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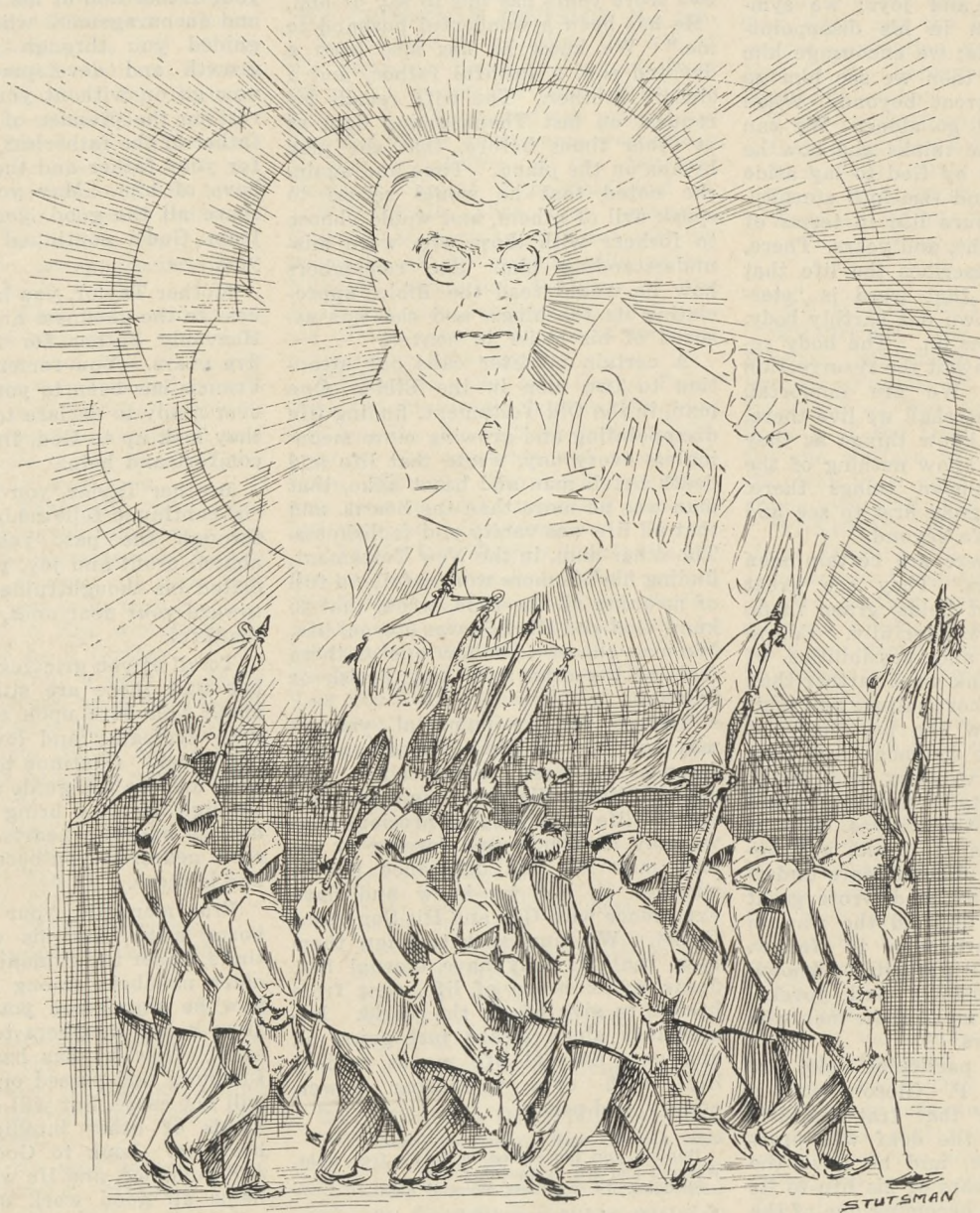
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WE WILL

SERMON AT THE FUNERAL OF FRANCIS P. GIBSON

By Rev. Philip J. Hasenstab

Again our Heavenly Father has come into our midst, and this time He has borne away our brother Francis P. Gibson. The mysterious curtains of Death close him from our sight, and we are bereft of one who has meant much to us. We shall miss him, but we cannot call him back, and in our sorrow we look for light, comfort, strength and guidance that we may learn to adjust ourselves to living on without him. After all, what does it mean to us that we must see our comrades go one by one in this way?

Man is born into this life; he grows to manhood; he lives and labors; then he lays down his work and passes away. We welcome him as a baby; we watch his growth and development; we rejoice with him in his achievements, triumphs and joys; we sympathize with him in his disappointments and defeats; we encourage him in his struggles; then we see him go alone into the great beyond. When he goes, he must go alone. We can not know what he thinks and how he feels when called by God to lay aside his earthly life and rise into eternity.

Here, we measure life in terms of hours, days, months, and years. There, just one word describes the life that lies beyond, and that word is "eternity." We lay down our earthly body, but our spirit lives on. The body returns to dust, to await the resurrection at the last day. We are immortal. As we live here, so shall we live there. We can see and know things as they are here, but we know nothing of the unseen and unknown things there. Our brother has gone first to see and know the great life beyond.

In this life, there are certain men who are pioneers. They see great truths in different fields, grasp them, and handle them wonderfully. Edison saw the power and possibilities of electricity. Burbank went farther than any other man in horticulture and fruit culture. Bell saw the possibility of speaking at great distances, and then later came the wireless and radio. Raphael saw beauty in nature, and had the ability to put it on canvas. Mozart listened to depths of music, and became a composer. Shakespeare understood human nature, and wrote great plays. Columbus opened the way to America for Europeans to follow. And so on with all pursuits of knowledge, science, business and government. We honor all of these men who have been pioneers.

Just so, in his particular field, our brother Francis P. Gibson was a pioneer. He saw that fraternal life insurance among the deaf was practical and valuable, and he gave the last twenty-five years of his life to its development, thus becoming one of the best known and best loved workers among the men of silence. He wisely gathered into the organization many college men of trained intelligence, thus steadily strengthening the pur-

pose and unity of the society. Though he now must relinquish his connection with the organization, he leaves these men prepared to carry on the work. Our brother's achievements were recognized by Gallaudet College at Washington, D. C., when the faculty and directors conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts several months ago.

Now in the midst of his strength and ability, he has been called away. We may be sure that the Creator who put him into this benevolent activity has promoted him to larger, higher service there. After guiding him to his responsible position here, God has taken him to greater and more glorious activity there.

Our brother did his chosen work well, and he also served his family and home acceptably. The wife who knew, respected, and loved him for nearly two score years has this to say of him, "He has been a wonderful husband to me." We know he has also been a devoted son, a faithful father, and a sincere brother. The wife recalls his request on last Thanksgiving day, as at other times before, that she play hymns on the piano. Time and again, she noted that he would refuse to speak evil of others, and would choose to forbear with those who were misunderstanding him. She remembers how he would read the Bible, appreciating its teachings, and she was assured of his belief in heaven.

A certain minister calls our attention to two men in the Bible. One man, in the Old Testament, finding life disappointing and growing more meaningless every day, wrote that life and death befell man and beast alike, that man was no more than the beasts, and that all life was vanity and foolishness. The other man, in the New Testament, finding his life more wonderful and full of meaning all the time, wrote that to know God and His Son was eternal life. We may choose to follow one of these men or the other; we may perish or triumph.

Though we are immortal, yet we may miss eternal life. There is a difference between immortality and eternal life. We are immortal, but eternal life is something precious that we may have now and forever or we may miss it. The difference lies in whether or not we know and have experience with God and His Son Jesus Christ. We must seek to know them now, that we may have eternal life. Jesus is the bread of life, sent from heaven to give life to the world. Immortality alone means just going on and on. Eternal life means radiant life, with ever increasing power, energy, and peace.

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.
As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length,
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before,
And it lost itself in beauties anew,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive,
The rose still grows beyond the wall.

Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will for evermore.

—A. L. Frink.

Sister Gibson, in your bereavement and deep sorrow may you be thankful for the goodness of God in guiding you through the nearly two score years of happiness you have had with your husband. Only our heavenly Father can give you comfort and peace. Remember His promise to be the judge of the widow, and trust that all things will continue well with you.

Young brother Don, after one third of a century of close fellowship with your father and of his faithful counsel and encouragement which cheered and guided you through your years of growth and development, you must now go on without your father. But rest on the promise of God to be the father of the fatherless, and thank God for your father and the memories you have of him. May your young wife share all the good you may receive from God's continued presence with you.

Mother Taylor, you have been a witness to the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father for four score and five years. You remember well what Francis has been to you. You can be ever ready to declare to others that as they look up to God, they may receive comfort and help.

Brother Taylor, you have had Francis' continued fellowship and sympathy through the past years. With unabated profit and joy, you have appreciated his thoughtfulness and concern toward your dear ones, and have been thankful.

To all of you grieving today, remember that there are still many others about you here upon earth who need your sympathy and love and counsel and cheer. Continue to wait upon the Lord and He will guide and sustain you through life, and bring to pass all the desires of your hearts. May heaven seem nearer to you because your loved one is there.

Frat members, your commander is borne away, but his work will continue, under the guidance of God. The older members among you have seen how he engineered your organization from a few members to several thousand. Now he has heard the Lord's summons and passed on, but the work will not cease, but will continue in the hands of other intelligent and able brothers. Look to God for direction and guidance, and He who inspires and helps all good work upon His earth will give you true prosperity and success.

Selections from the Ritual

I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.

Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. And I will pray the father, and He shall give you another Comforter, even the Spirit of truth, that he may be with you forever.

I will not leave you desolate: I come unto you. Yet a little while and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen.

Resolutions

BY CHICAGO DIVISION No. 1

WHEREAS, The Supreme Being of the Universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed brothers, Francis P. Gibson, President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, The long and intimate relations and association held with him in the faithful discharge of his duties in this organization make it eminently fitting that we write into the records of our division our appreciation of him; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the sudden removal of such a man from our midst leaves a vacancy that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this Society and by the public in which he had commanded respect and honor by his noble sacrifices to aid the cause of the deaf; and be it

RESOLVED, That with deep sympathy for the bereaved relatives of the deceased, we, the members of Chicago Division No. 1, express our hope that even so great a loss to us may be overcome with good by Him who doeth all things well; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of Chicago Division No. 1, a copy be sent to the Home Office, and a copy be mailed to the bereaved widow, Mrs. Minnie T. Gibson.

LEO J. CLINNEN, Chairman,
ISADORE NEWMAN,
JOHN E. PURDUM,
ERNEST W. CRAIG,
ELMER E. DISZ, Secretary,
Resolutions Committee.

BY KNOXVILLE DIVISION No. 20

WHEREAS, Brother Francis P. Gibson passed into the Great Beyond on December 4, 1929, leaving an aching void in the official life of our great fraternal society; and

WHEREAS, He paid several visits to Knoxville Division, bringing great cheer and encouragement to the membership of this Division by the geniality of his bright and intellectual countenance; and

WHEREAS, His talks on the rostrum were elevating and an indication

of his strong and upright manhood; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That in his departure our loss is great and poignant, filling our hearts with sadness, but still with the conviction that earth's temporal loss is heaven's eternal gain; and be it

RESOLVED, That we invoke the Divine blessing on the widow, Mrs. Minnie T. Gibson, and her family, and express our faith in the future when there shall be a renewed association with our departed friend and fellow member; and be it further

RESOLVED, That these resolutions be inscribed in the minutes of this Division, a copy be sent for publication in THE FRAT, and a copy forwarded to the family of the departed.

Adopted at the meeting of Knoxville Division January 10, 1930.

L. A. PALMER,
Secretary.

BY BROOKLYN DIVISION No. 23

WHEREAS, It has been the will of the Supreme Being to remove from our ranks forever our Grand President Francis P. Gibson, and our order loses its chief whose adult years were given to the up-building of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf; and

WHEREAS, Our late esteemed Grand President's passing not only deprives us of the guiding pilot of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, but also deprives the deaf people of the country of one of its most outstanding men; and

WHEREAS, Our late Grand President had frequently favored Brooklyn Division No. 23 with his benign presence at our meetings and social affairs, affording Brooklyn's membership a large and endearing personal intimacy; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That in addition to the formal proceedings usual when we are stricken with such a great loss, we forward a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family of our late Grand President, and have them published in THE FRAT and "Deaf-Mutes' Journal," and that a copy be spread upon the minute book of Brooklyn Division No. 23.

"Peace be with thee,
O our Brother,
In the Spirit land!
Vainly look we for another
In thy place to stand.
Unto us you have given
All thy life-long years;
Be thy virtues with the living,
And thy Spirit ours."

BENJAMIN FRIEDWALD,
M. H. HAMRA,
JOHN D. SHEA,
HARRY J. GOLDBERG,
JOSEPH L. CALL,
Resolutions Committee.

BY ATLANTA DIVISION No. 28

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from earthly labors our beloved brother and president, Francis P. Gibson who for a quarter of a century served the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf faithfully and efficiently, and braved its struggling days with the utmost patience; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Atlanta Division No. 28 recall with deep appreciation his devout life and untiring labor among us for so long a time and deplore his passing; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we miss his gentle manner and pleasant, smiling association that has inspired all those with whom he came in contact, that we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well, that we are thankful for his years of consecrated service in our midst, that we cherish the memory of his abiding faith and zeal in the work of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and that we extend to the bereaved family and relatives our deepest sympathy and commend them to Him who alone can comfort; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of our Division and a copy furnished THE FRAT and the Deaf-Mutes' Journal for publication, and that a copy be sent to the bereaved family of our deceased brother.

L. B. DICKERSON, Chairman,
I. H. MARCHMAN,
R. A. JOHNSON,
W. A. WILLINGHAM,
W. H. CHRISTIAN,
Resolutions Committee.

BY UTICA DIVISION No. 45

WHEREAS, God in His Infinite Wisdom, has called from this earth Brother Francis P. Gibson, Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, whose solicitude for the welfare of its members and the deaf as a class was at all times amply evidenced; and

WHEREAS, We, the members of Utica Division No. 45, having been saddened by the untimely death of our beloved brother, and feeling that his death is a very great loss to the Society and every Division thereof, and an irreparable bereavement to his family; and

WHEREAS, This Division realizes the loss which has befallen it, in being deprived of a true brother and friend, and the services and guiding hand of a loved fellow member, a diligent and untiring worker, a trusted leader, who was ever ready to give aid to every Division seeking his advice and cooperation, and whose influence for good will among the deaf will ever remain with us; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we express our grief and extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of the deceased; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our charter shall be draped in mourning for a period of six months, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of Utica Division, and that a copy be sent to THE FRAT for publication, and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.

RICHARD McCABE,
THOMAS KINSELLA,
GEORGE MONTENA,
Resolutions Committee.

BY DENVER DIVISION No. 64

On the fourth day of this December the Destiny Whose ways none can understand, and to whom no record of service is brevet for a longer sojourn than that decreed at the hour of birth, removed from among the living and gathered into the throng that has passed on, Francis P. Gibson.

No man, deaf or hearing, of this generation has given more meritorious service to the American deaf; no other man was known personally to so many of them; no man was held in higher esteem by these thousands, to whose welfare, though silver and gold he had none, he contributed in greater measure than any other.

We, the members of Denver Division Number 64 of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, are among these beneficiaries. Our sense of loss is poignant. We feel that this loss is irreparable in that no one can replace him, can take up the torch dropped from his failing hands and continue to hold it aloft and shed its light as he shed it.

But we believe that the tradition of Francis P. Gibson will ever be an inalienable possession and treasure of the American deaf. We believe that his spirit will continue to shed its influence, as the stars shed theirs, upon our lives, and that in this sense he will be everlastingly with us. We believe that the spot in Rosehill Cemetery, Chicago, to be marked by a great memorial, that harbors his mortal body, will become the Mecca of our Order. We believe that from year to year, every Division of our Order, as part of our Ritual, will at the meeting held nearest his natal day, August 6th, rise and stand in tribute for the silent minute accorded the memory of only the noblest and most deserving.

We believe that the work of Francis P. Gibson so far from being finished had merely begun. We believe that the principle and spirit of fraternal union among the deaf will expand and extend to and include the deaf of foreign lands until in future generations he will be hailed as truly a benefactor of these foreign deaf of every nationality in that he was the father and guardian of the spirit of intelligently conceived fraternity, as we American deaf acclaim the Frenchman Charles Michel de l'Epee as the father of our sign language and true educational processes.

While we, members of Denver Division Number 64, individually and collectively extend to the widow and son of our Brother Francis P. Gibson our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement, and while we pray that the comfort and peace that pass all understanding be theirs, we yet felicitate them on the priceless heritage he has left them, a heritage far surpassing the wealth of the richest mart or mine. We join them in humble submission to the Inscrutable Will that holds us all in the hollow of His hand, and believe that our Brother's spirit will continue

with them, even as we believe that it will continue with us.

Speaking by appointment for Denver Division Number 64, National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, and under instructions to send the original of this Memorial to the widow of our Brother and copies to the Home Office for preservation in the archives of the Society, and copies to the Secretary of the Division to be spread upon its Minute Book, and to The Deaf Mutes' Journal, and to The American Deaf Citizen for publication so that all may read.

