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HELD AT

Norfolk, Va., September 9-12, 1901.

In accordance with wide announcements made the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo occurred at Norfolk, Va., on September 9 to 12, inclusive, and was a most successful and enjoyable meeting. The attendance, while not as large as was expected, was splendidly represented. Every state east of the Rocky Mountains having any considerable membership was represented at the meeting with the exception of Iowa, while many of the states from a distance had good delegations present. Many of those in attendance reached Norfolk Sunday, and as few of them left before Friday night following, and most of them not until Saturday, they put in nearly a full week in Norfolk, and to say that every one enjoyed every moment of the time spent in the hospitable Virginia city would be but an inadequate statement. Norfolk and Virginia fully justified their high reputation for the proper entertainment of the stranger within the gate, and if any criticism were to be heard at all, it was along the line that the social and entertainment features left scarcely time enough for the business sessions. Still it was a business meeting, and much for the present and future good of the Order was accomplished. While there were a few marked differences of opinion, the discussions were carried on in a true Hoo-Hoo spirit of brotherly love, that permitted nothing of personalities and hard feelings.

The only incident to mar the perfect enjoyment of the meeting was the unfortunate elevator accident, in which Snark Stillwell, and Mrs. C. D. Loane, of Plymouth, N. C., were quite seriously injured and a number of others rather badly shaken up. The accident occurred Sunday morning, just as the occupants of the elevator were coming down from the dining room on the sixth floor. The elevator, owing to some failure of the brake to work properly, fell for a distance of about two floors, when the safety or automatic stops brought it to a standstill almost as suddenly and with as great a shock as though it had struck the basement floor. It was some minutes before the occupants could be taken out, and the suffering of the injured ones was severe in the extreme. Snark Stillwell was injured in the chest and the lower extremities, while Mrs. Loane had an ankle terribly sprained. Both were practically confined to their rooms during their stay in Norfolk, except when Snark Stillwell, with characteristic pluck, insisted on being removed from



The House of Ancients.

- B. A. JOHNSON Chicago Ill.
- W. E. BARNES, St. Louis, Mo.
- J. E. DEFENBAUGH, Chicago, Ill.
- H. H. HEMENWAY, Colorado Springs, Col.
- A. A. WHITE, Kansas City, Mo.
- N. A. GLADDING, Indianapolis, Ind.
- GEO. W. LOCK, Westlake, La.
- WM. B. STILLWELL, Savannah, Ga.



The Supreme Nine.

- Snark of the Universe—A. H. WEIR, Lincoln, Neb.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo—W. H. NORRIS, Houston, Texas.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo—GEORGE B. MARGLY, Kansas City, Mo.
- Bojum—J. E. DUKE, Norfolk, Va.
- Scrivenoter—J. H. BAIRD, Nashville, Tenn.
- Jabberwook—T. H. CLAFFEY, Seattle, Wash.
- Custocatian—B. B. NEAL, Savannah, Ga.
- Arcanoper—C. E. STANTON, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Gurdon—C. F. BRAFFETT, Chicago, Ill.

his bed to the convention hall in a roller chair. He was present in the hall every day, but only for a short time, usually, and even this caused him intense suffering.

In Mr. Stillwell's inability to preside, Mr. A. H. Weir, the Senior Hoo-Hoo, occupied the chair, and proved himself an admirable presiding officer, his patience and impartiality giving the completest satisfaction to all.

The following are the full stenographic minutes of the meeting:

MONDAY'S SESSION.

[The meeting was formally called to order at 9.09 a. m. by Supreme Scribe J. H. Baird, but as many of the attendants had arrived only on the morning trains, an immediate adjournment to 11 a. m. was taken. At that hour the meeting was called to order by Senior Hoo-Hoo A. H. Weir.]

A. H. WEIR, SENIOR HOO-HOO:—Will the Convention please come to order? We all regret the disability of the Snark, Mr. Stillwell, and, as the Senior Hoo-Hoo, he asked me to do his work in this meeting; we will therefore take up the program as arranged. We will open with prayer by Col. A. D. McLeod.

COL. McLEOD:—I think I come in for the benediction.

408.—Dr. Dudley is to deliver the prayer.

MR. WEIR:—We will be led in prayer by the Rev. E. E. Dudley, of the Central Avenue Baptist Church.

Dr. Dudley's Prayer.

REV. MR. DUDLEY:—Eternal God, our Father in heaven, we thank Thee that this great body has assembled, and is ready to acknowledge Thee as Lord of lords and King of kings. We thank Thee that the world over men and women bow before Thee, the eternal God, and we thank Thee, our Father, that those who have assembled have as their promise desired health and happiness as well as a long life. We recognize, our Father, that in Thee we live, and move and have our being, and from Thee cometh every good and perfect gift. We recognize that Thou hast the words of eternal life, and that Thou art life in itself, and without Thee we cannot have the life everlasting and the joy that will remain forever with us. We thank Thee, our Father, for the joy that fills our hearts, we thank Thee for every thing that takes the wrinkles from our brow and that brings joy and happiness into life, and we pray Thee in the very beginning of this great assembly that the spirit of God may pervade all its meetings, and that it may prove a good and a great blessing to all those who have assembled in the meeting. Lead us each one, our Father, and help these men who have met from the various quarters of the Union, whose minds are full of business and are doing a great work for the United States, help them, our Father, to recognize that they need to depend upon God, for soon all shall be called away, and then, Father, may the joy and happiness which this organization is striving to promote be carried on in the world beyond, and may it, our Father, be the privilege of each member of this order to reassemble in the joyous presence of the eternal God. Let Thy blessing and benediction abide upon us, and ever lead us by Thy hand. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

MR. WEIR:—Song "America" by the audience. I don't know who the singers are.

MEMBER:—Col. Edwards and Mr. Potter.

MR. WEIR:—Will the audience please rise while we sing "America?"

(The audience stood while singing "America").

MR. WEIR:—The Address of Welcome by Mr. W. H. Venable, the Commonwealth Attorney.

Lawyer Venable's Address.

MR. VENABLE:—Mr. Snark, Ladies and Gentlemen of this Convention, the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. (Laughter). I say this because when I came up here this morning a gentleman called to my attention the fact that I was here on the 9th day of the 9th month at 9 minutes past 9 o'clock, and I realized that I was up against four nines

(laughter), and I thought that the Hoo-Hoo were trying to hoo-doo me. (Laughter and applause).

It is with sincere regret that the people of Norfolk heard the sad news that in their city the Supreme Snark of the Universe had been so unfortunate as to receive a painful wound and the shock which we are glad to see he has so far recovered from as to be able to be here this morning. (Applause).

As the representative of the Committee on Entertainment from the Business Men's Association it gives me great pleasure in the name of that body to welcome into our midst this Convention. As the representative of the Mayor of the City of Norfolk who, unfortunately, is unable to be present this morning, it gives me pleasure to extend a cordial welcome on behalf of the citizens of Norfolk. As a representative of the state, and in the name of Virginia, I bid you all welcome, and with the instructions which I bear from the mayor I feel free to say that the city is yours so long as you will remain. (Applause). The mayor, having made this start, I feel that it would not be improper for me as the prosecuting attorney (laughter) to say that the only thing that is prohibited in this community to you is that you must not carry a razor. (Laughter). Our Justice here is a little particular about this matter, and has raised the limit to \$100, but with four nines we may be able to raise him again. (Laughter).

I hope that you gentlemen will enjoy your stay with us, and that the citizens will be able to show their appreciation of your coming in such a manner that this will not be the last but that many more conventions of your Order will assemble here.

We realize that probably to no other industry does the City of Norfolk owe a greater debt than to the lumber business. From my information I believe that this organization is composed exclusively of men connected with that business, or with trades closely allied thereto. We hope that every facility that can be given to this line of business will be furnished you better in the future than it has been in the past in our port. We hope you will be so impressed with our city that when you leave you will be able to speak a good word for us to the outside world.

I thank you, gentlemen, for your attention, and repeat that the city is yours as long as you desire to remain. (Applause).

ALL MEMBERS:—1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,—by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

ALL MEMBERS:—Great is Hoo-Hoo, and Stillwell is the Snark.

Senior Hoo-Hoo Weir's Response.

MR. WEIR:—Gentlemen and ladies, it is certainly a pleasure to respond to so hearty an address of welcome, and yet it is with sincere regret that I say that conditions devolve this duty upon me; I regret it not only on my own part but on yours, because you are deprived of the words of our beloved Snark, who expected to fill this position. You must bear with me, because I come before you with scarcely a moment's preparation, and whatever I say will be impromptu; I will endeavor not to detain you long.

As I listened to the eloquent gentleman, a quotation of Scripture came into my mind—"Forgive him, for he knows not what he does." (Laughter). He does not know the Hoo-Hoo as well as I do. When I came to the city I gathered my valuables together and deposited them with the hotel proprietor, and told him that there were so many black cats here that I did not know what I might do. One of my friends told me it was in order to secure my lodging. (Laughter). If this gentleman had known to whom he was opening the beautiful city, it was well he did not know what he was doing, and it was well the people of Norfolk did not know what they were doing when they threw the city open to this gathering. Had they known it we would have come and found Norfolk as Napoleon found Moscow—deserted, and the women running and screaming into the woods. We are here, gentlemen, and he has given us the city, and if we don't take possession and make him glad when we are gone I don't know Hoo-Hoo.

Speaking for the Southern representatives, I do not believe that any words of welcome are necessary to you. You know the world-wide reputation of Southern and Virginia hospitality. (Applause). Whenever it has been my pleasure to come among them there is no people in this country who have treated me more cordially and who have greeted me more tenderly with the hand of friendship. To us from the North it is particularly gratifying, and while interests in our section seemed to favor another locality I was glad

to come here because I knew the welcome that awaited me, and I believe I voice the sentiment of every man when I say we are glad to be here. (Applause). We are glad to have all these courtesies extended to us, and we come here for a week, in my judgment, of unalloyed happiness, and if we do not get it, and get it twice, my experience will be different from what it has been.

I love the Southland, its generous men and its fair women—and I have seen many since I came to Norfolk. (Applause). I wrote my wife that I wished she had come with me (laughter), because it is hard for a man, alone here, away from home, to have to leave it. I may send for her to come down here yet. (Laughter). I think, kind sir, I have returned to you all I can say for your courtesy, and I know we will enjoy it, and I do not think there is a Hoo-Hoo here who will not be glad he has come to Norfolk, and I wish more of them had come.

MR. WEIR:—The next is an address on behalf of the Business Men's Association by Captain J. W. McCarrick.

Capt. McCarrick's Address.

CAPTAIN McCARRICK:—Gentlemen and Lady Hoo-Hoo: Whilst delegated to welcome you to Norfolk on behalf of the business men of Norfolk, I have concluded that your welcome should be a broad one, and to use an old expression of my ancestors I say "centum milli," one hundred thousand welcomes—on behalf of the one hundred thousand people inhabiting this city and section, which your industry has helped to build up. Few (among them myself, until I happened to look into the matter in the past few days) know the extent of the lumber and mill enterprises in this section. I think there are probably not one hundred people in the community who realize that nine mills are producing here two hundred million feet of lumber annually, with a weekly pay roll of over ten thousand dollars. Certainly there is no other industry so large, not even our great trucking industry. Therefore, I bid you "centum milli"—one hundred thousand welcomes. (Applause).

MR. WEIR:—The response "Osirian Cloister" by Mr. Platt B. Walker, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. Walker's Response.

MR. WALKER:—Our Genial Host, Worthy Snark, Ladies and Brother Hoo-Hoo: It is with mingled feelings of pleasure and regret that I respond on behalf of the Osirian Cloister to this royal welcome; pleasure in again meeting with so many old friends in the mystic bonds that have brought us together; sincere regret that our illustrious Chief Priest, W. I. Ewart, is not here to assume the honors he is so pre-eminently qualified by nature to bear. Imperative business affairs prevented his coming. We miss his brilliant eloquence on occasions like this, but we will miss even more his wise counsel and sound judgment at our coming deliberations.

I have but feeble words with which to express our appreciation of the many courtesies the people of Norfolk have shown us and the exquisite pleasure in store for us. As a slight token of our gratitude I refer you to the hearty applause that has greeted you. I assure you that as we return to our far distant homes we shall take with us fond memories of the warm friends we have met here, and the lavish Southern hospitality we have enjoyed. Your enchanting city has captivated us, and our future dreams will be filled with the hope that we may again be within your peaceful gates and go over once more the scenes of so much pleasure and enjoyment.

We are here to-day as one grand body of brothers under the broad banner of Hoo-Hoo. In every organization some must be selected upon whom serious duties and trying responsibilities devolve. In each state in our broad land there is selected by our Worthy Snark some loyal member of the Order on whose efforts the growth and welfare of Hoo-Hoo must largely depend. Without compensation or hope of reward this noble band of Vicegerents must labor long and earnestly if they fulfill the duties assigned them. As a slight token of appreciation it was deemed only proper that some title or insignia should be conferred upon them after they had completed their labors and returned once more to the ranks.

For this purpose was created the Osirian Cloister. In its early inception it was known as the Chamber of Horrors, and all past Vicegerents were recorded as members in good standing. Largely through the efforts of W. I. Ewart and W. H. Ellis this inoperative and vague association became an active and honorable organization, receiving the full

sanction of Hoo-Hoo at the annual meeting in Detroit four years ago.

Before a Vicegerent can now be admitted it must be shown that by services rendered he is entitled to this honor. In the rank and file there are many members who, while not selected for the distinction of office, have yet contributed much to the upbuilding of the Order. These have been made eligible to membership in the Cloister by provision of the tablets of law which empower each inmate to annually present one Hoo-Hoo lay-member for admittance into our ranks. Loyalty to Hoo-Hoo and fidelity to its interests are the first requisites for membership and are the principles taught in the Osirian Cloister. We who have had this title conferred upon us are proud of the distinction, and believe that as the spirit and aims of the Cloister become known to the general membership, there will develop an ambition to share the honor of enrollment in this upper degree of our beloved parent Order of Hoo-Hoo.

In closing I wish to say that it is my sincere hope that when another year shall have rolled around, and we are again gathered at the shrine of the Great Black Cat, I shall see both hosts and guests of to-day in the beautiful Cream City of the Northwest, located on the shores of one of the great unsalted seas; a city that has been famous wherever our national beverage lays the dust in the parched throats of thirsty humanity. (Applause).

MR. WEIR:—Address on behalf of the local Hoo-Hoo, by Vicegerent J. E. Duke, of Virginia.

Mr. Duke's Welcome.

MR. J. E. DUKE:—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Convention: It has been delegated to me, on behalf of our local organization, the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, to extend to you a hearty welcome to our city.

On behalf of the local members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, I extend to you a hearty welcome to our city. While it may be we are not quite so large as some of the cities which some of you gentlemen have the pleasure to be from, we assure you we have as large hearts as any others (applause) and we will do our part if you will do yours. (Applause).

ALL MEMBERS:—1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,—by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. WEIR:—Response by Mr. W. E. Barns, of St. Louis.

Mr. Barns' Response.

MR. BARNS:—Mr. Snark, Ladies and Gentlemen: Before attempting to respond on behalf of the House of Ancients to the address of welcome so generously extended by the Hoo-Hoo of Norfolk, it may be well for me to explain to those present, who are not members of the Order, exactly what is meant by the House of Ancients. To do this intelligently let me quote a couple of stanzas from Fit the Eighth:—

Erect and sublime, for one moment of time,
In the next, that wild figure they saw
(As if stung by a spasm) plunge into a cavern,
While they waited and listened in awe.

"It's a Snark!" was the sound that first came to their ears,
And seemed almost too good to be true,
Then followed a torrent of laughter and cheers;
Then the ominous words "It's a Boo—"

Then silence. Some fancied they heard in the air
A weary and wandering sigh
That sounded like "—Jum!" but the others declare
It was only a breeze that went by.

They hunted till darkness came on, but they found
Not a button, or feather, or mark,
By which they could tell that they stood on the ground
Where the Baker had met with the Snark.

In the midst of the word he was trying to say,
In the midst of his laughter and glee,
He had softly and suddenly vanished away—
For the Snark was a Boojum, you see.

After the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo had been in existence for three years it was discovered that no provision had been made for the disposition of those who had occupied the highest office in the gift of the Order, and, following

the practices of the ancient Egyptians, it was determined that they should be embalmed and put into the form of mummies. After being a Snark there was no additional work possible. He was too good for the other place and there was no room for him in heaven. Hence, the establishment of the House of Ancients. Up to the present time six ex-Snarks have been made mummies, and occupy niches in this House of Ancients. In the course of this week two others will be inducted into the House for your edification, warning and instruction. As the oldest mummy in existence it is my pleasure to say to you that Johnson is lecturing before admiring thousands on the Passion Play and other topics; Defebaugh is making annual trips to Europe ostensibly in the interest of the lumber trade, but actually to make exploration among the catacombs at Rome; Hemenway is gradually fading away under the climatic influences of Colorado (applause), and I am assured by excellent authority that he will now stand without hitching. White and Gladding, cremated and embalmed at Denver two years ago, are still so green that no one can tell whether they will keep much longer or not (laughter).

Addressing our Snark, I want to read a few more lines: "Dost know, proud monarch, that your time will swiftly come; That homage quickly fleets, and that the sun Of deference paid by others is but dusty dross; that the hum and Hoo-Hoo-ny Both pleasing and delightful to our earthly king, Are like unto proverbial treasures which take wing When comes the passing?"

Already we who gave to you this earthly grace Lay plans for your translation to the place Where Snarks are quietly and peacefully laid away, and the pace Which we will set Will fairly curl your whiskers. We will let The shrieking, gnashing hordes and Past Snarks pay their debt, When comes your passing.

But when earthly sins you've fully expiated, Paid with price of woe, and been translated To Hoo-Hoo realm, the glittering House of Ancients, and there mated With deposited kings, You'll realize the hollowness of worldly things, Yet looking forward to September nine, which brings The Grand Snark's passing.

But speaking in behalf of and for this Ancient and Honorable House, I wish to return our sincere thanks to the Hoo-Hoo of Norfolk and the good people of the Old Dominion, to the commercial interests of this great exponent of industrial progress in the South, for your generous and hospitable welcome. (Applause.)

MR. WEIR:—The next gentleman on the program is Col. McLeod. I gave him an opportunity to distinguish himself at the opening but he said he had the benediction; I now present to you Mr. McLeod. (Applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9.— by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

Col. McLeod's "Benediction."

COL. McLEOD:—Gentlemen who have received us, and who represent the Mayor, Snark, Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies: I trust the ladies will pardon me for naming them last. Probably some of you recollect the story of the boy who was a member of a class being exercised in the correction of false syntax. Upon the blackboard was written "The horse and cow is in the field." After deliberating for some time he changed that to read, "The cow and the horse is in the field," and explained that he thought it more polite to put the ladies first. (Laughter). I don't know exactly who I am responding for.

MEMBER:—Yourself.

COL. McLEOD:—After the distinguished gentleman who called upon me to pray, and the other gentlemen, I don't think there is anything I can say in a general way in regard to the hospitality of Virginia.

If I may be personal for a moment, the better part of my life was passed in a state which Virginia has no need to be ashamed to call her sister, but I owe a deep and lasting obligation to Virginia from the fact that she gave me one of her daughters, and therewith the whole family kin-

law with an unlimited number of cousins (three thousand to date—and some of the distant counties not heard from). (Laughter). You know in this part of the country no one comes from a village or a city, but they come from "Orange" or from "Dinwiddie"—they own a whole county.

Something was said about a member of the House of Ancients who would stand without hitching. That reminds me of something I saw in the paper a few days ago, and I think that applies to some of the other members of Ancients. A darkey was riding a mule and tried to get him to a telephone pole to hitch him, and the mule backed. Some gentleman said, "Why not turn him the other way?" And the darkey said, "That's all right, boss, but that ain't the end I want to hitch." (Laughter).

Now, gentlemen—ladies and gentlemen, pardon me—and Brother Hoo-Hoo, I want to supplement what was said by my illustrious predecessors, and I want to say something they did not say about the Hoo-Hoo, in explanation of what the Osirian Cloister is. There is one thing that Hoo-Hoo can boast of, and that is that it is the oldest order in the world. (Applause). Some men question that, but for thousands of years before King Solomon was born Hoo-Hoo was; but one of the most vivid and suggestive words in the English language is the line that describes the Spaniard when, with his comrades behind, he beheld the broad expanse of the Pacific. Turn your imagination back to the primitive age, and how startling and how appalling in its loneliness is the figure of the silent, solitary man, with a desolate waste of water on the one hand and on the other a waste of land where the wild beast was lurking; when with the second man, shoulder to shoulder, or back to back, they fought for their lives for supremacy and overcame monsters of field and air, then was the brotherhood of Hoo-Hoo born, perhaps in the baptism of blood, and by mutual help and co-operative work made a community and built up a nation. When nine of them got together, the chances are that they had a concatenation. Tradition does not say.

Now, knowing that behind this feeling there must be something, the Osirian Cloister has gone back to the gods, and the oldest gods we could find, the gods of Egypt, old Osiris and Anubis, and all the rest of the ladies and gentlemen who ruled the destinies of that mighty kingdom. (Laughter). I believe they were ladies and gentlemen—I don't know. (Laughter). You knock me out (Laughter).

Now, you will all recall, you who have read Egyptian history, as everybody here has, you will recall the fact that to the Egyptian his gods were not all far off. He saw him in the lightning, and in the sweeping storm, and in the burning midday sun, and he saw him in the gentle rain and beautiful snow, and in the birds and trees, and in life and in death they were by his side. Out of respect for these deities, out of love for them, the worshipers of the far off day evolved a code of morality which is worthy of everlasting memory. On that code is based the work of the Osirian Cloister—health, happiness and long life.

I do not want to talk all day; I believe I have an unlimited time, but I would just like to say to our host that while we are here, we believe that sunshine, smiles and gladness will be with us. There is no question but that not only for the Osirian Cloister, but for all of us, I may say that this hand of hospitality which is extended to us is accepted as truly as it is offered, and when we part may we part in sorrow—we sorry to go, and you sorry to have us go, and these regrets I hope and I know will be softened by the feeling that on our hearts has been impressed the lesson, sweeter than any we can recall from ancient teachings, "Love one another." (Applause).

MR. WEIR:—The next on the program is something of interest to all of us, and I trust you will give attention, and understand what the citizens and committee are doing for your entertainment—the announcement of the Entertainment Committee.

MR. POTTER:—(Greeted with applause). Your committee on entertainment, of which I have the honor to be chairman, begs to read several invitations for your consideration. First from the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association—

Norfolk, Virginia, September 7, 1901.

Mr. A. H. Potter, Secy.
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:—Through you I wish to extend to the visiting members of the Concatenated Order of "Hoo-Hoo" during their visit to Norfolk, the courtesy of the rooms of the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association. Hoping

that many will avail themselves of the privilege of the rooms, I remain,
Yours truly,

E. E. Dawes, Secretary.

Now, I will state for the benefit of those not acquainted with the city, that the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association is only a short distance down the street, and you need no formal invitation, or anything of the sort. Make yourself at home. I will now read an invitation from the Norfolk Creosoting Company.
Order of Hoo-Hoo,

Norfolk, Va., September 7, 1901.

Mr. A. H. Potter,
Chairman Committee on Entertainment,
Norfolk, Virginia.

Dear Sir:—The Norfolk Creosoting Company extends a cordial invitation to the members of the Order of Hoo-Hoo to visit their plant at Money Point.

Very respectfully,

Edmund Christian, General Manager.

Now, this afternoon all those who are interested in visiting the large lumber and manufacturing plants will press into service any person who wears this badge. I will take charge of a small sized bundle myself, and there are plenty of them around here, and we will take you across to Berkley to the Cummer Lumber Company's plant, and there we will take the trolley car and visit the plants of the Norfolk Creosoting Company and the Roanoke Railroad & Lumber Company.

There will be announced by dodgers the program of the Entertainment Committee each day, but in order to have a good time you must be prompt. For instance, to-morrow afternoon we give an excursion to Virginia Beach, and it is very necessary that we leave promptly on time, as the schedule has been arranged, and if we do not leave promptly on time it will conflict.

This afternoon as many as wish to visit these plants, if they will signify their intention, or wish to go, the Committee will take charge of them and see that they have a good time.

MR. WEIR:—The Snark wishes me to emphasize this point of promptness. They will go on time, and if you are not there you will be left. Mr. Duke says the program will be given each member, and that will contain all the information.

This closes the opening session, and the Snark requests me to announce that we will go into the executive session to take up business.

Mr. B. A. Johnson announces that the Concatenation will occur to-night in the Elks Hall promptly at eight o'clock. That on Thursday night at eight o'clock a spectacular entertainment will be given at the Academy of Music, and that a rehearsal would be held in the Elks Hall at five o'clock this afternoon. The announcement was greeted with applause.

Mr. Johnson asked that the Snark appoint a committee to assist in decorating the Academy of Music, and the Chair thereupon appointed Mr. Youle, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Braffet, Mr. Sizer, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Ehms, Mr. Defebaugh, Mr. Gibson and Mr. Hildreth.

MR. POTTER:—We have a souvenir program which we wish to distribute, and we also have an official register that we wish the Hoo-Hoo to register in. I wish to state also that Uncle Charlie Goodlander has a souvenir he wishes to distribute.

MR. B. A. JOHNSON:—After the adjournment of this meeting it is the desire of the Order that you retire to the steps of the City Hall to have the official photograph taken by Mr. Campbell, the official photographer. The ladies will take special note of this.

It is moved and seconded that the members go into executive session for the purpose of transacting the business of the Order. The motion was unanimously adopted.

The First Business Session.

MR. WEIR:—The gentleman on behalf of the Snark is ready to present his report.

(Mr. Wm. L. Gignilliat, of Savannah, Ga., reads the Snark's report.)

The Snark's Annual Report.

We are here to-day in response to the cordial invitation of our brethren and their friends of this beautiful and prosperous city by the sea, to partake of their hospitality and celebrate our annual, the first in the twentieth century, the first to be held on the Atlantic Coast or east of the Allegheny Mountains, and the tenth in the history of the Order. That it is an epoch in our Order, and is fraught with importance as to its future growth and prosperity is evidenced by this presence.

I heartily welcome and greet you each and all. It is now my pleasure as well as my duty to submit a report of the trust delegated to me by you at Dallas last October.

Facts, figures and details will be put before you by your Scrivenoter with his usual ability, both as to scope and accuracy. I shall, therefore, not detain you by duplicating these features of his report. The record will speak for itself, and my time were better spent if, after a brief retrospect, I pass at once to the suggestions and recommendations which are the outcome of my year's labor, and of my solicitude for the future growth and welfare of our beloved order.

Retrospection always brings the eternal note of sadness in, and it is but natural that with mournful hearts and bowed heads we now think of those once with us, but whom the grave has claimed during the past year. Happily our thoughts rest not there, but can follow them to that calm land beyond the seas,

"Where no bright dream is broken,
No flower shall fade in beauty's hand,
And no farewell be spoken."

While death has not passed us over entirely in his visitations, we can still be thankful that our ranks have been only slightly depleted during the year. As the Committee on Resolutions will pay a fitting tribute to our deceased brethren, any encomium, individual or collective, from me now would be out of place. Peace to their ashes, and may their memory endure forever.

Our benefit fund has proven its value in this connection. The calls, though comparatively few during the year, have been cases of dire necessity, and upon investigation, fully approved by several brothers in the locality from which the application came. From this source we also promptly contributed our mite to the relief of the sufferers in Jacksonville from the terrible fire which visited that city on the third of last May.

As oftentimes we scarce bid good-bye to the departing friend ere we needs must turn to welcome the new arrival, so now, having said farewell to our departed brethren, with what different feelings we turn to view the growth of the Order in new territory and the very satisfactory list of initiates to whom we should extend the hand of fellowship.

Within ten days after the last annual we invaded our sister republic on the south, and in the ancient city of Mexico held a successful concatenation.

This was followed by the development of new territory in South Carolina. The Vicegerent Snark and members of this state, though the most recent additions to our list, are numbered among our most active and enthusiastic workers, as evidenced by the attendance here.

In addition to the new territory in Mexico and South Carolina, arrangements are under way for the holding of concatenations in some of the Western states, particularly Idaho, Montana and Utah.

The steps thus taken with efforts to bring back into the fold all who have allowed their membership to lapse and are sufficiently desirable to warrant the effort, have resulted very satisfactorily during the past year, and if followed up in the future will bring to the Order a large and valuable body of members.

In taking up the subject of recommendations and suggestions, I wish to first deal broadly but concisely with the two questions which have been brought most forcibly to the front, during the period of my administration and which seem now to have the largest share of the attention of the membership at large. I refer to the widespread demand for

broader and more altruistic work as a special feature of our Order, and to the far less important but even more burning question of the traveling Scrivenership. Taking these propositions in the order stated: There would seem to be good foundation in fact and history for the feeling that some purpose other than that of "having a good time" is necessary to insure the growth and perpetuity of any order. That there are other elements in Hoo-Hoo our permanent benefit fund and the ritual bear witness. But is there enough of the right element to insure active life and a full quota of usefulness? I have thought, and still think, that there is, but it needs to be brought more prominently to the front and put in a more fixed form.

