Omaha. They were called west to attend the funeral of Brother Newman's father, who died November 12.

H. W. Buell, who has been residing in the suburb of Ralston since coming to Omaha, has found a more convenient location for the winter at the Merriman Hotel.—Z. L. O.

Save, young man, and become respectable and respected. It is the surest way. Keep adding little to little and soon there will be a great heap.—Benj. Franklin.

A FILM FAN'S DILEMMA

By Lucio

["At the talkies one saw film actresses with faces like angels and voices like circular saws."—Poignant complaint extracted from the proceedings of the Yorkshire Association of Baptist Churches.]

For years I have loved from a distance,

For years I have followed my star,
Content, in my humble existence,
To worship her face from afar;
But now that she's taken to talkies
I fear I shall have to withdraw—
For her voice a most terrible squawk is,
Suggesting a circular saw.

In gesture, deportment, and features
Perfection is still in her reach;
She is still the most charming of
creatures,

By visual standards a peach.
But what can one do with a cutie
Whose voice is so raucous and raw
That it drowns all regard for her
beauty

In a noise like a circular saw?

Ah, would she had plans for regaining
The screen where they print every
word,

And there remain true to her training,
Content to be seen and not heard!
But, alas, I'm afraid that no change'll
Occur to conceal the sad flaw
In the girl with the face of an angel
But the voice like a circular saw!

—Literary Digest.

Knowledge does not comprise all which is contained in the large term of education. The feelings are to be disciplined, the passions are to be restrained; true and worthy motives are to be inspired; a profound religious feeling is to be instilled, and pure morality inculcated under all circumstances. All this is comprised in education.—Webster.

Poems We Want You To Know

(Written by the Deaf)

My School Room

WILLIAM T. GRIFFING

Dear God, today my school room door is open wide,
And my pupils, born of silence, are grouped inside;
Their childish faith looks up to me for help, and I,
Can do no more than smile at them and try,
To work and play with them, to set their souls afire,
To lead and push them on, till they desire
To conquer lessons, then later on face life
Glad and eager, unafraid of worldly strife.

And, Father, I know and feel that they
Make much, think much, of things I do and say,
So my heart is humble when I turn to You
To ask for words and deeds, both fine and true.
'Tis hard to work with them, when the song of the bird
Falls on their ears, unheeded and unheard;
It is for me to try to keep alive
That glorious laughter found in the eyes!

Dear God, today my school room door is open wide,
And I feel that You are with us there—inside!

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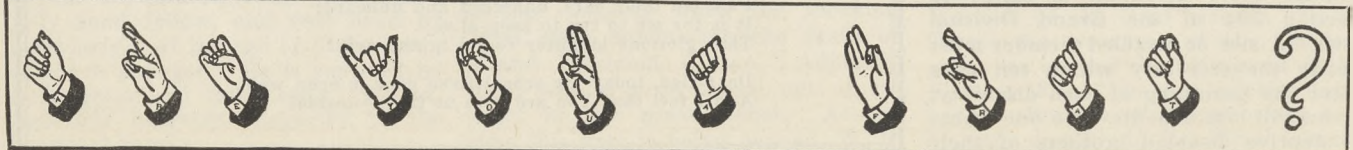
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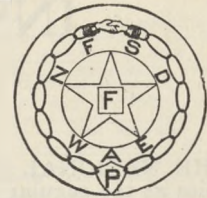
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Robert E. Dobson, 3104 N. 57th St.

NEW ORLEANS No. 33, New Orleans, Louisiana
 B. K. A. Bldg., 627 North St.—First Saturday
William C. Nos, 1401 Delery St.
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BOSTON No. 35, Boston, Massachusetts
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 Moose Hall, 4th Ave. and 9th St.—First Saturday
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 Macabee Temple—First Saturday
Henry A. Miner, 149 Clinton Ave.
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SAN FRANCISCO No. 53, San Francisco, California
 Native Sons' Hall—First Saturday
Isadore Selig, 426 Lyon St.
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 612 Court St.—Second Saturday
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 Wilmet Hall, 982 E. Market St.—First Thursday
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NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF is a fraternal life insurance association of deaf men. It is organized on the lodge system and has branch lodges, called Divisions, in nearly a hundred principal cities of the United States and Canada.