GEORGE WILLIAM VEDITZ,
HOMER E. GRACE,
EMMETTE W. SIMPSON,
Committee.

BY LOWELL DIVISION No. 78

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty to remove from our midst our fellow member and Grand President, Francis P. Gibson; and

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

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Lowell Division No. 78, express our heartfelt condolence and sympathy to the family of the deceased in their great loss; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the widow, Mrs. Minnie T. Gibson, and to THE FRAT for publication, and that a copy be entered upon the minutes of our Division.

J. B. McMAHON,
C. C. McCORD,
A. L. CARLISLE,
Resolutions Committee.

BY HOUSTON DIVISION No. 81

WHEREAS, The All Mighty God, in His wisdom, has seen fit to lay His hands heavily upon the official family of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, taking from us our beloved Grand President, Francis P. Gibson; and

WHEREAS, To Brother Gibson is due, almost entirely, the success of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, he having taken over a practically bankrupt and defunct organization and built it up to its present proud position and financial standing of a million and a quarter dollar organization; and

WHEREAS, It is the sense of Houston Division No. 81 that in the death of Brother Gibson the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf has suffered a loss in its official family that will be difficult, indeed, to fill; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By Houston Division No. 81, in regular session assembled, on the 7th day of January, 1930, that we extend to the bereaved family of our deceased brother our condolence and heartfelt sympathy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That our Charter be draped in mourning for a period of one year; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to THE FRAT, and American Deaf Citizen for publication, and that they be spread upon the minutes of the Division.

R. C. MORRISS,
Resolutions Committee.

BY FORT WAYNE DIVISION No. 104

December 4, 1929, death mustered out a great man. A great heart stopped beating, a great mind ceased to function and a great soul passed on to a higher reward. Today the form of Brother Francis P. Gibson, beloved Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, shares the stillness of the tomb, but his spirit in triumph goes marching on.

Brother Gibson, after a long life of usefulness and service to the society of which he was the head and the only President to die while holding office, passed on to the Great Unknown, leaving behind him thousands of the fraternal brotherhood who have benefitted by his philosophy and wise management of the society's affairs and who have learned many of the real things of life from his ministrations of love and service to his fellow deaf.

Brother Francis P. Gibson was a real man and was recognized in fraternal circles, and among economists and business men alike, as one of the leaders in economic thought. All that was mortal of Francis P. Gibson is now nothing but clay, but the spiritual Gibson is still with us and we who knew him well will never forget the influence of his character. In the death of Brother Gibson the fraternity and the deaf have lost a true friend and an unfailing adviser.

A great monument to his memory is the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. We who remain to carry on his ideals feel that we are indeed privileged, and that in going on with the great work of the society which he built up from infancy we are perpetuating a monument not only to this unusual man but a monument to him who with great courage carried on and finally established on a sound basis the greatest society of the deaf in the world, THE NATIONAL FRATERNAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF.

Requiescat in Pace

RESOLVED, That the retiring secretary be directed to send a copy of this memorial to the bereaved family, and a copy to the society's official organ for publication, and that this memorial be spread upon the minutes of Fort Wayne Division No. 104.

J. J. SMEAD,
Retiring Secretary.

BY SCHENECTADY DIVISION No. 105

WHEREAS, It has pleased the Almighty in His wisdom to take from our

midst on December 4, 1929, our tried and true Brother, Francis P. Gibson, who had for long years labored constantly in our organization; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Schenectady Division No. 105, express to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his widow, a copy sent to our official paper, THE FRAT, for publication, and a copy entered upon the minutes of Schenectady Division No. 105.

JOHN F. KOEPER,
Secretary.

BY LEWISTON, IDAHO, MEMBERS

WHEREAS, We, the members of the Society living in this part of Idaho, feel keenly our loss in the death of Grand President Francis P. Gibson; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, the Idaho members of other Divisions, express our sorrow to Brother Gibson's widow and family; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to THE FRAT for publication therein.

OTTO JOHNE,
JOHN CONLEY,
AL. E. RAABERG,
Committee.

HOUSTON'S TRIBUTE

By R. C. Morriss

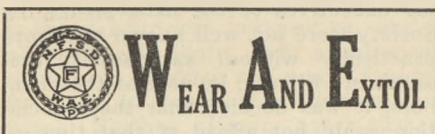
The news, flashed over the country on December 4th, of the death of Grand President Gibson, came as a thunderbolt from a clear sky and brought sorrow and consternation to the thousands of Frats.

In the death of Brother Gibson we can but feel that the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf has suffered a loss that will be difficult to replace.

Like all men who initiate or carry on a movement for the betterment of their fellow-men, Brother Gibson had many enemies as well as a host of friends—men who would not have hesitated to tear down the great work he was sponsoring to attain their own ends or to carry their own points of view.

Having nurtured the Society from infancy to its present proud state it must, however, be admitted, by friends and enemies alike, that he knew whereof he spoke and thought, and it behooves us who remain to carry on in his footsteps and guard the interests of the Society as zealously as he did in life, making its future, as well as its past and present attainments, a lasting monument to his memory.

A good thing to remember,
And a better thing to do,
Is to work with the construction gang,
And not the wrecking crew.



"CARRY ON"

("Gib's Heritage to the Frats")

By MAX M. LUBIN

The spirit of our dead Chief calls
And emanates our meeting halls;
The heritage of "Gib" recalls:
"CARRY ON."

What heritage did Chief "Gib" leave
To aid the deaf Frat on—to strive;
What nobler words could Wisdom weave?
"CARRY ON."

What greater tribute can renown
Our "GRAND OLD FRAT," who led us on;
What tribute compares with his own?
"CARRY ON."

When "FOURTEEN THOUSAND FRATS" are won,
The greater tribute will be shown;
The spirit calls: "Let's go"—"Get one"—
"CARRY ON!"

A TRIBUTE TO A GREAT SOUL

John J. Smead

"December 4—President Gibson died this morning following operation." This was the message flashed over the wires to the four corners of the compass. Gibson gone, gone forever.

No, impossible, was the expression on every face.

This message came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. It was a sad blow to the thousands of frats and to the deaf throughout the land who mourn the passing of this great man. Every one who knew and understood him loved him.

I, who had met and been with him in conference on three different occasions could feel that I was in the presence of a real man with a most pleasing personality and powerful influence.

Now don't put me down as trying to write his life's story for such is not my desire. All I wish is to pay a little tribute, my sincere respects, to the man with whom I had the great pleasure of corresponding for four years.

No man can put down in writing what the great Gibson could express in thought, in words and in deeds. It has not been given to many deaf men to accomplish what Brother Gibson accomplished.

To Brother Gibson, life was a real responsibility. Life to this kindly soul was like an ever-swinging pendulum between a smile and a tear. His love, devotion and life-long work in the up-building of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf to the great organization that it is today, has created a monument for him in the hearts of his comrades, and his work for the common good of the deaf will

continue as an outstanding contribution to educated deaf citizenship. His memory will remain in fraternal circles as long as the Society exists.

The work that he loved so well will go on through the sunrises and the sunsets of coming centuries. To those who knew him best, let me have a word to say. Soon the spring rains will wash the constant-hearted, unfading moss that covers the mound of the man we love. A little while later, and the summer sun will cast its smile over the soil, and beautiful flowers will grow on his grave. By and by, death will muster us all out and in the thought of death what a lesson we get on life.

I feel that the real tribute must come from his comrades, come from the men who marched and worked with him side by side, come from those who really know. Among the many beautiful tributes paid to him in relation to his life and work, there is a heart-throb story, so simple, so soul-stirring that it causes me to look at the stars, the eternal hills, the everflowing streams, and again ask this question, "What is Life?" All are dumb, but still we know by the words of his closest friends,

He was so human—so humble
While with us—so honored when gone,
That his spirit in triumph goes marching on.

SUCCESS IS
ACHIEVED BY NEVER
MAKING THE SAME
BLUNDER TWICE.

Press Comment on President Gibson's Passing

Mr. Gibson had been ill for the past several weeks, but advices from Chicago led to the inference that he was on the road to recovery.

The death of this good man, this representative deaf citizen of America, comes as a shock to all the deaf.

He it was who stood strong in the early days of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, when, as the infant F. S. D., it was attacked on all sides by those who said, "It can't be done." He kept at his work of making the organization sure and sound, and had the satisfaction of being largely instrumental in making the organization the sound business institution that it is today—strong both in numbers and in finances.

He was that kind of man who never knew the meaning of failure. While scoffers jeered, he worked, and kept on working, strong in the faith in his fellowmen; believing that a cause so just, so necessary and so beneficial to the deaf as the Fraternal Society of the Deaf, (now the N. F. S. D.) would be a great success as the deaf came to understand and to appreciate its purpose.

Today the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, a million dollar corporation, stands as a monument to the faith and works of Francis P. Gibson.

In the death of President Francis P. Gibson, the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf sustains a great loss; and the deaf of all America lose a true and ever-helpful friend.—American Deaf Citizen.

News was sent broadcast from the headquarters of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf in Chicago to all the Divisions Wednesday, the 4th inst., to the effect that its president—Francis P. Gibson—had passed away on the morning of that day. He underwent an operation for gallstones and seemed to have stood it pretty well, but later his condition took a turn for the worse and he entered the land of everlasting peace. He was born on August 6, 1870, and lived all his life in Chicago. He received his education from the Chicago Day Schools. He spent twenty-six years of his life in building up the society. It would take a long story to relate all the struggles and adverse circumstances the society met with at the start and to tell how it became one of the strongest fraternal orders in the world, possessing over \$1,200,000 in its treasury.

To the bereaved widow and only son we extend our heartfelt sympathy not only in the loss of a devoted husband and father, but also a great leader and organizer of the national society, whose presence will be greatly missed at gatherings of the deaf.—S., in West Virginia Tablet.

The deaf of Ontario, scarcely less than those of United States, mourn the sudden and untimely death of Francis P. Gibson of Chicago. All who attended the Convention at Windsor have a vivid recollection of his presence and assistance on that occasion. His outstanding service to the deaf, a service of inestimable value and beneficence, was helping to initiate the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, to the building up of which he devoted his fine abilities and contagious enthusiasm during the last twenty-six years of his life. It is a splendid and enduring monument to his memory. The membership of this Society now numbers over six thousand, it has distributed half a million dollars in benefits, and has now in the treasury a million and a quarter dollars. Personally Mr. Gibson was a man of rare charm and geniality, in the highest degree a cultured christian gentleman.—The Canadian.

December 4th, the deaf of the country were shocked to hear that Francis P. Gibson, Grand President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, had passed away in Chicago. He had been ill in November but had improved and returned to his work. Acting upon the advice of his physician, he went to a hospital to prepare for an operation which took place the morning of December 3rd. He died the following morning. A post mortem examination revealed the immediate cause of his death to be the cloture of a blood vessel in his heart that prevented circulation.

The name of Gibson and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf have grown to be synonymous. He was not, as has been stated, the founder of the organization but has taken a more active part in the affairs of the society over a long period of time than any one else. During its early days, when it was on the verge of dissolution, it was due largely to Mr. Gibson that it was kept alive and grew till it became what it is today.

Mr. Gibson joined the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf in 1902 and in 1903 was elected grand president. He served one term until 1905. They had the elections every two years then. In 1909 he was elected Grand Secretary, an office which he continued to hold until again made Grand President by the Denver convention of 1927. This was for a four year term. Thus he has a record of twenty-two years in office all of which were spent in active charge of the affairs of the society.

When he first joined the society the membership consisted of a small handful of deaf men. A scandal involving a shortage of \$700 of the society's funds during his first administration almost wrecked the organization. He

was implicated with other officers but was cleared and outgrew the criticism leveled at him, and as the years passed came to be recognized as the leading figure in the society.

In its early days the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf was derided as weak, visionary and bound to fail but through it all Mr. Gibson stuck to his guns. He was a good mixer and a fluent, persuasive speaker and these assets helped him greatly in the social and political life of the organization.

As the society grew it added to its staff of full time officers, E. M. Rowse and A. L. Roberts, who strengthened it greatly. Mr. Roberts is still connected with the society and at present is in active charge of the business and detail work at the home office. It is due largely to Mr. Gibson, however, that the society was able to survive its dark early days.

Mr. Gibson had his enemies and also his friends, the latter being in the majority and in late years his service to the society was recognized and he was made Grand President at a handsome salary.

The society today is in a very prosperous condition having assets of over \$1,200,000, a membership roll of nearly 7000 deaf men residing all over the United States and Canada. It has paid out close to \$450,000 in sick, accident and death benefits and is, beyond cavil, the greatest organization of the deaf in the world—a living monument to the life labors of Francis P. Gibson.—The Wisconsin Times.

The announcement of the death of Francis P. Gibson, President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, was a shock to his friends here, for none had had even an inkling of his serious illness following a difficult operation which was performed on December 3, the day before he passed away.

The name—Francis P. Gibson—will always be linked with the most extraordinary achievements of which deaf persons have shown themselves capable. His life is the life of the National Fraternal Society. The prosperity, stability and dependability of the organization is vividly reflected in his own life. It had the benefit of his guiding genius almost from the day it was launched. Like many great undertakings it encountered difficulties and discouragements in the beginning and was considered by many as a little craft that would not be seaworthy on the tempestuous seas.

We recall the time—twenty-five years or so ago—when the Society was asking state associations to endorse it and to urge their members to join it, and at a convention of one of the associations the question of endorsement was brought up. The men who were the executives of the little struggling Society were not well known and were practically without satisfactory credentials. Finally, by vote of the members, it was decided that the association could not afford at that time to

endorse or recommend it as a safe institution for insurance or investment for the deaf.

All this has changed and for years state associations have been endorsing wholeheartedly this Fraternal Society and its policies. This was made possible by the character, intelligence and perseverance of men like Gibson who were behind this great brotherhood of deaf men. It is a million and two hundred thousand dollar organization with a membership exceeding six thousand policy holders who are brothers standing together to help one another in time of need and distress. Mr. Gibson was the greatest exponent of this Society. Often his presence had been demanded in various parts of the country to get new Divisions started of which there are today one hundred ten. Last summer he made a trip to the Pacific coast to satisfy like demands.

The venture has proven a success beyond the most sanguine expectations and Mr. Gibson leaves it in so splendid shape that it will function without him and to his everlasting credit.

Several years ago Gallaudet College conferred upon Mr. Gibson the honorary degree of Master of Arts in recognition of his literary achievements and of his beneficent service to his fellow men.—North Dakota Banner.

Francis P. Gibson, for half a century one of Chicago's most prominent and useful deaf citizens, passed away Wednesday, December 4th, 1929. He left the imprint of half his life work for the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf in the community and the Nation, which he built up for the common good of the deaf—who were beneficiaries of his public spirit, energy and abilities.

Brother Gibson gave to the N. F. S. D. affairs his most careful attention and the management was conducted with care and economy and efficiency as of a well-ordered private business, the pay never commensurating the service rendered. His associates in the Frat office found pleasure and happiness in working under his leadership. Brother Gibson was known as a tolerant man—his sympathies were wide and he met all deaf persons with the dignity that may be achieved only by those who are really tolerant and understanding. Brother Gibson combined the rugged strength and practical idealism of the American deaf—with the enterprise and progressive spirit that befits them. Brother Gibson could analyze a problem with keen insight then carry it on with great power and determination, showing his great business ability—he was more than a business executive! To keep one's balance in that stormy sea of Fraternal progress demanded not only a broad historical perspective, but a philosophical depth and comprehensiveness in thinking and a sound judgment as to practical values—all of which Brother Gibson accomplished

and leaves to us to carry on.—J. E. Purdum in American Deaf Citizen.

As we go to press the sad news comes to us from the north that Mr. Francis P. Gibson, President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, passed away, on December 4, at his home in Chicago, after a brief illness. We know nothing further of the particulars. This society is a life insurance organization gotten up by the deaf of the country a number of years ago, when it was a difficult matter for deaf people to secure insurance from old line companies, or if they could at all secure it they had to pay almost prohibitive substandard rates. From a small beginning the society has steadily grown, under Mr. Gibson's wise management, until today it is a million dollar concern. In the death of this splendid man the society has sustained a very great loss.—The Deaf Oklahoman.

A telegram from Chicago brought us the sad news of the death of Francis P. Gibson, President of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf.

The news will be a crushing blow to the hearts of the six thousand members of the organization and members of their families, both in this country and Canada, who held him in highest esteem and devotion. Gibson and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf are synonymous. One could not think of the one without the other. Francis P. Gibson may be rightly called the "Father of the N. F. S. D." He became affiliated with the organization, then in its infancy, back in 1901, and since had been identified with every step of progress of the Society which today is the greatest business and social organization of the deaf, with an invested capital of one million two hundred thousand dollars. It was his strong personality, his wonderful business ability, his forbearance in face of criticism and prejudice, that made possible the benefits and blessings now enjoyed by the deaf from the great Society. His passing away means a severe loss to the organization, but thanks to his wisdom and foresight he had put the Society on such a firm basis that others may carry on the work.