As matters now stand, even the benefit fund is "permanent" in name only, as there is no provision in the organic law or even the by-laws for any regular accumulation. It owes its existence to a sporadic act at one of our annuals, and when once used is entirely dependent on like action for its restoration. This fund should be supplied by a steady stream. This could be accomplished by turning the overflow from any and all sources in that direction or by devoting a specific part, however small, of the dues or other income of the Order for that purpose, or by a collection to be taken in each jurisdiction, at some one concatenation during the year or by direct appeal to the individual members. And so in other respects it has seemed to me that what is needed is not the engraving of new features or the supplying of additional foundation, but merely such amendment of the ritual as will bring out the enduring elements on which the Order now rests, and keep its more evanescent though pleasurable features from monopolizing our attention. I have never agreed with those who intimate that the foundations of our Order are not broad enough, that its scope is too limited. Its objects, the promotion of health, happiness and long life of its members, have always been believed by me to give it a scope when carried to their logical conclusion, almost infinite. They can but teach the fatherhood of God, the universal brotherhood of man. To quote from Mr. Hare, when giving his definition of religion:

"When a man is told that the whole of religion and morality is summed up in two commandments, to love God and to love his neighbors, he is ready to cry, like Charoha in Gebir, at the first sight of the sea, 'Is this the mighty ocean? Is this all?' Yes, all; but how small a part your eyes survey! Only trust yourself to it. Launch out upon it; sail abroad over it, and you will find it has no end; it will carry you around the world."

So with Hoo-Hoo. Few realize its depth, its immensity, its possibilities. The ocean is there, brethren, though you see only the waves that break upon the nearer shore.

Let the ritual be amended to teach more clearly alike to adept and neophyte the real meaning of Hoo-Hoo. Let the work be launched upon the broad current of brotherly love and though wind and tide may bear us far, we shall meet our Pilot face to face, when we have crossed the bar. What more could any order stand for than a good life on earth and heaven at last?

Now, as to the traveling Scrivenership: There has been no duty suggested for him to perform but which I humbly submit can be much better performed by the various parts of the present working machinery of the Order. It only needs oiling and a little freer play. For instance, it was the original intent that the Supreme Nine should do the work now suggested for the traveling Scrivener. Therefore, to entrust this work to them reverts to first principles and does away with the necessity of any innovation. It would cost less for them to get to a given point in their respective territories than for a man with headquarters in any given place to traverse the length and breadth of the land. They would also be better acquainted with the territory and know the present membership, and could pass on the eligibility of candidates through information which would be given them but withheld from one more remote in point of place and acquaintance. But a far more important consideration is that when nine men would have the matter in charge—and no one man failing to discharge his functions could stop the whole stream of progress; whereas, with one man, if he should prove to be the wrong man for the place, or if the flow of his interest, energy and ability were checked, the whole current would stop until the trouble was rectified. It is wise for a man not to carry all his eggs to market in one basket, it is equally well for an order to avoid hanging its welfare too much on the health, activity and natural aptitude of any one man.

Of course, in electing the Supreme Nine, they would have to be selected with due regard, first, to their fitness and ability for the work; and second, to their geographical

location. It could be left to the Supreme Nine, after their election, to adjust their individual jurisdictions. Each member, however, should be impressed with the feeling that upon him largely depends the success of the administration and of the Order, not only in looking after current matters within his own jurisdiction, but after the general good in the upbuilding and uplifting of Hoo-Hoo.

I therefore recommend, that the by-laws be so amended as to enlarge the duties of the Supreme Nine, making it obligatory upon them, when requested, and whenever practicable, to attend concatenations held within their jurisdictions and to generally look after the interests and good of the Order therein. If this is done, and actual expenses when away from home in the interests of the Order paid, the results would be more favorable than can well be obtained by having one man monopolize the work on this line, and the funds available for the purpose as well.

Action on this line would avoid the serious innovation or radical departure from the usages of the Order involved in the idea of having a traveling Scrivener. If, however, this step is still contemplated, and any other fundamental change seems desirable, I would advise that final action be postponed. It would be better to have all such questions fully discussed in open meeting and then referred to a committee composed of able men who have had the benefit of hearing these discussions and who, after still further profiting by personal conference and correspondence during the coming year, could report at the next annual. During this year, too, the idea as to the Supreme Nine could be thoroughly tested, and all important questions could be better disposed of in the light of that experience.

In the nature of general suggestions for the welfare of the Order, I recommend the following amendments and additions to our Constitution and By-laws:

First. That our Constitution and By-laws be so amended as to absolutely protect in the future the inviolability of the name of the Order and of the emblem, so that any willful violation of the Constitution in this particular can be punished, first, by expulsion, and afterwards, if necessary, by a suit at law. There have been from time to time complaints made with reference to improper use of the name and emblem of the Order, engendering in some instances more or less friction and bitterness of feeling. That immediate steps be taken to adjust these cases, and to prevent like occurrences, is highly important.

Second. That Section 5 of the Constitution be amended so that after specific refusal, or four months have elapsed from the time that the Scrivener has made demand on suspended member for the return of his button and handbook, the member, on the vote of the Supreme Nine may be expelled for failure to comply with said demand and that the Scrivener then proceed as in the case of expelled members. In this connection I recommend that the same be not effective till after the publication of the next handbook. That pending the effectiveness of the above amendment, a complete list be made up of every man suspended in the past for non-payment of dues; that this list be carefully classified into states and cities; that an ample number of copies be printed; and that it then be subdivided so as to cover suitable sections, and sent to the members of the House of Ancients, members of the Supreme Nine, Vicegerent Snark, and representative members throughout the country, with the request that they check out the names of those they know to be undesirable or ineligible. That such list be then revised and the remaining names, considered first as to moral standing, and second, strictly as to eligibility, be taken up systematically by the Scrivener, by letter and through personal efforts of the officers and representative members of the Order, as above suggested, in an effort to bring all good men upon this list back into the fold. It has been and will ever be our aim to raise the standard of Hoo-Hoo higher and higher, and while there may have been in some localities incidents or conditions that warranted the dropping out of some of these good brothers, these incidents have been or will be removed, and it is hoped that every good man may be brought back into our Order.

It is proper in this connection to say a few words regarding eligibility. Largely upon a strict adherence to the rules laid down in our Constitution and By-laws as to eligibility, depends the future welfare of Hoo-Hoo. The Constitution and By-laws appear now to be as complete as practicable upon this subject, but I recommend that it be made unmistakably known, by resolution or otherwise, at this annual, that henceforth the penalties prescribed for any violation of same will be promptly and rigidly enforced, and

that this will apply to endorsers of applications as well as to Vicegerent Snarks, thus letting each member have it vividly impressed upon him that he is individually one of the stewards of Hoo-Hoo, and must guard the matter of eligibility as well as other things pertaining to the good of the Order. To this end, new duties have been recommended in a distinct paragraph for the Supreme Nine, and the suggestion is made to the incoming Nine as to the advisability of carefully considering the increase in the number of Vicegerent Snarks under authority given them in Section 4, Article 4, of the Constitution, experience having proved that this matter of eligibility can only be intelligently handled through local acquaintance.

Third. That the third clause of Section 1, Article 3, be so amended as to embrace masters of sailing and steam vessels, with some proper restrictions as to the minimum tonnage of vessels. On its own merits, as admitting to the Order men in constant intercourse with our present membership, this amendment is advisable, and as preliminary to work across the water, it is indispensable, if we would cross with dry feet, as cats are ever inclined to do. This is as far, however, as I feel that we should go at the present time, in the direction of planting the Order in foreign countries, for until there is less "fallow soil yet untried" on this continent, I deem it unwise to undertake the work abroad.

Fourth. That some action be taken in regard to the limit of membership. To avoid an increase of the original limit numbers now lapsed or forfeited must soon be re-used. The re-use of such numbers as are made vacant by death has been objected to on sentimental grounds, and I, for one, am not disposed to go counter to this feeling. And the re-use of numbers once held by members now expelled is also objectionable on the ground of confusing new and worthy brothers with the former unworthy holders of such numbers. This objection, however, can be obviated by a suitable prefix, and I recommend that provision be made at this annual for the use of such numbers as soon as our limit is reached, using as a prefix to each such number our total of 9,999, thus clearly indicating its use subsequent to the limit, for its use precedent to the limit.

I would also make the following recommendations, which do not involve any change in the Constitution:

1. That the present manner of publishing and distributing the handbook be changed. In the language of our ritual, it is our only lodge room, and I strenuously advise against its discontinuance in toto, but recommend a change in the manner of publication, namely, that the entire list of membership corrected to date be published in at least one issue of The Bulletin during the year, followed by subsequent necessary supplements. This will save in the cost of printing and largely in postage and special envelopes. In addition, arrangements could be made to supply, in more convenient form or bound as at present, the handbook to all members ordering and paying for it in advance. I am satisfied that this would be a considerable saving to the Order, even when provision is made for sufficient extra copies to be printed and kept in stock to supply all new members.

2. That the Scrivener be allowed to make such arrangements as he can with railroads in exchange for advertising in The Bulletin for the transportation for himself, members of the Supreme Nine, or any designated member of the Order, when it is desirable that such officers or members be sent to distant point to assist in holding concatenations, or looking after the good of the Order.

3. That additional property trunks be provided with a view to saving expense in express charges, as well as saving delays in the delivery of trunks at points where concatenations are to be held. And just here it may not be amiss to remark on the general inconvenience and injury to the regalia itself, resulting from its present form, and to recommend in lieu thereof aprons, or other manageable apparel, with sash or band on which could be placed suitable insignia of the various officers.

4. That the selection of place for our next annual be made a special order of business just succeeding the election of officers. And in this connection, I further recommend that the payment of the expenses of the Supreme Nine in attending the annuals be continued.

5. That medals, or other awards of merit for Vicegerent Snarks for efficiency in conducting concatenations, originality and uniqueness of method, be provided, as calculated to beget a healthy rivalry and result in better work at the concatenations.

As to the appointment of Vicegerent Snarks, I do not recommend any change. While the present method entails heavy responsibilities and enormous work, I fail to see how it can be improved upon. The corps of Vicegerent Snarks

for the past year having proved so loyal, efficient and painstaking and being ever ready to work for the good of Hoo-Hoo, I feel that it would not be proper to attempt any change in this connection. I would recommend, though, the appointment of an increased number of Vicegerent Snarks, especially in the states where the members are in widely separated territories, and where transportation from one point to another is inconvenient.

In concluding my recommendations, I repeat Lincoln's closing words at Gettysburg: "With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in." In this spirit they are submitted. In this spirit may they be discussed and passed upon.

I desire to thank the Scrivener for the correctness of his report, and for the faithful and painstaking performance of all duties entrusted to him, as well as for his aid in season and out of season in every matter pertaining to the advancement of Hoo-Hoo.

I wish also to thank each member of the Supreme Nine who has responded promptly to every call, and has at all times given encouragement and aid and yielded loyal support to all that pertains to the objects for which we labor.

I desire in this connection to especially mention and thank the management of the Pan-American Exposition and Mr. E. F. Perry, the secretary of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association, and also the editors of those lumber journals who have given unselfish and valuable aid in having Lumbermen's Week at the Pan-American Exposition, which had been fixed for Aug. 26, and many preparations gone into, changed at our request to September 15-22, thereby extending to us a distinct courtesy which we should and will do all in our power to reciprocate.

I desire also to return most sincere thanks for all the aid that has been rendered us by the lumber trade papers and the kindly treatment received at the hands of the daily press.

And I extend to the membership at large my most cordial thanks for the aid and encouragement that have been so freely given, first by one and then another, in person or by letter throughout the year. But for me to try to communicate all the gratitude I feel would be but a struggle for finite expression when the infinite is necessary.

Not that the year has worn no other aspect or that its troubles and perplexities have been forgotten, but that I can exclaim with George Eliot in all truth and sincerity: "I have found already some of the sweet uses that belong only to what is called trouble, which is, after all, only a deepened gaze into life."

No one who has spent a year in close living and brotherly touch with our noble band, extending throughout and to the uttermost parts of our beloved country, and even into sunny Mexico on the south and rugged Canada on the north, each and all ever promptly responsive, gladly helping when right, kindly advising when astray, generously forgiving when wrong, could fail to realize in his heart all that these words express. This precious experience will rest as a benediction upon my remaining years.

And now, as at Dallas I thanked you for the honor conferred upon me, so to-day at Norfolk I close my report and with it my term of office by again thanking you, this time with fuller knowledge for the high privilege.

Fraternal yours,

B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.
WM. B. STILLWELL, Snark.

(The Snark's address was splendidly read by Mr. Gignil-lit, and was received with prolonged applause, terminating in the Hoo-Hoo yell. Mr. Stillwell, who had been brought into the hall in a roller chair just before his report was read, and whose appearance was the signal for a great demonstration that for five minutes interrupted all business, was much affected thereby, and by the applause with which his address was received.)

MR. WEIR:—I can assure you that Mr. Stillwell appreciates your sympathy. I sat by him and saw how much it affected him. Mr. Duke wishes me to name a committee that he desires to assist in filling out applications for the concatenation. The gentlemen named will please report to Mr. Duke as soon as possible for instructions—George V. Denny, C. M. Jenkins, L. F. DeBordenave and F. R. Hyman. You will now listen to the Scrivener's report.

The Scrivenoter's Report.

Our receipts and disbursements for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 5, last, have been as follows:

Table with columns: Folio, RECEIVED, DISBURSED. Lists various financial entries such as Balance, Permanent Fund for Relief, Concatenations, and various expenses.

I have examined the books of J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, and find the above statement to be correct.

Sworn and subscribed to before me Sept. 5, 1901. O. H. SMITH, Notary Public.

It will be observed from the above that our net balance falls considerably below that reported at Dallas, which was the high-water mark of our surplus.

This has occasioned a large decrease in our receipts from an important source that can easily be figured. Another change that has decreased our revenue was that made in the matter of dues.

Concatenations.

Seventy concatenations have been held as follows:

Table with columns: Number, DATE, PLACE, H'onorary Initiates, Regular Initiates, REMITTED SCRIVENOTER (Hon., Reg.). Lists dates and locations of concatenations.

Concatenations-Continued.

Table with columns: Number, DATE, PLACE, H'onorary Initiates, Regular Initiates, REMITTED SCRIVENOTER (Hon., Reg.). Continuation of concatenation records.

The Record of Work.

The record of work done by the Vicegerents of the several states from September 9, 1900, to Sept. 5, 1901.

Table with columns: VICEGERENTS, CONCATENATIONS INITIATED, MEN HONORATIONS INITIATED. Lists states and their respective activities.

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Deceased.

We have had reported the death of the following forty-six regular members and one honorary member:

Table with columns: Name, Address. Lists names and addresses of deceased members.

The Handbook.

Quite a good deal has been said from time to time about the heavy expenditures made for printing the annual handbook and the supplements thereto.

The Emblem.

I recommend that from this date forward the use of our emblem and the word "Hoo-Hoo" for advertising or for any other business purpose be absolutely prohibited.

Resigned and Expelled.

Resignations have been accepted from twenty-three men during the year, and one man has been expelled on charges preferred.

In closing my report I have again to express my thanks for the able assistance rendered me by the other members of the Supreme Nine and by our corps of Vicegerents.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

The conclusion of the report was the signal for another round of applause, terminating in the now familiar Hoo-Hoo yell.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the report of the Auditing Committee. What shall we do with it?

MEMBER:—I move that it be filed, and that the committee be extended a vote of thanks.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—I second that, and move that a committee of two be appointed to act with the Scrivenoter on the matter of credentials.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—As to the matter of voting I would suggest that the register be placed upon the secretary's desk, and that business be suspended for five or ten minutes, and that those who have not registered be notified.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—That has nothing to do with the voting. You are entitled to vote.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—As I understand it a man who is in arrears is not entitled to vote, and he can come and put himself in a position to vote.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Every member knows whether he is in arrears or not. He can come up and put himself in readiness. I appoint Mr. Defebaugh and Mr. Stephenson to act with the Scrivenoter in the matter of credentials.

MR. G. W. SCHWARTZ (4):—At every annual meeting that I have attended, except the first annual (I have attended all of them) there has been more or less controversy and serious delay regarding the presentation of applications for membership and balloting on the same. Now, it seems to me that this could be very easily avoided and these conditions eliminated from our annual concatenations; and I want to offer a resolution, or motion (as the case may be), that this can be fixed up from one year to another, and it is not necessary to incorporate it in any by-laws or constitution; but, in order to put the question in its proper shape, I move that at our next annual meeting the concatenation for the initiation of members be entirely in the hands of the local Hoo-Hoo, and before that meeting that the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements be requested to call his members together and receive all applications for membership, pass on the same and ballot on same before the concatenation, in order that when we come to the hall, like we did last night, that we may go in and begin our work without any controversy as to the members' eligibility; that that should be passed on by the local committee, and if the local committee is not able in the absence of certain information, to pass upon certain candidates, that they may have the privilege of calling on certain members who shall be present.

MR. E. H. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Gentlemen, you have heard the motion that the matter of the concatenation be placed in the hands of the local committee, and that they have that work perfected, and everything connected with it.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I would like to put a little amendment to that motion—that within thirty days of the time of holding the annual, the Scrivenoter notify the committee of this resolution being in effect.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Is that acceptable?

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—Yes, sir; that is acceptable.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Gentlemen, you have heard the motion as amended. All in favor of that will signify it by saying "aye."

(The motion is carried and so ordered.)

MR. BARNS (3):—I have a report to present of the committee appointed at the last meeting. It will take some little time to read it, and I would ask the careful attention of those present to the reading of this report.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—Will the gentlemen give me a moment?

MR. BARNS (3):—Certainly.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—I would like to make an announcement in regard to the Cloister Banquet. The com-

mittee has provided for a banquet at 10.30 to-night, and I desire to know before 1 o'clock to-day of any members of the Cloister who desire to participate. We desire to take care of the ladies in this event, and those who have not the pleasure of having ladies from home have made other arrangement; and I would be glad to know of those who desire to participate. We cannot include a large number, not more than forty, and we will be glad for you to give this consideration at once. There are several banquets in town to-night, and we had to do the best we could; but we are particularly anxious that the ladies should be represented, and we want to take them in and give them an hour or two of entertainment at the Monticello at half-past ten to-night. The High Priest states that the initiation to-night of the Osirian Cloister will begin at 8 o'clock.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I do not think the Snark of the Universe, Mr. Stillwell, has yet arrived; and I think the report that is forthcoming would be of interest to him, and that he would be glad to hear it. I was at his room a few moments ago, and he was dressing to come up here; and if it is the pleasure of the meeting, I move that we postpone the report until he comes.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—He sent word to proceed with the business. He did not say when he would come, and he evidently did not intend to come.

MEMBER:—Can't you send a committee to see when he will come?

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I know he expects to be here as early as possible.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We will wait the pleasure of the convention.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—I move that a committee be appointed to wait on Mr. Stillwell to see when he can be here.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I appoint the gentleman who brought the matter up (Mr. Whitehead) to wait on him.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I ask the appointment of a committee of three.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Who will go?
(C. W. Saussy and C. M. Jenkins responded.)

A Day at the Charleston Exposition.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I hold in my hand an invitation from the South Carolina & West Indian Exposition to name a day to be known as Hoo-Hoo Day. I take it that every man here to-day cherishes this invitation, and I think it would be well to have a day to meet at that exposition; and we have communicated with the authorities at Charleston, and they have indicated their willingness to set aside the 19th day of February, 1902, as Hoo-Hoo Day at the South Carolina & West Indian Exposition; and I move that that day be known and designated as Hoo-Hoo Day at that Exposition.

MR. BARNS (3):—There is just one point I would like to ask Mr. Whitehead about. How long does this exposition last?

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—Beginning the first of December it continues six months.

MR. BARNS (3):—I would raise the point that those who are familiar with lumber associations know that February 19 comes just at a time when there are held, in different parts of the country, anywhere from one to six lumber conventions. I know of at least four or five on that particular day. As a good many of the lumbermen are Hoo-Hoo, it seems to me that if you could fix a date in December, or later when the associations are not in progress, you could perhaps have a larger attendance.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I think the suggestion a good one.

MR. LUMPKINS:—Let me interrupt. We have to set a day. We can set the 19th of February. If we find it necessary to change the day, the members of the Hoo-Hoo in Charleston will notify every single member in the United States by personal letter of the change of date. All we want is a day. We can change it, and we need not bother about it. It is immaterial about the 19th. We want a date, and we can notify each one. I have your name, brother.

MR. BARNS (3):—I want to fix it so we can be there.

MR. LUMPKINS:—The 19th is merely formal. Fix the date, and we will look into it and see that all can be there. It is merely formal right now.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I think about the 19th of March.

MR. BARNS (3):—That is open to almost the same objection. If you could fix it in December or April, then the retail associations and the sawmill associations and so on will have held their annual meetings. They come in January, February and March. If you could put it in April or May you could get a better attendance.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I would suggest the 29th day of March. Every man would like to know what day it is going to be. If they change it some will say differences may arise so they will change it again; and I would rather say the 29th day of March and make that day final.

MR. AUGUSTUS KOHN:—The South Carolina members are perfectly agreeable to the 29th day of March. We want to get as many as possible, and it is as agreeable in March. If you live in Minnesota or Wisconsin and will come to Charleston in March you will find roses blooming.

MEMBER:—I would like to have a day set so as many as possible can get there, and I would suggest that it be the 15th of January. My reasons are that that is before any of the meetings commence, and that would be after the exposition was probably well open; and it is a time (the first of the year) when lumber dealers generally have more time than they will have the 29th day of March. In fact they haven't much of anything but time in our country.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—Along about the time you speak of the Union Retail Lumber Dealers have a meeting.

MEMBER:—I second the motion of the gentleman from South Carolina appointing the 29th.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is that the day be set for March 29. Are you ready for the question?

(Chorus of voices:—Question, question.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—All in favor of this motion will signify it by saying aye.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Aye, aye, aye.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Contrary no.

ONE VOICE:—No.

MR. LUMPKINS:—I want to say to the gentleman who voted "no" that if he will write me a postal card when he is coming, I will try and take charge of him. (Laughter.)

MR. KOHN:—I wish it fully understood that the Charleston Exposition will co-operate with you to carry out the plan.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—What is your further pleasure?

MR. WALKER (48):—I would like to supplement a remark Mr. Defebaugh just made. According to the programme we will not get back from the beach until some time after 7 o'clock. Now, if the members of the Cloister, and candidates as well, will take a light lunch they will be in position to enjoy the banquet much more than if they take a regular dinner. Be on hand promptly at 8 o'clock.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—While waiting for the committee to report on Mr. Stillwell's coming, we will take up any matter you wish to present.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—As a young member I heard Mr. Vietmeier (he being on the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws) sitting here talking about short time. I trust they will make the Constitution and By-Laws so we will have time. I don't think it is a good example to set to the younger members of Hoo-Hoo for the older members to ask for time.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—What I wish to say is that my time out of this meeting is taken up with the Constitution and By-Laws Committee.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I understood it thoroughly. I think in fixing up this Constitution and By-Laws that it would be well to fix it so we can do our work. There are members who understand the work thoroughly. They will not live always, and some of the younger members must take it up, and let us know how to take it up right.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The Committee on Distribution I hope will be ready to take up the report soon.

MR. BARNS (3):—Taking up what Brother Adams said, we will be glad to have suggestions from the members as to the revision of the Constitution. We will ask that you place it in writing. We have a number of important matters to consider, and unless you place it in writing it is almost impossible to know what you say. We are glad to have the point as to the younger members raised, and we only wish that people would read the Constitution and By-Laws more and make such suggestions that we can take advantage of.

MR. WALKER (48):—I agree with Brother Adams, but I do not think it is the Constitution and By-Laws that are at fault. At every place we go our kind hosts crowd the programme with so much entertainment that there is very little time left for the Osirian Cloister and the transaction of business of Hoo-Hoo. We cannot censure them for their good intentions, but something ought to be done to rectify this.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I wish the committee I referred to would go on with their work. What is your further pleasure?

MR. E. H. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—The suggestion is a good one. Therefore, I move that the Supreme Nine make up the annual programme each year; and in order that time may be had for all the business first that they make the social part of the programme subsidiary to the business part. We all like to have a good time, and we appreciate what our friends have done for us here and elsewhere; but we come here to transact the business of this Order. If we cannot transact that business, we have no business here. Therefore, I move you gentlemen that the Supreme Nine make up the programme for the annual meetings in advance, giving plenty of time for the different business sessions; because I know it is necessary to have these programmes, because no man is on time.

(SNARK STILLWELL is brought into the room in a roller chair, and is greeted with great applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 9, by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

ALL MEMBERS:—Great is Hoo-Hoo! And Stillwell is the Snark.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Everything that has been done in the Order at the annual meetings has been done hurriedly, and in all our Constitution and By-Laws committees the matter has been so rushed in one or two meetings we have held that we have not had the time to give these matters proper consideration; and I believe, with the proper consideration, we can economize time and have plenty of time to transact our business and also to accept the invitations.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved that the Supreme Nine prepare the programme for the annual in advance.

Do not tell me that this great Order contains but one man who can accomplish this work proposed.

It has been the history of the human crisis since the world began that the great necessity brought forth the great man. The great crisis—the demand, produced its Luther, its Washington, its Patrick Henry, its Grant, its Stonewall Jackson, its Ericson, and its Robert E. Lee. (Applause.) From this time forth I pledge my devotion to the cause which proposes to bring about the crisis.

Preserve the handbook, and yet cut down the expense. Conclude that this Order is of enough importance in the world to deserve all the time of some persons for the solving of its problems. Do this and that crisis will produce the man. (Applause.)

Discussion on Report of Committee on Mr. Barns' Recommendation.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The question before you will be the paper of Mr. Barns. What action do you wish to take?

MR. WALKER (48):—Before I proceed to talk to the question, I want to say that I have approved the paper presented by the committee, but those remarks he was supposed to have the privilege—

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I wish to call you to order. That paper is not before the house.

MR. WALKER (48):—I wish to state that I am heartily in accord and sympathy with the paper read by Mr. Barns, and the suggestion that we employ some suitable person to devote his time to the Order. I think this should be taken up on a strictly business basis. Which one of us, with business of equal importance, would turn it over to the management of somebody to run as a side line to devote only a part of his time, and particularly when there are duties which will take all his time, and more than over time? I just want to say further that when I arrived here I was accused of having decided to abandon the idea, which I have expressed freely to any I have come in contact with, for mercenary and selfish motives. I make this statement for that purpose.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There will be some motion before the matter is discussed.

MR. HILL (27):—I move that the paper be laid on the table.

MR. DEFEBOUGH (6):—The paper read by Mr. Barns is not under discussion. It is the report of the committee appointed at Dallas that is before us.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Is that motion seconded? I hear no second. What is the further pleasure of the convention?

MR. HILL (27):—I move that the report of the committee be adopted.

MR. WALKER (48):—I second the motion.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question.

MR. BARNES (3):—There is just one point that I would like to call attention to.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Mr. Stillwell is not clear upon it. The motion will involve the adoption of the idea presented by Mr. Barns, that we employ a Scrivenoter to give his entire time to the work of the Order. The point is the employment of a Scrivenoter to devote his entire time.

MR. HAYWARD (248):—I think there are a good many others beside myself who would like not to have the paper read, but a general outline of what this work is to be, and also to know whether there has been any sum set aside for the employment of this man, and what the man is to do.

MR. BARNES (3):—The report which was presented yesterday, the short report which I hold in my hand was simply a part of the report, which was presented on behalf of the entire committee, which consisted of all the members of the House of Ancients except Captain Lock, who was not a member of the House of Ancients, and who is not now, and Mr. Johnson. It was signed by Barns, Defebough, Hemenway, White and Gladdings. You wish to

have read the amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws: "And we further respectfully submit the following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order as embodying in concrete form the suggestions of our committee; being a substitute for the present section 2 of the Constitution; Section 2: The Scrivenoter shall devote his entire time to the work of the Order, under the direction of the Supreme Nine. He shall be custodian of the funds of the Order, and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of ten thousand dollars—at present it is five thousand dollars—the cost of said bond to be defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers signed by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive a salary to be fixed annually in advance by the Supreme Nine, and shall in addition be paid actual traveling expenses and a sum sufficient to cover all expenses of clerical help regularly employed in his office with the sanction of the Supreme Nine. It shall be the duty of the Scrivenoter, in addition to those regularly pertaining to a secretarial office, to visit the various parts of the United States in the interests and for the upbuilding of the Order as occasion may require. He shall supervise the holding of concatenations, and shall pass upon the eligibility of candidates for membership, under a careful interpretation of the eligibility clause of the Constitution. All actions of the Scrivenoter shall be subject to the control of the Supreme Nine, and he may be removed from office by them at any time for sufficient cause."

In that connection I just wish to suggest that these recommendations are not mine alone. It is of the House of Ancients, and I would also further ask to say this: I have been asked several times, and the matter has been up in the discussion which has taken place, whether we propose in this matter to do away with the Vicegerent. There is nothing in the whole paper to indicate anything of the kind. His business would be to assist in any very reasonable way the Vicegerent, and to carry the work into those states and districts where we have no members. As pointed out in the report, there are many states like Maine and Vermont and Wyoming where we have no members at all, and where it is impossible to have the work carried on unless somebody shall go there and do the missionary work. Very early in this discussion—I just want to quote a line or two that was used in a communication to "The Bulletin" by myself in June of this year: "Several correspondents have intimated that the Scrivenoter would in some sort of a way displace the Vicegerent." I have never at any time suggested such a thing. Nothing could be further from the intention of the writer. On the contrary, he proposed that the Scrivenoter should aid and assist, instruct and make more effective work of the Vicegerents in their various jurisdictions. He was not to take their place, but to supplement their labors in every possible way.