When and How Organized

The society was founded in 1901, at Flint, Michigan, its organizers being some young deaf men just out of school. One of the principal reasons for the undertaking was the discrimination against the deaf by insurance companies and fraternal societies.

In 1907 the society was reorganized under its present name and received its charter from the state of Illinois.

Objects

The society's objects are: To pay death benefits to the families of members who die; to pay benefits to members who fall sick or meet accidental injury; to unite all deaf men of good health, habits and character in a brotherhood of friendliness and good fellowship for the purpose of helping one another and making life better and happier for all of its members and the deaf as a class.

Benefit Certificates—Amounts; Age Limits

Certificates are issued for the following-named amounts of death benefit: \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$4,000 and \$5,000.

A certificate for more than \$3,000 cannot be issued to an applicant who is over 45 years of age, or for more than \$1,000 if past 50.

Applications for full membership with benefit privileges cannot be accepted from persons under 18 or over 55 years of age.

Social Membership

Social or associate membership, without benefit privileges, is open to deaf men who by reason of age or physical condition are not eligible to full membership with benefit privileges.

Death, Sick and Accident Benefits

The society guarantees to pay to the beneficiary of a deceased member the amount for which his certificate is written, subject to the requirements and restrictions set forth in the society's laws.

To a member disabled by sickness or accident for two full weeks or longer the society will pay a benefit ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per week, depending on the amount of weekly benefit chosen by the member and for which he has paid the required tax. No benefit, however, is paid for disability of less than 14 days' duration; nor can any member draw more than 10 weeks' disability benefit within any twelve consecutive months; and no member can draw sick and accident benefit for any part of the first three months after joining.

Payments Required of Members

Rate tables and other information concerning payments required of members are given on the last inside page.

Social Features

Most of the Divisions engage in social and literary entertainments for the pleasure and profit of their members—parties, balls, picnics, lectures, readings and the like. These social pleasures are part of the benefits of membership.

The spirit of good fellowship among the members is strong; and wherever one goes about this country of ours he will find cordiality and friendliness among his fellow-wearers of the Frat button.

Safeguards

The society is chartered under laws of the state of Illinois and is licensed by the insurance departments of thirty-seven other states in which it operates, and by the Dominion of Canada. An annual report of the society's business for the year and financial condition is made to all of these state insurance departments. From time to time the insurance department of the society's home state of Illinois makes an examination and verifies the returns made in the annual report.

A voucher system is in use at the home office and every expenditure must have the approval of the Grand President. The general treasurer and the treasurers of all the Divisions are bonded by a surety company. The Board of Trustees makes a monthly audit of the treasurer's books and supervises all investments of the society's funds. Books and vouchers are at all times open for inspection by members or their legal representatives.

Why You Should Join

Everyone knows the value of life insurance. It is the duty of every man to provide such protection for those dependent on him.

Again, life insurance is the best and most certain way to make sure that the cost of burying you will not fall on other persons.

This society offers you life insurance and disability benefits at the lowest possible cost consistent with necessary regard for permanence and safety.

It deserves your support, and the support of all the deaf. By joining, you will not only secure valuable benefits for yourself but moreover are helping and taking part in the most democratic, most useful, and already the most successful cooperative enterprise ever undertaken by the deaf anywhere in the world.

Cost of Joining

The entrance fee is \$5.00 and is always to be paid with the application. In case of rejection the \$5.00 will be refunded. The applicant has also to pay the doctor's fee for the required medical examination—usually \$2.00.

How to Join

Write to the nearest secretary and ask for an application blank and any further information you desire.

If you live in a city where there is a Division, see any member or officer of that Division.

If you live very far from any city which has a Division, or in a state in which no Division has yet been organized, write to the Grand Secretary for application blank or information.

If you do not live in or near a Division city, you will be attached to some Division as a non-resident member.

In writing for blank or information be sure and give full name, age, occupation and address.

For addresses of Grand Officers, and a Directory of the Divisions, see Page 22.