Francis P. Gibson was an outstanding character. Possessing a high intellectuality and the fine spirit of serving others he perfectly fitted in the responsible offices that he has held. He was probably best known as a fraternalist of the first degree ever living by the Golden Rule. His very genial personality won the love and esteem of all the deaf and hearing alike. He grew into their hearts by his kindness and consideration. They loved him. That feeling for him never waned for an instant, but grew and grew. When the news of his sudden demise flashed over the country, we do not think there was a dry eye among the thousands of "frats" and friends.

Francis P. Gibson led a useful and eventful life, this making him a kindly philosopher. He was cheerful at all times, and could always see the silver lining to every dark cloud. Being able to see the sun peeping through was responsible for much of his popularity. He was known to be a lecturer, writer and organizer of no little ability. He could stress the fraternal features in word pictures so eloquently that his services were in tremendous demand. He was literally the organizer of every one of the 100 Divisions of the Society throughout the United States and Canada. He made frequent visits to the Divisions and his visits will always be remembered as both pleasing and inspiring. He personally organized our Charlotte, Durham and Columbia Divisions known as the Carolina "triplets." He was a friend to humanity and was beloved by everybody. He showered kindness, benevolence and fraternity upon every deaf person along his path to such a degree that he will never be forgotten. He radiated happiness at all times, and his deep sympathetic nature was an outstanding characteristic. A personal contact with him could not help but exalt one to a higher and nobler thought and the desire to live a life of rectitude.

Mr. Gibson loved the work he was doing and gave the best that was in him. As editor of THE FRAT he made this publication a blessing to the deaf. His writings and editorials emanated from a wonderful brain capable of holding a store of beauty, truth and logic.

With all his activities in the furtherance of the Society's interests, Francis P. Gibson was essentially a home-loving man. His greatest happiness was to spend the evening at home with his wife and son after a day well spent at the headquarters. His wife is an accomplished lady, who was a constant source of happiness and inspiration to him. In all, Mr. Gibson was a model deaf citizen.

Francis P. Gibson has gone home. We realize that it is useless to mourn that our friend has been taken away from our midst never to return in the flesh—but mourn we do. But his spirit lives and will always live in us. We are richer for having had him with us in this mortal life as his influence for good will make us better in thought and deed.

To Mrs. Gibson and family the North Carolina "frats" and members of their families extend tenderest sympathy and loving thoughts.

All honor to Francis P. Gibson!—U., in The Deaf Carolinian.



**HITCH YOURSELF
TO A FRAT STAR**



PETRARCHIAN SONNET

Reader, observe my moods, that you may know

When I am apt to ape the Sonnet's style,

Then ask for Sonnets which I will compile

When I am overcome with rue and woe.

Ballads do not besem the solemn show

Nor Villanelles the templed forest aisle,
For he who would the lightsome hour beguile

Must firstly don the cap and domino.

You cannot celebrate your maiden kiss
In solemn strains to music slow and deep;

You cannot liken Love's ecstatic bliss
Unto the sea and its majestic sweep—
So with a shrug all Sonnets I dismiss
And lightly triolet myself to sleep!

GAFFER ERI SPEAKS UP

Dear Otherwise:
Ain't it funny that college graduates need a diploma to prove it?

Sincerely yours,
ERI DITE, ex-49.

P. S. The fact is well established, I take it. They always give them diplomas, don't they? And if they don't need them, why give them? But if you doubt it, you might appoint a commission to investigate. They could get President Hall to declare a moratorium on diplomas for a period of five years so that their deliberations could not be disturbed by having some shave-tail flash a diploma on them. Then if the Otherwise Commission can find traces of culture in thirteen out of each one hundred graduates, I'll agree with you that diplomas are as superfluous as a dowager's mustache.—Ex-49.

I have in mind a certain brother who journeyed to Akron a few years ago from a state not particularly noted for the number of Gallaudet men within its confines. This chap, though well educated, had never trod the sacred acres of Kendall Green, nor had he but few Gallaudet men among his acquaintances. A few months in Akron and he had met a hundred. Ask HIM if a college graduate needs a diploma to prove it! As one of those "institution guys," I fancy I know the answer. A college education gives a man a certain intangible something, lacking in the rank and file, that marks him apart.

There is an old saying: "A man from Gallaudet needs no introduction," which might apply to the situation. Anyway what I said was: "Diplomas are not as superfluous as a dowager's mustache."

I notice fully thirteen signs of culture in the above hundred words, and the Otherwise Commission might investigate the prevalence of erudition among the remaining eighty-seven. The idea of a commission suggests the thought of parliamentary practice, which in turn brings Hazel to mind. So I pass the whole thing on to him as to its legality, morality and justness. Is it Wise or Otherwise? Attention, Hazel!

A FEW LINES OF APPRECIATION

Because they are so short and nice,
I like the verse of Paul R. Wys.
So different in tone from this

Are those brave lines of Paul R. Wys,
And this bouquet of modest size,
I freely give to Paul R. Wys.

AND STILL THEY SAY OPPOSITES ATTRACT

Dear Hetz:—I met a girl the other day. Her name is Dora. She is beautiful but—Hetz, I just must tell you about Dora. She thinks a Frat is a six-room family apartment, that D. A. D. stands for Deaf and Dumb, and that an oralist is a song bird. She thinks the superintendent of the New Jersey School for the Deaf is the Pope, that George S. Porter works on a Pullman sleeping car, and that the term "Smart Aleck" refers to Brother Alexander L. Pach. She went to Akron not long ago and I asked her if she saw "Bum" Schowe. She said all the shows there were bum. I explained that "Bum" Schowe was the name of a deaf man there. She said she didn't associate with no bums nowhere. She thinks "instinct" is a bad odor, that "distinct" is a terrible one, and that an alligator pear is a couple of crocodiles. I asked her if she ever read the Silent Worker. She replied "No, I never read of him but I bet a dollar that Silent Olsen can out-wrasse him." Hetz, she thinks that Troy Hill is a mountain peak, that your poems are grand, and—er—she wants to marry me. Must close. Here's mud in your eye. Crutch.

FROM THE OUBILETTE

It seems that a few months ago when S. T. R. was conducting the late lamented PICKLE JAR in the Iowa Hawkeye, she became sufficiently curious about the middle "B" in Byron B. Burnes' name to write a paragraph speculating as to what it might stand for and said she could not sleep for wondering. This provoked a reply from B. B. B. himself. Somehow or other, the letter came into my hands. It is so good that I am printing it at no extra cost:

Pickle Editor: A cucumber in your pickle vat gets sourcistic about the middle "B" in my name. The loss of sleep isn't mutual, for I haven't wasted time worrying about the "L" in Tom L. Anderson, or the "T" in S. T. R. The "B" might mean Bill or Bert or Bob, and I don't know why it doesn't. It might mean the ancient and honorable Benjamin but it doesn't for the reason I didn't have black whiskers when I was christened. It might mean Bysshe but it doesn't, for the reason you suggested it too late. My name has three B's for the reason my father was a Scotchman, and my mother would have been one, too, only she was a female. They used only one letter for my initials to avoid unnecessary wastage of the alphabet. The middle "B" stands for Bresse-lieore and I am thankful for one good, old-fashioned, simple word in my name. Hoping you will have a sound snooze, I am yours truly,
BYRON B. BURNES.

GREEN-EYED AND GRUFF THE BARDS ADVANCE TO PRAISE THE STUFF OF JOHN DELANCE

The reason I'm jealous of Johnny DeLance
And give him full many an envious glance—
It freezes my soul till it's wrinkled and tough—
The ease that he scribbles his cover-page stuff.

If the giftie would give me to write of Romance,
Adventure—wide spaces—like Johnny DeLance,
Methinks I could ape, if I tried hard enough,
The ease that he scribbles his cover-page stuff.

The giftie—dad rot 'em—do lead a hard dance—
I'll always be jealous of Johnny DeLance—
And always endeavor, and struggle, and puff,
To equal his ease with his cover-page stuff.

APPRECIATION.

I'll never scribble so-called jokes,
About the well-known Christmas smokes,
That now illuminate my face
And make me happy in my place.
—C. A. Leedy, in Youngstown Telegram.

And I'll rehearse no well-worn lies,
About my lot of Christmas ties;
They're prettier, and cost more pelf,
Than any I could buy myself.
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

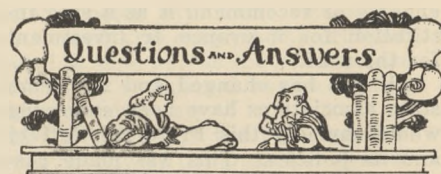
I offer here my best regards
To those who sent me Christmas cards.
To me a card is an event
A work of art and sentiment.

H. D. HETZLER.

1234 W. 34th St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Gink: "Your son is pursuing his studies at college, isn't he?"

Dink: "I guess so, he's always behind."



ON PARLIAMENTARY LAW

By Edwin M. Hazel

"It is the desire of all organizations to transact the business before them in the most correct and expeditious manner. It is impossible to fulfill this desire without the aid of parliamentary law. When business is transacted in an unparliamentary manner, the very action the organization desires to take is very often rendered null and void because of the irregularity of the procedure."—Trow on Parliamentary Law.

Question 1—Is a pro-tem officer a member of the board?

Answer—No, not until the absent officer has resigned, and a successor is duly elected and has taken oath.

Q. 2—Who appoints a pro-tem officer?

A—The Chair, with the consent of his Division, may do it for the evening, but not for more than one evening. Electing a pro-tem officer would be legally necessitated by ballot.

Q. 3—Can an officer, other than president, choose his friend to act as a pro-tem officer in his place for the evening in case he knows in advance of his absence from the meeting?

A—No. But he may influence the Chair to appoint him as a matter of courtesy, providing it is done before the meeting opens. The Chair then asks if there is any objection to his appointing him. If there is one objection, a majority vote by ballot would be necessary to adopt the Chair's appointment.

Q. 4—Suppose an officer is out of town between regular meetings. Should the president appoint, with the approval of the Division board, a certain pro-tem officer?

A.—Yes. In case the absent officer is unable to return in time for the next meeting, the president then submits for approval his report of the appointment of the pro-tem officer. (Read above.) This insures fairness.

Q. 5—Is it good policy for a member to debate on anything concerning himself?

A.—No. He should withdraw when any business concerning himself is under discussion, but in case he remains by his Division's indulgence, he should not vote on such question. This applies to pecuniary interests as well.

Q. 6—Suppose the same member has the habit of seconding motions unreasonably or without knowing what he is doing, and with the expectation of having his name recorded on the minutes for doing so. Has the Chair power to ignore him?

A.—Yes. The name of the "I second the motion" member does not show on the minutes, but the mover's only.

Q. 7—Has a member, who was absent from the previous meeting, a right to demand that the adopted motion be taken up again for consideration just because he did not like it?

A.—No, absolutely.

Q. 8—(a) Suppose I do not like the motion previously adopted at the time of my absence, what course may I pur-

sue to modify it? (b) May I move to reconsider it?

A.—(a) You may offer an amendment, which is treated as a main motion, to modify or substitute for it. (b) No.

Q. 9—Has a member the right to require the secretary to give the name of the member who seconded the motion at the previous meeting?

A.—No. The minutes do not show the names of seconders as explained above. No motion without being first seconded is recognized by the Chair.

Q. 10—Has a member who was aware of the motion adopted at the time of his absence the right to demand the mover to explain why he made such motion during his absence?

A.—No.

Q. 11—(a) Has the Chair power to force a member to be on a committee? (b) Has the Division power to do it?

A.—(a) No. A member, who is not interested in the measure or the motion, has the right to decline. (b) No, not even by unanimous vote.

Q. 12—Is the president (Chair) supposed to appoint a member to be a chairman of the committee to act upon his own motions?

A.—Not always, but as a rule, it would be good policy to appoint him the chairman as he knows his reason for offering the motions for consideration.

DEATHS

December 3—Louis Zimmer, father of Theo Zimmer, Jacksonville, Ill.

December 12—Joseph Nowak, brother of Felix Nowak, Buffalo, N. Y.

December 15—Agnes L. Harris, wife of N. L. Harris, Indianapolis, Ind.

December 18—Emma Laughlin, mother of J. N. Laughlin, Marblehead, Ill.

December 23—William Sullivan, father of William Sullivan, Jr., Elizabeth, N. J.

December 26—Charles Griser, brother of Elmer Griser, St. Louis, Mo.

December 29—Flora W. McLean, wife of W. W. McLean, Atlanta, Ga.

January 4—Fred Meyer, father of Fred Rapp, Kenosha, Wis.

MARRIAGES

December 20—A. J. Hohman and Margaret White, both of Toledo, O.

December 28—H. S. Courter and Mildred A. Brown, both of Chariton, Ia.

January 5—Julius Lipkin, Newark, N. J., and Celia Stark, Brooklyn, N. Y.

ENGAGEMENTS

C. Valdo Bardeen and Ruth E. Martin, both of Chicago, Ill.

Lee P. Minter, Chester, Pa., and Esther M. Hassler, Chambersburg, Pa.

Lynn Palmer, Lewiston, Ida., and Myrtle Blades, Spirit Lake, Ida.

Melvin McIntyre, Watertown, Mass., and Evelyn Goyette, Woonsocket, R. I.

G. V. Aidala, Providence, R. I., and Helena C. Mitchell, North Chelmsford, Mass.

Abraham Cohen, Providence, R. I., and Hannah Levine, Roxbury, Mass.

Clinton Bailey, Portland, Me., and Ruth Ellis, St. Albans, Me.

Secretary-Treasurer's Annual Statement

Balance, December 31, 1928.....\$1,095,638.87

Income

Payments received from members:

For Death Benefit Fund.....	\$105,143.54
For Sick and Accident Fund.....	27,399.83
For General Expense Fund (Entry fees).....	1,340.00
For General Expense Fund (Per capita tax).....	19,022.31
For Convention Fund (Per capita tax).....	3,801.72
For Organizing Expense Fund.....	56.09
For Recording and Registry fees.....	407.75

Total received from members.....\$157,171.24

Deducting refunds to members.....41.87

Net amount received from members.....\$157,129.37

Interest income:

Mortgage loans (net).....	\$53,080.20
Mortgage and Government bonds (net).....	11,108.30
Bank deposits.....	344.68
Rent of property.....	10.00
Book value increase of bonds.....	4.86

Net interest income.....64,548.04

From all other sources:

Sale of lodge supplies.....	\$ 375.35
Exchange on checks.....	24.75
Advertising in The Frat.....	246.00
Subscriptions to The Frat.....	29.90
Sundry supplies.....	367.73
Surety bond premiums.....	380.49

Income from all other sources.....1,424.22

Total income.....223,101.63

Sum of balance and income.....\$1,318,740.50

Disbursements

Death Benefits.....	\$ 33,286.00
Sick and Accident Benefits.....	21,225.00
Old Age Income Payments.....	48.72

Total benefits paid.....\$ 54,559.72

Salaries of officers.....	7,700.00
Services—Employees.....	5,899.50
Services—Medical Director.....	360.00
Officers' expenses.....	83.38
Insurance department fees.....	1,062.55
Rent of office.....	2,700.00
Printing and stationery.....	526.66
Postage.....	439.28
Lodge supplies.....	220.57
Official publication.....	3,747.77
Legal expenses.....	15.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	705.00
Taxes on real estate.....	205.76
Office expenses (detailed itemization below)*.....	1,480.24
Organizing expenses.....	338.73
Sundry supplies.....	520.09
Surety bond premiums.....	399.77
President's contingent fund (to Mrs. Gibson).....	300.00

Total disbursements.....81,264.02

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1929.....\$1,237,476.48

*Detailed Account of Disbursements for Office Expenses, 1929:

Books of account and record.....	\$ 16.90
Books—scientific, etc.....	26.30
Car fares, taxi, etc.....	28.32
Collection charges on checks.....	30.34
Corporation tax—Georgia.....	3.00
Desk sundries.....	78.82
Donations at Christmas.....	35.50
Electric light.....	79.10
Expressage.....	22.91
Filing accessories, storage, etc.....	62.23
Filing fees—Canada.....	5.00
Fire insurance.....	11.25
Fixtures, hardware, etc.....	34.75
Ice, paper cups, etc.....	53.75
Insurance publications and special copies of periodicals.....	27.13
Multigraphing, mimeographing and addressing supplies.....	66.71
Matter for advertising.....	4.75
Notarial attest fees.....	24.50
Phone service.....	71.62
Photographing, planographing, etc.....	222.31
Registration fee—Georgia.....	1.00
Rubber stamps, pads, etc.....	43.20

Stationery, ruled pads, etc.....	25.70
Supper money—officers and employees.....	256.65
Supplies for wrapping and mailing.....	54.47
Telegrams.....	72.77
Towel supply.....	18.00
Typewriter and adding machine supplies and repairs.....	38.76
Vault rent.....	60.00
Miscellaneous.....	4.50
Total disbursements for office expenses.....	\$ 1,480.24

GRAND PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Due to the death of Brother Francis P. Gibson the issuing of the annual report of the Grand President devolves upon me. In his last message Brother Gibson expressed the opinion that, as THE FRAT was in fact a monthly report of the doings of our Society, there was no need of a yearly report by the president, which would only be a repetition of what has already been laid before the members in the columns of our paper. I have come to agree with him and suggest that this requirement be stricken from our laws at the Boston convention.