No one could be more thoroughly loyal to the idea of having our Vicegerents. I would not in any possible way have any one to understand that we propose to take away from them any of the prerogatives or rights or anything of the kind. This year in thirteen Vicegerencies there was no concatenation. It would not be necessary for the Scrivenoter to attend all the concatenations. In many places, for instance in Texas, we have members of the Supreme Nine, and old Vicegerents who will hold concatenations, and they know how to do it, and give the secret work and carry forward the work; but in states where the work is not carried forward, and where we have not occupied territory at all, I do not see how we are to have any holding or any following or membership unless some one representing the Order itself, under the direction of the Supreme Nine, goes there and holds these concatenations and gets into this Order the best material possible.

If there is anything that pleases me more than anything

else in connection with this it is a remark made by a delegate from South Carolina. Coming in on the train last night in referring to the matter he said: "If there is any one thing we are proud of in our state it is the quality of our membership." He said: "We do not let a man in here any more than a Mason should come in. We have an honorable lot of men, and we propose to keep it right here." And he said, furthermore, that it was because they had nothing that was undignified or rough. I have never been in South Carolina to attend a concatenation, but I want to say that these things please me more than anything else. I don't think any one man (I don't care who) can absolutely cure these evils in a few months or years, unless he has the co-operation of every loyal Hoo-Hoo. We have got to help him. We have got to live, and we have got to change the whole business. We have to have more responsibility. The trouble with us to-day, and has been for a long time, is that there is no responsibility, and that is the point that we hope to cover, that we suggest to you as a remedy for these evils and for the further carrying forward of the work, and as a means of bringing back into the fold the thousands who have dropped out for some good and sufficient reason.

MR. HAYWARD (248):—I have such high regard for the gentlemen who brought the matter before the Order that I hope in the discussion this morning that everybody will consider that every man who signs the paper is practically a father to the Order. They dug into the matter and saw the necessity of it. I make these remarks to show the necessity of the paper. I have not had time to consider the matter thoroughly, and until yesterday never had a thorough understanding of what the paper was. Now, whatever we do, it has been proposed by gentlemen who have the Order more at heart than any of us who came into the Order at a later day.

MR. COBB (32):—I want to have Mr. Barns answer one question, not for my benefit only, but for the benefit of a good many here who do not understand certain points: in case this traveling Scrivenoter goes to any one place where there is a Vicegerent, he is, as I understand it, an assistant to the Vicegerent. Is the Vicegerent the gentleman in command in every respect? I would like to have Mr. Barns answer that.

MR. BARNES (3):—I tried to make that just as plain as I could. He goes with the authority of the Order, backed up by the Supreme Nine, and without having consulted with the other members of the Order I would say that when it comes to a strict interpretation of the eligibility clause he would be authority. That is the one idea, that there may be some one there who is utterly unbiased, some one who understands the matter, and who knows exactly what is intended, and who, if it was necessary, would pass on the eligibility of the names presented. Without any amount of effort it would prevent the blackballing of a great many people who are blackballed. Names are put in by a good many people who do not understand the eligibility clause. If this matter could be presented to the Scrivenoter and the Vicegerent and they should say that this man is not eligible, his occupation is such that he cannot become a member, he may prepare himself to become a member, and it would save the chagrin in many cases of parties who propose to present members not eligible. It would not be to take the place of the Vicegerent at all, but to assist him. As you know, in many cases, a Vicegerent does not find it possible to go to a town where a concatenation is held until the day upon which it is to be held. If the Vicegerent could go there he could regulate these things; but he does not go there. This Scrivenoter could make such arrangements with and by the consent of the Vicegerent as would prevent the expenditure of an unnecessary amount for sessions on the roof. This expense could be cut down where they spend hundreds of

dollars, and where the Vicegerent finds he has to pay for something not contemplated in the ritual and is no part of Hoo-Hoo. Have I answered your question?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Let me say that Mr. Barns will be asked a great many questions, and I will construe that rule we adopted liberally because many members will want to know; but I will ask Mr. Barns to confine himself to the questions.

MR. HILL (27):—It has taken Hoo-Hoo an awful long time to find out that it needs somebody to be a guardian and a wet nurse. Of the eighty-four hundred members we have had, some members drop out, and some get in we probably don't want. The Supreme Nine is always able to select the necessary Vicegerents from the different states if they will abide by the recommendation of the delegation from the different states; so there is no danger in getting in any bad timber. Bad timber doesn't need to be brought into this Order. Mr. Barns talks about people being blackballed. I never heard of a man being blackballed in Hoo-Hoo but once. Whenever the candidate was presented he was sufficiently well vouched for to be admitted. I understand that some are blackballed, but I never knew of but one case. This whole thing comes down to a question of economy. They say do away with the handbook because it costs too much, but let us have something expensive to help us out. They want to appropriate everything in the treasury to advertise Hoo-Hoo. How do we know who the man is, and who is going to hire him? Take that report and read it. I believe No. 3 said something about it did not indicate anything about Vicegerents, and did not indicate something else, and dog-gone if I don't believe that it don't indicate anything. I agree with him thoroughly except I disagree with him on everything. Jim Baird is a good enough Scrivenoter for me, and I recognize his hand thoroughly.

MR. GLADDING (99):—I want to say it is to be deprecated to the greatest extent that any one in discussing this matter should have any personal feeling or make any personal remarks. And I defy any man in this Order of Hoo-Hoo, or any other place, to have a greater love and higher regard for the present occupant of the Scrivenoter'ship than I have (applause); and I believe that every other member on that committee has the same love for him that I have. In discussing this question, please discuss it on its merits and not from any other standpoint whatever. The arguments that have been given have covered my ideas on the subject, and I am willing to stand by it, and there is no need of any other remarks on my part; but I ask you in the spirit of harmony and good fellowship, and in the spirit of Hoo-Hoo to discuss it in the spirit of brotherly love. (Applause.)

MR. BARNES (3):—I just beg the privilege of reading four or five lines from the report of the meeting held at Dallas last year in order that No. 27 and everybody else may understand where I stand. On page 15 you will find that I said: "Do not understand that there is anything personal in my paper. I have got no better friend than Mr. Baird, and if he would accept anything of the kind I would vote for him the first man. I have no candidate to suggest, and have nothing to gain in the matter. All I am thinking about is the best interests of this Order, and its future." I wish to say that I stand by that now absolutely in every possible way.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The Snark wishes to say something, and I will thank you to be quiet.

SNARK STILLWELL:—Brother Hoo-Hoo, I want to ask you to follow the injunction of Brother Gladding to discuss this matter in brotherly love. There has been already too much said and written on either side which is all wrong. For the past year this subject has had the attention of my head and heart, and God Almighty has given

others, probably, larger heads and hearts than I have; but in all I have seen written, and all that I have thought, I have finally reached the conclusion that I put into my report, and I believe I reached it from grounds that are incontrovertible.

I am only too glad that Brother Barns a moment ago mentioned South Carolina. I held there the first concatenation in that state, and the memories of that concatenation are so joyous that they will go with me to my dying day. I never spent a pleasanter day and evening in all my life. Now, gentlemen, shortly afterwards I was invited to another concatenation in South Carolina, and that concatenation was officered solely by new members who had no experience, but, brothers, they had had instilled into their hearts the love and enthusiasm of Hoo-Hoo, and we had as nice, smooth-running and enjoyable a concatenation as we ever had anywhere, and I have visited a good many.

Now, as I take it, and after, as I told you, very serious thought, there are a good many objectionable features to this idea, as I understand it, now proposed to consolidate this traveling man with the Scrivenoter. The business of the Order cannot be conducted without a local Scrivenoter, so he can be communicated with at any time by wire. I have very recently had business which required me to communicate with him by wire, and if he goes off for a week where we can't reach him the good of the Order will suffer, unquestionably. Then when you bring it down to the last question, the eligible clause, what is he to do? There are only two things you expect him to look after. One is eligibility. That, I say, is utterly out of the question for a man to travel from Florida to Maine and from Washington to Louisiana to pass upon applicants, when the members know them. If he should go there and intimate anything, it would be woe to him. Not only the members would not submit to it, but the candidates would not.

Then it comes down to what are termed wrong practices and accidents. As to wrong practices, we ought to have a strong enough law in this Order to control it, and we can control it if the law is enforced. That is all we have to do. No law is obeyed unless it is enforced. If we make up our minds at this meeting to enforce that law, you need no traveling Scrivenoter. You need him not, and when you come to accidents—brothers, I have been present at meetings of secret Orders as high as there is in this land, and have witnessed accidents that no man could be held responsible for. They were accidents pure and simple. They could not have been avoided if you and every member of the Supreme Nine had been present; and you are not going to avoid this by a traveling Scrivenoter. All this whole thing can be managed by two ideas; that is, the rigid enforcement of the law from the fountain head, and the instilling into our brothers a love and enthusiasm for Hoo-Hoo; and we will live forever. (Great applause.)

MR. HILL (27):—If there is no further discussion I move that we have the question.

MR. GLADDING (99):—I wish to ask if the vote is to be taken by counting individual members here, or will that vote be by states?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I believe the Constitution says we shall vote by states, and two-thirds majority to change the Constitution.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—A three-fourths majority.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Is it three-fourths? Well, then, three-fourths.

MEMBER:—Is this on the question of the report of the committee?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Yes. Are there any other remarks? If not, I would like for Mr. Delebaugh to take the chair.

(Mr. Delebaugh takes the chair during the following remarks by the Acting Snark:)

Mr. Weir's Able Speech.

MR. WEIR (2505):—I want to say, to begin with, that no member of the organization has my esteem more highly than Mr. Barns. I can say that of all the members who have signed the report, and it is with sincere regret that I am compelled to differ with them in this proposed plan. I would agree to anything that they might present if my better judgment would permit me to think it best. In this case it certainly does not. I considered it carefully and well, and I do feel it is something of a presumption on my part, being a comparatively new member—I feel that it is something of a presumption on my part to differ with them, and yet I do not believe any member of this Order will question my interest in and my loyalty and my fidelity to the whole. I have done the best I could in every place I have been put. I have done everything in my power to forward its interests, and I do not believe you can put your finger on a single point where I have intentionally—or I may have said otherwise—where I have intentionally failed to maintain the best interests of the Order I love so well, since my connection with it. On this issue I feel compelled to take a position. I feel I would be recreant if I failed to do it. I have no interest except my interest in the welfare of the Order. On that I want to present my views.

In the first place, I believe this proposition is utterly impracticable, as the Snark has well said. To accomplish the results which it is designed it will require conditions over which we have no control. In order to accomplish the work fully, this traveling Scrivenoter should be in every state and wherever a concatenation is held. Mr. Barns says that you do not need him in some places. If that is true, if he is only needed in localities, and at different times, the present organization can accomplish all the work for which he is intended; but to accomplish the purpose which this action contemplates he ought to be present, and as authority or representative of the executive head, he should be present. That is a physical impossibility. Concatenations are often only held in connection with lumbermen and their conventions. So many occur about the same time during the winter months that the traveling Scrivenoter could not possibly be present at all of them. Oftentimes they are held in different sections on the same day, and consequently some arrangement would have to be made where he could not be present.

I object to it on the ground—first, that it is not feasible. Then, again, the Snark presented another question which I had in mind, and that is, How is this man to determine who is eligible? Your Scrivenoter comes to my city to find twenty-five or thirty candidates. And he says: "Where did you get your information about these men?" He can't go over the states where they came from, oftentimes a hundred miles apart. He has to ask the Vicegerent, and he has to ask the members present, and consequently that part fails of its own accord, and he has to rely on the sources he can reach, and he must accept the statement of the Vicegerent and other members present. He cannot well do otherwise. To do otherwise would necessitate, as you readily see, more work than he could possibly assume or transact under any circumstances or conditions. That is another point I had in mind.

I am willing to admit the condition of the Order and its work require some serious consideration, and some means to change the existing conditions, and prevent the lapsing of so many memberships that have lapsed and disappeared in the past years, but I cannot feel that this action is best and able to accomplish that purpose. If a traveling Scrivenoter comes to my state—and I use it simply as an illustration, because I believe practically the same will exist in others—if he comes to my state what will be the result? Unless the Vicegerent and local members have done the work, and have gotten the class ready before he gets there,

there is nothing to do unless he goes to work, and gets it ready, and that is impossible. Instead of the work being gotten ready by the local authority they will wait for the traveling Scrivenoter, or whatever he may be known as, to get there, and soon the members of the Order will feel "if the Order wants any members in Maine or South Carolina, why don't the Scrivenoter come there and get them?" I feel he can't do that. I think it must be done under the same conditions as done to-day. I think the office would be supernumerary and unnecessary, and would interfere with local conditions, and, to a great extent, destroy local interests. I do not believe anybody could select a Vicegerent in any of these states who would feel he was not a wooden man, under this traveling Scrivenoter. He would lose influence and dignity. I believe the adoption of such an action would be the beginning of the end. I am honest in that. I believe it will be the beginning of the end—first, because it will strike at the root of local interest; it will remove the local interest and incentive and pride. They will say of concatenations: "We have nothing to do with them; here is a man for that purpose: we will wait for him, and we do not care if anything is done in our state; it lies with the representative of the Snark, and the only legislative authority which we have is the annual meeting." I do not know what to put in place of this, but I have for some time (since the paper was presented at Dallas) been considering the matter, and I confess the problems are difficult; one, particularly—why our membership is lapsing. There is some question about the treatment of candidates—is it justifiable? That can be remedied. I want to say that in the State of Nebraska that question has not been raised. At the last concatenation there were twenty-three members, and the Vicegerent, as a matter of courtesy, he being a new man, asked me to preside. I stated the conditions which should control the initiation, and when it was over members and candidates alike all came to me and thanked me for the manner in which it was conducted, and said it was the most delightful concatenation they had ever witnessed. If these things cannot be controlled they are seriously objectionable; but they can be controlled.

I was going to say that the cause of lapse of membership to such a great extent is not due to the source to which it is now attributed. You can take a member in the smaller town who never goes out to an annual meeting. He joins the Order, and for a few days his interest is great. He has had a pleasant time, and he has enjoyed meeting with his friends and associates in business, and goes home; and the next meeting of the convention he does not go because business prevents him, and he has no connection with the Order. He gets a "Bulletin" or handbook, and he fails to see where it does him any good, and he is lost. After his dues are behind a year he will say: "I don't see what benefit it is to me to keep up my membership;" and in fact it is not much benefit unless he gets out among his fellow men, and uses the benefits the Order confers upon him. It is a question of drifting into indifference where we have found the greater lapse in our membership.

My idea to remedy this is to get some system by which we can reach and hold in touch with this Order every one of its membership, and under no circumstances allow him to feel he is turned out in a great field alone in the open territory with nothing to protect him, or corral him. How to do that is the problem. Let me make a suggestion of some ideas I have. I do not present them as an amendment, but as a suggestion.

In the first place, I suggested in Denver that the Vicegerent be given more dignity and more authority and more responsibility. I believe that is the first thing we want.

He should feel the importance of his position, and it is an important one. I will use my own state as an illustration, as I am more familiar with it. The center of the lumber population is Lincoln and Omaha, and west of that is Hastings. I think we should give some one in that locality a position, so he can look up the lumbermen who would be eligible to membership, and try to interest them in the Order. If I had my way I would make him a deputy Vicegerent, and let him report to the Vicegerent, and he would have the Vicegerent in Culbertson and Fall City with whom he could correspond when he was looking up a concatenation—some one he could reach who would be a man of influence in that community. He should be a member of the Order, and if not he could select a man through friendship who would help him.

That would give some organization in each city, and there is one element for which we are looking. We have no organization except an official head in each state. There is no one deputized except the Vicegerent to keep up the interest in that state.

Then, another point which in my judgment would cover the question at issue largely. That is the junior work. That is where the trouble arises. I would have in each state another officer in addition to the Vicegerent and subject to him. The Vicegerent should be the official head in that state, and each Vicegerency would be an authority of its own. I would have an officer known as the Junior Hoo-Hoo, to be appointed by the Vicegerent, with the executive sanction of the Snark, and some one could be selected who was familiar with the Order. Have a Junior Hoo-Hoo in each state to be present at every concatenation in that state. In our state he would be in the eastern part of the state, and that is where nearly all the conventions meet, in one or two towns—we terminate between Lincoln and Omaha. Have him present to control the junior work, so we would not pick up anybody and have him to do it in any manner. I would have you pay the man his actual expenses if he had to leave home. That would not be much, as a matter of course. I believe in having a man selected who is competent and capable and law-abiding. We do not want these lawless men in the junior chair. We want some one to take care of the concatenation and do the junior work. To do so I believe we would solve the matter complained of, and put it on a footing which would prove satisfactory.

By that system there would be no need of a man traveling from Maine to Florida or anywhere else. Then the brothers of every Vicegerency would have a man to do the work, and we would hold him strictly accountable to the authorities for the proper performance of his work. Furthermore, all these officers in the state, I would hold them rigidly to their duties; and, furthermore, if a man allowed any one to suffer any indignity which a gentleman should not permit, I would have that man removed, whether Vicegerent or not. (Applause.)

I have presented my views entirely on the basis of my love for and interest in the Order, and I am willing to accept whatever you may deem for the best interest of the Order. (Great applause.)

(Mr. Weir resumes the chair.)

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I think there are brothers here who have heard it one way and who have heard it the other. As the old lady said to the boys' discussion, "Look at it the other way." You asked the question what is to be done, and you say you don't know. I think that is answered in enforcing the law of the Order, that is laid down in the little handbook. Get the Vicegerents and get them right.

I think your suggestion of a state Junior Hoo-Hoo is a good one, although there is often a good man in local places.

Speaking about this bad treatment, I have been within the last year to quite a number of concatenations, one in particular at Jacksonville, held by young members—every one there a young member. We had an old member who was a visitor and who took no active part. I have never seen prettier work. There was one very august man. The pleasure of it was to have that fine-built old gentleman lay his hand on my shoulder and say, "Adams, how long before we have another?" That work was done by amateurs. And they had a Vicegerent who had a book in his hand and said "Law."

I have met gentlemen I would give a great deal to find in the book, who said that they had been Hoo-Hoo, and I asked how long they were Hoo-Hoo, and they said for one night only—and these men had been initiated under old, old cats. So much for the amateurs.

I like the way the business is conducted at the present time. I think the Constitution was framed by wise heads, very wise, old, true and tried members, and I think the whole thing is answered in a nutshell in enforcing the law that these old heads have laid down in the Constitution and By-Laws. (Applause.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are there any further remarks?

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I think along these lines I would like to hear Mr. Stephenson tell the audience what he told another gentleman and myself in the hotel lobby—just what he thought a candidate was.

Mr. W. M. Stephenson's Remarks.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Peace in the gardens on the right and left. Good will to all Hoo-Hoo. (Applause). It is bad for us for the first time in the history of the old North Star State to be divided. We are divided—how much I don't know. I only speak for one. I, individually, am opposed to the idea of the Traveling Scrivenoter. Some of the members from my state are in favor of it. Each member of the Order has a right to his individual opinion. A man who will not express his opinion honestly is not worthy of membership in the Order. If we differ, let us differ as brothers. Let us argue the question out, and whatever plan is adopted let us put our shoulders to the wheel and work for the good of the Order. (Applause).

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws have adopted a report which recommends to the Order several changes in the clause of persons eligible to Hoo-Hoo, which I trust and hope will meet with the approval of all the gentlemen here to-day. I think the best suggestion is that no employee of a lumber firm or corporation, unless he is a member of the firm or an official of the corporation, can join Hoo-Hoo unless some member of his firm or corporation are members of Hoo-Hoo and recommend him. This will keep out the clerks and that line of members who have come in ahead of their superior officers, and firms, and their firms have declined to come in and be handled by their clerks.

We have also adopted some other suggestions that have come up. In regard to places where Hoo-Hoo has no members I am in favor of the Supreme Nine employing a man to go into those states and work for the interest of the Order. Some of the New England States and Western States need such a man, but I am opposed to the Scrivenoter doing that work. He has his office work to keep up, and his correspondence to answer. If you find some man to go into these states he can do the work, and do it well. In Minnesota, where I live, the interest of the Order has been slack, and for one reason. I am as much to blame as any one, and I take my part of the blame. We have not had the interest of the Order at heart. We have worked hard on committees; we have attended the annuals, but we have not worked for new members, and I think that is true

in all states where the interest of the Order lags. If the individual members will go out and work you can get back the good members and get in new ones. (Applause). If you do not work you will not get them in. I will say it, but it sounds bad—is our Vicegerent here, Stevens? I don't see him. I got Mr. Stevens to accept the Vicegerency with the understanding that he was to do no work, and not hold the concatenation. In Duluth I am to blame for it. In Minneapolis my old bald-headed friend Walker is to blame. If we three would go to work and work hard we could get in the best men in Minnesota. (Applause). We have got to work and work hard. If we go to these gentlemen and give them our guarantee as gentlemen that they will be treated as gentlemen, and that all in the Order are gentlemen, they will be glad to come in. We have had several bad things to happen about men not eligible. My idea was not to hold a concatenation so as to give them a chance to lapse. I don't know what steps to take, but I would be in favor for the Supreme Nine to in some way request the resignation of every active member of Hoo-Hoo not now eligible under our rules. (Cries of "Good, good." Applause). In this way we will get down to the good men of Hoo-Hoo. Men who will come to our concatenations, and men who will come to our annuals. I would rather have one hundred men in Hoo-Hoo and ninety-five at the annual than to have one thousand in Hoo-Hoo and only one hundred and fifty at the annual. The Order is strong, and we must get good. The only way to do is to initiate men who will come and attend the annual meetings. The House of Ancients is composed of good men, with one exception. I will specify him a little later on (laughter). I have been thinking of him until this meeting, but Mr. Barns and Mr. Defebaugh and Mr. Gladding and Mr. White and Mr. Hemenway are all good men. If "Pop" would stand untied he would be all right, but I believe that every man who signed that report had the interest of the Order at heart. Whatever is done let us all work for the interest of the Order, but I will oppose the report. (Applause).

MR. WALKER (48):—I just want to get on my feet to say that I agree fully with the remarks of my fellow member from Minnesota. I am a good deal responsible because we did not hold a concatenation at Minneapolis. I just want to get back a little in history. The records will show that I served two years as Vicegerent and two years on the Supreme Nine, and I defy any man to say that he has done more work than I have.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Mr. Walker did good work in Minneapolis, and he went to Manitoba and did good work, and we want him to keep up the good work.

MR. WALKER (48):—I want to say that after a time we have our own affairs to look after. We were troubled with a serious problem this year. You all know Mr. W. I. Ewart—if not personally, by reputation; I had a great deal of correspondence with him and our worthy Scrivenoter. We thought we could get a man to take this business, and I did not feel that I was called upon to go to work for the fifth time and put my shoulder to the wheel. The old wheel norses have worked until they have gotten their shoulders pretty sore, and we want some young men to fall in and take the lead, but they don't. What is everybody's business is nobody's business. We want a man to come in and visit the Vicegerent. When Nelson A. Gladding came there we had a nice time. If you had a man with the backing of the Order he would help. There is not a Vicegerent but what ought to co-operate with him, and not be jealous.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I think Mr. Walker's remarks back up Mr. Stephenson, that the Supreme Nine have the power to delegate a man in those sections where they have not died to revive the work.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I will say that we have

the oldest member in Minnesota (299) who will gladly do the work we want done in our state—Mr. H. H. Collins, of Minneapolis.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question.

MR. BARNES (3):—I think this question has been thoroughly discussed during the year and in the two or three papers presented, but there are two or three points I would like to call attention to. These gentlemen, all of them, recognize the facts as stated in the papers. If those facts are true, then we ought to do something besides pass resolutions. We have met for ten years in annual conventions, and for at least four or five or six years this matter has been discussed more or less. It has been brought up from time to time and considered one full year, and ample opportunity has been given all members to present some plan by which the difficulties under which we are laboring could be obviated.

I hold in my hand a copy of "Instructions to All Vicegerent Snarks." In addition to this book of 30 or 40 pages each Supreme Nine has sent out to the Vicegerents every possible instruction that could be made. We have made our instructions to Vicegerents and Snarks just as emphatic as possible, and yet, as I read in my paper and quoted from The Bulletin, these abuses are from states oldest in Hoo-Hoo. In the states oldest in Hoo-Hoo we have lost the greatest number of men, but, as I showed yesterday, out of the first 4,000 men initiated we have 1,500 who have actually paid dues. The Scrivenoter's report showed that there were forty-five hundred who paid dues last year, and that is six hundred less than the year before.

Now, it is not a theoretical proposition that confronts us. It is the bare, cold facts. Every one of you knows that it is impossible in many of the cities in the state to awaken the least bit of interest in the work of the Order. That is a deplorable fact. I regret it more than anything I can say, but state that as a fact. Our oldest members are dropping out for one reason and another. They either have not been thoroughly initiated, or things have occurred which made it necessary for them to withdraw. If forty-five per cent have withdrawn there must have been some reason for it. I have tried it for ten years and the result is not satisfactory to you. There is no doubt that we can go on and secure members under present conditions. We can increase, as we will this year, our membership one, two or three hundred. We have initiated this year 747, and I venture the assertion that we will have almost as many delinquents to take off the book.

J. H. BAIRD (408):—No, we will not; say, about 400. At the time the heavy membership was put in in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, everybody was admitted, even saloon keepers. It is not surprising that they got out, or regrettable; it is highly gratifying. Except in the states named, I have noticed that the great bulk of those who drop out are men who were never really eligible, and should never have been taken in. They were clerks, hammerers, filers, etc., and whenever they got out of work for any length of time they probably had not the money to pay dues. What could you expect of such men but that a large percentage of them would drop out? In many cases we took in men whose connection with the lumber business was so transitory that after a few months they went into other lines, and so, being out of touch, quit paying dues. What I mean to make clear is that as a general proposition the men who lapse are men who should never have been taken in; I admit that we have lost good men in Wisconsin and Minnesota—many of them—but it was caused by the loose way in which things were run up there in the earlier days—getting in a herd of men that really first-class men have not cared to associate with. It is as Mr. Stephenson says, we have tried to do but little up there, thinking

to let all the desirable men drop out and then prosecute a plan to reinstate the good ones. It can be done. Another thing, it is to a very great extent from these men who were never really eligible to Hoo-Hoo that have come the calls on our Relief Fund. We have paid out several thousand dollars, and I can show from the written records that while there are notable exceptions, most of it has gone to men who under a proper application of the eligibility requirements would never have worn the button. And it is these men who make up the "unknown list," and are forever changing their addresses—I mean the hammerers, filers, inspectors, and such like.

Some have been taken in in recent years, I admit, and very recently, I think probable, but I make the statement now, and I defy its contradiction, that the character of men taken during the past three or four years, has been above that of the early days. (Applause). Reference has been made to the percentage of lapses from the first two thousand initiated; I think it but right to call attention to the fact that the eligibility clause was very different in the beginning from what it is now—we have drawn it closer and closer. Why, in the time spoken of we took in ticket agents, railroad conductors, and even actors, under the printed Constitution—to say nothing of all kinds of newspaper men, space writers, and what not. With all these admitted legally under the Constitution, and then that not at all rigidly enforced, is it any wonder that we got in a herd that would not stick? And it is well they are gone, I say. I do not mean to reflect on the men who conducted affairs in the early days of the Order. They did good work and deserve all honor. Everything has to have a start and they started it; but most things suffer from early mistakes and I think those of Hoo-Hoo should not be overlooked. I did not intend to take part in this discussion, but merely wish to give a fair view of it. (Applause).

MR. BARNES (3):—Speaking on that point, I compared the initiation of September, 1898, and September, 1899, and found that fifteen per cent of the initiates of that year never paid their second year's dues. I would say that in St. Louis and Kansas City and Chicago it is almost impossible for us to go and ask or secure the co-operation of membership of the men who are the backbone of the lumber trade. They have heard so much about these initiations, and they know so much about it, that when we approach them and ask them to join they absolutely refuse. I do not think there is a single member of the committee which has presented the report but who has carefully considered all that is in that report. I believe all will be pleased beyond expression at the remarks that have been made. I do not know anything that could do the Order greater good than the remarks made when they are sent to the members in The Bulletin. One thing is certain, we have accomplished good by securing these remarks. After pondering the matter for years this is the scheme presented to you by the House of Ancients. They have not looked at this matter theoretically, but practically. Most everybody here has decided that things are not right, but you have nothing to take its place. You have nothing to put us on a firm and proper basis. Interest is being lost in the cities. We have not worked to the satisfaction of the Order, and you have nothing to take its place. In the opinion of the House of Ancients the plan presented is the best. They are not opinionated about it. If you have a better plan let us have it.

Mr. Gignilliat's Speech.

MR. GIGNILLIAT (59):—I agree with the member who has taken his seat that it is a condition and not a theory that confronts Hoo-Hoo, but it behooves us before taking action to carefully consider the old method, the evil and

the proposed remedy as well, because if the proposed remedy will not amend matters, it is better to leave it as it is. For illustration, suppose your horse was pulling a heavy load and you found the breast strap was galling him; would you drop it where it would get in his feet and trip him up, or would you slip in a soft pad? I think the plan suggested by No. 3 is very much in the nature of dropping the breast strap and tripping up the whole Order, whereas, the suggestion by Mr. Weir, the Senior Hoo-Hoo, is in the nature of putting in a pad.