The passing of Brother Gibson was the most momentous event of the year for us. It is not the purpose of this report to write a tribute to his memory. The expressions of sorrow and regret that poured in from almost every Division shows how he was esteemed and how his loss is felt. The December issue of THE FRAT gave space to some of the tributes from his fraternal brothers and associates. We need add no more.

We wish to impress on the members however that, while we have suffered a great loss, it is not irreparable and that the affairs of the Society will proceed as heretofore. By that we mean it will progress and continue to grow into a bigger and better organization. The work at the Home Office is in good hands and things are proceeding smoothly.

We have enjoyed another great year. THE FRAT has been a monthly reminder of our prosperity and well being. We can add nothing to the feeling of confidence in the Society that its members enjoy. However, if we are able to focus your attention on our weak point—slow membership increase—with a view of remedying it, we will feel this report is not entirely in vain.

Since the issuance of the last report there have been two new Divisions installed, one at San Diego, Cal., and one at Eau Claire, Wis. This small number is in line with the policy that will be followed in the future. We do not wish to establish small Divisions where future growth is doubtful. Assurance that the establishing of the Division will promote growth, facilitate collections, and engender a feeling of unity among the members are requisites that proposed new Divisions must fulfill in order to obtain a charter.

The necessity of new Divisions is not so apparent as formerly. The country is pretty well covered. There is now a Division almost wherever there is a comparatively large population of

deaf people. We need not more Divisions but more members. There are, doubtless, some Divisions that rank 100% in regard to resident members. There are others with prospects in plenty. All Divisions can, by absorbing resident and non-resident eligibles, increase their membership ranks. We hope every one will make an effort to do so. The greatest tribute we can give to our departed leader is to swell the membership by thousands. It would show that the faith and confidence that he always held in the usefulness and future of our Society was not misplaced. In passing he left us, as our heritage, this great organization that binds us together and comforts and consoles the bereaved in their time of sorrow. Its future growth will prove it fulfills, as he claimed, a vital need.

Our financial strength is well known and needs no comment other than to say that it has continued during the past year and our assets have steadily piled up. For complete details you are referred to the annual statement of the Grand Secretary-Treasurer published in this issue.

The local committee for the Boston Convention in 1931 have affairs well in hand and have promised to keep us posted through THE FRAT, so we may know what to expect when we prepare to gather there. Everything points to a splendid gathering.

Our Society has long passed the experimental stage. It is sound and safe. Criticism has been stilled and a great need filled. So it is with pleasure that we can, not simply as a matter of routine, but with genuine conviction assure our members that all is well; that things are functioning smoothly at the Home Office, in the Grand Division and in the subordinate Divisions; and that the men in charge will continue to give the best in them for the advancement and well being of the Society to the end that it can fittingly continue to be, as we are proud to claim, The Greatest Organization of the Deaf the World Has Ever Known.

FREDERICK J. NEESAM,
Grand President.

A died leaving a substantial sum, purchased by small monthly life insurance payments, to comfort and provide for his family during their period of readjustment. B died leaving nothing but undertaker's bills for his family, which also faced the problem of meeting living expenses with a suddenly shut off income. Lincoln said: "I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Division Collections for December

Grand Division.....	\$ 32.09
Chicago, No. 1.....	479.19
Detroit.....	411.34
Saginaw.....	28.53
Louisville.....	122.46
Little Rock.....	222.46
Dayton.....	94.55
Bay City.....	36.32
Cincinnati.....	238.86
Evansville.....	23.11
Nashville.....	54.39
Springfield, O.....	20.15
Olathe.....	137.32
Flint.....	219.76
Toledo.....	192.20
Milwaukee.....	170.25
Columbus.....	201.83
Knoxville.....	123.30
Cleveland.....	143.88
Indianapolis.....	225.86
Brooklyn.....	520.97
St. Louis.....	416.15
New Haven.....	154.89
Holyoke.....	53.28
Los Angeles.....	377.94
Atlanta.....	138.52
Philadelphia.....	292.40
Kansas City.....	172.77
Omaha.....	89.62
New Orleans.....	127.78
Kalamazoo.....	73.51
Boston.....	338.62
Pittsburgh.....	365.48
Hartford.....	81.51
Memphis.....	78.62
Portland, Me.....	65.52
Buffalo.....	166.78
Portland, Ore.....	174.23
Newark.....	111.79
Providence.....	88.80
Seattle.....	164.63
Utica.....	193.36
Washington.....	152.31
Baltimore.....	110.26
Syracuse.....	83.55
Cedar Rapids.....	85.17
Huntington.....	115.01
Albany.....	65.77
Rochester.....	159.62
San Francisco.....	242.87
Reading.....	203.18
Akron.....	322.24
Salt Lake City.....	67.19
Rockford.....	96.47
Springfield, Ill.....	75.16
Davenport.....	72.06
Worcester.....	89.16
St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	224.04
Fort Worth.....	142.53
Dallas.....	196.54
Denver.....	151.92
Waterbury.....	57.52
Springfield, Mass.....	68.37
Waco.....	30.20
Waco.....	84.03
Bangor.....	73.91
Kenosha.....	101.59
Birmingham.....	90.83
Sioux Falls.....	90.29
Wichita.....	109.02
Spokane.....	26.66
Des Moines.....	25.56
Lowell.....	60.64
Berkeley.....	64.41
Delavan.....	215.93
Houston.....	102.79
Scranton.....	72.68

Richmond.....	78.46
Johnstown.....	36.49
Manhattan.....	196.78
Jacksonville.....	61.50
Lewiston.....	109.91
Peoria.....	39.09
Peoria.....	92.88
Jersey City.....	74.52
Bronx.....	103.72
Columbia.....	58.22
Columbia.....	61.39
Charlotte.....	78.60
Durham.....	73.98
Dubuque.....	24.31
Grand Rapids.....	56.08
Toronto.....	294.66
Duluth.....	53.89
Canton.....	44.17
Faribault.....	84.19
South Bend.....	88.05
Council Bluffs.....	97.50
Fort Wayne.....	49.56
Schenectady.....	86.58
Chicago, No. 106.....	126.86
Miami.....	51.03
Binghamton.....	78.47
Wilkesburg.....	82.06
San Diego.....	26.54
Eau Claire.....	11.64

Total collections.....\$13,675.63

BIRTHS

October 6—Mr. and Mrs. Lamir Palmer, Lewiston, Idaho, a boy.
 November 4—Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Osborn, Litchfield Park, Ariz., a boy.
 November 6—Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Berry, Akron, Ohio, a boy.
 November 11—Mr. and Mrs. Morris Selzer, St. Louis, Mo., a girl.
 November 14—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rogers, Ellensburg, Wash., twins, a boy and a girl.
 December 10—Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Eby, Lancaster, Pa., a girl.
 December 15—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johne, Lewiston, Idaho, a girl.
 December 16—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Poline, Clifton, N. J., a boy.
 December 22—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Miller, Chicago, Ill., a boy.
 December 23—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Frey, Manheim, Pa., a boy.
 December 27—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Joseph, Hazelton, Pa., a boy.
 December 29—Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Hughes, Rochester, N. Y., a girl.
 January 4—Mr. and Mrs. George Roeder, St. Louis, Mo., a girl.

DECEMBER DEATH CLAIMS

Paid to V. Dorothy James, Omaha, Neb., for death benefit of Lawrence F. James, certificate No. 1405, deceased November 18, 1929, \$1000.

Paid to Lillian Slabaugh, Ligonier, Ind., for death benefit of Ledger J. Sackett, certificate No. 597, deceased November 29, 1929, \$500.

Paid to Minnie Gibson, Evanston, Ill., for death benefit of Frances P. Gibson, certificate No. 61, deceased December 4, 1929, \$2000.

Paid to Bertha Wachuta, Eau Claire, Wis., for death benefit of Joseph E. Wachuta, certificate No. 6027, deceased December 24, 1929, \$1000.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1929

Balance and Income

Balance, November 30	\$1,228,290.21
Division collections.....	13,675.63
Interest, mortgage loans.....	3,180.00
Interest, bonds.....	1,556.25
Interest, banks.....	1.86
Organizing refund.....	10.00
Increase book value bonds.....	4.86
Lodge supplies.....	36.10
Recording fees.....	58.50
Subscriptions to FRAT.....	.05
Advertising in FRAT.....	35.50
Exchange on checks.....	2.00
Sundry supplies.....	347.25

Total balance and income ..\$1,247,198.21

Disbursements

Death benefits.....	\$ 4,500.00
Sick benefits.....	1,700.00
Accident benefits.....	595.00
President's contingent fund.....	300.00
Old Age Income payment.....	4.06
Salaries.....	687.61
Services.....	554.00
Official publication.....	336.89
Sundry supplies.....	435.72
Rent.....	250.00
Office expenses.....	230.46
Officers' expenses.....	83.38
Postage.....	42.84
Insurance Department fee.....	1.77

Total disbursements.....\$ 9,721.73

Recapitulation

Balance and income.....	\$1,247,198.21
Disbursements.....	9,721.73
Balance, December 31.....	\$1,237,476.48

TRUSTEES' REPORT

Ledger Assets, December 31, 1929

Real estate.....	\$ 11,000.00
First mortgage loans.....	954,150.00
First mortgage bonds.....	237,910.31
U. S. Liberty bonds.....	15,000.00
Canadian bonds.....	10,996.20
Cash in banks:	
Central Trust Co.....	2,752.41
Bank of Montreal.....	4,915.29
Sec'y-Treasurer's cash.....	752.27

Total ledger assets.....\$1,237,476.48

Balances in Funds

Reserve Fund.....	\$1,119,931.44
Mortuary Fund.....	12,491.06
Sick and Accident Fund.....	90,770.71
Convention Fund.....	9,780.21
Organizing Fund.....	1,850.80
General Expense Fund.....	2,652.26

Total in all Funds.....\$1,237,476.48

Investments

In December, maturities on mortgages amounted to \$1,000, and the Society acquired first mortgage real estate bonds to the amount of \$10,000.

Sickness, including loss of wages and earning power, costs the people of the United States about nine billion dollars a year. Tell that to the non-member and remind him that membership in our Society provides sickness and accident insurance ranging from \$5.00 to \$25.00 per week.

DECEMBER DISABILITY CLAIMS

F. P. Gibson, Grand.....	\$ 10.00
A. Dietzsch, Chicago.....	15.00
C. H. Jenkins, Omaha.....	50.00
M. Kumis, Chicago.....	75.00
*J. Dilke, Berkeley.....	50.00
*O. N. Rinker, Indianapolis.....	50.00
*J. H. Stroud, Indianapolis.....	10.00
*W. O. Trenholm, Lewiston.....	40.00
*M. M. Brown, Boston.....	50.00
*F. W. Spear, Boston.....	10.00
*I. J. Lynch, St. Louis.....	40.00
*J. G. Klein, Manhattan.....	15.00
*H. E. Flansburg, Utica.....	50.00
*W. Morrison, Brooklyn.....	100.00
*C. H. Brown, Akron.....	20.00
*L. W. Tulibacki, Philadelphia.....	25.00
*F. Creasey, Richmond.....	10.00
*A. C. Kastner, Delavan.....	40.00
I. Hood, Little Rock.....	10.00
P. O. Reilly, Los Angeles.....	10.00
M. Campbell, Berkeley.....	50.00
C. G. Hutton, Berkeley.....	10.00
B. Ryan, Chicago.....	15.00
C. B. Morris, Chicago.....	100.00
C. Knoke, Indianapolis.....	45.00
C. Wiliever, Indianapolis.....	50.00
J. C. Buchanan, Olathe.....	50.00
F. W. Becker, Olathe.....	30.00
W. T. Pearson, Louisville.....	10.00
F. J. Heagie, Louisville.....	25.00
T. Turner, Louisville.....	10.00
W. B. Humphrey, Louisville.....	25.00
G. O. Daigle, New Orleans.....	75.00
W. P. Waldron, Boston.....	50.00
E. Jackson, Detroit.....	50.00
H. E. Gottlieb, Detroit.....	50.00
J. Alexander, Manhattan.....	50.00
W. D. Cherry, Rochester.....	50.00
W. S. Austin, Binghamton.....	200.00
E. L. Molin, Buffalo.....	50.00
A. S. Rasmussen, Akron.....	30.00
D. Hannan, Toledo.....	50.00
T. Sarver, Wilkesburg.....	45.00
T. H. Davis, Philadelphia.....	20.00
J. H. Becton, Memphis.....	10.00
G. R. Morrison, Spokane.....	50.00
H. Wille, Delavan.....	30.00
M. H. Lewis, Milwaukee.....	20.00
L. Sackett, Indianapolis.....	25.00
*J. Vahey, Indianapolis.....	30.00
*J. W. Staska, St. Paul-Minneapolis.....	10.00
*R. R. Slagle, Columbus.....	25.00
*M. N. Garbett, Philadelphia.....	10.00
*G. Moreland, Knoxville.....	10.00
E. Schenck, Fort Wayne.....	20.00
N. S. Smith, Detroit.....	45.00
W. Strong, St. Louis.....	10.00
E. Morefield, St. Louis.....	15.00
J. E. Meyer, St. Louis.....	20.00
E. F. DeLaura, Jersey City.....	75.00
J. Margolis, Syracuse.....	50.00
V. L. Call, Charlotte.....	20.00

Total for the month.....\$2,295.00

*Denotes accident claims.

The willow which bends to the tempest often escapes better than the oak which resists it. And so, in great calamities, it sometimes happens that light and frivolous spirits recover their elasticity and presence of mind sooner than those of a loftier character.—Sir Walter Scott.

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Ledger J. Sackett

Brother Ledger J. Sackett, 47, died at Indianapolis, Ind., November 29. He joined the Society through Indianapolis Division No. 22, December 1, 1908, and held certificate No. 597.

Joseph E. Wachuta

Brother Joseph E. Wachuta, 60, died at Eau Claire, Wisc., December 24. He joined the Society through Delavan Division No. 80 December 1, 1921, transferred to Eau Claire Division No. 111 as a charter member, and held certificate No. 6027.

William W. Potter

Brother William W. Potter, 57, died at Boston, Mass., January 8. He joined the Society through Nashua Division No. 7, July 1, 1913, later transferring to Boston Division No. 35, and held certificate No. 1711.

Dudley W. George

Brother Dudley W. George, 75, died at Jacksonville, Ill., January 5. He joined Jacksonville Division as a social member on March 10, 1922.

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We Have Just Begun to Grow

By Frederick J. Neesam

While the echoes of "Carry On" were still reverberating over this country and Canada there were heard remarks by a few that now our leader was gone our great society would waver and decline.

Those who uttered such foolish fears were not carrying on and know not the strength and solidity of our organization.

When one muses over the course events have taken in the N. F. S. D.—how strong, capable men were always ready to take the increased duties and responsibilities imposed on them by its growth or the passing of others—one might think our society was the darling of the gods.

When Gibson came into office the society was a small, weak, pass-the-hat organization. He gave it unity and strength and saw to it that it was placed on a sound financial basis.

Then as the society grew, and its membership and assets piled up, Rowse came to introduce system and method.

Finally came Roberts, who possesses not only the intelligence and ability of his predecessors, but also inherent industry and orderliness that kept the fast increasing multitude of details from congregating into a chaos.

Then there have been and are Barrow, Flick and Leiter, a combination of integrity and experience in financial matters it would be hard to equal in any other three deaf men. Two are employed by corporations whose assets reach into the billion dollar figure. They are the watch dogs of our treasury.

That these men have served or are serving the N. F. S. D. is not due to any special dispensation of the gods. Their tenure in office is a tribute to the foresight and good judgment of the body politic.

We have sat at three grand conventions of our order. There has been ambition, petty malice, self glory and difference of opinion, all of which found outlet in fiery oratory and heated debate. When all had been said and done the chosen delegates voted and voted right.

We can have entire confidence in the composite judgment of our members, expressed through their delegates.

Our assets have passed the million dollar mark and are reaching towards a two million figure. Our membership has grown from a mere handful to close upon seven thousand.

But let us not doze into the lethargy of contentment. It is well that we foresee that Father Time will cut an ever widening swath in our membership and assets.

Our early members have passed the days of their youth. In a few years many will be dropping out leaving gaps in our ranks and creating a steady drain on our financial resources. Therefore, in order to keep up our growth, the necessity of securing new members evolves upon us. This is how you can carry on.

No matter how able, efficient and well organized a Home Office force we have they cannot go it alone. They need "the everlasting teamwork of every blooming soul."

Let everyone get a new member. There may be discouragement and failure by some, but on the other hand there will be encouragement and success by many.

The day is not far distant when a list of eligible non-members will be a list of undesirables and failures.



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FOURTEEN THOUSAND in 1930. That's your slogan. Make it something more than a slogan, by helping get the Fourteen Thousand. Slogans are of no value if they are not backed by deeds.

HUBWARD 1931.

Where is that member you were going to get the other day, or last month, or last year, but have forgotten about? Now is the best time in the world to hunt him up and convince him that his place is in our Society.

Fraternity is brotherhood, and a genuine fraternalist is one who practices what the word implies.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF PRESIDENT GIBSON

The cut of President Gibson appearing on the first page of the December FRAT was made from an excellent photograph taken of him only a few years ago by Brother Alexander L. Pach of New York. We overlooked giving proper credit in our last issue.

A number of Divisions and individuals have written in asking where photographs of President Gibson could be obtained. Copies of the photograph above-mentioned, in large size suitable for framing, may be obtained by writing Brother Pach direct, at 150 Broadway, New York City. The prices range from one to four dollars, according to size and finish.

Brother F. P. Fawcner, 68 East Side Square, Jacksonville, Illinois, can also furnish photographs in approximately the same sizes.

The Last "Gib Special"

By J. FREDERICK MEAGHER

(Apologies to Troy Hill—and whoever wants them)

Death's grim conductor cries: "All Aboard!"

Gib's baggage is packed, and ready;

His ticket is station-stamped "The Lord,"

And the steam in the boiler's heady.

A clang and a snort—then it starts with him;

With a choo-choo-choo off it darts with him;

Whirr—he carries away our hearts with him.

(Hold steady, old chap, hold steady!)

Throw wide the throttle! The lights show clear,

Green—white—in the midnight gloomy;

Fast—faster flying—no fraters fear

For Creation is wide and roomy.

As the moon sheds its headlight-ray for him,

While the studded stars stand at bay for him,

And reverent planets make way for him,

Gib's Special goes zip-zam-zoomy!

Ah, ever and oft with Gib we rode

In years that are gone forever;

'Twas he could pilot a joyous load,

For all quick were his quips, and clever.

And, faith, we were frantic to ship with him;

Och hone, what a triumphant trip with him;

No slip, nor a nip on the hip with him.

But never again. No, never!

Toot-toot; the station of Heaven's near,

The junction-point of Life's wander.

No side-track switch blocked his brave career;

Checked through-routed, his works preponder.

Now a screech of brakes on the rail for him,

There's a high hosanna and hail for him!

Let us frater-flock give no wail for him;

Gib's Special's "On Time" up yonder!

VISITORS IN DECEMBER

Owing to the fact that they arrived too late on December 7th to be registered at the Home Office, a number of friends of President Gibson who came in from Detroit to attend the funeral were not listed among the December visitors. These were Brother and Mrs. Ben Beaver, Brother and Mrs. Alex Lobsinger, Brothers Gottlieb, DiFazio, Fadden, Mackanja, C. Davey, Sacks, Birdwell, Breece, C. Reed, C. Davis, and R. Mephram.

Brother A. M. Hinch, also among the Detroit visitors at that time, was the representative of the Detroit Association of the Deaf.

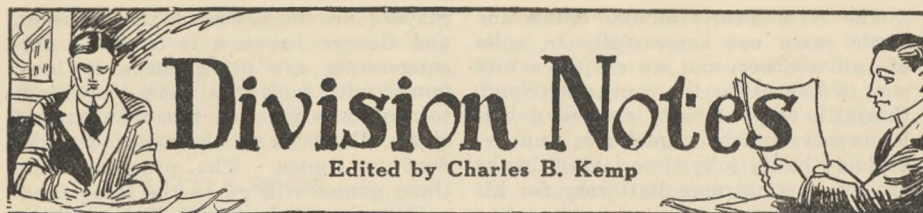
Boston and baked beans. Paul Revere and Bunker Hill. Lexington and Concord. Faneuil Hall and Old North Church. The cradle of American Literature and Independence. And a Go-getting convention committee making plans for your enjoyment in July, 1931. Start your personal convention fund and make arrangements with the boss well in advance to give you a vacation. We're all going.

Chicago Division No. 1 opened up the Fourteen Thousand campaign with a bang on January 4. The boys tell us they are going to burn up the speedway from now on. Old No. 1 has a big field to draw on, and we anticipate a real awakening in recruiting operations.

Life insurance is one of the most secure investments for the average man and his family.

Criticism is a habit that grows if we ever start it. A chronic fault finder does more harm than good. If we believe we can offer a better and more constructive plan, let us present it in the form of a suggestion instead of a criticism.

Confidence is the first requisite to great undertakings. Study the Treasurer's annual statement, read "We Have Just Begun to Grow," and the account of the rally held by Chicago Division No. 1. Observe how Reading Division climbed steadily from 20 to 100 members, a gain of 400% in fifteen years. Then start out after that Fourteen Thousand.



COMING DIVISION EVENTS

February

1. Circus ball.....Flint
1. Smoker.....Boston
1. Social.....Albany
5. Banquet.....Miami
8. Party.....Schenectady
8. Annual ball.....St. Louis
8. Social.....Cedar Rapids
11. Card party.....Manhattan
14. Valentine party.....Toronto
15. Social.....Denver
15. Card party.....Akron
15. Aux-frats' night.....Baltimore
15. Valentine party.....Dayton
15. Valentine party.....Indianapolis
15. Valentine party.....Rochester
15. Masquerade social.....Huntington
15. Valentine social.....Toledo
15. Masquerade ball.....Utica
18. Valentine party.....Houston
21. Kid party.....Boston
22. Masquerade party.....Binghamton
22. Party.....Fort Wayne
22. Masquerade party.....Syracuse
22. Banquet.....Pittsburgh
22. Masquerade ball.....Kansas City
22. Mask party.....Louisville
22. Social.....Omaha
22. Social.....Wichita
22. Frat frolic.....Philadelphia
22. Masked ball.....Cleveland
22. Grand ball.....Los Angeles
22. Minstrel show.....Washington
23. Smoker.....Pittsburgh

March

1. Mask ball.....Chicago No. 1
1. Mask party.....New Orleans
8. Social supper.....Schenectady
8. Grab bag.....Davenport
8. Fraternal.....Fort Worth
8. Annual ball.....Brooklyn
15. Party.....Syracuse
15. Social.....Kalamazoo
15. Party.....Seattle
15. Dance.....St. Paul-Minneapolis
15. Party.....Wichita
15. Box social.....Binghamton
22. Frat frolic.....Kansas City
29. Social.....Cincinnati

April

12. Smoker.....Washington
19. Shade show.....Binghamton
19. Party.....Portland, Me.

CHICAGO, No. 1

By C. B. Kemp

The annual installation of officers of the Division was held at the Silent Athletic Club on January 4. It was open to the public, and the public turned out in goodly numbers to see what was to be seen. And they saw. Leo J. Clinnin, the retiring president, acted as installing officer, with Alfred Liebenstein as messenger, and they put things through with clockwork precision. Fol-

lowing the installation a rally was held, the opening gun of a drive for new members. Treasurer Migatz had this in charge, and put over a peppy program, including a clever vaudeville skit depicting in a humorous but effective manner the advisability of being a Frat. This was followed by the real event of the evening, an address on fraternalism, and the N. F. S. D. in particular, by Grand Secretary-Treasurer Roberts. He covered the ground thoroughly, and his remarks were convincing, as was evidenced by the 13 applicants for membership who were subsequently paraded on the platform, where they filled out their applications. A few, under age, took their papers home, to get parental consent to their joining. As an initial effort, we feel that the rally was a decided success, and are encouraged to work even harder to build up our Division. Mrs. J. F. Meagher gave a song, "Carry On," in memory of the late Grand President Gibson, which was well received. Free refreshments wound up the affair, which one and all declared was both interesting and instructive. Treasurer Migatz and his aids are to be congratulated on the way they put it over.

Our January meeting was well attended, and the new officers had a fine chance to show their mettle. Some of them did not seem to feel quite at home, but this will wear off in time, and we are looking forward to a banner year under their guidance. In memory of our late Grand President, the members stood in silent meditation for a minute, and later a set of resolutions was passed, to be sent to Mrs. Gibson, the Home Office, and published in THE FRAT. Through the courtesy of Secretary-Treasurer Roberts we were able to have a large photograph of Brother Gibson hung back of the president's station, the president's chair, draped in mourning, beneath it. Later, we hope to have one of our own. Very little business was transacted at the meeting, the time being mostly de-

voted to committee reports and the appointment of new committees for 1930. Hosea Hooper will head the entertainment committee, and has promised to put over some novel ideas in the fun line.

In spite of the heavy blanket of snow on the ground, a good crowd turned out to the Division's Christmas tree at its hall in the Capitol Building on December 21. Santa Claus was present in person, and made the hearts of the children glad with presents of toys, apples and candies. The principal treat for the elders was an address by our new Grand President, F. J. Neesam, who made a fine impression on his hearers.

Recent visitors at headquarters were Raymond Haney, Ravenna, Ohio, J. L. Anderson, St. Louis, Mo., A. E. Pope, Trenton, N. J., V. J. Beran and E. D. Berney, Omaha, Nebr., Octave Sicotte, Jr., Flint, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Hathaway, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wickmann, Clara Wickmann, and W. B. Vogt, Elgin, Ill.

CHICAGO, No. 106

By F. B. Wirt

Undeniably, New Year's Eve is a bad time for a public social affair, at least so far as the deaf of Chicago are concerned. They all have their sets of friends who gather together at this time to celebrate, so when we held our "whoopie" party on the 31st we did not have the crowd we hoped to. There were 130 present, and there would doubtless have been more had it been sufficiently well advertised. The \$1 admission fee included wardrobe service, paper caps and confetti.

We held our installation of officers as a part of our regular business meeting in January. The only officers re-elected were the president and secretary, the rest being new men. But these latter have had experience in Division affairs, and have proved their worth, so we enter upon 1930 without misgiving.

Apropos of installations, the public installation and open house of Division No. 1 at the Silent Athletic Club on January 4 was well attended by members of No. 106. The interesting part to many of us was the "roping in" of new members. Some filled out their applications readily enough, but others took more persuasion and argument. The net result of the affair, to No. 106, was two applications to the Division, No. 1 waiving its rights in the rally, allowing applicants to choose which Division they would join. Its consideration is appreciated.

May 17 has been decided upon as the date on which our long-heralded smoker will be held, but the location

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has not yet been chosen. By that date we hope to have a dozen or more neophytes to be led across the desert.

Our Division newspaper, *Frat Talk*, has made irregular appearances the past year, due to a number of reasons. We hope to get it out more regularly this year.

Our four bowling teams, Gibsons, Roberts, Barrows and Kemps, are still assiduously scattering their pins, with about four months to go to finish the season. The Kemps have been keeping in the lead for some time. Six teams are a possibility next season. Nothing would please our bowlers more than to have an inter-Division bowling tournament sometime.

KALAMAZOO

By Daniel Tellier

Holiday greetings from No. 34 to all Divisions, with best wishes for a prosperous year.

In spite of the deep snow and zero weather, the Division's Christmas tree at Moose Hall on December 21 brought out a fine crowd. The tree was beautifully decorated and illuminated with colored lights. Fred Wheeler, Jr., in regulation Santa Claus rig, did the honors of the tree, cracking jokes and distributing presents, candy and oranges to the children. It was a very pleasant affair.

Our annual election of officers resulted in several new faces appearing in the various stations, as well as several old ones remaining for another year. As an indication that youth will be served, a young fellow, fresh from school, with a blue cap on his head and a fountain pen behind his ear, will decorate the treasurer's station—Charles W. Whittet, the youngest member of the Division. A vote of thanks was given the retiring officers.

News of the death of the late Grand President Gibson was a great shock to the local members. Division President Stevens, at Battle Creek, was immediately notified, and he at once ordered the meeting scheduled for December 7 to be postponed until the 14th. John F. Cordano was sent as the Division's representative at the funeral, to which we also sent a wreath of flowers. At the next meeting, Brother Cordano gave us an interesting account of the funeral, and urged us to obey Brother Gibson's last injunction to "carry on."

BOSTON

By A. A. Sinclair

Hubward, 1931.

Only 17 months to convention time.

During December, donations from the Hartford and Bangor Divisions were received and appreciated by the convention committee.

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VISITORS ARE WELCOME

The New Year's annual dance and frolic came out successfully in spite of bad weather, and we reaped a nice sum of money for the convention fund. Confetti, serpent rolls, caps and balloons were much in evidence, and everybody had a jolly time. Our thanks are due to Chairman Battersby for his good work.

The lecture and movie on January 5 by John O'Rourke was very interesting. Eight reels, including one of the July 4th picnic were shown.

Plans for the booster banquet are well under way and we are sure of a good-sized crowd. It will be held at Gilbert Hall in Tremont Temple at 6:30 sharp, January 25.

The convention committee appeals to all members and their friends to attend the ball of the Hebrew Association of the Deaf, and also the ball of the Marlboro Silent Club. Both of these organizations intend to donate the proceeds to the convention fund.

The Aux-Frats will hold a kids' costume party at Huntington Chambers, 30 Huntington Ave., Boston. There will be plenty of fun and laughter. Let's all join in the fun by wearing something to make us look like kids. Dancing and refreshments will add to the festivities. Our little "Kewpie," Mrs. Viola Woodside, will be chairman. Admission only 50 cents.

William W. Potter of Concord passed away on January 8, after a long illness. He recently sold his barber business, which he had conducted for 35 years. He joined our Division in 1913. The Division extends its sympathy to the bereaved family.

SALT LAKE CITY

By E. R. Thurston

With a new year ahead of us we are looking forward to prosperity and an increased membership. As an incentive to gain the latter, that hustling brother Ralph Glenn has offered a prize to the one who brings in the most members during January and February. Get busy and win the prize—whatever it may be.

We have organized a basketball team to represent our Division. All of the

players are members of the Division, and George Laramie is captain. Arrangements are being made to have games with some local hoop teams, not to mention a game or two with our old rivals, the boys at the school for the deaf in Ogden. The proceeds from these games will go to the local fund.

Ephraim Nielson and Weber Christensen of Ogden were visitors at our January meeting. We were glad to have had them with us, and hope they come again.

Wheelock Freston of Mt. Pleasant is going into the chicken business. He has already built his coops, and is now waiting for spring to come, so he can order his chicks. Good luck to you, Brother Freston.

Guy Despain of American Fork, who is employed by the Ford Motor Co. in that city, is probably the only deaf man in Utah who works in a garage.

Speaking of chickens, A. J. Keeley and R. D. Glenn, who have been in the chicken business for some time, as a side line from their regular occupations, are doing fairly well at it. Buy eggs from your brother Frats!

TOLEDO

By S. G. Henry

We were much shocked to learn of the death of the late Grand President Gibson. The Division extends its sympathy to Mrs. Gibson and son Donald. The growth of the N. F. S. D. to its present membership and financial standing is a monument to his work. At our meeting, Acting President Henry called upon us to stand with bowed heads, in silent respect to the departed.

A Santa Claus party was held at Kapp Hall on December 21. E. M. Hetzel, chairman, being out of town, S. G. Henry took charge of the affair. Oranges and small boxes of Christmas candy were distributed free to the members' families.

Several of our members who have been out of work for the last four months were called back to work at the Overland plant on December 16. But the company is not doing any general hiring of new men, so it is useless to come to Toledo expecting to be taken on at this plant.

Nathan Henick was the victim of an unfortunate accident some time ago. He slipped and fell on the ice, breaking

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an ankle. The family doctor put the injured member in a plaster cast, which has been on for about six weeks. Brother Henrick expects to be relieved of the incubus soon. We hope to see him back at work, then.

LITTLE ROCK

By P. B. Jones

One hundred members! Does it look good? Do we quit now? No, we will keep it up. We have selected as our slogan those words of Brother Gibson, "Carry On."

Our annual election found most of the old faces back in office, though with a few shifts. We elected a good man, in Luther Shibley, to succeed James Smith as president. The latter, after serving the Division ably for three years, deciding that he needed a rest. Treasurer Willie Walls was simply ordered to keep on handling the finances, his services having been very satisfactory.

Our basketball team, headed by James Smith, made an overland trip to Dallas, Texas, where they played a game on December 28 with the Silents in the home town of the famous Long Horn writer—and won after a spirited contest. The boys reported a most glorious time, and enjoyed the hospitality of the metropolis of the Lone Star state, and also that of Ft. Worth. A return game is probable this month.

Extensive arrangements are being made for the entertainment of visitors during the Dixie tournament, which will be held here February 14 and 15. Ten or twelve state schools are expected to send teams, which will make the tournament the greatest ever held in the south and southwest. The local Frats are most active in the planning of the good time for everybody. Headquarters will be at Marion Hotel.

At our January meeting a social committee was appointed to take charge of the social activities for 1930. Those named on the committee were James Smith, Nathan Zimble, Arthur Crow, Charles Athy, and Robert Marsden.

Burrell Nutt has bought a home, which, by the way, was once owned by Orus Cochran. Brother Cochran is now living in Joplin, Mo. Other purchases by local deaf include a 15-acre tract of land bought by U. G. Dunn and L. B. Shibley. They plan to build in the summer. Brother Shibley says he will build a log cabin for his "castle." Go at it, for that is where simple happiness reigns.

The Christmas cards from Chicago Division No. 1 and from Miami Division are acknowledged with appreciation and thanks. The Chicago card was interesting, on account of its originality.

ST. LOUIS

By C. H. Fry

We were greatly shocked to learn of the death of our Grand President. We sincerely regret the loss of this great Frat worker. The last time he was in St. Louis he gave a lecture before a large crowd. W. H. Schaub represented the Division at the funeral.

The factory where Irl Hogard works will be moved to Fairfield, Ill. Brother Hogard will likewise move to that place, to keep his job. The firm for which Clifford Kafka works has also moved out of the city, but Brother Kafka prefers to stay in St. Louis with his wife, and has secured a job in another place, the Curlee Clothing Co., where several of the deaf work.