I am heartily in line with the announcement that all these things should be discussed in a spirit of brotherly love, and it is the measure and the man we want to consider, but after all there is some connection between the man and the measure. Somebody has to put a plan, however good, into execution, and unless the man is the man for the place, the plan, however good, is not going to work satisfactorily. I do not say this is the proper time to consider it. I do not think it is. Baldwin and Rogers might build two locomotives alike, and if you put one in the hands of a good engineer and the other in the hands of a bad engineer what is the result? But when Baldwin and Rogers go to build a locomotive it is not then the time to consider who will be put on it, or there would be no engines built. I say the measure is paramount, and should be considered, but it should be considered on its merits. If it is a good measure let us pass it without regard to who may be called upon to enforce it, because, as in the case of the engineer, if we can't do it another may be found.

So much in justice to the remarks made in regard to the different men connected with it. That is not the matter for us to consider now. We have that in our power later on. Nor do I for one moment question the intention or purpose of any gentleman who signed the report, or any advocate of the report. What is to be considered is not the aim or purpose, but what is innate and inherent in itself. The gunpowder may be all right and the aim may be all right, but sometimes the gun may have only guncotton in it.

I wish to ask you to bear with me for a few moments while I point out the guncotton in this measure. It is twofold. We have only two propositions to consider. Those are the two main things, and I will dispose of them first. One of them is the question of something to take its place. We can't pass a measure when nothing is proposed to take its place. Surely the wisdom of the Order will have something to take its place. Now, one other preliminary, and that is about the decrease in membership. That has been made the hook on which to hang the whole argument for the change. It does not strike me as being the right hook to hang it on. I don't know how many of you are acquainted with other orders, but I have had some personal acquaintance in the line of loan associations, and also orders where the benefit fund is a primary matter, and I make the assertion that the percentage is almost as large, if not equally as large, of lapses in that class of institution as in this.

Now, it has been well said, and we have the authority of Scripture for it, that where a man's treasure is, there his heart will be also. Now, then, if such a large percentage will drop out of institutions where by their monthly payments their treasure is accumulated, and where by their premiums an expectation of benefit to their family is proffered, how can we expect them to do better in an association of this kind where it is purely social?

Now, this brings me down to the discussion of the danger inherent in this matter itself, and that is the real thing. Now, let us get right down to it. The first proposition is we will control this matter of eligibility. That has been so fully covered by the Senior Hoo-Hoo that I do not

care to take up your time much longer except to repeat what they have perhaps better said than I can do, but sometimes for another to say it will cause the impression to sink deeper. If all the men who are interested in this matter cannot accomplish this result, it is out of the nature of things for one man to do it, and when you make this change you will be committed to one thing, and that is unsafe, because, if that one man should fail, perhaps through no fault of his, the result is the same, and it is disastrous to the Order; whereas if you have eight or nine or even more, if one should fail—and surely, gentlemen, all are not going to fail at the same time—it would work better results. That is one reason why I oppose the proposed change in the present state of things, for I verily believe that if it is done Hoo-Hoo will meet its Waterloo right there. (Applause.)

Now, as to the question of improper practices: It has been said that this is a remedy for that. I take issue there also, and I again have the precedence of Scripture. You all know that we have the By-Laws and Constitution and injunctions and instructions. Something has been said during the discussion about the Vicegerents not knowing how to carry on the concatenations. Why, that is fully covered now. They get full instructions from the Supreme officers of the association, and with these instructions any man who is capable of being a Vicegerent can get them. The testimony here is that those who are fresh and whose hearts are in the work do better than the old members, and that is what you want after all—to have the heart in it. It should come right from the heart, and gush forth like Aetna's cloud of flame. We can do that without the Scrivenoter.

That brings me to the second illustration. I say to you without any lack of regard for the Scripture, I cite to you what they say, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets they will not hear one though he rise from the dead," and if they do not hear the Constitution they will not hear the Scrivenoter though he should go from Maine to Florida and from Washington to Louisiana. (Applause.)

MR. BARNES (3):—Will you kindly give us your number?

MR. GIGNILLIAT (59):—Honorary 59.

MR. BARNES (3):—How long have you been a member?

MR. GIGNILLIAT (59):—About one year. I will state in further answer to that question that during that time I have had the privilege of being a personal friend of the Snark, and I do not think that any one has the good of the Order more at heart than I have.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—Now, Mr. Snark, I have been waiting to hear Brother Delebaugh. He has remained quiet. I can't sit here any longer and hear the motives of the House of Ancients impugned as they have been two or three times. I have never done anything for Hoo-Hoo, and do not pretend to have. I do not consider that I am entitled to any credit, but accidentally I was Snark, and accidentally I belonged to the House of Ancients. We certainly have had a little mite of experience in Hoo-Hoo. We came together the other day in Minneapolis and discussed this matter for half a day or more in the best kind of spirit. The full plan as laid down by Brother Barnes I did not endorse, but what would you ask the House of Ancients to do? Brother Johnson was not there. We discussed the matter. You never saw a great reform without somebody stepped forward and started it. Brother Barnes came forward and started it, as I believe, right straight and conscientiously from the heart. After a full discussion of this we agreed to make a report united, and bring it before this body, but not to have a quarrel over this report. We certainly agreed that it was a step in the right direction, and a step to the front. I believe every member of the House of Ancients, four of us, was conscientious. We respected Brother Barnes because we knew his

heart was in the cause, and had given it a great deal of thought; while he might be traveling too far we made it a unanimous report, and I wish to say that I signed it conscientiously.

COL. McLEOD (737):—I did not intend to add anything to the literature of this, but I think the House of Ancients ought to have some respect paid them. The trouble is that they are old and dead and cremated. I speak for young Hoo-Hoo. (Applause.) We come here every year and talk about the dead people. It is not our purpose to try to build up members. As long as you can bring here 150 or 200 good looking men like you have here, you live.

Send your Traveling Scrivenoter all over the country, and the whole thing in all your concatenations will depend on one man—the man who is at the head of it. I want to say that I attended at Pittsburg a concatenation where they took in 22 men, and there wasn't a word said from beginning to end, and not one thing done that would offend any one. I was later than that in one of our large cities, and a gentleman representing the Supreme Nine with me. They started out with a dirty story, and every story after that was dirty. You had your officers there. The member of the Supreme Nine and myself went out; we were disgusted. What you want to do is to make your Vicegerents, to manufacture them and make good men. This Order is not dying out. You hear that every year from Brother Barnes and Brother Johnson—excuse me for naming them; they bemoan the fate of Hoo-Hoo. We are here and very much alive. Take the law as laid down and carry it out and all these evils will be corrected. (Great applause.)

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question, question.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I want to say a few words. I had hoped somebody would touch on it, but not a word have we had. A great deal has been said about the abuses at concatenations; that people become injured by the junior work. All the paraphernalia that is used at concatenations is furnished by the Order. If you want to make it so that there can be nothing of that kind done at concatenations cut that paraphernalia out—cut out your electricity, cut out your thumping pads, all those things. Those are the things with which the harm is done. I was at a concatenation where a man was hit with one of those gun paddles. He was hit the wrong way and consequently he was burned. I had hoped some one would touch on that, and I want to say that if the incoming Supreme Nine in revising the ritual, or in having the ritual reprinted will cut that part of the ceremony out, we will have a more dignified ceremony.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—If there is no further discussion I will ask the Scrivenoter to call the roll; and remember, we are voting upon the question of the adoption of the report. Those voting in the affirmative will vote to adopt the report, and those voting "No" will vote against the adoption of the report.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that we take a recess of ten minutes.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—No, no, no. Question, question.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There are some important matters to be disposed of. The selection of the next place for holding the annual has been fixed for special order at 10 o'clock to-morrow. Remember if you have any interest in that, and if any of you want an office be here at 11 o'clock to-morrow.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—My object in making that was simply this: Some of the states have had no caucus, and they do not know how the members will vote, and they want to get them together so as to decide how to vote.

MR. NEAL (527):—I second that.

MEMBER:—Will you please state how the vote is to be cast?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The delegates from each state will cast the entire vote of the state.

MEMBER:—On the report as submitted by Mr. Barnes?
MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Yes, Sir. The motion of Mr. Vietmeier is that we take a recess of ten minutes. (The motion was put and carried.)

MR. POTTER:—I want you all to be in at that oyster roast and I want you to come at 3 o'clock, and we are going to bring you back to the city at 6.50, and at 8 o'clock to-night we will give you a sail.

(A recess of ten minutes was taken.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The ten minutes is just up. Please come to order. If you are ready the secretary will call the roll. The affirmative vote is taken for the adoption of the report and the negative vote is against it.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I want to say to the chairmen of the various state delegations that there has been some important changes made in the number of votes given out yesterday. It was discovered that typographical errors had been made in the list yesterday, and while I am a Southern Democrat I hope I won't be accused—(Laughter) I think I now have it absolutely correct, and you chairmen can take down the vote as I call it.

(The Scrivenoter read corrected list of votes, indicating the three changes from the list read yesterday, each state chairman taking down his vote.)

(The list printed on a preceding page embodies the changes referred to here, the errors having been corrected.—Editor.)

(Mr. Sam K. Cowan and Mr. Geo. B. Maegly having been appointed tellers the Scrivenoter again calls the vote of the states which are given in by the chairmen as follows:)

The Vote in Detail.

	Vote.	For.	Against.
Alabama	104	52	52
Arizona	4	—	—
Arkansas	328	—	328
California	186	—	—
Colorado	128	64	64
Connecticut	3	—	—
District of Columbia	1	—	—
Florida	66	—	—
Georgia	335	—	335
Idaho	2	—	—
Illinois	279	155	124
Indiana	141	47	94
Indian Territory	15	—	—
Iowa	110	—	—
Kansas	152	52	100
Kentucky	149	—	149
Louisiana	347	347	—
Maryland	16	—	16
Massachusetts	50	—	50
Minnesota	93	62	31
Michigan	243	121½	121½
Mississippi	250	—	250
Missouri	595	595	—
Montana	5	—	—
Nebraska	120	—	120
New Mexico	6	—	—
New Jersey	4	—	—
New York	128	—	128
North Carolina	54	9	45
North Dakota	26	—	—
Ohio	361	—	361
Oklahoma Territory	58	—	—
Oregon	68	—	—
Pennsylvania	188	31	156
Rhode Island	1	1-3	2-3
South Carolina	42	—	42
South Dakota	4	—	—
Texas	450	—	450
Utah	2	—	—
Virginia	63	5	58

	Vote.	For.	Against.
Washington	225	—	—
West Virginia	48	—	48
Wisconsin	229	76	153
Wyoming	3	—	—
Tennessee	240	—	240
Canada	32	—	—
Hawaiian Island	3	—	—
Mexico	11	—	—
Cuba	3	—	—
Foreign	11	—	—
Total	5892	1526 5-6	3516 1-6

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Number of votes cast, 5,043; for, 1,526 5-6; against, 3,516 1-6. (Great applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9, by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. DEFBAUGH (46):—I move you, sir, that a committee of three of this convention to-day be appointed by the Chair to get a report of the discussion this morning. I am satisfied from the report of the committee there are some good things that could be incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws of this association, which would be for the benefit of Hoo-Hoo. I have heard some splendid suggestions as to the work of Hoo-Hoo by the gentlemen on the floor. I would like to see a committee appointed to work with the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and work with the Nine for better things for Hoo-Hoo. I was not in favor of this report in toto, but there are some good things in it. And I believe there is work to be done, and unless the Supreme Nine that have to be elected have something to work with they will not be able to help Hoo-Hoo as they should, and we will have many of the imperfections of the past ten years in the next year and future time in Hoo-Hoo.

(The motion is seconded.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would offer as an amendment that the paper prepared by the committee be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(The amendment of Mr. Stephenson is seconded.)

B. F. COBB (32):—I second the motion of Mr. Stephenson, and I do it for the reason that we have on the committee three members, and we have been working ever since I have been here, and if we had had nine members we would not have done anything; and putting in another committee amounts to making more members to this committee. I would rather cut this one down.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The amendment is that this matter be referred to the Committee on Constitutions and By-Laws instead of to a new committee of three.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would also add that the address of Snark Stillwell as a whole be referred to us as a committee.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are you ready for the question?

(The question was put and the motion carried referring the report to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.)

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that the address of the Snark and Scrivenoter be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. COWAN (4042):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are you ready for the question?

(The question was put and it was declared that the motion prevailed.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—What is the further pleasure of the convention? If there is nothing more a motion to adjourn is in order.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I would like to make a request. I would like to see the members of the House of Ancients immediately after adjournment here. We are going to the

hotel together, and all the members of the House of Ancients will kindly meet me at the head of the steps.

(Mr. Johnson makes an announcement as to the rehearsal at 4 o'clock.)

MR. COBB (32):—I move we adjourn.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I second the motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9.09. There is lots of business, and we want to get here on time.

(The motion was put and carried and the meeting adjourned.)

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Will the convention please come to order, and will somebody please take the numbers of the members present?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I would like to see the numbers of the members incorporated in the report, that is the numbers of the members that are in attendance when the meeting opened.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—This is the reason for taking it. I will have Mr. Cobb give it to the reporter to show that nine were here when the meeting opened.

(The following are those present when the gavel fell: 408, 2505, 4, 2714, 2077, 27, 32, 734, 4429, 7656, 1284, 1795, 1390, 4932, 1660, 7292, 3747.)

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I think that while our Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws is not here, our secretary is here and has the report and is ready to make it that we could take it up.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Is it your wish to hear the report?

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Report, report.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—In the absence of the chairman of this committee, there is only one object I would have in making this report now; the committee's report is usually read in full, and then taken up in sections and acted on, so we could save time by reading the entire report now and taking it up later. Part of this report was read yesterday morning. I will give you the gist of the report. There are some things you may want to consider. To use a French expression, we have simply raised the devil.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We need to raise something.

Further Report on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—There is no change in Article I and Article II of the Constitution. Section 1, Article III, first division: Add after the word "vocation," about the middle of the first section, "there shall not be admitted under this paragraph Bookkeepers, Stenographers, Clerks, Inspectors, Sawyers, Filers, Foremen, nor the ordinary Laborers, of lumber enterprises."

Now, in the third division add after "contracting freight" (not station agents)—"this means the officials of railroads who come in contact with the patrons of the road. It does not mean office assistants, clerks, secretaries or collectors." We use the word "collectors" particularly for the reason that in the larger cities, every railroad has an official collector.

Article III, section 1: We cut out all of section 1, Article III, after "station agents." The part we have cut out reads "and passenger officials of steam transportation companies." That part is cut out and the following is added: "This included those persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of saws and belting, but does not include salesmen for oil concerns nor men handling commissary goods."

Article III, section 3: The entire section of Article III is cut out, and substitute as follows: "If any Vicegerent shall knowingly or by culpable negligence admit to the initiatory ceremonies of the Order any person not legally entitled to same under the provisions of this Article, he shall, upon due proof thereof to the Snark and Scrivenoter, be removed from his office by the Snark, and in the discretion of the Supreme Nine, if the violation be flagrant, be ex-

pelled from the Order, and any member of the Order who shall sign the certificate on any application herein referred to, if the facts stated in such application with reference to the present business interest of the applicant are not true, shall, upon due proof thereof, submitted to the Scrivenoter, be expelled by the Supreme Nine. It shall be no defense that the member was deceived into signing the certificate. Any member endorsing certificate on an application for membership must know of his own personal knowledge the truth of the facts to which he certifies."

Article III, section 8: Strike out the word "Life" and make it read "Honorary Membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenoter—" and we have changed the fee for Honorary Membership to \$99.99.

We have provided for life membership by adding section 9, which reads as follows: "Life Membership in this Order may be granted upon application by any one eligible under the Constitution upon payment of \$33.33, and no further dues or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such members. Life members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of Hoo-Hoo. They shall be required to take the first obligation in the Ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary."

Now, we return to Article VIII, section 1, which reads as follows: "Dues shall be payable on Hoo-Hoo Day for the year ensuing. Members shall be delinquent for unpaid dues on the Hoo-Hoo Day succeeding that on which the dues become payable. Within thirty-three days after Hoo-Hoo Day the Scrivenoter shall send notice, by registered mail, to each delinquent member notifying him that in thirty-three days thereafter he will be suspended if such dues are not paid." We have cut out "by registered mail" so as to reduce expense, and it is all unnecessary.

Article V, section 3, which provides for the expenses of the Supreme Nine while attending an annual meeting, which reads "and when summoned by the Snark of the Universe and the Scrivenoter to attend any such special meeting, or when attending a regular meeting, he shall be paid from the funds of the Order his necessary expenses for such meeting." Now, the part that refers to the expense of the Supreme Nine in attending a special meeting has not been changed. If the Snark, for any good reason, calls a meeting of the Supreme Nine at any time during the year their expenses shall be paid by the Order, but in attending a regular meeting their expenses shall not be paid. So that part of Article V, section 3, which reads "or when attending a regular meeting" be stricken out.

Now, I will return to the By-Laws.

"In the absence of the Snark from any Hoo-Hoo Annual, his place shall be taken by the next officer in rank who is present. In case of temporary vacancy in any position, the Acting Snark shall have power to temporarily fill such vacancy." There is no change in that.

"2. The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order, and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of \$5,000, the cost of said bond being defrayed by the Order." By-Law No. 2 has been changed to read as follows:

"2. The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of the bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of one thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,333.33), and be allowed necessary expenses for the proper conduct of his office."

By-Law No. 3, which refers to the accounts and disbursements of the Scrivenoter—there is no change.

By-Law No. 4, which refers to the death of a member in good standing—there is no change.

By-Law No. 5, which provides for the amount remitted by the Vicegerent Snark after a concatenation, has been changed as follows:

"5. It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark at the close of each concatenation to remit to the Scrivenoter five dollars (\$5), together with one year's dues, for each regular member initiated, which amount shall cover the dues to the next Hoo-Hoo Day." There is where the important change in this By-Law comes in. I suppose this thing has been discussed until all the members understand its import. "He shall remit ninety dollars (\$90) for each Honorary Member and twenty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$23.34) for each Life Member obligated under sections 8 and 9 of Article III of our Constitution. He shall also remit the balance of funds received at any concatena-

tion which has not been expended in the necessary expenses of the concatenation, rendering a detailed account for same attested by acting Scrivenoter and Custodian. Out of the funds set apart for the Vicegerent Snark he may pay his necessary expenses for attending such concatenation, and those of such other members as he may deem necessary to call upon for assistance in the work."

Cut out the last paragraph of By-Law 5: "If for any reason it appears that the fund hereby set apart is not large enough to cover the expenses absolutely necessary to the proper conduct of the work of any Vicegerency, the Supreme Nine, may, upon proper showing for the necessity therefor, allow other and further sums of expenses, but no Vicegerent Snark shall expend any money beyond that hereby set apart without first obtaining the authority therefor from the Supreme Nine."

There is no change in By-Law No. 6. I might say that the reason that paragraph (last in section 5) is cut out is that it is utterly impracticable for the Vicegerent to obtain the consent of the Supreme Nine for every expense further than is allowed by the foregoing section, and if, for any reason, he may expend any more, the custom has been, on proper showing to the Supreme Nine, that the amount is allowed, and that same program is to be followed hereafter.

Here are some recommendations which are a part of this report.

First, in the binding of the handbook. I would like to ask Mr. Baird a question. Would the binding of that book in an ordinary paper back or board cover, or in a linen cover, or heavy Manila—would it save any material expense in the cost of that book?

MR. BAIRD (408):—Yes, it would. That leather is very expensive. I would say the difference in binding would amount to at least \$250. Yes, even more than that; it would be approximately \$400 difference in binding.

F. N. SNELL (1795):—I would like to ask Mr. Baird if it would be possible to get this book out so it could be slipped in a back. The same binding to be used for five years, and then you could have the inside printed whenever you wanted. I would like to have Mr. Baird explain whether that would be feasible.

MR. BAIRD (408):—It is a matter worth looking into, but I cannot answer offhand; I would have to figure on it.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I asked that because in taking this matter up we want the matter discussed. Your committee recommends that the handbook be bound in linen or any cheap binding. It is a thing not preserved beyond the year, and we thought that this leather binding was unnecessary, and that we are practically throwing it away.

We make the report read "That the handbook be bound in an ordinary paper back cover."

If the changes in the Honorary and Life Membership be adopted as heretofore read, it will be necessary that the Supreme Nine take the handbook as it stands and separate the Honorary Members from the Life Members. Those men who come under the list here as Honorary Members, who were eligible at the time of their initiation, shall be set apart as Life Members. Those who come in under any other circumstances or conditions shall be set apart as Honorary Members.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I would like to ask why you make the distinction of \$99.99 and \$33.33 in another?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—We will come to that directly. There was placed in the hands of your committee a resolution which reads as follows:

"Resolved, that for the better administration of the affairs of Hoo-Hoo by the members of the Supreme Nine, as contemplated by section 1 of Article V of the Constitution, the By-Laws be amended by adding two additional By-Laws, to be designated 'By-Law No. 7' and 'By-Law No. 8,' which shall read as follows:

"By-Law No. 7. The Supreme Nine immediately on its election shall divide the territory over which its membership extends into nine districts, allotting to each member of the Supreme Nine that group of Vicegerencies most contiguous to, or most accessible from his place of residence;

that the district so allotted shall be under his immediate supervision, and that, while surrendering none of his authority over the territory, as a member of the Supreme Nine he shall be held to strict accountability for the proper conduct of all concatenations held in his district, both as to the proper conduct of the initiatory ceremonies, and the eligibility of the candidates.

"By-Law No. 8. Whenever, upon conference with any Vicegerent Snark desiring to hold a concatenation in the district of a member of the Supreme Nine, it is deemed necessary for the member of the Supreme Nine to attend the concatenation, either in person, or to send a representative to co-operate with and assist the Vicegerent Snark, it shall be the duty of such member of the Supreme Nine to so attend, or to send a representative; and for such attendance the member of the Supreme Nine shall render an itemized account of his actual necessary expenses, which account, upon approval by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo, shall be paid from the funds of the Order, provided such expenses shall not exceed \$_____ for any one concatenation, unless same be previously authorized by a majority vote of the Supreme Nine."

Your committee considered that resolution in all its forms, and discussed it very thoroughly, but were unable to reach any conclusion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the report as presented. Do you wish to take any action on it?

MR. HILL (27):—I move the adoption of the report of the committee as a whole. I do not think it is necessary to go over it section by section. Some of the best members of the organization were on that committee, and incidentally I wandered by the door when they were wrestling with this section, and I believe that they have come as close to a good report as could be done by any committee, and I move its adoption.

MR. D. T. CALL (1390):—I am opposed to cheapening this handbook by putting it in a cloth or linen cover.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I hear no second to Mr. Hill's motion.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—It don't seem to be fair to adopt that report without considering it, and I move that we take it up section by section.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We only have about fifteen minutes before the special order.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—We have this afternoon.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that we take it up section by section until 10 o'clock, and after the special order of business set for 10 o'clock that we take it up until 11 o'clock, and if we do not finish by that time that we take it up this afternoon.

MEMBER:—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is to take up the report of the committee section by section and work on it as far as we can. Those in favor will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion is carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The committee will present the first section they wish acted on.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—First division, section 1, Article III. Add after the word "vocation"—"there shall not be admitted under this paragraph Book-keeper, Stenographers, Clerks, Inspectors, Sawyers, Filers, Foremen nor the ordinary laborers of lumber enterprises."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—What will you do with that section as read?

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I move that it be adopted.

MEMBER:—I second the motion.

MR. CONE (7304):—As a personal matter I would prefer that the section be passed so as not to include me. I was initiated into the Order, and I understand that my position is different from the ordinary stenographer. I think the recommendation on the floor yesterday was a good one, that employees of any concern should be admitted where the principals of the concerns were already members and

recommended the initiation of the employee. You cannot tell definitely all the ramifications of business enterprises. Under this section there are many men occupying confidential positions in many firms who would be excluded. I believe the recommendation of yesterday would remove the one objection found on that score—that is where principals of a firm coming in would be subjected to initiation at the hands of employees who had already been admitted.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—In answer to the gentleman who just spoke I would like to say that the interpretation of all Supreme Nines in the instructions regarding eligibility issued to Vicegerent Snarks contains exactly what we have put in the Constitution. That has always been contained in the instructions to Vicegerent Snarks, and they read that there shall not be admitted under that paragraph Clerks, Stenographers, Book-keepers, Foremen, Sawyers and Filers. We are taking it from the interpretation put upon it by the Supreme Nine and embodying it in the Constitution so there can never be any question about it.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The adoption of this is before you. Have you any further remarks? Those in favor of adopting the section as read will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was put and carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion prevails and the section is adopted.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The third division of section 1, Article III, which refers to railroad men. It reads as follows: "By this term being meant only general officers, general and assistant freight, passenger and claim agents, purchasing agents, commercial traveling, soliciting and contracting freight (not station agents) and passenger officials of steam transportation companies."

We have cut out "and passenger officials of steam transportation companies," and add after "station agents"—"this means the officials of railroads who come in contact with the patrons of the road. It does not mean office assistants, clerks, secretaries or collectors."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—What will you do with the section as read?

MEMBER:—I move its adoption.

MR. BARNES (3):—The committee took into consideration the suggestion of Snark Stillwell regarding the eligibility of masters of sailing and steam vessels, but none of us knew enough about that to define just exactly where the line ought to be drawn. If some of the Norfolk or Savannah people know enough about that to make an intelligent suggestion as to where to draw the line, it would be well, but we did not know just how to get at it.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are there any further remarks?

MR. J. B. WALL (5593):—Brother Rawlins, of Mississippi, I understand, is connected with vessels and will probably inform us.

MR. RAWLINS (4905):—In regard to bringing in masters of steam and sailing vessels, I should be pleased to give any information you wish on that subject. It seems to me you get very few men in the schooner trade; they are very small, and in the export trade they are men who come and go, and frequently we will not get them into port once in ten years. I do not think we would gain much by including them, and they would not take much interest in it. To-day they are in the lumber business, to-morrow in the coal trade and day after to-morrow in the fruit trade.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are there any further remarks?

(Cries for question.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Those in favor of adopting the section as reported by the committee will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried, and the section pronounced adopted.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Article III, section 1, division 4, which refers to saw mill and machine men. Add to this division "this includes those persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of saws and belting, but does not include salesmen for oil concerns nor men handling commissary goods."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—What will you do with the question?

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the section be adopted.

MR. COBB (32):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the section be adopted. Are you ready for the question? Those in favor will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was put and declared to prevail.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Article III, section 3: Cut out the entire Article and substitute as follows: "If any Vicegerent shall knowingly, or by culpable negligence, admit to the initiatory ceremonies of the Order any person not legally entitled to same under the provisions of this Article, he shall upon due proof thereof to the Snark and Scrivenor, be removed from his office by the Snark, and, in the discretion of the Supreme Nine, if the violation be flagrant, be expelled from the Order, and any member of the Order who shall sign the certificate on any application herein referred to, if the facts stated in such application with reference to the present business interest of the applicant are not true, shall, upon due proof thereof, submitted to the Scrivenor, be expelled by the Supreme Nine. It shall be no defense that the member was deceived into signing the certificate. Any member endorsing certificate on an application for membership must know of his own personal knowledge the truth of the fact to which he certifies."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the section read. What shall you do with it?

MR. KING (4952):—I want to know about the endorsement of an application for membership. How is a man to determine except by information he gets from the applicant as to his business? I would ask what his business is and he will say "I am a lumber dealer." What proof is it necessary for me to get? Do I have to find that he has a license, and pays taxes as a lumber dealer? You cannot stand on that, because I know many people who take out a license as lumber dealers and who do not carry a lot of lumber. They go around contracting and take this license out as a lumberman for the purpose of buying the stuff from the mill under wholesale prices. I say if a man comes along and endorses an application of that kind that I think the penalty is a little too severe. I think if a man willfully endorses an applicant who is not eligible then he ought to be expelled but where a man, for instance, will come as I have stated, I think the penalty too severe. I have in view a man in my town who is carrying a license as a lumber dealer, and the only stock he has on hand is the stock he has in putting up a building.

MR. COBB (32):—I think perhaps this section is not exactly understood by all, and I think there is hardly a chance for any man in the country to get in without being known. There are always plenty of people who know the real facts in the case, friends of the candidate, and it is his acquaintances that should sign the application. As far as the Vicegerent is concerned he is not supposed to know them, but he is supposed to pass on the application. The application comes in all right and it is signed by the man, and if it gets in wrong and he accepts it then he is held.

MR. KING (4952):—I want to know if, under the circumstances I have mentioned, he is eligible—a man who carries an occupation license and does not carry any lumber.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—No, and you would be liable for signing his application. Carrying a license does not make him a dealer.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I think Article III, first division, section 1, which reads "They shall be so engaged, either in the ownership or sale of timber lands, timber or logs, or the manufacture or sale of lumber at wholesale or retail, as that it shall be their main or principal occupation, and that shall be the business which is recognized in the community in which they reside as their vocation," will cover that point.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are you ready for the question?

(It is moved and seconded that the section be adopted.)

(The vote is put and carried.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Article V, section 3: Your committee recommends that that part of section 3, Article V, which reads "or when attending a regular meeting" be stricken out.

Article III, section 8, which refers to Honorary Life Membership: Strike out the word "life" and change the fee from \$33.33 to \$99.99. That section corrected will read: "Honorary Membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenor by the Vicegerent of the state within which the applicant resides; provided, that such application shall be endorsed by nine members of the Order in good standing; the Honorary Membership shall be \$99.99, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such membership. The Honorary Members shall be required to take the first obligation in the ritual, but no further initiatory ceremony shall be necessary."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the section; what will you do with it?

MR. WILLIAMS (4932):—I move the adoption of the section as read.

MEMBER:—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the motion that the section as read be adopted.

(The motion is put and the section was adopted.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The time has arrived for the special order—the selection of a place for holding the next annual. We will stop now and take up that question.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—There is just one more section to that Article, which is a new section, and we would like to ask the indulgence of the members that have cities to propose for a few minutes to present that section, and get through with Article III.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—If there is no objection we will continue until that part is finished.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—We do this for the reason that this new section is really a part, in a sense, of the section we have passed. We would like to present the next section following, which is really a part of it.

Article III, section 9, as follows: "Life Membership in this Order may be granted upon application by any one eligible under the Constitution upon payment of \$33.33, and no further dues or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such member. Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of Hoo-Hoo. They shall be required to take the first obligation in the ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the section; what will you do with it?

MR. CALL (1390):—I move that it be adopted.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the motion to adopt the section as read. Are you ready for the question?

(The question is put, and the motion carried.)

Place of Next Meeting.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The next is the special order, the selection of a place for holding the next annual. What shall you do with it? Has any one anything to offer about the location, and if not, will you leave the Chair to decide it? (Laughter).

MR. WALL (5593):—In the last few days there has been considerable talk as to where it was expected the convention would be held for 1902, and we waited here this morning to hear from some of the gentlemen who said they were going to press some other place; but it seems that the place I have in mind at the present time is the only place. We, of course, think it is the only logical place for it to be held, and I desire to place in nomination Buffalo. We all want you to come there next year. We will guarantee you a good time, a good crowd, and introduce you to a good lot of lumbermen. Buffalo for 1902.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the invitation from Buffalo. Is there any other?

Mr. Snell Presents Milwaukee's Claim.

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—Mr. Snark and brother Hoo-Hoo: I have just listened to what the gentleman from Buffalo had to say. I have not the slightest doubt in the world but what there will be another man that will talk about Buffalo. I cannot regale you with the flowery rhetoric, the finished diction, the witticisms, stories of oratory of my friend referred to. He is an old Wisconsin boy, born and brought up there; was for many years connected with one of the Milwaukee daily papers, and he is a friend of mine, and a mighty good fellow, and I refer to Curt Treat, and if he can get away from his duties and come to our next year's annual, at Milwaukee, with the rest of you, I will venture to say that no one will meet more personal friends than he.

Now, gentlemen, this is a fraternal organization, unique in the history of societies. We all love it, and it seems to me all loyal Hoo-Hoo should be governed in deciding the questions coming before us by what is most likely to prove to be for the best interests of the Order, by giving the greatest good to the greatest number, and purely in that spirit we ask you to come to Milwaukee in 1902. I am pleased to present an invitation from the Governor of Wisconsin:

To the Members of the National Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Norfolk, Virginia:

Gentlemen: In compliance with the request of the Citizens' Business League of Milwaukee, I take pleasure in extending, on behalf of the people of Wisconsin, a cordial invitation to you to hold your next convention at Milwaukee, the metropolis of the state. The fame of Milwaukee hospitality, with which many of your honorable members are familiar, I am sure will be sustained and cannot be exercised to better purpose than in the entertainment which, I am assured by the representatives of the city, only awaits your acceptance.

Very respectfully

ROBERT M. LAFOLLETTE.

I am also pleased to offer you an invitation from the Mayor of Milwaukee:

To the Snark of the Universe, Officers and Members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Norfolk, Virginia:

Gentlemen: As Mayor of Milwaukee I have great pleasure in conveying through the Milwaukee members of Hoo-Hoo a cordial invitation to assemble for your next concatenation in this particular Bright Spot of the great State of Wisconsin.

I am well aware of the close relations you bear to the greatest industry in the United States. Milwaukee has a number of large manufacturing concerns whose interests are largely dependent on the lumber industry. I am confident I speak for them as well as for our people in general when I say that your reception here will be hearty and your entertainment delightful. Thousands of people who have visited our city can testify to its beauty, the delightfulness of its climate, the luxury of our hotels, and the splendid treatment accorded them by hotel managers.

I asked you a year ago to honor Milwaukee by coming here, and in renewing the invitation I sincerely hope that it will be accepted, and that I may have the pleasure of greeting you in 1902.

Respectfully yours,

DAVID S. ROSE, Mayor.

I also have an invitation from the Citizens' Business League of Milwaukee. I will omit the title.

The Citizens' Business League takes pleasure in co-operating with Milwaukee and Wisconsin members of Hoo-Hoo in extending to you a cordial invitation to hold your next annual concatenation in our beautiful city. It is with a full appreciation of the high character of the membership of Hoo-Hoo that we ask you to honor our city by meeting here.

There is no finer convention city in the United States than Milwaukee, situated as we are on the bluffs overlooking the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan from which waft most delightful breezes insuring a climate during the summer months that is unexcelled. Milwaukee has won an enviable reputation in the entertainment of hundreds of conventions, and you are assured that should you meet here the same hospitable reception would be tendered all your members, their ladies and friends on every hand. In and about Milwaukee there are beauty spots affording the most satisfactory entertainment of delegates while not engaged in the transaction of the business of the Order. The hotel accommodations are ample and of the finest in every respect.

We believe that should you vote to come here your members will not only be pleased with their visit, but the session will redound to the decided good of the Order.

Hoping you will vote unanimously to select Milwaukee for 1902, I am, very truly yours,

CITIZENS' BUSINESS LEAGUE
(By R. B. Watrous, Secretary).

The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Milwaukee also extend a cordial invitation to you:

Gentlemen: The Merchants and Manufacturers' Association of Milwaukee, in common with the entire community of Milwaukee—no matter "Hoo-Hoo"—extends to your noble Order a cordial invitation to honor Milwaukee, the Convention City, by your presence here in 1902.

The generous hospitality of our people has been showered upon nearly one hundred conventions during the past year, yet our hearts still overflow with that commendable quality, and you would find thousands upon thousands who would "walk right up and say 'Hello.' Come, eat, drink and be merry."

Wishing you every happiness in "Old Virginny," believe me, sincerely yours,

L. C. WHITNEY, Secretary

As a convention city Milwaukee needs no eulogy from me. The hotel accommodations are unsurpassed, and even my friend Treat will not question that statement. The climate at this season of the year is usually almost ideal. There are no finer or better hotels in point of furnishings, appointment or service west of New York City than the Hotel Pfister, of Milwaukee, and the renowned Plankinton House has recently been remodeled and refurbished until it is nearly equal to the Pfister. The rates at the Pfister are \$3 a day and up on the American plan, and \$1.50 and up on the European plan. The rates at the Plankinton are \$2.50 and up on the American, and \$1 and up on the European plan, and in this connection I will read letters from these noted hostellers. (The speaker fails to find the letters.) I guess I left them at my room at the hotel. They simply go on to state and guarantee to you members here that there will be no advance prices charged, but that the regular commercial rates will prevail. That they guarantee. Another thing about these hotels is the fact that each of them has a club room plenty large enough to permit of holding all our business sessions without going out of the one selected as headquarters, if that were deemed desirable, and for the annual concatenation a suitable hall can be secured, if necessary or advisable, and if not deemed best to have the business sessions in the club room there are plenty of halls, commodious and conveniently located for such purposes, that can be secured. In addition to these two leading hotels we have six or eight other first-class hotels as good or better than any in the country for the prices charged.

There are as many places of attraction and interest in and about Milwaukee as can be found anywhere. White Fish Bay is a little paradise, reached by steamer, electric or steam cars or trolley ride. Electric launches will convey you up Milwaukee river, touching at many noted parks and summer resorts. It is a delightful evening trip, for music and mirth abound everywhere. Then we have the National Soldiers' Home, a famous park occupying two thousand acres, a most beautiful place, where hundreds of veterans make their home, and a special afternoon concert will greet and make you welcome.

A great many people have an idea that the most important, and some think, the only industry we have is making beer. This is far from the truth; for while we have the largest brewery in the world and produce more beer than any other city, yet other manufacturing interests are greater, as I will show you by reading a few statistics. We have in Milwaukee 36 different lines of enterprises, the value of whose yearly products exceeds one million dollars each. First is the iron, steel and machinery. There are 36 of these establishments. They have 6,156 employees; they pay in wages \$4,218,345; capital employed, \$9,642,000. The value of the year's production was \$21,874,670. Beer and malt tonics come second. There are nine of these; number of employees, 3,165; wages paid, \$1,713,992; amount of capital, \$33,965,970; value of year's production, \$16,942,470. Packed and pickled meats, sausage, etc.—establishments, 19; number of employees, 1,587; amount of wages, \$342,420; amount of capital, \$4,687,840; year's production, \$15,376,851. Leather—and I wish to say right here that there is more leather produced in Milwaukee than in any city in the United States. This is a fact not generally known. So it comes down—"flour and feed," "men's and boys' clothing," "new buildings," "railway equipment, track supplies," "tinware and sheet metal goods," "distilled and rectified liquors," and ordinary industries found elsewhere.

We will give you all the beer you want, but there are other things in Milwaukee that make it very attractive. We have the largest machine shops in the world, that of the E. P. Allis Co., now Allis-Chalmers-Co. This concern and the Filer & Stowell Co. have had business dealings with every man of you here present, and by going to Milwaukee next year you will have an opportunity to inspect their mammoth plants and get personally acquainted with the managers and owners of these institutions. I believe it is a fact not generally known that Milwaukee produces more sawmill machinery than any ten cities in the United States. This is a fact.

Now, there is another way of doing things. At our annual it has been suggested that we assemble in Milwaukee and follow one of two plans—first, transact all the business that can be conveniently done in one or two days, then take a chartered steamer, one of those elegantly appointed, sumptuously furnished passenger boats, capable of accommodating more people than attend our annual meetings, and take a trip up the lake to Mackinac Island, and perhaps the Soo, stopping at some of the interesting points like Marinette and Menominee, where some of the largest sawmills in the North can be visited. Saginaw and Bay City can be reached on a trip of this kind, if deemed advisable, and especially for those who have never been there a trip to Mackinac and the Soo would be the most delightful one. This trip could be prolonged for two, three or four days, as might be desired.

Or, second: Assemble as before in Milwaukee, have the steamer fitted up so that all our work, including the annual concatenation, could be done on board, and make a four or five days' trip of it. These are simply suggestions, which can be adopted if feasible (and I do not see why they would not be), or deemed advisable. Many have come to me and said they thought a plan of this kind would give us one of the most delightful annuals the Order ever had, and would have a strong tendency to bring more of the members' wives or sisters to the meeting. It is up to you, gentlemen. If you want this kind of annual you can have it.

Now, gentlemen, I have outlined to you roughly some of the attractive features of holding next year's annual at Milwaukee, but in my candid judgment there are even weightier reasons why it should go there. As our honored Snark has so aptly said, in some of his recent proclamations, the middle West has always been the bulwark of strength of our Order, and this section has not had an annual meeting for four or five years. Several of the Lake cities have had it, Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland; Nashville has had it; also Omaha; Minneapolis, in the far Northwest, had it a long time ago; Denver, in the far West, has had it; the South had it last year at Dallas, Texas; the East has it this year, and it is wise to have it in the East two successive years? I heard a gentleman yesterday make the statement, "Why, this is not in the East." Now I submit to you in all candor and fairness if east of the Allegheny Mountains is not east in the United States of America, where can you find east? (Cries of Maine and Vermont.)

As a loyal Hoo-Hoo, and one whose only object is to promote our Order's best interests at any and all times, and in all candor and fairness, I do not think it would be wise or for the best interests of this Order to take this Convention East again next year. Did you ever stop to think how the membership would be distributed by drawing a line north

and south through Buffalo? Members east of that line would be Connecticut 3, District of Columbia 1, Maryland 16, Massachusetts 50, New Jersey 4, New York 128, North Carolina 54 (although only a little more than half of that state is east of such line, geographically, but I have given them the whole membership of the state), Pennsylvania 188 (and quite a little of Pennsylvania would also be west of such a line), Rhode Island 1, Virginia 63—a total of 508 members out of in round numbers 6,000 to-day that would be east of that line drawn north and south through Buffalo. On the other hand, draw line north and south through Milwaukee, and what is the result? In round numbers nearly 4,000 members out of the total of 6,000 would be west of that line. I take these figures from the list as made up by the Scrivenor; I got a copy of that list from him. If there have been any errors in the computation he is responsible and not I. This would leave about 1,800 members between these two north and south lines who could travel as well one way as the other. So you see that on the point of accessibility, convenience and expense for the members to attend the annual there is no argument that can reasonably be advanced in favor of Buffalo. One man said to me: "If the convention goes to Milwaukee I can't go, but if it goes to Buffalo I can go." I said: "You live in the East." "Yes, I do." I said: "Do you want the 4,000 members west of Milwaukee to travel that extra distance between Milwaukee and Buffalo to accommodate the 500 members east of Buffalo?" He said: "I had not thought of it in that connection; but I can't go if it goes to Milwaukee."

Gentlemen, we feel that we are entitled to the next annual. We believe that by locating it in our beautiful city of Milwaukee, on the shores of old Lake Michigan, it will subserve the best interests of our beloved Order. There is no attraction at Buffalo that Milwaukee cannot equal or surpass, excepting possibly Niagara, and that nearly all have seen or will see this year, and geographically there is only one side to this question, in my candid judgment.

Gentlemen and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Come to Milwaukee next year. We will make your stay with us pleasant, and it is my firm conviction that you will leave there, not only with the memory of a most enjoyable time, but with the consciousness that you have materially advanced the best interests of Hoo-Hoo. Gentlemen, I thank you. (Applause.)

Mr. Curt M. Treat for Buffalo.

MR. CURT M. TREAT (7353):—Overwhelmed with the bouquets of eloquence of my friend from Wisconsin, I assure you, gentlemen, that it is a task for me, modest as I am, to appear before you at this time to endeavor to answer our friend from Wisconsin.

Brothers, I wish here, at this time, publicly to thank Brother Snell for the kind words which he has given to an old Badger boy. I wish at the same time to say this, that I have known Brother Snell and his worthy colleague—you may know him by some number—but I only know him as Theodore; he knows me as Curt—but I want to say in the outset that I have known these people longer than you have. I do not propose to deny anything that has been said here for Milwaukee. I was born but a short distance from Milwaukee; I passed my early life within an hour's ride of Milwaukee, and I passed fifteen years of my life in Milwaukee. I have even sat in one of those little friendly circles and had this man Wilkins blow me out on a two spot and capture the jack-box. (Laughter.)

I am not, in speaking for Buffalo, going to turn any misty pages of ancient history; I am not going to give you any dry statistics, because the Lord knows I am too dry myself at this time. I am not going to talk to you about leather, but I say that what my friend Snell said about leather is true—that Milwaukee is the biggest leather center on earth—but I did not suppose that we were interested in leather; that is another line. We are interested in slabs and in lumber. What did he tell you about Milwaukee in that connection? I do not propose to go into statistics at all. You are all familiar with the fact, but I just want to hit on one or two salient points which I believe you gentlemen to-day are interested in—that is, the best and all we are concerned in to-day is the good interest of Hoo-Hoo. Hoo-Hoo! that's right.

I propose at this time, gentlemen, to extend to you the strongest, the most hearty, cordial and sincere invitation for Hoo-Hoo to meet next year that Hoo-Hoo has ever received or ever will receive. I speak advisedly on that. I am not going to read you letters. I have at the hotel, in room 251, a trunk full of them if you want them.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Will you please rise? The Snark is coming in. The Hoo-Hoo yell.

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. TREAT (7353):—Did I deem it necessary I would have had a half dozen negroes engaged to bring these documents up here, but I believed that my friends from Wisconsin, who have known me for years, would take my word for it as a man. I have the invitation of the local organization of Hoo-Hoo followed by a special meeting and resolution, the strongest I believe man could write, backed up, first, by the Lumbermen's Exchange. There may be stronger and there may be worthier exchanges in America, but if there are I know not where they are. I do know this, that no lumbermen's exchange on this continent is made up of better and more loyal and thoroughly good lumbermen and fellows than the Lumbermen's Exchange of Buffalo. Backed up again by the Merchants' Exchange, for which I speak, there is not on this continent a commercial organization which is its equal. They invite you by special resolution. Coming down to the city, it is by special resolution of our City Council's instructions to Mayor Deal, and by Mayor Deal's special request I speak for him, and whatever pledge I shall make to you Mayor Deal will carry out. The city of Buffalo invites you to come.

Now, gentlemen, I say you never have received, and you never will receive a stronger invitation, a more hearty, earnest, cordial extension of the hand than is now extended to you from Buffalo.

My friend has referred to a number of things. I have my own line of ideas that I propose to present to you, but I will simply speak of these things. Brother Snell has spoken of all the beauties surrounding Milwaukee. He has not told many lies—only a few—that's all. He said they are there. We all know that Hoster's beer and Schlitz beer come from Milwaukee. I used to be there. You can buy it anywhere on this continent. It is a fact that perhaps some of you are not familiar with, that we bring that beer right from the brewery in Milwaukee by pipe lines into Buffalo. (Laughter.) Don't worry about that. My friend Snell has spoken about a trip on the lake in one of his elegant steamers. He did not mention any of them. There are only two boats on the lake that can come anywhere near meeting the requirement—the "Northwest" and the "Northland." I had the pleasure of drawing a salary from that company for two years, and I know just how many people to a man they will accommodate. If you double up in the beds and double berths and single berths you have just 283 people that can sleep. The cabin will accommodate about 30 people, if you want to hold a meeting. Now, if you are talking about having a meeting with thirty or forty people, go on. I propose at Buffalo to have the greatest and grandest gathering of Hoo-Hoo that this continent has ever seen. I will tell you why. I thank my friend for drawing the line from Buffalo down. I only wish he had a map of the United States when he did it. I would take the chalk and mark off the points and go right around that circle and put a big chalk mark on Denver, Dallas and Michigan, and what have you left in the East? We are not in the East now. Grant that you are true, grant that you are right—take Norfolk as a point in the East—I will put it up in the Northeast, as that is where your lumber interests are.

You know in Buffalo and Tonawanda there is the greatest lumber market on earth. You know when you find the lumber market that there is where the material for Hoo-Hoo exists. Have you thought of Canada, over the line, and that lumber interests are begging to come into the Order? Pass along through the Adirondacks, through Maine; have we ever had a grain of help, have we ever had a word from this Order to help us out there? Not a bit, and not regardless of that I will guarantee that we have put in four members to every one that Wisconsin has. I don't know it, but I will gamble on it. Theodore, back me up!

We have been here for four years in succession—four years Buffalo has extended you the invitation. It was understood that this annual would be held in Buffalo. That idea was carried to Dallas, and 90 per cent of all the boys there expected this meeting to be held in Buffalo. The wise men, the good men, the men we have selected to look after our interests have passed us, while recognizing our claim, while letters will show that the South realized our claim; they came to us and said: "We want this annual in Norfolk; we want it for the Southeastern boys; we want to help them up; we want to encourage them. I know you

need it, but they need it also. Won't you wait?" What did Buffalo do? "Certainly; we are Hoo-Hoo." We mean business, and we did wait like gentlemen, like Hoo-Hoo, for the best interests of this Order. We stepped aside and said: "Yea, verily, it is right." Are not we entitled to this? Are we not entitled to it on the lines of geographical location? Are we not entitled to it on the lines of justice and right? I do not believe there is a man who says "no," and I will include my friend Theodore if he speaks his heart. We have waited for it, and we need it, and I say: "Come to Buffalo;" and I say when we put our hands out we do it right out in this manner (extending them) and not in this manner (with hands at his back). We do it with both out. Come up next year. I thank you. (Applause.)

MR. BAIRD (408):—I want to say that when we close our business here doubtless the majority of us will make our arrangements to go home. The Scrivenoter is in Parlor B of the Monticello; I have all the books there, and I want every man who owes dues to come up and pay. It is much easier to come there and chip in \$1 or 99 cents than to let the matter rest on your minds for months and then probably forget about it. Come in now, boys; and if you have anybody back in the office at home who could not come and who owes his dues, pay his dues, too.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I want to say that Mr. Johnson desires that those who take part in the entertainment to-night will be at the theater at four o'clock. Do not fail to do so. We must make this matter a success, and it will be a matter of embarrassment to him as well as to you if it should be a failure.

Mr. Wilkin's Speaks for Milwaukee.

MR. WILKIN (1284):—Gentlemen: I am not a speech maker. I have never made a speech in my life, but I have heard my friend Treat, I suppose, twenty-five times, and I have heard him make much better speeches than the speech he made this morning, and they were for Milwaukee. He was employed for Milwaukee the same as he is for Buffalo now, to boom the town; but we have got Milwaukee where she doesn't need any more booming—she takes care of herself. They, of course, employ Mr. Treat to help Buffalo after the Fair is over, and she needs it. He spoke of the town of Tonawanda being the greatest lumber center. Do you know where that lumber comes from? It is made in the northern part of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. It is owned and controlled by Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan people, and Tonawanda is the distributing point. The lumber is held in Tonawanda and Buffalo, and Buffalo of course lays claim to the largest distributing point because it is near Tonawanda. I suppose St. Paul could lay claim to the largest lumber center in the Northwest because it is only fourteen miles from Minneapolis; but that lumber comes from three states—Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota. The men who make that lumber have a clerk and yard man in Tonawanda. Who is there connected with the lumber business in Tonawanda outside of the firm that we want in our Order?

He speaks about the great Northwest. Now, I presume I know more about the great Northeast than he does regarding the lumber business. They are doing a great deal of lumbering on the headwaters of the Hudson river; they are doing lumbering in Maine. They have mills that will cut thirty-five and forty thousand feet a day, but the lumber is down in the woods, and the logs are put down in pulp.

As regards Milwaukee being the point, I will say candidly that Mr. Snell and I came not to boom Milwaukee. I have not received any expense money to come here and talk, but I came to talk for Hoo-Hoo. We have lost nearly 50 per cent of our membership, and New York has not lost 10. For goodness' sake, and for the good of the Order, hold it somewhere in Wisconsin. We have Kenosha, Racine, Milwaukee and Manitoba—all that are on the lake. We are not booming Milwaukee. It is a delightful place, and she can take care of herself.

I presume there are members of this Elks' Lodge who visited our city at their reunion, and who will say that they had a good time and were not robbed by the hotels. In my hand I hold the letters my friend Treat asked Mr. Snell to read. Here is one from the Plankinton House, which says: "In view of your securing the annual meeting for Hoo-Hoo for our city in 1902, would say that our usual hotel rates will be maintained strictly, viz.: \$2.50 per day and up on the American plan; \$1 per day and up on the Euro-

pean plan. Wishing you success in your undertaking, and trusting our city may be honored with the honorable body of Hoo-Hoo, very respectfully yours, W. G. KING."

The one from the Pfister says: "In view of your efforts to secure the national convention of the honorable body of Hoo-Hoo for Milwaukee for 1902, I beg leave to say that should you meet with success in your efforts to secure this convention our regular rates will be maintained at that time, viz.: \$3 to \$5 per day on the American plan, and \$1.50 to \$3.50 on the European plan. Wishing you the best success in your undertaking, I am yours truly,

"A. L. SEVERANCE."

Now, the gentleman would not take Mr. Snell's word, and he asked him to read the letters. Now he says he had three or four negroes engaged to bring letters from his trunk from high officials from Buffalo. Now, I do not doubt that in the least, but I venture to say that those letters are not addressed to this honorable body and this worthy Snark. He has carried those letters for three years; he is carrying the same letters Buffalo has issued every year since he has been in their employ—"Buffalo next year." (Laughter.) He has his trunk full, and he has been to conventions south, east and southeast for Buffalo. He can make an elegant speech, but this morning he has not got anything to speak on. But you take Milwaukee; I have heard that man make an elegant speech on Milwaukee (laughter), and he lauded his men, and he lauded them every time. He is here in the interest of Buffalo. I do not doubt his sincerity for the Order of Hoo-Hoo, but Buffalo is first and foremost. Milwaukee is not first in my mind, but it is the good of the Order.

I would like to see the next annual held in Wisconsin. As I say it need not be held in Milwaukee. It can be held in other cities. We have other cities on the beautiful lake, and we have ample accommodations to take care of the people. If they come to Milwaukee we can hold the concatenation, and then go out on a boat and show you how Milwaukee has improved since Mr. Treat left. He stated that one of the vessels would only hold 283 people. Do you know the capacity of the Virginia?

MR. TREAT (7351):—I do.

MR. WILKINS (1284):—What is it?

MR. TREAT (7353):—296.

MR. WILKIN (1284):—It is 326. What about the Whaleback?

MR. TREAT (7353):—300.

MR. WILKIN (1284):—She is licensed to carry 5,000 people, and three days out of the week she does carry 5,000 people.

MR. TREAT (7353):—How many state rooms has she?

MR. WILKIN (1284):—I don't know, but she carries 5,000. This vessel has been stopping at Buffalo, but this year they cut Buffalo out, and they are now going to Duluth. They will not go as far east as Buffalo.

I will say in conclusion that we would like to have you come up to Milwaukee, or to Wisconsin, next year. We have dropped off over 50 per cent. As Mr. Hemenway said yesterday, we were very liberal in the Order, and we took in filers and sawyers and foremen. The majority of those have dropped out, and the majority of good ones have dropped out, and the middle class in the majority are holding their dues in Hoo-Hoo; and if you come up to Milwaukee of course we will give you a good time; but for the good of the Order come this year into Wisconsin.

MR. TREAT (7353):—My friend Theodore having produced the documents, I will say that I am interested in that matter, and will say why I wanted those letters from the hotel. I have to go into Milwaukee quite often. I occasionally stay at the Pfister or I am at the Plankinton. Billie King, of the Plankinton, is one of our good, old-time friends. Mr. Severance is a newer man at the Pfister. I want to thank my friends for giving me the information, although I notice that they quoted rates from \$3.50 up. Now, I cannot go to the Pfister and stay on the European plan for less than \$3, and I can't go into the Plankinton and stay for less than \$2.50 a day, and I know that neither my friend Snell nor Theodore ever did for any less than \$3.

MR. SNEEL (1795):—I challenge that.

MR. TREAT (7353):—It is not worth it.

MR. SNEEL (1795):—That is not true.

MR. TREAT (7353):—They charge me that. Look on the buttons with the red, white and blue; does it say next year? Is that a stock button? When it comes down to an old stock line of goods, turn to the bright side and see if it is "Milwaukee next year," and it has been so for the last ten years. (Laughter.)

MR. WILKIN (1284):—I wish to say in response to a few remarks by Mr. Treat that I made a mistake in quoting the rates at the Plankinton House. It is \$2.50 on the American plan—\$2.50 and up.

MR. TREAT (7353):—"And up."

MR. WILKIN (1284):—The Pfister is \$3 and up. Now, he emphasizes the "up" because he has heard it and is so familiar with it in Buffalo. You notice he is always "up." I called at the Prosea Hotel during the Fair—a hotel I have been stopping at for twelve years, more or less, at \$2.50 straight. I went in and registered and they assigned me a room. After a little I thought I would inquire the rates. I said: "What are your rates?" "\$4." I said: "Why, that won't do. I have been stopping here, and I do not propose to pay a \$4 rate for a \$2 room." They said: "Rather than let you go out of the house we will reduce it fifty cents." I have two friends who went to Buffalo and went to the Iroquois Hotel, and they went on the top floor and were charged \$8 a day. Now, I will challenge any man in this town or in this audience, or any man who has been to Milwaukee, to come up here and say that he did not get the worth of his money in a room in any hotel in our town with the exception perhaps of where they had doubled up by consent; but the rates have been maintained.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I come from the largest lumber state in our country, and in connection with Wisconsin and Michigan we are the largest producing pine lumber, and we have men who are eligible for membership and men we want in the Order, and men who can get into the Order provided we meet in that section. Our friend from Buffalo (if he doesn't go out too quick) spoke of the rates at the Milwaukee hotels. As he is an old Wisconsin man perhaps they were glad to get him out of Milwaukee, and that they raised the rates so he would not come back. (Laughter.) I am in Milwaukee every month of the year for a day or two, and I have stopped at the Pfister and at the Plankinton. I don't know of two nicer hotels in the country than they are. The rates are reasonable, and they have never raised them. I think it would be to the best interests of the Order to meet in Milwaukee.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):—I had not heard until coming here that Buffalo was a candidate for the place of meeting of the Order next year. Buffalo was represented at the meeting in Dallas as was Milwaukee and Norfolk. The final views of the Supreme Nine said Norfolk. We have all yielded and come here and had a splendid time. We have to go to Buffalo this year if we have one spark of enterprise to study the exhibits from an educational standpoint, and we will be there next week. We must go there this year. If Hoo-Hoo had been held there we would have had 700 or 1,000 present instead of what we have to-day; but that is passed. But as for next year we had better go a little farther west. Milwaukee has gone at it so thoroughly, from the Governor to the Mayor and the other organizations, to provide the means of giving you entertainment, that it would be well to give them the choice. I am just as much in favor of Buffalo as a meeting place as any one, but for the fact that for the past thirty days the Milwaukee people have been thoroughly astir. They present the docu-

ments to demonstrate what they propose to do for Hoo-Hoo next year. I have no doubt but that the gentleman speaks from the heart, and I am not going to question anything he says about Buffalo; no one has firmer friends in Buffalo than I have. It is not a question of friendship, but for the best interests of Hoo-Hoo; and I believe it will be maintained by meeting farther west. I hope and will vote to have an opportunity of going into that district. He refers to the lumber interests; that is hardly worth while to encounter. We are not going to a meeting to devote our time and attention to the lumber interest. If we would cut out some entertainment features and devote our time to work entirely we would accomplish more. Although the elaborate plan prepared by Milwaukee would not be the governing features, the steamboat question has been discussed, and I think satisfactorily, as far as the members are concerned. You can have as large a boat as you want. We have never had 500 delegates. The largest boat spoken of will accommodate all who will go there.