Alfred Hafner will be chairman of the annual ball, which will be held on February 8. Come and enjoy yourself at the ball. Prizes will be given for the best and funniest costumes.

The condition of Edward Blevins, who has been in the hospital for the past four years, is not much improved. He has our sympathy.

COLUMBUS

By J. B. Arnold

At our meeting on January 7 the members stood with bowed heads in silent respect to our deceased Grand President. C. C. Neuner, who had known Brother Gibson for many years, paid him a warm tribute.

Fred Gillespie of Norwalk and George Kinkel of the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf attended our January meeting. Brother Gillespie has been living with his mother since the death of his wife. Brother Kinkel, well known as a gentleman of leisure, was on his way home from Cincinnati where he spent several days.

The members much appreciate the thoughtfulness of Clarence Jones, who presented them with a floor lamp. It is about seven feet high, made of a pipe bent over, with a 10-inch reflector attached. Placed on the platform near the speaker, the latter is plainly visible to all, making it easy to follow his speech.

The last social under the leadership of Jesse Inman was well attended, and Brother Inman deserves much credit for the way the affair was handled.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS

By J. J. McNeill

The annual New Year dance given by the Division at Thompson Hall was a grand success. A big crowd was present, and all enjoyed themselves immensely, especially at midnight, when confetti and streamers came into play. At 10:30 a nice lunch was served in the dining room. Chairman Ray Inhofer deserves much credit for the success of the affair.

President Gordon Allen has appointed Tony Garbarino chairman of the committee on entertainment for 1930. He will be ably assisted by Ray Inhofer and J. J. McNeill. The chairman announces that next on the program will be a St. Patrick's dance at Thompson Hall on March 15. He has promised to get the best and peppiest jazz orchestra in town, so you want to remember the date. Come one, come all!

Our public installation of new officers was held on Sunday, December 29, with a rather poor attendance. After the installation, there was a memorial service for our late Grand President. Brothers McNeill, Allen, Benolkin, Torgerson and Lauritsen gave short talks, paying tribute to his memory. After the meeting, a very tasty supper was served.

Among the outside visitors here during the holidays, I noted W. A. Lauritsen, Faribault, Isaac Weisbaum, Chicago, John W. Browne, Eau Claire, Clarence Sharp, Duluth, Mr. and Mrs. Mansfield, Faribault, Joe Malley, Watonna, H. W. Haughley, Lake Crystal, and others, whose names I did not get.

On the same evening on which the Division held its meeting, the ladies also held one, forming an Auxiliary and electing officers. Mrs. Ray Inhofer was elected president, Mrs. Herman von Hippel, vice president, and Mrs. B. L. Winston secretary-treasurer. They will hold meetings each month on the same evening the Division meets. They will help our entertainment committee, and in other ways raise funds for the local treasury. We assure them that their help will be appreciated.

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DAYTON

By A. H. Peterson

Lewis E. Snyder has presented his transfer from Cincinnati Division. He is welcome.

Remember, the Frats will have a Valentine social on February 15. Brothers Morris, Umbaugh, Fowler and Howell are the committee having it in charge.

On May 30, 31 and June 1 we will hold our silver jubilee celebration. Our Division has the proud distinction of being the father of all of the Ohio Divisions, being the first organized in the state. The date of organization was March 18, 1905. The moving spirits back of the affair are Alby Peterson, chairman, Ray Black, Henry Hartley, Arthur Peterson and Stephen Miller, and they can be depended upon to give everyone a splendid time. A good program will be put up, including a reception and a smoker. A badge, costing 50 cents, will admit to nearly everything during the three days. Several good speakers will be on the program, also. Our jubilee fund has now about \$200, and will have more before the date arrives, so we are in a position to do things handsomely.

Elmer Fowler returned to work on January 4, after an illness extending from our local fund. Every man who lucky for him that he is a Frat, for he will get a handsome sum in sick benefits, both from the Home Office and from our local fund. Every man who is in good health and not more than 55 years of age should join our Society and be in line for its many benefits.

KANSAS CITY

By F. W. Rebal

At our December meeting it was decided to hold our regular monthly business meeting on the first Tuesday instead of the first Saturday of the month. A committee is also looking for a better hall, and by March we hope to have our meetings in better quarters.

We will hold a masquerade ball on February 22 at 912 Grand Ave. Daniel Haas is chairman, and a good crowd is looked for. A good time is promised all who come. Outsiders are welcome.

Owing to the many auto accidents during 1929, the city council passed some new rules to abolish reckless drivers, habitual offenders, people with poor vision, and those hard of hearing. Brothers Hunt, Herrig and Coleman took up the matter of deaf drivers with the city fathers, and succeeded in getting us relieved of the restriction. This was done willingly enough, when the records showed that hardly ever has a deaf motorist given the police any trouble.

Clemenz Dillenschneider figures on pulling off with a bang the coming Frat frolic on March 22. A basketball game with members of St. Louis Division may be one of the features. The place will be announced later. Brother Dillenschneider can always be counted upon

to give a good time, so be sure and come.

Two new members have been added to our Division by the transfer route. W. A. Sherman comes from Wichita Division, and Glenn Miller from Olathe Division. They are very welcome.

PITTSBURGH

By F. R. Conner

Remember the date of our annual banquet, February 22, Washington's birthday. It will be held at Roosevelt Hotel, Penn and Federal, at 6:30 p. m. The charge will be \$2 per plate, and worth it. City Councilman Clifford Connelley may be the principal speaker, and Mrs. Elmer S. Havens has accepted an invitation to be another speaker on the program. Much is expected from both of them. The following charter members will be invited to be the guests of honor: Timothy Gorman and James Forbes, Pittsburgh, Frank Leitner, Wilkinsburg, Royal Durian, Akron, O., and James Conway, Los Angeles, Cal. The program will be of the best, and we urge all who can to come.

Plans for the purchase of a clubhouse by the Pittsburgh Association of the Deaf are under way. As most of our members are also members of the Association, we take considerable interest in the movement. A drive is being held this month for the purpose of raising more money for the purchase. Peter Graves, who originated the idea of the association, and Mrs. Harry Zahn have been appointed to conduct the drive among the members and their friends. Every member should contribute something to this cause, realizing what a grand thing a clubhouse would be to us all. With optimistic hopes, we await further developments.

UTICA

By T. V. Booth

We have decided to change the date of our masquerade ball from February 22 to February 15. This change was deemed advisable because Syracuse and Binghamton Divisions were to hold affairs on the same date, and many of our members wished to visit one or the other, which they could not do without hurting attendance at our own affair. George D. Hughes will have general charge of the ball, and he will have several prizes for the masqueraders to strive for, and altogether we hope to make the ball a big success, a mark for future committees to shoot at.

The members of the Division are looking forward to a banner year in 1930. With a new president, full of pep and new ideas, backed by members experienced in Division affairs, things cannot help but go forward. Secretary Richard McCabe and Treasurer Thomas Harter were both kept in office, insuring efficiency in these two important departments.

CINCINNATI

By J. M. Shepherd

The attendance at our December meeting was 82, with Alby Peterson

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and Martin Samshal of Dayton as visitors. The members all stood in silence for one full minute in respect to the late Grand President Gibson. Filmore M. Jasper was given the fraternal obligation. Officers for 1930 were elected, Wylie Ross was recommended as Division deputy, and J. M. Shepherd was appointed to the Patriarch's station. A full list of the officers will appear in THE FRAT.

The next public affair given by the Division will be a social on March 29. Proceeds will be donated to the convention fund of the Ohio Divisions convention, to be held here next year. More prize contests will be held than ever before, and we invite members and friends from neighboring Divisions to come in and join with us in having a good time. It will be worth traveling miles to attend, and if fortune is kind, they may carry back some useful prizes.

The Association of Ohio Divisions extends greetings and hopes for success to its new cousin, the Mississippi Valley Conference, composed of Divisions in the Mississippi valley, which is now being organized. Our associa-

tion is now embarking upon its third year, and will hold its third convention in this city, July 3 to 6, and we invite the M. V. C. to send a delegation, to whom we will explain the working of the system which has made our association a success.

Our January meeting was attended by 73, with Ernest Morris of Dayton Division as a visitor. The installation of new officers went forward under the direction of past president Samuel Taylor. Speeches by the out-going and in-coming officers were interesting and to the point, all asking the co-operation of each member in making the coming year a successful one both for the Division and for the Society.

We are looking forward to the distribution of the newly adopted Division rules. It is our custom to revise our rules after every convention of the Grand Division, so that they may conform to the general rules of the Society.

The message of our new Grand President, Frederick J. Neesam, which appeared in the last issue of THE FRAT was very interesting, and his appeal is accepted by Cincinnati Division. We will give our full co-operation in carrying out the last wishes of our late Grand President Gibson, and "Carry On."

BERKELEY

By W. A. Cotter

Paul Mark and family of Ogden, Utah, spent a two weeks' vacation in California, and called on Treasurer Beck several times.

Emery Vinson believes that the privilege of increasing one's sick and accident benefit is a good one, and asked to increase his to \$25 per week, which the Division approved. He was also granted \$10 benefit for an accident to his index finger. C. G. Hutton also thanked the Division for the prompt receipt of a check covering his claim following an operation for tonsillitis.

The Division takes pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of Christmas cards from Chicago Division No. 1 and Miami Division No. 107.

Our Division has done well in persuading the members in Class A to convert to one of the other classes. The few who remain in Class A will undoubtedly make a change soon, as it is greatly to their interest, both from the standpoint of safety and the saving of two monthly premiums—in other words, interest on their investment.

When the Division secretary put in a claim for postage, stationery and car fares for a year, Treasurer Beck announced that he had never made any claim for car fares during his five years as treasurer. This seemed unfair, so the Division voted him a present of two months' dues.

Monroe Jacobs had charge of the installation ceremonies at the January meeting, and administered the oath to the new officers. The new president, Robert Lee, made a speech pleading

for greater Division activities, better attendance at meetings, and better general co-operation.

Following the recommendation of the Home Office, we are planning to hold our monthly meetings in Berkeley, instead of in Oakland, as at present. Brothers Phillips and Franck have been appointed a committee to find us a hall in Berkeley, and if found, we will hold future meetings here. The matter has caused some feeling in the Division, and we are glad to have it settled.

ROCKFORD

By B. F. Jackson

The passing of Grand President Gibson came as a shock to No. 57. It was only a short time ago that we saw him in apparent good health. But life is a mere breath—an uncertainty—here today, tomorrow gone forever. Prob-

ably there is no deaf man living today who will be so greatly missed by the deaf at large. But for him, we venture to say that there would now be no N. F. S. D. No other had the faith and patience through long years to give it the time and labor needed to make it what it is today. Because Brother Gibson lived, life to the deaf is sweeter, human contacts among our fellows more precious, human relations more generous. "What a man does for himself dies with him; what he does for others lives forever." The N. F. S. D. will carry on. Fred Shatwell represented the Division at the funeral, and we also sent a floral offering. The sympathy of our entire Division is extended to the bereaved family.

The fact that no news from Rockford has appeared in THE FRAT of late

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*We wish you all the most Prosperous
and Happy New Year you ever had*

is no indication that we have not been doing things. Your scribe has been laid up for repairs since the Frat picnic, and no one volunteered to take his place. There have been the usual rounds of entertainments and parties and a bazaar, not to mention the watch night party, which was an enjoyable affair, and attended by many out of town visitors.

The first of a series of card parties to be held during the months of January, February and March was held at the Shatwell home on January 4. The second, at the Harts' on January 18, and the third at the home of Tom Herring, 1830 Huffman Blvd., on February 1. Later dates will be announced.

On February 8, from 6 to 8 p. m., a chicken supper will be served to the Frats and their friends at Tegner Hall, 1016 Fourth Ave. The fact that Mrs. Fred Shatwell is to be hostess is assurance that everything will be par excellence, and that everybody will get their money's worth. Everybody is welcome at all of our entertainments.

Roscoe Ehrhart is the latest to purchase a new home. It is at 2833 Knight Ave., and is the last thing in modern convenience. Brother and Mrs. Ehrhart are to be congratulated upon acquiring such a beautiful home.

As a result of our December election, several new faces will be seen at the different stations. There were plenty of candidates for all offices except those of secretary and treasurer. These two offices are always difficult to fill. Those elected to these two positions accepted them only for the good of the Division and a willingness to do their bit. Both were elected by acclamation.

While Brothers Boyer and Adelman were on their way home from the meeting, they met with quite a serious mishap. Their car skidded off the icy highway into the ditch, and both were badly shaken up and their car wrecked.

CLEVELAND

By H. T. McCann

The Division started the new year good and proper, with all of its recently elected capable officers at their proper stations, and with a larger attendance than heretofore. The weather being a sort of mixture between fall and early spring probably accounted for the attendance, but there's a suspicion that the fun of seeing the new officers, and especially those never before having served in their respective offices, flip, flap, flounder and do this or that contrary to the rules, was the main reason for the record attendance. The meeting opened with everyone smiling, and smiles and laughs were aplenty throughout the meeting, to the very end. Yet the work was interrupted at times, when the sad thought of the recent death of our brother, benefactor, friend and true pal, Francis P. Gibson, crossed our minds. So hard did the blow strike us that it will be ages before we can ever get over it or lessen the sorrow that is deep. The sight of Brother

Gibson coming to the platform, shaking hands and greeting us boys with his ever-ready cheerfulness, diplomatic talk and fatherly advice was a beautiful happening while it lasted. After that we carried on the best we knew. And we shall continue to carry on the work of the great Society to which he devoted his life. Walter Haven took the obligation, shook hands in presidential style, spoke a few words, and was given the brotherly courtesies and assurances. Walter is a fine young man, one upon whom the Division can later depend as a 100 per cent Frat, he possessing the makings.

The masque ball scheduled for February 22 has all the indications of breaking all records as a box office attraction. It will be an event worthy of your attendance. It will be better than spending your evening at a talkie-movie, or trying to listen in on the radio.

Pret Munger, greatest bowling fiend from coast to coast, has gold dusted his good right paw, getting it ready to extend it to all Frat bowlers planning to attend the bowling congress tournament in this city in March. Pret will be ready to hook up with any bowler who believes that he and Pret can knock over more pins than any other two alley rollers. Pret's a royal good fellow, and Frats intending to come should get in touch with him re this and that.

Frank McMullen was appointed messenger of the Division, with instructions to serve as assistant to Secretary "Old Reliable" Koelle. Frank toed the mark well poised, and shot ahead down the work path in a remarkably good performance. He has a habit of hustling, and his Irishness, coupled with that of the president and vice president, will make things lively in the Division throughout the year. The Irish trio announces its ever-readiness to guarantee humor and cheerfulness.

The Division's social calendar is in the making, but as dates have not been definitely decided upon, announcement is deferred until a later issue.

The employment situation has been rather bad here, many members and non-members being forced to take vacations. However, we hope that the depression will soon be over, and everybody happy again.

With few exceptions, the health of the brothers down this way needs no improvement. They are all a cheerful bunch, extending to all brothers everywhere the greetings of the season and best wishes.

READING

By E. C. Ritchie

Carry on? We will!

ARE YOU A FRAT?

This paper is a Frat; most of its readers are likewise. Some are not. If you are one of the latter, and can qualify, join. We need you and you need us.

Reading Division has carried on its good work to such good purpose that it is now in the select 100 class in membership. Our members carry a total of \$64,500 insurance, and their monthly dues amount to \$226.30. And we started with only 20 members.

In March we will initiate a class of new members. The class will be named the Raymond E. Price Class, in honor of the 100th member. Due honor will also be given to Brothers Petrillak, Belnoski, Ferrance, Clements and Yienst. All of these are requested to report at 7:00 p. m. sharp, at our hall, 612 Court St., 3rd floor, on Saturday, March 8. Remember the date.

Coming soon: the 15th anniversary of the Division. Due notice concerning it will appear in these columns from time to time.

The great "Gib." is gone. We sadly miss him. The new year has dawned. We have before us a task. That task is 14,000 members by December 31, 1930. Let's rally around our new Grand President, and carry on, as the great "Gib." said we should.

AKRON

By T. W. Osborne

At a recent business meeting of the Division we were confronted with the fact that while our expenditures had been increasing the past year, the flow into our treasury of receipts from socials and other entertainments had been almost at a standstill. It was decided that we would have to adopt a policy of retrenchment, in the hope of re-establishing the normal balance of our local fund. As one move in this direction, the office and salary of Frat correspondent was abolished, and the secretary instructed to take over the duty of supplying THE FRAT with news. So, beginning with this issue, he makes his bow to the public as a writer. His aim is to send in news notes regularly, and will greatly appreciate the co-operation of the members, and especially social committees, in keeping him informed as to Division activities and personal doings of unusual interest.

A committee of three has just been appointed to make a survey as to whether or not it would pay the Division to invest in a moving picture outfit, to give exhibitions to its members and friends after the monthly business meetings, as well as at social gatherings. The committee consists of William Pfunder, Frank Zitnik and William Townsend. They will make their report at the next meeting of the Division.