MR. SIZER (6592):—I am from Georgia—formerly from Milwaukee; viewing this from a standpoint of Hoo-Hoo, and being a lumberman, too, it strikes me that the Northeast is the place for us to go. The Northwest is the producer of lumber; the Northeast is the buyer. We have in our Order a greater number of producers. Not that I want to bring business in Hoo-Hoo, but the object of Hoo-Hoo is to bring about a fellow feeling among the lumbermen of the country. If the manufacturers and producers will come farther east and get better acquainted with the buyers, and bring them into our Order, we will get along better from the lumber standpoint. I am heartily in favor of Buffalo, because it is the only Eastern city making claim for the convention.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would dispute that statement. The lumbermen from Minnesota and Wisconsin go into the Northwest, and it is not the Northeast. It is the producer we want; the buyer has to come to him.

MR. SNELL (1795):—In reply to the gentleman from Georgia, I would like to ask him what the percentage of retailers or buyers of lumber is in this Order?

MR. SIZER (6592):—We don't want them.

MR. SNELL (1795):—The percentage is very small except in one or two localities. We have not been able to reach the retailer and get him in. It is in the producing sections that we have built up this Order, and not in the buying sections; and there is a young generation of lumbermen rapidly coming in the state from the Northwest which our friend from Duluth has so aptly said produces more lumber than any other point in this country, and we can get them if we hold a meeting in the Northwest, which has not had it for six years.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question, question.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It would be well to take a vote as to the feeling.

MR. TREAT (7353):—Of course it is between Milwaukee and Buffalo. I am willing to submit this question to you in any form possible. If we are not right and have not presented the case in a way which appeals to you as men, I would suggest that we rise, those in favor of one city or the other, just to test this, and if you are satisfied or I am satisfied, we can settle it quicker.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question, question.

MR. TREAT (7353):—I move that the vote be taken by the roll call of states.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—If there is no objection we will take the vote by call of states.

MR. TREAT (7353):—I would like to inquire whether it is usual to have the first ballot taken formally or informally.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Always formally.

MR. TREAT (7353):—Has it not been customary here-

tofore in taking the vote upon this question that the members present were counted not by states but as Hoo-Hoo? Has it not been customary to count the individuals?

MR. BAIRD (408):—I believe the question of the annual meeting has usually been decided by viva voce vote. I would not say positively that the matter has never been decided by a roll call of the states.

MR. TREAT (7353):—Therefore, I call for a rising vote.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I will say that our Constitution and By-Laws provides for no other way than by roll call of states.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I did not hear any motion, Mr. Treat; and we cannot proceed in any other way if a roll call by states is called for. The law requires it.

MR. TREAT (7353):—Very well, sir.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I would like to ask to read a telegram.

MR. TREAT (7353):—I object.

MR. SNELL (1795):—Why didn't you give it to me when it came?

MR. TREAT (7353):—I didn't have time.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I will call for a vote on it. Those in favor of giving the gentleman permission to read the telegram will make it known by saying "aye."

(The vote was taken and the ayes carried it.)

MR. SNELL (1795):—It does not amount to very much, but I don't just like the idea of Brother Treat having it in his possession and holding it for I don't know how long. It should have been turned over to me. It is from the Mayor of Milwaukee. "Frank N. Snell, care of Hoo-Hoo Convention. Milwaukee hospitality has been tested many times and never found wanting. A royal welcome awaits all Hoo-Hoo. Come and be convinced.

"DAVID S. ROSE, Mayor."

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We are ready for the roll call.

MR. BAIRD, Scrivenoter:—The two representatives of the contending cities are acting as tellers. I would suggest the appointment of an official teller.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I will appoint Mr. Cowan as the teller.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I will call the roll, and each state will announce its vote.

The Vote on Place of Next Meeting.

	Milwaukee.	Buffalo.
Alabama.....	52	52
Arkansas.....		328
California.....	128	
Florida.....		66
Georgia.....		335
Illinois.....	279	
Indiana.....	94	47
Kansas.....	76	76
Kentucky.....	149	
Louisiana.....	347	
Maryland.....		16
Massachusetts.....	40	10
Michigan.....	243	
Minnesota.....	93	
Mississippi.....		250
Missouri.....	336	169
Nebraska.....	60	60
New York.....		128
North Carolina.....		54
Ohio.....	230	37
Oklahoma.....	58	
Pennsylvania.....	84	104
South Carolina.....		42
Texas.....	325	125
Virginia.....	31½	31½
West Virginia.....		48
Wisconsin.....	229	
Tennessee.....		249
	2,904½	2,262½

(Before the vote was announced Mr. Treat asked the privilege of making a statement.)

MR. TREAT (7353):—Before this vote is announced I wish to offer a measure which is entirely parliamentary, and I wish to say, with sadness in my heart, that the next annual will in all probability, when I have finished and made my motion, which I hope will be carried, not be held in the great Northeast. With an expression of the kindest feelings for my friends from Wisconsin, and those of my color from Minnesota (laughter), as the publisher from Illinois, I hope that the time will come when we can once more meet as knight to knight, and use the spoil in the splendid shape and with the friendly feeling that has been shown here; and with one more expression of confidence and determination on the part of at least one Hoo-Hoo to advance the interests of this Order for time to come, I wish to move you, sir—and, Mr. Snark, it is entirely parliamentary, I representing an interest in the measure which is now before you—that before the announcement is made of this vote, that it shall be made by a standing vote, and, if unanimous, shall pass, that the next annual, the 11th of Hoo-Hoo, be held in the city of Milwaukee.

MR. SNELL (1795):—Just one word he got in there that I don't like. He said "if unanimous" that it be held in Milwaukee. We have the vote.

(The official teller completed the count, and the vote was announced as follows:)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I announce the vote as follows: For Milwaukee, 2,904½; for Buffalo, 2,262½.

ALL MEMBERS:—Hoo-Hoo.—We want you.—Milwaukee!—Nineteen hundred and two.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The hour for the special order has passed. The next order of business is the election of officers.

The Election of Officers.

MR. VIDMER (2624):—For the best interests of Hoo-Hoo; are we here for that or are we here as playthings? If we are here for the best interests of Hoo-Hoo, I ask that action be taken on two matters of vital interest to this Order before this question is taken up. I move that we do give ten minutes for the discussion on two subjects, one which seems to have been voted on the contrary by the committee, and another which I believe has not been brought before the convention.

The first is, Do we want ornaments on the Supreme Nine, or do we want men who will work for the interest of the Order? I do not believe there is any man in Hoo-Hoo, or in the lumber trade, unless he has become a millionaire, who owns all the curiosity shops in the United States or in Europe. I do not believe the trade at large devoted to the lumber business is interested in curios. I was once a member of the Supreme Nine, and I tried to do my duty, but owing to the fact that we did not have the laws laid down, we were not what we should have been. We were curios and ornaments, and I tell you there have been too many ornaments on the Supreme Nine. I have not any objection to any man running for office. I hope they are all my friends; I know I am their friend. I do say for the best interest of Hoo-Hoo that it seems to me necessary that after all the discussion of yesterday, that after all the work done by your committee as to suggestion of plans for the best interests of Hoo-Hoo, that we put the gentlemen on record first that they will at least give two weeks of their time to Hoo-Hoo business this year if they are elected to office.

Second: That they be elected from a geographical standpoint, that they may have a certain territory and that they be held responsible for the same. Mr. Snark and gentlemen, if you are represented in Hoo-Hoo and have Hoo-Hoo at heart, let us have less politics and more business,

and let us select these gentlemen as to their fitness, and not because they are good fellows, and let us select the best men we have got, and let us pledge them our interest in Hoo-Hoo not only for to-day but for the year to come. We want to see more Hoo-Hoo, and we want to make it more popular; and while I do not agree with some of the gentlemen that we want all the gentlemen of the lumber trade, there is one proposition before us—let us have good, loyal Hoo-Hoo. If we only have nine let us have working Hoo-Hoo, and let us make Hoo-Hoo more, and take more interest in it. Personally I love Hoo-Hoo; personally I would be glad to do anything for Hoo-Hoo. I am not here to work out any politics, and I am not here asking for anything, but I do ask in the name of Hoo-Hoo and for the good of Hoo-Hoo that the officers be selected from a geographical standpoint that they may give more interest to the Order, and that they may be pledged to keep the pledge to give time enough, at least two weeks, to the Order, and that hereafter the settled men do some work, and not be known as ornaments and throw all the work on the Snark and Scrivenoter. (Applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

Election of Snark.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will proceed to call the roll of states for nominations for the office of Snark. (Scrivenoter calls "Alabama.")

MR. VIDNER (2624) (from Alabama):—I cannot say I have been selected to make a nominating speech, nor sit here and say that Alabama has no candidate, when she has. There is one man to fill that place, and that is Mr. A. H. Weir, of Nebraska. (Great applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo. Great is Hoo-Hoo, and Weir shall be our Snark! (Applause.)

MR. VIDMER (2624):—I ask the consent of the convention that the nomination be closed.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Mr. Hemenway, will you please take the chair?

(Mr. Hemenway takes the chair, and there are calls for question.)

MR. HILL (27):—I move that you suspend the rules and make the nomination unanimous.

MEMBER:—I second the motion.

MR. HEMENWAY, Acting Chairman:—The motion is that you suspend the rules and make the vote of Mr. Weir, the next Snark, unanimous. Are you ready for the question? (Cries for question, question.)

(The vote was taken, and the election is declared to be unanimous.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

ALL MEMBERS:—Great is Hoo-Hoo, and Weir is the Snark.

MR. BARNS (4):—I move that the Scrivenoter be authorized to cast the vote for him, and that he be elected Snark.

MEMBER:—I second the motion.

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion we have just adopted I hereby cast the entire vote of this assembly for A. H. Weir, of Lincoln, Nebraska, for Snark of the Universe.

MR. DEFEBOUGH (6):—The next Governor of Nebraska is now our Snark. (Applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—Speech, speech.

MR. WEIR (2505):—I think that is a mistake. I am not on the right political side. I want to say that I would be lacking the common instincts of humanity if I did not say I appreciate to the fullest extent the compliment you have conferred upon me. Not to-day only; I do feel my progress, if I might so denominate it, through Hoo-Hoo has been from the first a surprise to me. I can say truthfully and

candidly that I have never asked Hoo-Hoo for anything. There is not a man in Norfolk, or in this meeting, who can say I approached him upon the subject of this office. I have given you the best service I was able to render you, and I presume this is the result, and from that basis I thank you. In assuming the position to which you have assigned me, I want to say that I do not believe any one has given Hoo-Hoo any more than I have. Instead of pledging two weeks to its service, I want to pledge you fifty-two weeks of faithful service to this Order in the coming year. (Applause.) There are many interests connected with it, and many conditions to evolve; and I want to ask all of you to co-operate with me in bringing about a result, which, at Milwaukee next year, shall be a matter of astonishment to us all.

Yesterday I was quite tired from the late hour of the Osirian Cloister and the morning's work, and instead of going to the beach I retired to my room to rest. I did not dream, but when I awoke there was an overwhelming thought, and that I believe will give you a new rallying cry for the next year—not the Hoo-Hoo yell, but a rallying cry: It is "1,000 men for the next annual." We can get them. If every one present will see to it that every one of his friends comes to Milwaukee, we will fill the Plankinton and the Pfister hotels and those steamboats full. We can have 1,000 men at the next annual if you will do your duty, as I shall certainly try to do mine. You will hear from me during the year in various ways and manners, and I shall try to keep the fact before you that you owe duties to Hoo-Hoo. I want to pledge to another thing, that when we go to Milwaukee we will go there for business; and I want to say to the gentlemen who invited us that the first two days must be given up to business and nothing else. (Applause.) During the business hours, from 9.09 until 12.09, probably, and in the afternoon the business must not be interfered with by entertainments. I am tired wasting my time here three, four or five days when we could do it in two. I appreciate our entertainment here—I never enjoyed myself better, but we could have enjoyed that entertainment and gotten through with our business by simply letting us take care of our business first. The gavel in Milwaukee on both days will fall at 9.09, if I am there, and alive, and I believe I will be. (Applause.) I do not drink beer, and I believe I will get there. (Applause.)

MR. RAWLINS (4905):—I move we take a recess for fifteen minutes, so the delegates can get together and decide who they want for the Supreme Nine.

MEMBER:—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved that we take a recess for fifteen minutes.

MR. BARNES (3):—I do not want to appear to object to it except this: We have not passed on the Constitution and By-Laws and Ritual, and it is now 12 o'clock. There are other things to come up, and we do not want the entertainment to fail to-night, and we have a rehearsal at 4 o'clock. It is a great deal more important that we have a good Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. RAWLINS (4905):—The motion is changed to ten minutes.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are you ready for the question? Those in favor will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was put and lost.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We will proceed with the nominations.

MR. BARNES (3):—I would suggest to the representatives of Virginia and North Carolina that if they desire it they can withdraw and fix up their nomination.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I would amend that motion by moving that upon request any delegation be allowed a reasonable number of minutes in order to adjust their views.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—If you are not ready just ask to be passed.

MR. VIDNER (2624):—I second that.

Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll for nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo. Alabama!

MR. VIDNER (2624):—Alabama passes her nomination to Texas.

MR. CALL (1390):—Texas has a candidate for Senior Hoo-Hoo—Mr. W. H. Norris, of Houston, Texas. He is a thorough lumberman, and I put him in nomination for the position of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Mr. Norris, of Texas, is nominated.

SCRIVENOTER:—Arkansas!

MR. HILL (27):—I have been requested by Arkansas to place in nomination a gentleman who is eminently fitted for this office. Recognizing the ability of the gentleman who has already been placed in nomination, Arkansas wishes to second the nomination of Mr. Norris.

(The Scrivenoter called the roll of states until Indiana was reached.)

MEMBER:—Indiana seconds the nomination of Mr. Norris.

(The Scrivenoter proceeded to call the roll for nominations of Senior Hoo-Hoo. When Louisiana was reached Mr. Lock seconded the nomination of Mr. Norris. Mr. Isburgh, of Massachusetts, also seconded Mr. Norris' nomination. The roll was proceeded with and Mr. Norris' nomination was seconded by Mr. Stephenson, of Minnesota, Mr. Weir, of Nebraska, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin and Tennessee all following.)

MR. WILLIAMS (4932):—There is but one candidate before this convention, and I move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the vote for W. H. Norris, of Texas.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are you ready for the question? All those in favor of the Scrivenoter casting the vote for Mr. W. H. Norris, of Texas, for Senior Hoo-Hoo will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion you have just adopted, I hereby cast the vote of this entire assembly for W. H. Norris, of Houston, Texas, for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I declare Mr. Norris elected. Come forward, Mr. Norris.

MR. NORRIS (1660):—I am not much on a talk, but I will tell you this. I intend to devote my entire time to the good of Hoo-Hoo the 52 weeks, and if we have a leap year I will put in that. If any one wishes me to help him I will go to Maine, Massachusetts, Philadelphia, or anywhere. If you want me, don't fail to call on me.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Nominations for Junior Hoo-Hoo are in order.

Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter begins the roll by states.)

MR. VIDNER (2624):—I nominate Mr. George B. Maegly.

MR. McGRATH (2690):—I nominate Mr. C. H. Adams, of Michigan.

(The Scrivenoter continued the roll of states. Georgia seconds the nomination of Mr. Adams. Illinois seconded the nomination of Mr. Maegly.)

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I have been endeavoring to find Mr. Maegly's name in the handbook as from Kansas City.

MR. DEFBAUGH (6):—He has been in Kansas City

for ten years. No one ever asked me, but I voluntarily say that I desire the special services done by him to Hoo-Hoo to be recognized.

SCRIVENOTER:—I desire to make an announcement. Mr. Maegly is a member of Hoo-Hoo in good standing.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I want to ask how long he has been a member. We can't find him in the book.

SCRIVENOTER:—I think the statement that I make, that Mr. Maegly is in good standing, is sufficient.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I would like to ask the Scrivenoter—we rely on the handbook—we should like to know how long he has been a member in good standing.

MR. VIDNER (2624):—When the Scrivenoter makes a statement is it necessary to inquire why or wherefore a member is in good standing?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I think the member has the right to make any inquiry he wants to. I have known Mr. Maegly for a long time, and I presume he has been in good standing for a long time. If there is an omission in the handbook I expect there is an error in the printing.

SCRIVENOTER:—No, sir; there is no error in the printing.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Do you wish to take any further action?

MR. HILDRETH (244):—I would like to ask the Scrivenoter if at any time since the initiation has he not been in good standing in this Order?

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir; there has been such a time.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We will proceed with the nominations.

(Scrivenoter proceeds with the roll call, and Kansas seconds the nomination of Mr. Maegly.)

MEMBER:—Kentucky wishes to second the nomination of Mr. George B. Maegly. Every man is not a methodical man. I do not know any of the circumstances about Mr. Maegly not being a member of this Order, or at any time not having paid his dues; but any man having a large business might overlook paying his dues, and I judge, from the character of men nominated this morning, that that would be the case rather than any other. Therefore, in

George Maegly, a man from a state where Hoo-Hoo is strong, a man from a city where every man who has visited a concatenation has been pleased, a city where Hoo-Hoo is strong, we have a clean man and a worker. There is not a man who can say a word against George B. Maegly; therefore, I cast the vote of the State of Kentucky to second the nomination of Mr. Maegly.

SNARK STILLWELL:—A part of our work, as I understand it, that is laid out for the coming year is to bring into our fold some of the good brothers, who, through inadvertence, or any other cause, have dropped temporarily from our rank. I deprecate anything like questioning why he went out, or how long he was delinquent, or when he came back. I deprecate it for many reasons, and I deprecate also one thing that occurred yesterday that the age of any member of the Order should be questioned.

My opinion is that when a man becomes a member of this Order that he is a member of it, and his petition would never have been accepted, and he would not have been concatenated if he had not been worthy of brotherhood; and when he is in brotherhood, he is a member whether 50 or 55 years old. We take a man into a band of brothers, and when he is in he is in; and those men who have dropped out from time to time—when they want to come in they should be brought in, or else how could you expect them to get back? We want every good and eligible man who has fallen out of the ranks from any cause to be with us before another six months roll around.

MR. BAIRD (408):—Mr. Maegly has asked me to make a statement of the exact facts in his case. I met Mr. Maegly, whom I have known for a long time, at St. Louis the latter

part of May, I think the 29th day of May, at the Cloister meeting. He came and said his name was not in the handbook, and thought he was delinquent for dues. He handed me \$1 and asked me to look into the matter, and if the dollar was not sufficient when I got to Nashville, to let him know what the amount was. I sent him a bill, and he remitted immediately. (Applause.)

(The Scrivenoter proceeds to call the roll, and Maryland seconded the nomination of Mr. Maegly. Missouri was reached.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Missouri in seconding the nomination of Mr. Maegly desires to say that he has attended a number of our annual meetings, and has been one of our hardest workers. His work, well done in a quiet way, has been one of utter devotion and following out the line that Hoo-Hoo has laid down, and also in the work outside the annual meetings he has been a faithful member and a hard worker; Missouri desires to second the nomination of Mr. Maegly.

(Nebraska, through Mr. Weir, seconded the nomination of Mr. Maegly.)

COL. McLEOD (737):—I desire on behalf of Ohio, or at least this part, to second the nomination of Mr. Maegly; but there is a difficulty in the way. It was not brought up by the representative from Illinois because we will take the word of the Scrivenoter (we know that he is in good order); but the gentleman from Kentucky announced that he did not want any ornamental men, and if you elect Mr. Maegly you elect a man who is both ornamental and helpful. If there is a man on the floor who is a good Hoo-Hoo, and entitled to all he receives, it is Mr. Maegly.

(Scrivenoter proceeds to call the roll, and Georgia and Pennsylvania seconded the nomination of Mr. Maegly, and Tennessee seconded the nomination of Mr. Adams.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Two men are in nomination—Mr. Adams and Mr. Maegly.

MR. McGRATH (2960):—Arkansas wishes to withdraw the name of Mr. Adams and to make a motion to have the vote of Mr. Maegly unanimous.

C. H. HILL (27):—I seconded the nomination of Mr. Adams, and I wish to withdraw his name and concur in the unanimous vote for Mr. Maegly.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the rules be suspended, and that the Scrivenoter cast the ballot for Mr. Maegly.

MEMBER:—I second it.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the Scrivenoter cast the ballot for Mr. George B. Maegly, of Kansas City, for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The vote was taken and carried unanimously.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion you have just adopted I hereby cast the vote for Mr. Maegly, of Kansas City, as Junior Hoo-Hoo.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I announce that he is duly elected.

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. MAEGLY (greeted with applause):—I feel that I have been honored to-day, and I want simply to explain to the gentlemen here assembled why my name is not in the handbook. I feel that such an explanation is necessary. I had received a notice for the remittance of my dues; the next day I had occasion to go out of town. I left town without writing a check to Mr. Baird for my dues, and when I returned to Kansas City my stenographer had filed that notice away, and it slipped my mind entirely. On the 28th of May I got my handbook by registered mail. I looked in that and found my name was not there. On the 29th of May I went to St. Louis to attend the Osirian Cloister meeting, and the first man I looked up was Mr.

Baird, and I handed him one dollar, and told him I wanted to pay my dues, and he said he did not know how the matter stood, but would look it up. As soon as he got to Nashville he sent a bill, and the same day I sent a check in payment of my dues. I make this statement in justification of myself.

I wish to say that I feel I have been honored by this convention. I have had the good of Hoo-Hoo at heart ever since I was initiated into the Order in 1896. I want to pledge my hearty support to this work, not only for two weeks, but for 52 weeks in the year 1902.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Would we save time by omitting the entire roll call and ask for nominations? I ask if you wish to suspend the rules and do that.

MEMBER:—I move that the rules be suspended.

MR. SAM K. COWAN (4042):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the right to make nomination be given. All in favor of this motion make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried.)

Election of Bojum.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We will have nominations now for the office of Bojum.

MR. HAYWARD (248):—Ohio has a candidate for the office of Bojum. The gentleman I am about to nominate is at the present time President of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. He is a man who is enthusiastic in the Order, but he is not present at this meeting because of sickness in his family. I do not know of any man in the territory that this Association covers who has the popularity that he has, and I want to put in nomination the name of Mr. James Wilson, of Wapakoneta.

MR. W. J. T. SAINT (2077):—I second the nomination.

MR. POTTER (5892):—On account of a misunderstanding I did not catch the motion that prevails, and was expecting Alabama to yield to Virginia, and the motion passed so quickly that it escaped me. Virginia has a candidate, and the Virginia delegation are unanimous for the office of Bojum. If we are entitled to anything in the Southeast I think we are entitled to this, and for this office I wish to place in nomination Mr. J. E. Duke, Vicegerent of the State of Virginia.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Mr. Duke, of Virginia, is in nomination. (Applause.)

MR. ROBERTSON (5360):—In seconding the nomination of Mr. Duke I want to say that in this particular there is no question regarding the gentlemen who have been nominated in time gone by, and that the nomination of Mr. Duke will be one that will honor the office and not the office honor the man. Mr. Duke has done more for Hoo-Hoo in this section than any one who has preceded him as Vicegerent Snark, and with him on the Supreme Nine you will be building an arch as strong, so far as his portion is concerned, as the arch of the original thirteen states that formed the United States. I want to say that Mr. Duke represents Virginia and I believe North Carolina, and is regarded in as good favor and repute as any Hoo-Hoo you can find in this whole section of country, and he has done more to elevate the Order. You all know that in this section of country the Order was not where it should be. We are bringing it up gradually, and we have to do these things gradually by getting into the Order and placing them in the forefront—men who will command the respect of the people around them. We need more of the lumbermen of this section of the country than we have, and more than we can get unless we do bring it up a little further than it has been in times past; and the name of J. E. Duke, placed before you

for Bojum, will do more towards bringing this part of the country up than any other man you can place there.

MR. HAYWARD (248):—I was not aware that Virginia had a candidate for the office of Bojum, otherwise I would not have offered the name of Mr. James Wilson; and in deference to the gentlemen present, who have entertained us so well, I wish to withdraw the name of Mr. Wilson.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The name of Mr. Wilson is withdrawn. Is there any other nomination?

MR. TREAT (7353):—I second the motion of Mr. Duke, and move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote for Mr. Duke.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the Scrivenoter cast the entire vote for Mr. Duke.

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the resolution you have just adopted I hereby cast the entire vote of this assembly for Mr. H. E. Duke, of Norfolk, for the position of Bojum. (Applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. DUKE:—Gentlemen and Brothers of the Convention: I assure you that it is a great pleasure that you have placed me on the Supreme Nine. I again say that I will devote any time and all the time that is accorded to me in order to promote Hoo-Hoo. All our Snark will have to do is to write or telegraph me of any meetings he may wish attended and I will endeavor to be present, and I assure you I will do everything I can for this Order. I thank you, gentlemen, for this honor.

Election of Scrivenoter.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The next office is that of Scrivenoter, and I want to say that Mr. Barns has requested me to recognize him in that.

MR. BARNs (3):—I desire to put in nomination Mr. James H. Baird, and to facilitate matters I move you that the nominations close, and that the Snark be authorized to cast the ballot of the entire convention for Mr. Baird, of Nashville, Tennessee.

MR. TREAT (7353):—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the Snark cast the ballot of the entire convention for Mr. Baird as Scrivenoter.

(The motion is put and carried unanimously.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The ayes have it, and Mr. Baird is duly elected Scrivenoter. (Applause.)

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MEMBERS:—Speech, speech.

MR. BAIRD (408):—Gentlemen: I believe that this is the fifth—or is it the sixth?—time I have been unanimously elected to this office. I have here in my hand the same speech I had the first time I was elected; I never had an opportunity to deliver it—we were always too rushed. I am not going to inflict it upon you now, but I will carry it a while longer; I am going to ask consent to print it in "The Bulletin." It is good stuff, Mr. Snark. (Laughter.) If I have the unanimous consent to print it in "The Bulletin" I will not inflict it upon you. (Laughter.)

I do esteem the confidence your vote evinces that you have in me. If I can do anything in the future that I have not done in the past to make the work more effective I will be glad to do it. The gentleman from Texas says he will go anywhere to assist in holding a concatenation, and to improve the work of Hoo-Hoo, and I will do the same thing. (Applause.)

MR. TREAT (7353):—Considering the time he has had it, or rather in recognition of the kind consideration of Brother Baird in not inflicting upon this body at this time, that ancient speech which he has prepared, I move that his

request to have the speech published in "The Bulletin" be granted. (Laughter.)

MR. HILL (27):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is that Brother Baird be requested to publish the speech in "The Bulletin."

(The motion is put and unanimously carried. The roll of paper Mr. Baird had in his hand was blank, which bore out No. 4's audible whisper, "I believe it is a fake speech.")

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The next office is that of Jabberwock.

Election of Jabberwock.

MR. BARNs (3):—In this matter of considering the geographical location of our offices, I noticed that last year we had Mr. Falk, of California. It has been the custom to give to the coast one of the officers, and I think it is a wise thing to do. They have in California and Washington a large number of desirable candidates, and as Mr. Falk has been on the Supreme Nine for two years, and is from California, and as the people from Washington suggest Mr. T. H. Claffey, of Seattle, Washington, for the office of Jabberwock, I place him in nomination. I never met the gentleman but once, but have assurance from the gentlemen of the Supreme Nine, like Mr. Inman and Mr. Cole, that he is a most excellent man.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I second the nomination.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—I am somewhat acquainted with the gentleman in question. I met him two years ago on the coast, and I was very much pleased with the man. He is a man of brilliant intellect and quick, and I heartily second the nomination.

MR. COBB (32):—I would like to know the gentleman's business. I know every lumberman in Seattle, but I never heard of him.

MR. BARNs (3):—He is manager of the J. E. Fox Saw-works.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are there any other nominations? I hear none. What action will you take?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I move that the nomination for Jabberwock be closed, and that the Scrivenoter cast the unanimous vote for him.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The usual motion is made to suspend the rules and elect this gentleman to the office of Jabberwock.

(The motion is put and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the resolution we have just adopted I cast the unanimous vote for Mr. Claffey, of Washington, for the office of Jabberwock.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I therefore declare him duly elected. The next office is that of Custocatian. Nominations are in order.

Election of Custocatian.

MR. WYLY (4821):—I nominate Mr. B. B. Neal, of Savannah, Georgia.

MR. Z. W. WHITEHEAD (6529):—On behalf of the South Atlantic States I second that motion. I know of no man in Hoo-Hoo that will bear the banner higher than Mr. Neal. His heart and soul are in the Order. I second his nomination.

MR. LONG (5470):—Florida wishes to second the nomination of Mr. Neal. He is a good neighbor and a good Hoo-Hoo.

J. S. HELFRICH (5464):—Maryland wishes to second the nomination.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I move, if there be no other nomination, that the rules be suspended, and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the vote for Mr. B. B. Neal.

R. M. SHANKLEN (2348):—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We have the usual motion of suspending the rules, and instructing the Scrivenoter to

cast the unanimous vote for Mr. B. B. Neal for the office of Custocatian.

(The motion is put and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the resolution we have just adopted I hereby cast the unanimous vote of this assembly for Mr. B. B. Neal, of Savannah, for the office of Custocatian.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I declare this gentleman duly elected.

MR. NEAL (5227):—I am not going to take up any time in thanking you for the honor you have bestowed upon me. I just wish to say, as the other brothers who have been selected before me, that I propose under the direction of our worthy Snark to put in not two weeks of this year for Hoo-Hoo but 365 days. I love Hoo-Hoo, and I love its principles, and with the assistance of others I propose to do everything in my power for its upbuilding. Thanking you for the honor, I remain yours—. (Laughter.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The next is Arcanoper.

Election of Arcanoper.

MR. TREAT (7353):—As one of the representatives of the great Empire State, which has not asked a single thing up to this time (laughter), I desire to place in nomination for this position one of the old-time Hoo-Hoo. I was requested, Mr. Snark and gentleman, to say for this gentleman, who has attended the annuals heretofore, that he would have been here with us at this time had it not been for the sad occurrence whereby he lost his daughter. There is no man better known in Hoo-Hoo life in the great Northeast than C. H. Stanton, Vicegerent of New York at the present time; and I say to you gentlemen now, inasmuch as our modesty has prevented us up to this time from asking anything, that you make Brother C. H. Stanton your nominee for this position and elect him.

MR. VIDNER (2624):—Alabama wishes to second the nomination of Mr. Stanton.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that the nomination be closed and the Scrivenoter empowered to cast the vote for Mr. Stanton.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the usual motion. Are you ready for the question?

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the resolution just adopted I hereby cast the unanimous vote for Mr. C. H. Stanton, of Buffalo, for the office of Arcanoper.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I therefore declare him elected. The next is Gurdon.

Election of Gurdon.

MR. VIDNER (2624):—Alabama has a candidate. It seems to me like all the other men put on the Nine are lumbermen, and that there is but one man who is not a lumberman; I think we should recognize the allied interests, and I nominate Mr. C. F. Braffett, of Chicago. By his election the South will be honored as much as Illinois.

E. R. COOLEIDGE (376):—This portion of Illinois is unanimous on the election of Mr. Braffett.

MR. DEFEBROUGH (6):—I move that the nomination be closed and the Scrivenoter be empowered to cast unanimous vote.

R. H. VIDNER (2624):—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the usual motion. Those in favor will make it known by saying "aye." (The motion was put and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion you have just adopted I hereby cast the entire vote of this assembly for Mr. C. F. Braffett, of Chicago, for the office of Gurdon.

ALL MEMBERS:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

MR. BARNES (3):—I ask as a favor, before we proceed any further, that the newly elected members of the Supreme Nine meet immediately after this, so we can make arrangements to install them to-night in connection with the others. I see every member is here except from Washington. They should be at the rehearsal at 4 o'clock.

MR. BRAFFETT (972):—(Greeted with applause.) Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I want very much to thank you for this honor that you have conferred upon me, and it will be my pleasure, as I feel it my duty, to do everything in my power to assist our Worthy Snark should he call upon me at any time, and I trust I may not be found wanting. (Applause.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—This completes the list of officers, and I want to call your attention and have you bear witness to the fact that they have individually pledged themselves to perform faithfully any work in Hoo-Hoo, and I want to say if I find them faltering in the work I am going to ask them to resign. (Great applause.) I do not believe I will have to ask for a single resignation.

W. B. DOZIER (4509):—All these gentlemen have expressed a willingness to attend any meeting. I represent South Carolina, and I want to call on them to be present at the exposition on the 29th of March.

The Constitution and By-Laws Again.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that you recognize the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws which was made a special order.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was reporting when the place for annual meeting came up. Unless you direct otherwise I suggest that we take up their report. It is the law that will govern you. If you do not direct otherwise I will direct the Committee on By-Laws to proceed with their work.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The committee's report on Constitution and By-Laws was adopted up to "By-Laws." If any of you gentlemen have handbooks it would be a good idea to get them out. By-Laws No. 1, which reads: "In the absence of the Snark from any Hoo-Hoo Annual, his place shall be taken by the next officer in rank who is present. In case of temporary vacancy in any position, the Acting Snark will have power to temporarily fill such vacancy." That By-Law has not been changed.

By-Law No. 2. "The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of said bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of \$1,333.33, which sum shall cover all expense for regular clerical help in his office."

That entire By-Law has been stricken out and the following substituted:

2. The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order, and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of said bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of one thousand, three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,333.33), and be allowed necessary expenses for the proper conduct of his office."

The change there is in the last portion of that By-Law regarding the necessary expenses for the proper conduct of his office.

Section 3: No change.

Section 4: No change.

Section 5: Section 5 is amended to read as follows: "It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark at the close of each concatenation to remit to the Scrivenoter five dollars,

together with one year's dues for each regular member initiated, which amount shall cover the dues to the next Hoo-Hoo Day. He shall remit \$90 for each Honorary Member, and \$23.24 for each Life Member obligated under sections 8 and 9 of our Constitution. He shall also remit the balance of funds received at any concatenation which has not been expended in the necessary expenses of the concatenation, rendering a detailed account for same, attested by the Acting Scrivenoter and Custocatian. Out of the funds set apart for the Vicegerent Snark he may pay his necessary expenses for attending such concatenation, and those of such other members as he may deem necessary to call upon for assistance in the work."

By-Law No. 6: No change.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that we adopt the By-Laws as read by the Secretary of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. CALL (1390):—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is that you adopt the By-Laws as presented by the committee. Are you ready for the question?

(The motion was put and carried unanimously.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I wish to go back to the Constitution and By-Laws. We omitted something which is very important. Heretofore, as the Constitution now stands, the expenses of the Supreme Nine while attending an annual meeting have been defrayed by the Order. Your committee recommend that that part of section 3, Article V, which reads, "or when attending a regular meeting" be stricken out.

MR. CALL (1390):—I move that it be stricken out.

(The motion was seconded.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved that the part about paying the expenses of the Supreme Nine while attending an annual be stricken out.

(The vote was taken and the Acting Snark stated that he could not determine which way the motion was decided.)

MEMBER:—Does not that require a three-fourths vote?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—That requires a three-fourths vote, and under that ruling I think it was lost. The Scrivenoter will proceed to call the roll of states as to striking out that clause.

MEMBER:—Let the committee read the whole section and indicate what they propose to strike out.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Section 3, Article V, as it now stands, reads as follows: "The Supreme Nine shall appoint regular times for meeting, and may hold such special meetings as may be required, provided that no special meeting shall be held unless notice thereof shall be given to each member at least one full day more than it would take him to reach the place of such meeting by the route necessary for him to travel, unless he shall in writing have waived his right to such notice; and when summoned by the Snark of the Universe and the Scrivenoter to attend any such special meeting, or when attending a regular meeting he shall be paid from the funds of the Order his necessary expenses for such meeting."

This does not change the provision for the expenses of the Supreme Nine in attending a special meeting which may be called for any particular purpose by the Snark, but it cuts out that portion of section 3 which provides for the expenses of the Supreme Nine in attending a regular meeting, that is the Hoo-Hoo Annual.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Will the Scrivenoter call the roll on that question as to whether or not it shall be stricken out?

(The vote was taken, and was being counted when the Acting Snark stated as follows:)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—While the ballot is being counted I wish to say that I do not favor the report for the

reason that it is some inducement to the members to do the work to have their expenses paid. Personally, I have no interest in that, but I know it is of interest to some others. It incites them to come to the annuals when they would not come otherwise. In some instances, especially from the coast, the expense is quite heavy. We have plenty of money, and it has not hurt our treasury, and I think a position on the Nine has its considerations. The men feel something of a responsibility when they have this as pay for their services.

J. H. BAIRD (408):—I desire to make a similar statement. In the absence of almost the entire Tennessee delegation I cast the vote for paying the Supreme Nine's expenses to all annual meetings. My observations, from the Scrivenoter's office, is that this money is well spent; I believe that.

COL. McLEOD (737):—Where does that money go when they don't draw it?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—As one of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws I will state that there is no object in view except that a good deal has been said about the expenses of the Order, and we thought that this might be one of the avenues by which we could reduce it a little. (The vote having been counted the official teller handed it to the Snark.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The vote is as follows: In favor of adopting the report of the committee, 3,274; against, 904. The report of the committee is adopted.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—In section 1, Article VIII, which reads as follows: "Dues shall be payable on Hoo-Hoo Day for the year ensuing. Members shall be delinquent for unpaid dues on the Hoo-Hoo Day succeeding that on which dues become payable. Within thirty-three days after Hoo-Hoo Day the Scrivenoter shall send notice by registered mail to each delinquent member, notifying him that in thirty-three days thereafter he will be suspended, if such dues are not paid"—the committee propose to strike out "by registered mail." That is one expense of the Order which is unnecessary.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the recommendation. What will you do with it?

MR. E. A. HILDRETH (244):—I move that it be adopted.

J. H. BAIRD (408):—I second it.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—This, of course, is an amendment to the Constitution the same as the other. I would like to amend that motion so as to read "by the unanimous consent of all present."

MR. BAIRD (408):—I accept that amendment—but I don't know whether I made the motion or not.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the motion that the words "by registered mail" be stricken from section 1, Article VIII. Are you ready for the question?

(The question was put and the motion prevailed.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—There is another item of expense which has been considered, that is the binding of the handbook. I would like for our chairman to make a statement in regard to that matter.

MR. BARNES (3):—The committee, after considering the matter thoroughly, and the suggestions made by the Scrivenoter, did not think it advisable to change the form of the handbook. We have been having a handbook for so many years, many of us keep it with a great deal of pleasure, and use it often, and if put into the form of "The Bulletin" it would become bulky and unwieldy; but by putting a plain manilla cover or board binding there would be a one-third saving. It is a book that is only used for a year, and it is not necessary that we should have this expensive cover; and Mr. Baird informs me that the leather costs something like \$457. We, therefore, thought it wise, under the cir-

cumstances, to retain the handbook in its present shape, but to simply bind it in plain board or heavy manilla wrapper, such as the railroads use for the tariff sheets.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The committee will put it in shape, but they recommend that the cost of binding the handbook be reduced and left to the judgment of the Scrivenoter.

SCRIVENOTER:—I would confer with the Supreme Nine as to any covering selected.

MR. DEFEBBAUGH (46):—Is that a motion?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—No, sir; it is the report of the committee.

MR. BARNES (3):—I want to say that it is not necessary, and that Mr. Baird says it is considerable expense and work to put the numbers in two different places on the handbook, and that it requires a special envelope, and he cannot use the mailing machine. I would suggest that we leave out this list of the Osirian Cloister, which only adds to the bulk of the book, and it is already large enough. One of the members from Virginia made a suggestion a while ago—that in the list by states where we give the members, that the exact occupation and business or office held by the man be put in. Instead of saying "The Big Four Railroad," put in his business and what he does, whether President or Secretary or Commercial Agent or what. It will help us to find out just who they are.

MR. CALL (1390):—I think a great deal of this little book, and I carry it with me; but if I had a cheap book that would tear up and the leaves come out, I would not carry it with me. I believe in having a good book, and we will preserve it.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will say for the benefit of Mr. Call that we do not propose to bind the book any less securely. It is a question of getting rid of expensive leather, which entails near 30 per cent of the expense. This cloth cover would resemble that so nearly you could hardly tell the difference. I will give you a book costing three or four hundred dollars less that will outlast the one we have.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is to bind the book in a less expensive way, but substantially.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The report of the committee is that the cost of binding the handbook be reduced and left to the judgment of the Scrivenoter and Supreme Nine.

MR. DENNY (6486):—I move that the report of the committee be adopted.

MEMBER:—I second the motion.

(The motion was put and carried.)

E. A. HILDRETH (244):—I call for a rising vote.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Those in favor of adopting the committee's report will please rise and stand until they are counted. (Those in favor were counted by the Scrivenoter, and those opposed were also counted, and the acting Snark declared that the report of the committee would stand.)

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—We thought this could be tried for a year, and if it is not satisfactory we can go back to the old way.

By amendment to the Constitution this morning we change the Honorary Members into "Life Members" and "Honorary Members." In other words, in the future we will have two lists of members in addition to our regular list; one will be "Life Members" and the other "Honorary Members." So your committee would suggest that the Scrivenoter with the assistance of the Snark go over the list of Honorary Members in the handbook, and under that list retain those members who have been admitted and who are not eligible to regular membership under the Constitution and By-Laws; and then arrange an additional list of "Life Members," who pay \$33.33 and receive all the benefits of the Order, the only difference being that they waive the initiation; and transfer from the "Honorary Members"

all those whose occupation would make them eligible to regular membership, to the new list—the "Life Members." The only difference will be to separate the list as it now stands.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard the statement which makes a new department—a life member in addition to the honorary member. Do you wish to adopt it?

MR. SNELL (1795):—I would like to ask for information if it is the intention of the committee that "Honorary Members" will not have any vote on questions that come up, but that "Life Members" will?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The "Life Member" will have the same privilege as any other, but the "Honorary Members" will not.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I move that we adopt the motion.

(The motion is seconded and was declared to prevail after having been put before the body.)

An Important Recommendation.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Here is a matter which I think a very important one. There was handed to the committee yesterday a resolution to this effect:

"That for the better administration of the affairs of Hoo-Hoo by the members of the Supreme Nine, as contemplated by section 1, Article V of the Constitution, the By-Laws be amended by adding two additional By-Laws, to be designated 'By-Law No. 7' and 'By-Law No. 8,' which shall read as follows:

"By-Law No. 7: The Supreme Nine, immediately on its election shall divide the territory over which the membership extends, into nine districts, allotting to each member of the Supreme Nine that group of Vicegerencies most contiguous to or most accessible from his place of residence; that the district so allotted shall be under his immediate supervision, and that, while surrendering none of his authority over the territory as a member of the Supreme Nine he shall be held to strict accountability for the proper conduct of all concatenations held in his district, both as to the proper conduct of the initiatory ceremonies and the eligibility of the candidates.

"By-Law No. 8: Whenever, upon conference with any Vicegerent Snark desiring to hold a concatenation in the district of a member of the Supreme Nine, it is deemed necessary for the member of the Supreme Nine to attend the concatenation, either in person, or to send a representative to co-operate with and assist the Vicegerent Snark, it shall be the duty of such member of the Supreme Nine to so attend, or to send a representative; and for such attendance, the member of the Supreme Nine shall render an itemized account for his actual necessary expenses, which account, upon approval by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo, shall be paid from the funds of the Order, provided such expenses shall not exceed \$— for any one concatenation, unless same be previously authorized by a majority vote of the Supreme Nine."

This is following out the line of thought suggested in the report of the Snark. Your committee went into the matter in detail and considered it in all its phases, and we found the deeper we got into it the further we were in the mire. We were unable to reach any conclusion as to the proposed By-Laws, and we simply present them in this shape for the consideration of the Order. In other words, we have taken no action on the proposed resolution.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I move that the paper be referred to the new Supreme Nine, with power to act if they can solve it.

MR. DEFEBAGH (46):—I second that.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the resolution be referred to the new Supreme Nine, and to make it effective if they can.

MR. BARNES (3):—If that is really carried into effect it would change quite a number of By-Laws and clauses in our Constitution. It brings up a question of responsibility. It prescribes penalties for the Vicegerent in case he does certain things or does not do certain things. I would move

to amend Mr. Stephenson's motion by saying that we refer it to the Supreme Nine with the earnest hope that they will study it and make any disposition of it that they see proper, but not try to carry it into effect for at least one year.

SNARK STILLWELL:—I think the idea of that suggestion a good one. I do not know what rocks you have run upon in trying to make it join in with the balance of the By-Laws, but the one suggested by Mr. Barnes would not appear on the face of it to run counter to it. The whole idea in having a member of the Supreme Nine present at concatenations is not in the remotest to remove any responsibility from the Vicegerent. That wants to be thoroughly understood. The Vicegerent is the man absolutely in charge and absolutely responsible. The member of the Supreme Nine goes there first for the purpose of creating interest in the meeting and to advise with the Vicegerent, if his advice is required or desired, and third, if he sees anything wrong to advise the Vicegerent to that effect, and, if he can, to induce him to do otherwise; but let the idea be continuous and eternal that the Vicegerent is the responsible man, and the man, so far as the concatenation goes, that has the last word to say. If he does a thing wrong, and does it under the protest of the Supreme Nine, he is answerable and not the Supreme Nine. The member of the Supreme Nine does not attend any concatenation to relieve the Vicegerent of responsibility. He does not relieve anybody of responsibility. He goes there as a high officer in the Order to create the interest he can by being there and to create dignity, and to assist so far as he can, but he does not relieve any man at that concatenation from the Vicegerent down of one iota. That was the reason we suggested having to pay their expenses. Again, it was our intention that the Supreme Nine would not attend a concatenation out of their territory. It was not the intention to pay the expenses beyond the jurisdiction that is set apart by the Nine after their election. I wanted to make this explanation so that the idea would be clear.

MR. BARNES (3):—I want to say that the committee looked over this thing very thoroughly last night, and there were one or two points that came up in the discussion of this that we could not solve. In this resolution it says: "as a member of the Supreme Nine he should be held to strict accountability for the proper conduct of all concatenations held in his district, both as to the proper conduct of the initiatory ceremonies and the eligibility of the candidates."

SNARK STILLWELL:—That is wrong. That was not the idea.

MR. BARNES (3):—That is one of the things we ran against. For instance, we have elected a man from Seattle, Washington, and he would have charge over the western part of the country, and if he had to go to California it is as far as from St. Louis, to New York, and we thought it right and proper to hand it to the Supreme Nine with the idea that they should consider as far as they could the advisability of dividing the territory, and looking after the trunks of the Supreme Nine so it would not be necessary to express the trunks over the country. We did not think it right to hold him responsible.

SNARK STILLWELL:—That was not the intention. The only item of responsibility on the Supreme Nine is, that if he goes and attends a concatenation, and something goes wrong, he must report, but he is not further responsible than to make the report. The Vicegerent is primarily and everlastingly responsible. The member of the Supreme Nine has no power to act and say "you shall not do it." He can advise him that it is not in accord with the Constitution and By-Laws. The attitude of that member would be to make a written report of the case, but not that he would relieve the Vicegerent of one iota of responsibility.

MR. BARNES (3):—I was going to say that the reso-

lution was handed me by Brother Neal in that shape, and of course that was as far as we could go with it.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I want to say a few words on this, as I wrote the resolution. At the time I had not had an opportunity to confer with Mr. Stillwell, or any one else, as extensively as I should desire. I did not think the By-Laws would be adopted as they read here, but that they would be discussed and properly amended. On general principles I am very much in favor of dividing up the territory and giving to each member of the Supreme Nine a certain number of Vicegerencies to look after. The first thing they should be responsible for is the men selected for Vicegerents. The man on the coast is better acquainted out there than Mr. Weir would be. It would have the effect of bringing that particular member of the Supreme Nine in close communication, you might say, with every concatenation that is being worked up, and having charge of the trunk, they would have to apply to him before they could get the trunk. The very fact of supplying the trunk for the concatenation would bring the member of the Supreme Nine into close contact and he would know what was going on. In regard to the traveling expenses—"shall be paid from the funds of the Order, provided such expenses shall not exceed \$— for any one concatenation." I would put this limit at not exceeding \$35. I first thought \$50.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—\$33.33.

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, that is a very good suggestion. Of course Mr. Claffey would say it was impossible to leave Seattle and go to San Francisco on that amount, and he would not undertake the trip, but I see here "unless same be previously authorized by a majority vote of the Supreme Nine." There are men in Wyoming who are clamoring for a concatenation. They write me that there are many prominent men who are waiting to come into the Order, but there are not enough men to hold a concatenation. We might at a pinch drum up enough traveling men to hold one, but they might do us more harm than good. I think it would be well to have the nearest member of the Supreme Nine to make the trip, and that would be a case for the Supreme Nine to authorize the expense necessary in advance. We must not have a concatenation like this on short notice. I think this suggestion in a modified form might be referred to the Supreme Nine, and they might try it for this year. I am sure of one thing: That grouping the Vicegerencies under the different members of the Supreme Nine would work well. It would outline his duties, and there are many things he could pass upon. As it is now if we have made a mistake in the appointment of a Vicegerent, and we got the wrong man, nobody feels it his duty to report upon it. With these members of the Supreme Nine looking after his particular territory, I think it would be the means of the Nine keeping their eyes on what is going on in all the Vicegerencies.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—If there is anything the Supreme Nine can make effective let them do it.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I want to say before this is voted on that your committee went at this in a practical way. We took a map of the United States and looked it over, and we could come to no conclusion as to how the territory should be divided, or how it could be divided, and there was only one way we could see that it could be divided, and that was to get at it in a sort of haphazard way, as we have selected our officers to-day without regard to territory.

The idea is a good one, but it seems to me without any action whatever at this meeting that this thing can be carried out and as near practicable as it is possible to do it. I do not believe there is anything in the Constitution and By-Laws that will prevent Mr. Baird sending Mr. Claffey a trunk and giving him instructions, and say to him a cer-

tain number of Vicegerencies (which I would be willing to leave, so far as apportionment is concerned, to the Snark and Scrivenoter) would come under his jurisdiction, and he can instruct him accordingly; I believe this can be done without any further action, and be done by the Snark and Scrivenoter, and that Mr. Claffey will take a greater interest in the work in his jurisdiction.

MR. BAIRD (408):—There is one point I think ought to be definitely determined, and that is the amount of expense to be allowed, without previous warrant from the whole Nine.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I would leave that open. I would suggest that the conditions are so different all over the country that it would be well to leave that open. For instance, we may have a supreme officer here, one in Georgia and one farther down; those supreme officers would have very little distance to travel and their expenses would be nothing as compared with some man on the Pacific coast representing a territory of 1,200 miles. I would suggest that the matter of expense be left open and be left—I do not believe there is a member on the Supreme Nine that will "play horse" on us, and I suggest that it be left open and tried for a year.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is to refer it to the Supreme Nine with the power to act.

MR. SNELL (1795):—That was amended—with power to act for one year.

MR. BARNES (3):—I move that the Supreme Nine be authorized to take it up and carry it out so far as it does not conflict with the Constitution and By-Laws—that it be left to their judgment.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are you ready for the question? Those in favor will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried.)

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move you that the Constitution and By-Laws as amended be adopted as a whole.

MR. CALL (1390):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved and seconded that the Constitution and By-Laws as amended be adopted as a whole. Those in favor of the motion will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Is the Committee on Ritual ready to report?

COL. McLEOD (737):—As Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, I move that we present the resolutions for printing without reading them.

(The motion was seconded and carried.)

The Resolutions.

The Committee on Resolutions offered the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

As we come to the closing of another year it is not only fitting but a pleasure to do honor to the passing of our Snark, Mr. William B. Stillwell, of Georgia, who during the past year has so ably administered the affairs of the highest office in the gift of great Hoo-Hoo.

In his retirement to the House of Ancients he takes with him the best wishes of the Order.

The attention of the other members of the Supreme Nine to the business affairs of the Order and their zeal in behalf of the best interests of Hoo-Hoo entitle them to our hearty thanks.

Resolved, That our thanks are due Mr. B. A. Johnson for his indefatigable efforts in behalf of Hoo-Hoo, more particularly in relation to the illustrated work as exemplified at the present annual. In token thereof we wish him "health, happiness and long life," and trust that he may continue his efforts on behalf of the Order for many years to come. In this connection we most heartily recommend Mr. Johnson's illustrated lectures, "The Passion Play of 1900," "Stories of the Old South and the New" and "The Paris Fair of 1900," calling the attention of all lyceum managers and lecture committees to these entertainments as

wholesome examples of instructive and artistic entertainments.

Whereas, the Pan-American Exposition management at Buffalo, after naming a date for Lumbermen's Week, changed the date at the request of Hoo-Hoo from the one first fixed to September 15 to 22; and whereas, they went to enormous trouble and expense solely in order to suit the convenience of Hoo-Hoo; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Hoo-Hoo who have not already visited the Pan-American show their appreciation of this great compliment by making their plans to stop at the Exposition on the way home from the annual if practicable.

Resolved, That we deplore the painful accident which befell our beloved brethren and others during their stay in this city. We sympathize with them in their suffering, congratulate them upon their escape from serious results and wish them a speedy recovery.

Whereas, the railroads and other transportation lines have been good to Hoo-Hoo in making greatly reduced rates to and from the Norfolk annual; and, whereas, the transportation companies are not in business for their health alone; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Hoo-Hoo reciprocates and individually and collectively intends to be good to those transportation companies that have been good to them; and also be it

Resolved, That we shall ask them to be good to us again next year.

Resolved, further, That a special vote of thanks be and the same is hereby extended to the Southern Express Company, through their very efficient division superintendent, Mr. W. J. Crosswell, for courtesies extended.

Whereas, the Hoo-Hoo Entertainment Committee of Norfolk, individually and collectively, have extended to the visiting Hoo-Hoo their hospitable and charming courtesies, and, whereas, this Entertainment Committee has been ably seconded by the North Carolina Pine Association, by the State of Virginia through the commonwealth attorney, and by the city of Norfolk through the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express to the members of the Entertainment Committee, to their coworkers, one and all, our appreciation of their open-hearted and warm-hearted hospitality and our pleasure in its acceptance. To the ladies who so kindly and thoroughly performed the part of hostess to the visiting ladies our especial thanks are due.

The announcement that forty-six of our members have died during the last year recalls the lesson of each recurring annual that for some the roll call is sounded for the last time. For those who have gone and whom we shall soon follow let us invoke the ministrations of the angelic trio, Faith, Hope and Charity, forgetting their faults and trusting and believing that, guided by a kindly hand, they tread the sunny slopes of a better land. Of them and for ourselves let us say:

"And when the angel of shadow
Rests his feet on wave and shore,
And our eyes grow dim with watching,
And our hearts faint at the oar,
Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his release,
In the bells of the holy city—
The chimes of eternal peace."

The tenth annual of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo then adjourned, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having accomplished many things that will work radical improvement in the conduct of the Order and tend toward lessened expenses or increased membership in the future. Every one appeared to be well satisfied with the work.

MR. BARNES (3):—In view of the fact that this Committee on Ritual probably found it impossible to get through the book, as it now stands and make the corrections suggested. I move you that the Committee on Ritual which has been appointed here be continued, and that they be authorized to prepare and make up a report to be submitted to the Snark for his approval, and that the report which was made the other day, or at least that portion which defines the duties of the Junior be also referred. I would further suggest that the portion of the ritual that relates to the contest, as in the case of salt water, be amended to use plain water, and instead of meat to use candy. Bisulphate of carbon is extremely dangerous, and a good many times

we have really given people very great pain. I remember where a pound was spilled in a man's lap, and that man was really crazy for a while. There is a portion of the ritual which relates to the use of the Hoo-Hoo signature which had as well be stricken out. I do not see any use in that. There are a lot of grammatical errors that might be changed. I would make the motion that the whole matter of ritual be referred to the Committee on Ritual with instructions to report to the Snark, and if he approves that it be printed and sent on.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—The Committee on Ritual, of which Mr. Walker is Chairman, made a report yesterday morning, and it was referred to the Supreme Nine.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—That is right.

MR. BARNES (3):—I withdraw my motion. As I understood it there was a committee appointed at the Dallas meeting on ritual, and that committee reported here.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—They were here and reported; Mr. Barnes was not here on time.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I move that both committees be continued.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I want to say in regard to the Committee on Good of the Order that I was not able to perform any of the duties, and I wish the Scrivenoter to show that Mr. Neal was Chairman.

MR. NEAL (5227):—I called that committee for yesterday afternoon at the beach, and I understood Brother Weir to say he would be there with us. I looked for him and could not find him, and could only find one other member of the committee. If you think it necessary I will try again to get that committee together, but I think the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws have made such a full report as to cover, in all probability, everything we would have done.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The question is whether we have another meeting. We have a rehearsal at the opera house.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—You can make a report that nothing came before your committee, and you can make the report now.

MR. NEAL (5227):—We wish to report that nothing came before our committee.

The Discussion on Employment of a Lecturer.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—In view of the fact that we, as Hoo-Hoo, and as the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, are going into an era of work to make Hoo-Hoo greater, and of the fact that there are sections of this country where Hoo-Hoo has not been presented properly, I move you, sir, that the work of Hoo-Hoo be brought before those sections in this manner: That the Seer of the House of Ancients give his lecture in those sections provided there has been a request by nine members from the state, and the Supreme Nine as a whole agree as to the expediency of it; and I move that an appropriation of \$999.99 be put into their hands for this use if they conclude that it be to the best interests of Hoo-Hoo to expend it in that way during this Hoo-Hoo year.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Does that motion meet a second?