On Saturday evening, February 15, the Division will give a "500" and bunco party, probably at Wilmot Hall, 982 E. Market St., if the hall can be obtained for that date. If not, Good-year Hall will be the place. The decision to have such a social was made at the last minute, at the January meeting, but the members have confidence in the committee appointed to manage the affair, Frank Zitnik, Harold Newman and Dennis Wickline, and

feel that they will make a success of it. This will be the first party of the kind to be handled by the Division itself. This is not due to the fact that its members have taken to the game slowly, but because there are so many clubs in town which have been entertaining their members at bridge, "500," etc., since the war, that the Division was rather out of it.

Clarence Dowell, one of our oldest members, transferring from Washington Division a few months after our organization, has gone into business for himself. He has leased the old post office market house at Market and S. High Sts., and is arranging to carry a complete line of high grade poultry, butter, eggs and miscellaneous articles. He has extended a courteous invitation to the members to give his goods a trial, and assures them of first class service and high quality goods. He will appreciate their patronage. We extend our congratulations, and wish him success in his venture.

FLINT

By A. J. Eickhoff

As a fitting tribute to our late lamented Grand President, Francis P. Gibson, Flint Division held memorial services at the rooms of the Flint Social Club, Sunday afternoon, January 12, beginning at four o'clock. There was a large and representative attendance. Under the direction of President Crawford, the following program was presented: Salute to the flag; opening prayer by A. J. Eickhoff; hymn, "Nearer My God to Thee," by Mrs. E. M. Bristol; "Gibson as I knew him," by E. M. Bristol; "Gibson's Glad Hand," by O. C. Stevens; "Carry On," by G. F. Tripp; tributes by others present; hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," by Mrs. A. H. Dasse; and a hymn adapted to the occasion, by Mrs. Clyde Beach. These feature talks indicate the nature of the various tributes. E. M. Bristol suggested as a fitting *nom de guerre* of our great leader, "The White Plumed Knight of the Deaf." The service closed with the Lord's Prayer.

The installation of new officers of the Division took place on Tuesday evening, January 7. The ceremonies were simple and non-elaborate.

On a recent hunting trip to the northern part of the state, when the deer hunting season was open, A. H. Dasse had the luck to bring down a 200-lb. buck.

FARIBAULT

By W. A. Lauritsen

A public installation of officers followed the January meeting of the Division, held on the 4th day of the new year. There was an unusually large turn-out. After the installation, bridge was played by the members and visitors. Mrs. J. L. Smith and Mrs. J. J. Doheny served as hostesses. Their efforts and their tasty refreshments made everyone feel good.

During the Christmas holidays Brother and Mrs. Boatwright made a trip to the latter's home in Scott's

Bluff, Nebr. The nearly 2,000-mile round trip was made in their new Dodge de luxe coupe without mishap, although they had several narrow escapes. Brother and Mrs. Lindholm spent their Christmas vacation in Milwaukee with Mrs. Lindholm's parents. Brother Lindholm returned to Faribault alone, leaving his better half to hold on to mother's apron strings until June. Another couple, Brother and Mrs. Lauritsen, spent the holidays in widely separated places, Brother Lauritsen visiting his parents in Minneapolis, while Mrs. Lauritsen and son Charles basked in the sunshine of South Carolina, visiting her parents.

Our new entertainment committee has mapped out a social program for the year, and it will be submitted to the Division for approval at its next meeting. We expect to have three big events which Frats within a radius of 100 miles cannot afford to miss. Watch for dates and preliminary announcements in the next issue of THE FRAT.

ATLANTA

By Muriel Bishop

The death of our Grand President, Francis P. Gibson, was a great shock to all of the Frats and his many other friends in Atlanta. Our secretary, who lives in the suburbs, received the telegram Wednesday evening, but it was Thursday and Friday before the message was relayed to all the others, making it impossible for us to send a representative to the funeral. However, this division wired a floral offering, as did the Nad-Frat Club. President Gibson was in Atlanta last March, for a one day visit, and at that time, seemed in usual good health.

The 1930 officers of No. 28 took the oath of office at the regular meeting, January 3, with President Howitt Morgan as master of ceremonies. The past year has been a fairly good one, though we did not get many new members, several good prospects failing to come in on account of unsettled working conditions. Looking ahead, our division will celebrate its 20th anniversary in May; we are planning for it now. Announcements later.

The only social event held lately was the Christmas tree at the Chamber of Commerce hall, December 21. While the affair was in charge of the B. Y. P. U. Social committee, chairmaned by Miss Margie Weaver, the expenses were met by voluntary contributions from the frats and B. Y. P. U. members. Every child received a stocking-full of goodies, and everyone present was handed a gift from the tree. Santa Claus, who chatted with the little ones and conversed fluently in signs as well, had everyone guessing. "He" was Mrs. C. G. Winchester, now teaching in the Jackson, Miss., school.

Our sympathy is extended to Walter McLean in the loss of his wife, Flora Wilson McLean, who died in Atlanta, December 29, after a long illness.

Chas. E. Drake and wife of Detroit,

Mich., who recently took a honeymoon trip to Florida, stopped over in Atlanta a few days, enroute home.

The Silent Five basketball team has been playing regularly every week since their first game December 11 with the Alpha Class team of Wesley Memorial church. Possibly a game will be arranged with the Knoxville school team some time this month or next. A bus will be chartered to take team and boosters, and this will give many a chance to visit the Tennessee school, whose handsome buildings were designed by T. S. Marr of Nashville.

The Dixie basketball tournament meets elsewhere this year, after three successful seasons in Atlanta. We understand it is to be held in Little Rock or Memphis, but the particulars have not yet reached us.

WASHINGTON

By H. L. Tracy

The Gibson memorial number of THE FRAT is full of interest to the members of our Society and, according to his wishes expressed to Treasurer Roberts, all will "carry on." His nature, his activities in life were along the line of moving forward in all good causes, hence it is up to us to do all we can to build up a greater and better N. F. S. D. Of "Gib" we can say

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

It is to be hoped that a bad beginning for the new year will not presage anything disastrous for No. 46. It so happened that the date for the first 1930 meeting fell upon the first day of the new year. In spite of it being a legal holiday, quite a crowd of Frats gathered at their meeting place, prepared to conduct the regular business, but the janitor was nowhere to be found. Nothing daunted all wended their way to the home of H. S. Edington, just around the corner, and inducted the new officers into office. No. 46 will be officered by practically the same set of officers the coming year, the only changes being the substitution of S. B. Alley for Bob Werdig, long the faithful treasurer, and J. B. Eskin as trustee in place of F. H. Hughes.

During the Christmas holidays Washington was visited by Dr. J. Schuyler Long of Council Bluffs Division, No. 103, and S. Robey Burns of Jacksonville Division, No. 88, the former coming especially to attend an important meeting of a committee of the National Research Council, and the latter to visit his mother. Other Frats from nearby Frederick, Md., were shaking hands with local members.

Another of No. 46's original members, W. P. Souder, has utmost faith in the future growth of the National Capital, for he has invested a large share of his "old age funds" in a home on Taylor street, in the northwestern section.

Quite a crowd of Washington members availed themselves of the opportunity to motor to the Monumental City to attend the watch night party of No. 47, and all report having had a most enjoyable time, welcoming the new year in.

Every now and then letters have come to us Washingtonians, inquiring about the chances of securing employment. As is known all over the country, the National Capital is not a factory town and it is next to impossible to land a job unless one has a "pull." Unless one is provided with sufficient spending money, it is better to steer clear of this burg. Visiting Frats are very welcome, but when it comes to securing work, disappointment must be in store for a lot.

At the January meeting of the National Literary Society, Roy J. Stewart delighted the members with travelogues, and William Cooper "discoursed" on new and old jokes.

COUNCIL BLUFFS

By T. L. Anderson

New officers were installed at the January meeting, and all are set to go under the leadership of President Scarvie.

Brother Marty was re-elected to his third term as treasurer, and all take pride in his statement that he has made only one mistake in his accounts since taking office the first term. It is a pleasure to pay dues to John.

Barney Brown served as messenger in the installation ceremonies, and did well considering that he had not been warned that he would be appointed.

Gerald Osborne was happy in that a two-year chase of a prospective new member ended for him the night of the January meeting, when he slapped down the application of Cilious Colson, with a "five spot" to back it up. He admitted that he got a little help just when it was needed—but anyhow, he "got his man," and has done his part toward doubling the membership. Who is next?

Orvey Gilson comes up from Glenwood to attend meetings more frequently now, and has almost become a regular. He braved a heavy snow to get to the January meeting, which is praiseworthy.

Ralph Carpenter returned from Cedar Rapids in time to attend the January meeting. He is now making his home in Council Bluffs, while waiting for the paving season to open. We are glad to welcome him, and hope he becomes a "regular."

Charles C. Clark attended the January meeting with his right hand swathed in bandages, but he considers himself lucky to have any right hand at all. He has been fighting that hand for the past two months, with the able assistance of Dr. Kelly and the nurses at Jennie Edmundson hospital, after a small splinter caused a bad case of blood-poisoning. Several times Dr. Kelly was almost sure the hand would have to come off, but each time it re-

sponded to treatment, and now is on the mend. Congratulations to Brother Clark and three cheers to his doctor and nurses, and for his wife whose worries can be understood and appreciated. Brother Clark will not be able to work for several months, but his long service at the Quaker Bakery is now being rewarded, as they are taking care of him in his time of trouble. During Brother Clark's long stay in the hospital, Elmer Hanson gave a beautiful exhibition of fraternal service to both the sick man and to his family, going so far as to make a daily trip to the hospital to shave his friend. The two are neighbors, and both have long worked together as bakers at the Quaker Bakery here. That's exactly what Fraternity means. Good for you, Brother Hanson!

Ranson Arch was elected director after his fitness to take care of the Division goat was explained. His small farm north of the city is an excellent place to keep the beast, and there is a plum thicket available for food and winter shelter which will prevent him from growing soft and lazy. Brother Arch is also a trustee.

At the December meeting, our charter was ordered draped for a period of ninety days, and all social activities suspended during this time, as a tribute to our departed Grand President Gibson. Business was cut short, to permit Division President Anderson to tell at length of his trip to Chicago to attend the funeral. J. S. Long told of his first meeting with Brother Gibson, and of pleasant associations with him up to the time of his death. Robert Brown also made a short talk praising Brother Gibson for his custom of treating all members alike.

It is with pleasure that we welcome Anton J. Netusil into our circle. Brother Netusil was a "hold-off" for many years, but "continual dropping of water wears away stone," and Brother Treuke of Omaha gave him no peace day or night when the two boyhood friends were together, until at last he secured Anton's name on the dotted line. Brother Netusil's joining now makes the Iowa School deaf officers and teachers 100% Frat! Can you beat it? Not only that, but it is a fact that all desirables in this neck of the woods have been signed up, so we cannot all live up to the "get a member" slogan.

Brother Jacobson ended his second term as director only to be thrust into prominence and responsibility as vice president, just when he was prepared to hibernate through meetings as an ordinary member. Tough luck, Francis!

Thirty-nine members January 11, 1930—and we started four years ago with fifteen! Normal, healthy growth, with no reason to expect it to halt. Nothing wrong with the Middle West.

J. S. Long was in Washington, D. C., during the Christmas season, where he was highly honored as a member representing the deaf on one of the sub-committees created under the

Hoover Conference on Child Welfare, this particular sub-committee having to do with handicapped children. Other notables on this sub-committee were Dr. Hall, Dr. Gruver, Dr. Harris Taylor, Miss Timberlake, Dr. Dunlap, Dr. Frankel, Dr. Gordon Berry, Dr. Rowell, Dr. Fletcher, and others. This group is expected to draft a report to the main conference, which will outline a program of welfare work for the children of this country which will be submitted to Congress for action. Dr. Long was also at Columbus, Ohio, with Mrs. Long, visiting their daughter, Mrs. William Thompson and family.

Edward McConnell put his new Hupmobile coupe in cold storage while he rode a Pullman down to Santa Fe, New Mexico, to visit over the holidays with his sister. J. J. Marty accompanied his wife to Clarion, Iowa, for a Christmas visit with her folks. Z. B. Thompson did a little traveling around among Iowa friends and relatives, meeting a number of former pupils at Fort Dodge, where he seems to have found a live bunch of deaf folks, according to his report. Raymond Anderson, accompanied by his wife, drove down to Franklin, Nebraska, for a Christmas visit among her home folks. They have removed to Raymond's mother's home in Council Bluffs.

So highly successful was the last Frat entertainment, and so extra hard did several individuals work to assure its success, that the Division voted to reward Mesdames Ronnefeldt, Jackson, Sparks, and Clark; and voted especially to present handsome leather pocket books to Brothers Jackson and Clark, with appropriate stamping inside. Brother Jackson has been working nights for several months, and was consequently absent from the December and January meetings. Too bad, as he is one of our extra-hard-working members.

The last bit of news the choicest! It is almost too good to be true. We have accepted an offer of quarters in the new Railroad Y. M. C. A., and will move as soon as the building is ready, which will be about February 1. The old Y. M. C. A. organization here was not a success, too exclusive, and too many other activities and school gymnasiums especially drawing the young people away. The fine building was rapidly going backward, and the association almost on the rocks, when a proposition to turn the building over to the railroad men of the city as a club house, to be paid for by a fund bequeathed them in the will of the late General Dodge, was accepted by the men. The policy of management of the building has been changed, so that the facilities are thrown open to the general public on a liberal plan. By removing to newly decorated and handsome quarters in this building, at less rent than we paid for the old basement location, we secure the advantages of a modern club, including gymnasium and swimming pool, lunch room, cigar counter, read-

ing room, and clerk service, and it thus becomes our headquarters at all hours. Visiting brethren are cordially invited to look us up in our new location—corner of Seventh Avenue and First Street, catty-corner back of the Post Office. Next regular meeting will be held here February 8, at seven thirty, and second Saturday thereafter. And so—

In Council Bluffs, where we're in clover,
We CARRY ON both night and day.
And this is how we put it over:—
That is our slogan!

A LESSON IN PERSEVERANCE

By A. M. Hinch

In the passing of our Beloved Brother and President, Francis P. Gibson, we have sustained an irreparable loss. This brilliant and versatile leader of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf devoted his life to making the Society, which he revered so fervently, the most imposing and outstanding achievement in the annals of the deaf.

Way back in the early days of its struggles for existence, when assailed on all sides by intellectual giants all over the country who lacked faith in his venture, it was a sight to behold the way the Great Gibson answered them in behalf of the cause he loved. The National Fraternal Society of the Deaf today stands as a monument to his genius.

So boys, the Chief's last words were, "CARRY ON!"

So let's all CARRY ON.
Keep after the thundering herd;
Drive 'em to the corrals,
And give 'em the needle
And a good dose of frat dope.
Tell 'em what a thundering
Success the N. F. S. D. is.
Tell it to a fellow mute,
And CARRY ON.

DON'T WANT SIMPLE LIFE

A vast amount of nonsense is talked and written about the fervent longing many Americans are said to have for a sweeping movement backward toward simplicity in living. They are described as poor, nervous victims of high-pressure conditions which they can scarcely endure and are ready to revolt against, when leadership comes and a start is once made.

One might think, if he came from some other sphere to survey conditions on this earth, that enormously strong and formidable barriers had been erected to prevent men and women, sick of the complex and burdensome life of the twentieth century, from escaping from it, in whatever degree, and finding the simple ways of existence, which they are pictured as craving constantly.

But that, of course, is "bunk." There are still wide regions where life is crude and plain and dull enough to satisfy the most extreme taste for vegetating. It is cheap and easy to exist that way, if anyone really yearns for all that it means and implies. Entertainment can be avoided, diet reduced to the plainest food possible to desire, and clothing made extremely plain, cheap and easy to wear, take

care of and cleanse. There is no law against doing without practically all of the frills and refinements, the rich interests and many-sided filling out of modern life.

The truth is that no one except a few freakish persons here and there really desire the conditions many are said to hunger and thirst for every day. What we often and quite generally covet is all we want of the fruits of a complex and opulent civilization, without worry or much hard work in getting such abundance of the full life of the times.—Cleveland News.

GOOD MEDICINE

None of us can stand uninterrupted good fortune. A man either accumulates corporation or gall when he has nothing to do but feel good. The best man on earth, if he be given unlimited

chance to have everything his own way, will forget that there is a God in Heaven, men on earth, and a devil everywhere. For this reason trouble is a good thing. It makes us think. It is when you strike a rock that you realize that navigation is something more than "white wings" and rippling waters. It starts you for compass and chart with a jump. It is when you get hit on the head with a brick that you discover that there is a possibility of somebody or something being between the sidewalk and the sky. Trouble is the best thing that ever struck you, if you know how to use it. You may have a fortune left you, and receive a curse with it, but what you get and learn from real hard knocks will stay with you. "In the day of adversity consider."—Stray Shots from Solomon.

Pointed Facts

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY! Join the N. F. S. D.

RATES are right—high enough, but not too high.

OUR SOCIETY has paid nearly \$300,000.00 in death benefits.

TOTAL sick and accident benefits paid, nearly \$150,000.00.

EVERY deaf man ought to join the N. F. S. D.

CAN'T you afford to pay dues while you live?

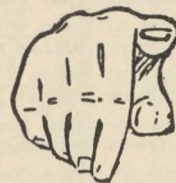
THEN how can your widow get along after you are dead?

INSURANCE is the best provision for your family.

ONLY one house in 16,000 burns. Everybody must die.

NOW is the time—you'll never be younger! Join the N. F. S. D.

This is for You!



Have you instructed members of your family what to do in case of accident, illness or death coming to you; that they should immediately notify your division secretary? Show them the directory in this paper.

Is your membership certificate where your beneficiary can find it if needed? It will be asked for some day, so keep it close at hand.

Does your certificate show the proper beneficiary—the person or persons you want your insurance paid to? See that it does.

Are you posted on the Society's laws governing good standing? Are you a promptpay and a getone?

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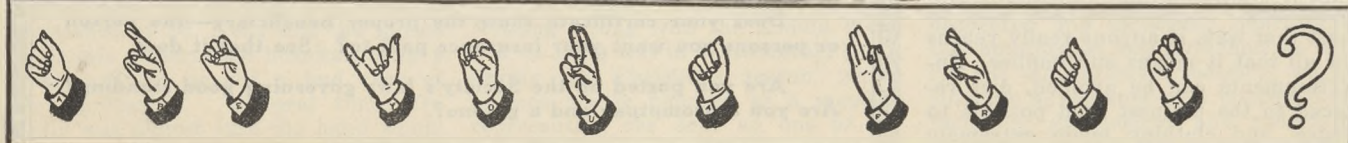
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G. A. R., Grand River and Cass Aves.—First Saturday
Asa A. Stutsman.....404 Nona Ave., Dearborn, Mich.
SAGINAW No. 3.....Saginaw, Michigan
108 South Hamilton St.—First Thursday
Alexander Gibson.....406 Cornelia St.
LOUISVILLE No. 4.....Louisville, Kentucky
Robinson Hall—First Saturday
William C. Fugate.....1107 S. Hancock St.
LITTLE ROCK No. 5.....Little Rock, Arkansas
213½ W. Second St.—First Saturday
Percy B. Jones.....2405 Park Ave.
DAYTON No. 8.....Dayton, Ohio
Ben Hur Hall—First Saturday
Alby H. Peterson.....309 E. Herman Ave.
BAY CITY No. 9.....Bay City, Michigan
2325 Woodside Ave.—First Monday
Charles F. W. Lawrence.....806 N. Henry St.
CINCINNATI No. 10.....Cincinnati, Ohio
I. O. O. F., 7th and Elm Sts.—Second Saturday
Louis J. Bacheberle.....Box 95, Norwood, O.
EVANSVILLE No. 11.....Evansville, Indiana
Y. M. C. A.—First Friday
Adolph Brizius, Sr.....732 Canal St.
NASHVILLE No. 12.....Nashville, Tennessee
Odd Fellows Hall, 411½ Union St.—First Wednesday
Thomas A. Ogilvie.....714 Benton Ave.
SPRINGFIELD No. 13.....Springfield, Ohio
E. High and Linden Ave.—First Saturday
Harry H. Folkemer.....2415 Beatrice Ave.
OLATHE No. 14.....Olathe, Kansas
Hyer's Hall—First Tuesday
Chauncey H. Laughlin.....School for the Deaf
FLINT No. 15.....Flint, Michigan
109 W. Second Ave.—First Tuesday
E. Morris Bristol.....125 West Witherbee St.
TOLEDO No. 16.....Toledo, Ohio
Kapp Hall—First Saturday
Samuel G. Henry.....621 Elm St.
MILWAUKEE No. 17.....Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Silent Club, 221 W. Water St.—First Tuesday
Emil E. Rosenfeld.....1262 29th St.
COLUMBUS No. 18.....Columbus, Ohio
Knights of Columbus Temple—First Tuesday
Joseph B. Arnold.....School for the Deaf
KNOXVILLE No. 20.....Knoxville, Tennessee
Gillespie Building—Second Friday
L. Arthur Palmer.....1507 Goode Ave., South Knoxville
CLEVELAND No. 21.....Cleveland, Ohio
Moore Bldg., 1000 Walnut St.—First Saturday
Herman Koelle, Jr.....1269 Beach Ave.
INDIANAPOLIS No. 22.....Indianapolis, Indiana
I. O. O. F. Hall—Second Wednesday
Richard H. Phillips.....2945 Kenwood Ave.
BROOKLYN No. 23.....Brooklyn, New York
309 Schermerhorn St.—First Saturday
Nicholas J. McDermott.....1567 Broadway
ST. LOUIS No. 24.....St. Louis, Missouri
Jetta Hall, Lafayette and Jefferson Aves.—First Friday
Charles H. Fry.....3416 St. Vincent Ave.
NEW HAVEN No. 25.....New Haven, Connecticut
Fraternal Hall, 19 Elm St.—Second Saturday
Clarence Baldwin.....166 Dwight St.
HOLYOKE No. 26.....Holyoke, Massachusetts
Bridge Street Turn Hall—First Saturday
Joseph E. Kremer.....86 Pleasant St., Northampton, Mass.
LOS ANGELES No. 27.....Los Angeles, California
7370 S. Grand Ave.—First Saturday
Clarence H. Doane.....4731 Budlong Ave.
ATLANTA No. 28.....Atlanta, Georgia
Red Men's Wigwam—First Friday
Ross A. Johnson.....113 Henderson St., Marietta, Ga.
PHILADELPHIA No. 30.....Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
1628 Arch St.—First Friday
James F. Brady.....202 Walnut St., Audubon, N. J.
KANSAS CITY No. 31.....Kansas City, Missouri
912 Grand Ave.—First Tuesday
Frank Rehal.....504 W. 75th St.
OMAHA No. 32.....Omaha, Nebraska
Seymour Hall, 16th and Capitol Ave.—Second Saturday
Harry G. Long.....403 S. 48th Ave.
NEW ORLEANS No. 33.....New Orleans, Louisiana
B. K. A. Bldg., 627 North St.—First Saturday
William C. Goss.....1401 Delery St.

KALAMAZOO No. 34.....Kalamazoo, Michigan
Moore Temple, Portage St.—First Saturday
Daniel Tellier.....1130 W. North St.
BOSTON No. 35.....Boston, Massachusetts
Friendship Hall, 515 Tremont St.—First Saturday
A. A. Sinclair.....16 Princeton Ter., West Lynn, Mass.
PITTSBURGH No. 36.....Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
McGeagh Hall—First Saturday
Fred Conner.....508 Hazelwood Ave.
HARTFORD No. 37.....Hartford, Connecticut
425 Ann St.—Second Saturday
Harry V. Jarvis.....18 Orange St.
MEMPHIS No. 38.....Memphis, Tennessee
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Frederick W. Anderson.....505 Vance Ave.
PORTLAND No. 39.....Portland, Maine
514 Congress St.—Second Saturday
Keith M. Leighton.....34 Sargent St., Westbrook, Me.
BUFFALO No. 40.....Buffalo, New York
262-264 E. Uica St.—First Saturday
Robert B. Heacock.....356 Hunington St.
PORTLAND (ORE.) No. 41.....Portland, Oregon
W. O. W. Hall, 6th and Alder Sts.—First Saturday
Fred S. Delaney.....1763 Haven St.
NEWARK No. 42.....Newark, New Jersey
208 Market St.—First Friday
Gustav Matzart.....696 South 14th St.
PROVIDENCE No. 43.....Providence, Rhode Island
59 Chestnut St.—First Saturday
Earl F. Gardiner.....132 Mulberry St., Pawtucket, R. I.
SEATTLE No. 44.....Seattle, Washington
Eagles' Hall, 7th and Union—First Saturday
Albert W. Wright.....6840 15th Ave., N. E.
UTICA No. 45.....Utica, New York
53 Franklin Square—First Saturday
Richard McCabe.....611 James St.
WASHINGTON No. 46.....Washington, District of Columbia
N. E. Masonic Temple—First Wednesday
Wilbert P. Souder.....Care Census Bureau
BALTIMORE No. 47.....Baltimore, Maryland
516 N. Eutaw St.—First Wednesday
August Wride.....1309 Kennedy Ave.
SYRACUSE No. 48.....Syracuse, New York
Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall—Second Saturday
Carl G. Ayling.....211 Fifth St.
CEDAR RAPIDS No. 49.....Cedar Rapids, Iowa
420 1st Ave. E.—Second Saturday
Louis T. Ilterbold.....501 W. Seventh Ave., Marion, Ia.
HUNTINGTON No. 50.....Huntington, West Virginia
Moore Hall, 4th Ave. and 9th St.—First Saturday
Domenic J. Biagi.....348 3rd Ave.
ALBANY No. 51.....Albany, New York
Macabee Temple—First Saturday
Henry A. Miner.....149 Clinton Ave.
ROCHESTER No. 52.....Rochester, New York
Culver Hall—First Friday
Verne Barnett.....649 Thurston Road
SAN FRANCISCO No. 53.....San Francisco, California
Native Sons' Hall—First Saturday
Luther E. Conaway.....1608 San Pablo Ave., Oakland, Calif.
READING No. 54.....Reading, Pennsylvania
612 Court St.—Second Saturday
Edwin C. Ritchie.....26 E. Lancaster Ave., Shillington, Pa.
AKRON No. 55.....Akron, Ohio
Wilnot Hall, 882 E. Market St.—First Thursday
Thomas W. Osborne.....1484 Redwood Ave.
SALT LAKE CITY No. 56.....Salt Lake City, Utah
First Tuesday
Edwin R. Thurston.....Box 68, Murray, Utah
ROCKFORD No. 57.....Rockford, Illinois
1016-18 Fourth Ave.—Second Saturday
B. Franklin Jackson.....106 Lincoln Park Blvd.
SPRINGFIELD No. 58.....Springfield, Illinois
Painters Hall, 214½ S. 6th St.—First Saturday
John G. Otto.....716 South 13th St.
DAVENPORT No. 59.....Davenport, Iowa
I. O. O. F. Hall, 510 Brady St.—First Saturday
Adolph Struck.....1311 2nd Ave., Rock Island, Ill.
WORCESTER No. 60.....Worcester, Massachusetts
305 Main St.—Second Thursday
Delbert J. Trask.....347 Packchoag St., Auburn, Mass.
ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS No. 61.....St. Paul, Minnesota
1824 Marshall Ave., St. Paul—First Saturday
John J. McNeill.....912 Marshall Ave., S. Paul
FORT WORTH No. 62.....Fort Worth, Texas
Third and Calhoun Sts.—Second Saturday
Joseph W. Hale.....2700 Roosevelt Ave.
DALLAS No. 63.....Dallas, Texas
Y. M. C. A. Building—First Saturday
Wallace K. Gibson.....Route 6, Box 356
DENVER No. 64.....Denver, Colo.
Howe Hall, 1548 California St.—First Saturday
Harry Herbold.....3353 Williams St.
WATERBURY No. 65.....Waterbury, Connecticut
305 Bank St.—First Saturday
Frank Cosset e.....26 Edward St.
SPRINGFIELD No. 67.....Springfield, Massachusetts
347 Worthington St.—First Thursday
Philip Beausoleil.....161 Wilbraham Ave.
WACO No. 68.....Waco, Texas
First Sunday
Andrew M. Bowman.....Route 1, Penelope, Texas
BANGOR No. 71.....Bangor, Maine
Royal Arcanum Hall, 173 Exchange St.—First Saturday
James R. Hale.....Court St., Castine, Me.
KENOSHA No. 72.....Kenosha, Wisconsin
Knights of Columbus Hall—Second Saturday
Thomas Meredith.....328 Cleveland Ave., Racine, Wis.

BIRMINGHAM No. 73.....Birmingham, Alabama
Fairview Masonic Temple—First Tuesday
George H. Harper.....4141 Court S., Central Pk. Highland
SIOUX FALLS No. 74.....Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Chamber of Commerce—First Monday
Charles H. Loucks.....School for the Deaf
WICHITA No. 75.....Wichita, Kansas
Y. M. C. A.—First Saturday
Burchard B. Keach.....427 Ida Ave.
SPOKANE No. 76.....Spokane, Washington
E. 2028 Marietta Ave.—Second Sunday
Walter G. Lauer.....543 E. 11th Ave.
DES MOINES No. 77.....Des Moines, Iowa
Moore Hall, 920 Locust St.—First Saturday
Russel A. Herbold.....Box 123, Fort Des Moines, Iowa
LOWELL No. 78.....Lowell, Massachusetts
84 Middlesex St.—Second Saturday
Thomas L. Jones.....78 Chelmsford St.
BERKELEY No. 79.....Berkeley, California
561 Eleventh St., Oakland—First Saturday
William A. Cetter.....658 41st St., Oakland, Calif.
DELANAV No. 80.....Delavan, Wisconsin
I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday
Orville V. Robinson.....113 Elm St.
HOUSTON No. 81.....Houston, Texas
Roo Lodge Halls, 910½ Preston Ave.—First Tuesday
Richard C. Morris.....400 Quitman St.
SCRANTON No. 82.....Scranton, Pennsylvania
232 Wyoming Ave.—First Friday
Orley J. Schooley, Jr.....Box 21, Peckville, Pa.
RICHMOND No. 83.....Richmond, Virginia
Labor Temple, Hall 2—Second Saturday
L. W. Alderman.....3309a E. Marshall St.
JOHNSTOWN No. 85.....Johnstown, Pennsylvania
Moore Temple—Second Saturday
Joshua Wilkinson, Jr.....Route 5
MANHATTAN No. 87.....New York, New York
143 W. 125th St.—First Wednesday
John Funk.....1913 Fowler St.
JACKSONVILLE No. 88.....Jacksonville, Illinois
Gallaudet Club Hall—First Thursday
Ernest Tilton.....414 Kosciscuo St.
LEWISTON No. 89.....Lewiston, Maine
Knights of Pythias—First Saturday
Donald W. Gledhill.....P. O. Box 191
PEORIA No. 90.....Peoria, Illinois
Proctor Recreation Center—First Saturday
Charles J. Cunningham.....1713 N. Madison St.
JERSEY CITY No. 91.....Jersey City, New Jersey
Odd Fellows' Hall Bergen Square—Second Saturday
John Garland.....302 3rd St., Hoboken, N. J.
BRONX No. 92.....New York, New York
Casino, 156th and St. Ann's Ave.—First Monday
Louis Saracene.....866 Tiffany St.
COLUMBIA No. 93.....Columbia, South Carolina
Labor Union Hall, 1435 Main St.—First Saturday
William L. Smith.....2505 Park St.
CHARLOTTE No. 94.....Charlotte, North Carolina
K. of P. Hall, 408 Piedmont Bldg.—Second Saturday
Willie E. Benfield.....81 W. Academy St., Concord, N. C.
DURHAM No. 95.....Durham, North Carolina
I. O. O. F. Hall—First Saturday
J. M. Vestal.....P. O. Box 397, Burlington, N. C.
DUBUQUE No. 96.....Dubuque, Iowa
Moore Hall—First Wednesday
William G. Wright.....1551 Bluffs St.
GRAND RAPIDS No. 97.....Grand Rapids, Michigan
Y. M. C. A.—First Friday
Henry Riordan.....120 Fairbank St., N. E.
TORONTO No. 98.....Toronto, Canada
I. O. F. Temple—First Thursday
Charles L. McLaughlin.....640 Brock Ave.
DULUTH No. 99.....Duluth, Minnesota
Suite 14, Winthrop Bldg.—First Sunday
Willie Nelson.....325 W. First St.
CANTON No. 100.....Canton, Ohio
211 North Court St.—First Saturday
William N. Toomey.....2007 Kirk Court
FARIBAULT No. 101.....Faribault, Minnesota
Eagles Hall—First Saturday
Wesley A. Lauritsen.....Care School for the Deaf
SOUTH BEND No. 102.....South Bend, Indiana
Moore Hall—Second Saturday
Ronald Rhoads.....413 N. Byrkit Ave., Mishawaka, Ind.
COUNCIL BLUFFS No. 103.....Council Bluffs, Iowa
Railroad YMCA—Second Saturday
Tom L. Anderson.....223 Turley Ave.
FORT WAYNE No. 104.....Fort Wayne, Indiana
Y. M. C. A.—First Friday
Fred Rines.....1112 Ewing St.
SCHENECTADY No. 105.....Schenectady, New York
612 Union St.—Second Saturday
John F. Kooper.....501 Becker St.
CHICAGO No. 106.....Chicago, Illinois
Hotel Atlantic—Second Friday
Frederick B. Wirt.....7121 Merrill Ave.
MIAMI No. 107.....Miami, Florida
Y. M. C. A.—First Sunday
Raymond H. Rou.....P. O. Box 550
BINGHAMTON No. 108.....Binghamton, N. Y.
120 Court St.—Second Saturday
James M. Lewis.....16 Sanford St.
WILKINSBURG No. 109.....Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania
1018 Penn Ave.—First Sunday
Frank A. Leitner.....929 East End Ave.
SAN DIEGO No. 110.....San Diego, California
Legion Hall, East San Diego—Second Saturday
Leonard B. Cartwright.....4227 Iowa St.
EAU CLAIRE No. 111.....Eau Claire, Wis.
Y. M. C. A.—First Sunday
Lyle L. Bulmer.....1418 Sherwin Ave.



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 26.