COL. McLEOD (737):—I second it.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved that an appropriation of \$999.99 be made to advance the interests of Hoo-Hoo, by Mr. Johnson in his lecture, provided the Supreme Nine should think it expedient.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I understand that the Supreme Nine shall decide whether it is expedient or not.

MR. FLOTRON (3747):—Is there any limitation on the amount?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—\$999.99 is the limit.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—I don't know what Mr. Johnson asks for his lectures. It seems that we have nine business men elected here, and they will not let sentiment interfere with the good of the Order. It puts them in a position to use Mr. Johnson's services if they desire.

COL. McLEOD (737):—I second that out of respect to the gentleman who offers it. I did not know what it was. I would like to ask him if it is intended for the lectures to be free—is it intended that Mr. Johnson shall lecture before the concatenation or publicly?

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—Really, it was not my motion, but I heard of it, and thought it a good thing, and I thought it ought to be brought up for discussion. My idea of it would be this: that we invite the people who are eligible in the community and their friends in the lumber trade to this lecture.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It would be well to put it in writing.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—I have it here: "Resolved, That at the request of any Vicegerent and nine members in good standing, the Supreme Nine may appoint, if in their opinion it would subservise the best interests of the Order, a lecturer to exemplify and illustrate the work at concatenations, at the expense of the Order, provided that at least nine initiates be present. There shall be appropriated the sum of \$999.99 for said purpose for this Hoo-Hoo year."

For instance, we have only a few members in the state of Massachusetts. The gentleman intimated that they did not have any lumbermen there. That is not true, exactly. There are a great many retailers in that state and a great many manufacturers who make up quite a little lumber. That territory has never had a real live concatenation. They have had some concatenations, I know, and this is not a reflection on the people of Massachusetts. I believe if Hoo-Hoo were brought before the people of Massachusetts in a right way that they would have a good opinion of it, and there are a lot of men in Massachusetts we would like to have in the Order.

MR. FLOTRON (3747):—The reason I asked the question regarding the limitation was this: if nine men in a territory want Mr. Johnson to come there to a concatenation, it seems to me the amount of money, \$999.99, to go from one place to another is a small amount. If they want to do anything of that sort they ought to have enough money set aside so the whole United States can be taken in and each state given the benefit of it.

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The question is called for. Those in favor of the motion as stated will say "aye."

(The motion was lost, and a division was called for.)

MR. BARNES (3):—Is it understood that this money is to be in the hands of the Supreme Nine to be used as they think best for the interests of the Order?

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (46):—That is the object of the resolution.

MR. BARNES (3):—If this is so, I want to vote "yes."

SNARK STILLWELL:—My idea about it is, that it is a good idea if it is well guarded. If it is left in the hands of the Supreme Nine, I think with the limit of \$999.99 it is a good thing. Suppose we conclude to have a Hoo-Hoo Day at Charleston, I think we would do the Order a great deal of good to have Mr. Johnson deliver his lectures, and let the nine men who make the application see what amount of money they can raise in their own state. If they wanted the lecture they would be willing to pay something. Even if they wanted it in the State of Washington, and would subscribe something, the Supreme Nine might be warranted in sending Mr. Johnson there; but that will depend on each individual case, and the Supreme Nine can take it up, and they can cut it down to the smallest expense, and

of course if they exceed the \$999.99 that would be the end of it. The scheme is a good one, and I think if carried out within bounds and legitimately, would be good.

COL. McLEOD (737):—If that thing is made specific, and the money is put in the hands of the Supreme Nine to use as they see fit, either by Mr. Johnson, or in any other way, I think it is good.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I am not in favor of that motion. We are going to have pretty heavy expenses this year, more than usual; are we not, Mr. Scrivenoter?

SCRIVENOTER:—I think so.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—There will be a great deal of printing; and one thing that has been harped on since the foundation of this Order is expense. I do not believe that it is a good thing. I would rather apply that specific, or some other sum, to be set apart for the upbuilding of the Order in the direction of an endeavor to recover our lost members. I think while the idea is a good one, and all that, I believe it would be better to postpone it a year. We will have a heavier expense than usual, and I think if we set apart this sum in addition that our expense account at the next annual will be something that will surprise us; I am not in favor of it at this time.

MR. GLADDING (99):—I think Mr. Schwartz overlooks the fact that this matter is to be left strictly in the hands of the Supreme Nine. The money is there to be used to that amount provided they believe the Order can stand it and will be benefited. They have to keep an eye on the treasury as the matter goes along. Furthermore, as Brother Stillwell suggested they can try and get the local members to subscribe a part of that. I think if the thing is handled conservatively it is all right.

Speaking of the men who have dropped out—there are a lot of them, and good men, and if they see that the Order is putting itself on a right footing, as it is doing, and will do this year, and Mr. Johnson comes along with his lecture, and they hear that there is going to be a Hoo-Hoo lecture, they will come around and hear the story of Hoo-Hoo, which they, probably, have never heard before, and some of them, doubtless, will pay their back dues from the time they quit, and come back into the Order. I think it is worth trying. After one or two experiences with a lecture of this kind, if the Supreme Nine think it not feasible, they can discontinue it.

MR. CONE (7304):—I desire to ask the question whether this permits the Supreme Nine to make this expenditure from the general fund, or whether it is proposed to set this amount aside for the purpose, and that this is subtracted from the general fund. It seems to me that if it is in their discretion to use this amount, if they see fit, it covers many of the objections.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I want to make the announcement that an excursion will be given this afternoon to the Norfolk Navy Yard and the Government Dry Dock in Portsmouth, and as many as desire to go will meet in the Atlantic Hotel lobby at 3.15, and from there they will be taken across the river to Portsmouth, and from there by street car to the Yard.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There are very few here, and all ought to know it.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—It is not the idea to set aside the specific sum, but to use up to that amount if desired.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Those in favor of the motion will please rise and remain standing until counted.

(The vote is taken, the motion carried and the appropriation ordered.)

Discussion on Use of Emblem.

SCRIVENOTER:—I desire to ask if anything was done in regard to the use of the emblem, and if it is the desire of the convention to go into the numerous letters written about the emblem for advertising purposes? It has created some considerable friction, and there are two members I have letters from who refuse to pay their dues until the matter is settled.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws will make a verbal report.

MR. BARNES (4):—I want to say this, as a matter of fact, that the copyright laws of the United States are about as indefinite as anything you can find. The matter came up four or five years ago, and I consulted with the best patent attorneys I could find, and they assured me that in so far as the word Hoo-Hoo and emblem were used in connection with anything but a secret organization and on our stationery we had nothing to do with it; that it was impossible for us to regulate it at all. We can regulate it in so far as it relates to another organization or society, but we can't get a copyright that will cover everything; and I do not see how you will prevent other people from using it. If they will come and put up their sixty dollars and show that they have been using it in connection with goods, and that they are the originators of it and get a copyright for some particular article we can't help it. I am free to say that while we have never advertised this fact, and while we have tried to give out the impression that possibly they ought to go to work and secure some sort of privilege and right to it—we made a bluff in short; but when it came to a show-down we had to give up. I remember in a Texas town a man had a saloon and used the emblem, and we could not prevent it; but he did stop because we threatened him. We not only boycotted him (laughter), but also advertised the fact in the Order. I do not think it is necessary to go into that in detail unless the Order wishes to know more about it.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I quite agree with Mr. Barnes as to the legal aspects of the matter, but that is not where the main trouble lies. It is in the use being made of our emblem by our own members. I have in mind, particularly, the cases of two or three men who took our membership list, and besides using the emblem on business literature, used our handbook as a mailing list. It gives these communications booming private business enterprises the appearance of being in some way sanctioned by the Order. At any rate there is a feeling that it looks like Hoo-Hoo was being used to further private interests. That is what is objected to, and is what I had in mind when I wrote the recommendation contained in my report. Personally, I think, that without exception, these notices I have referred to were sent out on the spur of the moment, and without the slightest thought of wrong. My idea was that a properly worded resolution would bring the matter to the attention of all members and remove all grounds for criticism. Let us adopt a resolution that will stop this soliciting contributions to build churches, to buy stock in different enterprises, etc.

SNARK:—I would not limit it to building a church, but anything outside of Hoo-Hoo interest, unless approved by the Supreme Nine.

SCRIVENOTER:—That no one has a right to send out anything without it is first submitted to the Nine.

MR. CALL (1390):—I dislike to see any change made in this direction. We have a bank and there are two Hoo-Hoo emblems on the sign, and we have it on our stationery and on our checks; I would feel lost without that.

SNARK:—We are referring to men sending out soliciting applications.

MR. CALL:—I send out a thousand every day.

MR. BARNES:—You know newspaper men believe in advertising, and personally I do not see any reason why if some one happens to get hold of the list and sends us a circular about a scheme we should care. I get a lot of things like that every day, which I tear up and throw in the waste basket, and I do not see anything objectionable in the use of the emblem by our members on cards or checks. There is one thing that pleases me very much and that is to go along and see a cat in connection with a load of lumber. I do not know of any order so thoroughly advertised as ours.

CHAS. H. ADAMS (7292):—I do not see what we can do about this thing. I think we ought to feel a little proud of it by everybody copying it. I do not care what form they use it in. I do not think it is well to expel a member for using it and let the outsider continue to do so.

D. T. CALL (1390):—I presume it would be proper in this connection before using this emblem to write to the Scrivenoter and members of the Supreme Nine, and get permission to use it.

SCRIVENOTER:—That is all right; this does not touch you. The use of the emblem on your bank is all right. No one, I think objects to a member using it on his card or stationery. I think this discussion will have the effect of stopping everything objectionable.

MR. BARNES (3):—I do not remember to have received more than two or three circulars. A fellow got out some shirts with a cat on them.

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes; and I bought some of the shirts—but my wife wouldn't let me wear them.

MR. NEAL (5227):—I would like to ask for information—I got during the year a proposition from some company that was being formed in Texas, an oil syndicate. I don't know whether that came from a genuine Hoo-Hoo or whether it was a wildcat syndicate. I did not invest in it, but there might have been some Hoo-Hoo who thought that was sent from a member of the Order, and that he was a good man, and would not offer another Hoo-Hoo something he knew was not good. There might be some members who would not look into it and who would put money into some wildcat scheme. I am of the opinion that we should take some steps to prevent the members from using this promiscuously.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There is no motion before the house.

MR. HILL (27):—I have not quite caught the drift of this argument, but from what I can catch of it we do not want people to be too enthusiastic on Hoo-Hoo—they do not want anybody to know he is a Hoo-Hoo, and they are afraid that some man who is not a Hoo-Hoo will print a black cat on his card. Let any Hoo-Hoo print a cat on his card who wants to.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—If there is nothing further before the meeting I move that we adjourn.

MR. BARNES (3):—I would like to say, with all due deference to Brother Whitehead about his entertainment at the Navy Yard, that all of us have something to do with the entertainment to-night, and we do not want to put up anything that is a fake. We must stay here and rehearse.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that we adjourn to meet on the 9th of September next year at Milwaukee.

MEMBER:—I second that motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion has been duly seconded that we adjourn to meet on the 9th day of next September at Milwaukee. Those in favor of the motion will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried.)

The Attendance.

Charles H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.
E. F. Adams, Greenville, S. C.
G. H. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa.
Miss —. —. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa.
John A. Arringdale, Wilmington, N. C.
F. H. Atwood, Cairo, Ill.
W. W. Bain, Portsmouth, Va.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
Anne S. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
W. E. Barnes, St. Louis, Mo.
H. L. Barto, Chattanooga, Tenn.
E. H. Beazley, Norfolk, Va.
G. E. Bicknell, Lowell, Mass.
E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va.
G. R. Bounds, Parmele, N. C.
C. F. Braffett, La Grange, Ill.
G. S. Briggs, Norfolk, Va.
C. P. Brooks, Owego, N. Y.
Charles M. Brown, Jr., Washington, N. C.
Paul M. Bryan, Savannah, Ga.
Miss Elizabeth Bunker.
B. M. Bunker, Altoona, Pa.
C. L. Bunting, Raleigh, N. C.
H. T. Burt, Baltimore, Md.
D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas.
W. C. Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis.
S. C. Carskaddon, Norfolk, Va.
G. J. Cherry, Parmele, N. C.
W. R. Chivvis, St. Louis, Mo.
B. F. Cobb, Chicago, Ill.
T. L. Collings, Memphis, Tenn.
Albert Cone, Chicago, Ill.
E. R. Coledge, Chicago, Ill.
E. F. Cooper, Philadelphia, Pa.
S. K. Cowan, Nashville, Tenn.
C. A. Cowels, Atlanta, Ga.
R. W. Cubbedge, Bluefield, W. Va.
F. K. Darragh, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. W. M. Darrett, Pittsburg, Pa.
T. W. Davis, Savannah, Ga.
H. L. Daw, Roanoke, Va.
William C. Day, Jr., Norfolk, Va.
L. F. DeBordenave, Norfolk, Va.
E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.
George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.
Mrs. F. M. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn.
W. B. Dozier, Columbus, S. C.
W. A. Drake, Dayton, Ohio.
J. E. Duke, Norfolk, Va.
Mrs. J. K. Durr, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. B. Eaton, Fitchburg, Mass.
T. K. Edwards and wife, Chicago, Ill.
B. J. Ehnts, St. Louis, Mo.
Charles H. Evans, Columbia, S. C.
A. R. Evelt, Great Bridge, Va.
W. C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala.
John M. Fewell, Rock Hill, S. C.
Mr. L. B. Fite and Wife, Nashville, Tenn.
Misses Eunice and Virginia Fite, Nashville, Tenn.
John R. Flotron, Dayton, Ohio.
A. J. Brown, Baltimore, Md.
Edmond Christian, Norfolk, Va.
J. B. Curtis, Fitchburg, Mass.
C. H. Denny, Norfolk, Va.
E. G. Hoke, Hamburg, Ark.
A. C. Jarvis, Norfolk, Va.
J. K. Keene, Jr., Guppton, N. C.
E. H. Kruger, New York, N. Y.

J. H. Marity, Norfolk, Va.
S. H. Morgan, Guyton, Ga.
J. C. Foster, New York, N. Y.
George L. Gearing and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
A. M. Gibbs, Columbia, S. C.
H. H. Gibson, Philadelphia, Pa.
Wm. L. Gignilliat, Savannah, Ga.
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
C. W. Goodlander and wife, Fort Scott, Kan.
M. A. Hayward, wife and son, Columbus, Ohio.
J. F. Helfrich, Baltimore, Md.
H. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
E. A. Hildreth, Columbus, Ohio.
C. Homer Hill, Atlanta, Ga.
Mrs. F. G. Hindes, Mitchell, Kan.
W. P. Hindes, Mitchell, Kan.
John F. Hostetter, Kingston, N. C.
L. L. Hunter, Tidjoute, Pa.
W. T. Hunter, Cumberland, Md.
F. R. Hyman, New Bern, N. C.
H. C. Hyman, New Orleans, La.
D. W. Ingersoll, Montrose, La.
Karl Isburgh, Boston, Mass.
C. P. Ives and wife, Baldwin, Kan.
W. M. Jameson, Memphis, Tenn.
W. N. Jarrett and wife, Pittsburg, Pa.
C. M. Jenkins, Norfolk, Va.
B. Arthur Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
A. Y. Jones, Brinson, Ga.
F. A. Kirby, Baltimore, Md.
August Koln and wife, Columbia, S. C.
H. R. Leonard, Norfolk, Va.
C. D. Loane and wife, Plymouth, N. C.
George W. Lock and wife, Lake Charles, La.
J. W. Long, New York, N. Y.
A. K. Loop, Bowen, Ky.
E. Lundford, Jr., Parmele, N. C.
N. W. Lumpkin, Savannah, Ga.
George B. Maegy, Kansas City, Mo.
J. Watts Martin, Norfolk, Va.
Hugo Mayo, Parmele, N. C.
D. E. McAllister, Boulder, Col.
W. F. McClure, Galveston, Texas.
J. D. McCarrick, Norfolk, Va.
W. C. McDonough, Savannah, Ga.
G. E. McEwen, Donner, La.
J. C. McGrath, Gifford, Ark.
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio.
K. L. Moore, Galveston, Texas.
B. B. Neal, Savannah, Ga.
J. D. Newcomer, Sullivan Island, S. C.
J. S. Newell, Freeman, Ga.
B. P. Norfleet.
W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas.
H. I. Norvell, Memphis, Tenn.
J. Oppenheimer, Chicago, Ill.
J. H. Orem, Jr., Baltimore, Md.
R. D. Parrott, Jr., Norfolk, Va.
H. R. Paulhamus, Centralia, W. Va.
A. H. Potter, Norfolk, Va.
C. C. Prentiss, Hillsdale, Mich.
F. F. Priest, Norfolk, Va.
E. J. Putnam, Birmingham, Ala.
W. L. Randall, Atlanta, Ga.
W. H. Raplee, Shreveport, La.
H. M. Rawlins, Moss Point, Miss.
J. C. Rives, Montrose, La.
W. W. Robertson, Norfolk, Va.
G. M. Robeson, Farmville, Va.
F. E. Rogers, Berkeley, Va.
W. D. Roper, Norfolk, Va.

"they say," "Man proposes and God disposes," and I am so deep in grief over the loss of my boy that I have no heart for Hoo-Hoo or much of anything else. My boy had made great plans for this very trip; so had my wife and daughter, but—well, you know the rest. May you all have a successful session and have a good time. Fraternally yours,
SAM R. GUYTHIER (No. 4916).

Jaeger, W. Va., September 8, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Monticello, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: It is with deepest regret that I have to write you that it is impossible for me to meet the great Hoo-Hoo at the annual meeting held at Norfolk, but such is the way. I am among the young cats, and would like so much to meet the old ones and help to do and learn their work. Hoping you all will have a good time, I again send you my regrets. Fraternally yours, B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,
JOHN SWAN, Jr. (No. 8197).

Evansville, Ind., September 7, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: I do not know when I have had such a disappointment as not being able to attend the annual this year. I had planned to go, and desired to take part in the discussion of the different matters of importance that will come up for consideration at this meeting, but business of importance coming up unexpectedly prevents my attendance. As Vicegerent of So. Dis. of Indiana under Snark of the Universe Stillwell I have held two concatenations—one at Evansville and the other at Terre Haute, Ind.—and have initiated seventeen kittens, every one of whom is a credit to Hoo-Hoo. As soon as my successor is appointed I shall do all in my power to help him along and let him have the benefit of my experience. I know that Hoo-Hoo is in good hands, and whatever is done at Norfolk on the 9th will be for the good of the Order. Kindly extend my best wishes to Mr. Stillwell, the retiring Snark, and also to the new Snark, whoever he may be. Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me the past year.
CHAS. S. WOLFLIN (No. 6460),
Vicegerent So. Dis. Indiana.

Tifton, Ga., September 5, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: I regret exceedingly my inability to attend the great annual meeting of the festive black cats. A press of business, combined with other cares, to which all cats are liable, keeps me among the pines of Georgia, while hordes of cats gather at Norfolk for the annual howl. With best wishes for a most enjoyable time at Norfolk and long life to all the cats, I beg to remain yours truly
W. H. HARRIS (No. 6271).

Galveston, Texas, September 2, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Monticello, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother: In accordance with the time-honored custom and in obedience to constitutional requirements, I write this to let you know how Hoo-Hoo has treated me during the year past. I was somewhat shaken up by the storm at Galveston, which occurred on the 8th of September last. Otherwise I have fared quite well. Am sorry that I cannot be present with my brothers at Norfolk, as an older organization, of which I am an officer, demands my presence at Cleveland, Ohio, where I shall be on the 9th day of this the 9th month at 9.09 o'clock. May our Great Sovereign be with you and assist at all of your deliberations for the good of the Order. Yours for H. H. and L. L.,
E. N. KETCHUM (No. 573).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1901.—W. B. Stillwell, Esq., Snark, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother Stillwell: It is with the most extreme regret I have to advise you that at the last minute I find it will be impossible for me to be present at the annual. I have long looked forward to attending this meeting, and it comes as a great disappointment to me that circumstances over which I had no control have arisen which necessitate my being in New York City early next week. My best wishes go out to you and faithful Hoo-Hoo for a very pleasant and harmonious convention, and may all that is done be for the upbuilding and betterment of our unique Order. I hope something will be done to protect us from those not in good standing, by reason of non-payment of dues or otherwise, attending concatenations. It seems to me we should have a semi-annual or annual password which shall only be transmitted through Vicegerent Snarks to those whose dues are paid and are otherwise in good standing. Again expressing my regrets for inability to attend and with best wishes, I am fraternally yours,
H. H. RICHARDSON, V. S. E. Dis. of Florida.

Paducah, Ky., September 7, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir: Owing to some very important business matters west I will be unable to attend the annual at Norfolk, for which I am very sorry, as I expected to be there. Hoo-Hoo has treated me very nicely the past year, and I hope the meeting will be a howling success. With kind regards, I am yours truly,
J. F. RADEL (No. 7971).

Holdrege, Neb., September 6, 1901.—Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am yet on earth. Sorry can't be with you. Yours,
C. A. GALLOWAY (No. 5901).

On the Road, September 8, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—My Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo and all other Hoo-Hoo in Annual Concatenation: Hoo-Hoo hath used me well the past thirteen moons. I trust the agitation of the questions regarding the "Good of the Order" will prove of incalculable good to Hoo-Hoodom. May that good cheer and spirit which were the excuse of Hoo-Hoo's being and are its inspiration, moving force and living energy to-day keep your minds and hearts pure and true to its principles. I wish for one and all such a good time as will send them back to their homes and their business with such deep and wide feelings of brotherly love as will scatter more sunshine than ever in the pathway of every one with whom each may come in contact. To all the brothers give my heartiest greetings. In love, and for a life "void of offense toward God and men," I am ever, B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,
W. A. BOWLEN (No. 2671).

Austin, Texas, September 7, 1901.—Mr. James H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Brother Baird: It is the duty of every good Hoo-Hoo to communicate his whereabouts and condition to those representatives of the Order assembled on the 9th day of the 9th month of each year. I trust that you will convey my greeting and best wishes for a most prosperous session. I have to report that Hoo-Hoo has treated me kindly during the past year, and my only regret is that I cannot be with you. There are a few subjects that will come up for discussion that I believe should have careful consideration; and while expressing my regret of being unable to be with you, I wish to say a word regarding those subjects that seem to me of importance. Regarding the question of a Scrivenoter with sufficient salary and expense limit to permit him to travel and attend to the duties of the Vicegerents, I trust the Order will carefully consider before making such a radical change. I do not believe that a single man could perform the duties of the many Vicegerents as efficiently as they are now being carried out, realizing at the same time that there is an opportunity for much improvement in the present methods. This I believe, however, can be brought about more easily by throwing round the Vicegerents more restrictive rules and allowing less latitude as to mode of procedure and eligibility of candidates. Within my own knowledge I have seen cases where the Vicegerents permitted things at the concatenation, both in the way of admission of the candidates and in mode of procedure, that he did not approve of; but the local committee almost forced in their local enthusiasm an allowance of things that there was no positive law against. The eligibility clause should be so specific that because a man is a good fellow and assists the local committee in their work he cannot be run in because he owns a share in a sawmill, or is the alleged editor of a 2x4 weekly paper. Again, I do not believe in honorary membership as they are now allowed. It has been urged that the amount paid in by them was a source of considerable revenue. The Order does not need the revenue or the man. As the law now stands, there can hardly be a lumbermen's convention but what honorary members, owing to their assistance in entertaining visiting delegates, will be allowed, on payment of their initiation fee, to become honorary members of the Order, while there is but little in sympathy and scarce a harmonious feeling between them and true Hoo-Hoo. There may be isolated cases where an honorary membership should be granted on account of the distinction of the party seeking admission, and possibly one whose services to his people or his country are such as to make him worthy of admission to the Order. In a case like this I believe in admitting him without charge, and giving to him some distinctive mark aside from that of the rank and file of the Order. While Hoo-Hoo is democratic, it should not become common; and even in a case of a distinguished citizen desiring honorary membership his name should be, in our judgment, reported to the Scrivenoter, and

from him to the Snark, and from the Snark and Scrivenoter brought before the next meeting of the Supreme Nine. Then, if his services and reputation are such, and after investigation they find him worthy, obligations should be given to him embracing in a general way those of the Order, but in a dignified form, and might, if thought best, be in a public way. It seems to me the two questions that I have outlined are closely allied, for with the present lax methods which have been engendered by laxity of rules we cannot expect best results. Neither could a strange Scrivenoter, knowing but little of the community, come in and be more successful than a local Vicegerent; and if his office was to be legislative as well as executive, then you take away the foundation and the corner-stone of our Order and deprive its members of the privilege of self-government. On the other hand, if the members themselves in convention assembled shall throw around such restraining rules and make such stringent laws as will enforce a rigid examination of the candidates to be initiated and prevent any deviation from the ordinary procedure during the ceremonies and obliterate that portion of the rules which permits honorary membership, except in very exceptional cases, then I believe we have nothing to fear from our present methods. Trusting that you will have a most prosperous meeting, and extending my hearty greeting with the sincere hope that your deliberations will result in much benefit to the organization, I am, fraternally yours,
B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., 58.

Waycross, Ga., September 8, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother: I hereby report to you as per our Constitution, and have to say that Hoo-Hoo hath used me kindly since my connection with same. Fraternally,
R. L. HILLIARD (No. 7764).

Barnes, Pa., September 10, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: I shall not be able to attend the meeting of Hoo-Hoo on account of business at home. Regret very much that I am not able to be with my fellow lumbermen. Fraternally yours,
WM. A. HASSINGER (No. 8226).

Barnes, Pa., September 9, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: No. 8008 sends greetings to the Hoo-Hoo annual to be held at Norfolk, and wishes success to all brethren in Hoo-Hoo in their pursuit-of-health, happiness and long life. Fraternally yours,
J. H. HASSINGER (No. 8008).

Eldorado, La., September 8, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir: I am very sorry that I am unable to attend your meeting at Norfolk. I had fully intended with Mrs. Booth and my little girl, Emma, to come; but I took charge of this plant three weeks ago and find that I cannot get away at this time. I am very sorry that I cannot attend. Hoping you will have a large attendance, and with best wishes for the good of the Order, I beg to remain yours most sincerely,
H. BOOTH,
Manager for Chicago Export Lumber Co., Eldorado, La.

Houston, Texas, September 7, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, and all Hoo-Hoo, Norfolk, Va.—Gents: I hoped up to the last moment that I would be with you this year, and regret it cannot be so, and beg to extend my best wishes to all Hoo-Hoo who may be more fortunate, and to the absent ones as well. Those who were in Galveston this day last year can indeed join me in rejoicing that we are here, and that quite a difference now exists in regard to weather in this locality, and we have much cause to be thankful; and Brother W. F. McClure showed his colors during that trying ordeal and deserves the praise of all Hoo-Hoo for his work. It is fortunate that historically hospitable Virginia was selected as the meeting place for Hoo-Hoo in its new century. With best wishes for all, I am yours,
R. D. BOWEN (No. 2947).

Fort Wayne, Ind., September 9, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter—Dear Sir: On Hoo-Hoo Day I enter into a new position, and with this good omen feel sure it will be a good move. Though there are a great many lumbermen here, there are but two other members of our society. Trusting the coming meeting will be a successful one, will close. Very sincerely,
ROBT. E. ORFF.

Nansen, Pa., August 31, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We, the undersigned, do hereby tender our regrets at not being able to mingle with the other worthy felines in their meanderings through the "onion bed," "sessions on the roof," etc., upon the event of the annual meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo at Norfolk, but extend to all the members, individually and collectively as an Order, our best wishes for future prosperity and success. Yours, B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,

J. B. WRIGHT (No. 8239),
B. E. MILLER (No. 8229),
J. W. MILLER (No. 8015),
C. G. ODELL (No. 8231),
H. L. SWAIN (No. 8234),
W. B. LINN (No. 6126),
E. A. DUNLAP (No. 8224),
O. A. WHITE (No. 8238),
A. A. DUNLAP (No. 8223),
W. S. IRWIN (No. 8225).

The Entertainment Features.

Norfolk is particularly well situated in regard to facilities for entertaining visitors. Within a few minutes' ride are numerous summer resorts equipped with everything calculated to conduce to a good time, and always there is the never-ending interest and mystery and fascination of the sea. Hoo-Hoo are adepts in the art of drowning sorrow. They learn that from the precepts of their patron saint, Osiris, that jolly and level-headed Egyptian god, who, according to the best authorities, first taught men to "charm their leisure and to forget." Some improvements on the methods of Osiris have been made by enterprising and ingenious members of Hoo-Hoo who have gone ahead and invented devices and variegated schemes in the way of "charming their leisure and forgetting"—their own names, in some cases; but no better way to drown dull care has ever been devised than to take a dip into the surf, to ride the waves, to get the sunshine in the blood and the salt spray in one's hair. It is true some of our most prominent members have no hair, but in that case they get out of the trouble of drying it; and salt is said to be a cure for baldness.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the guidance of A. H. Potter, chairman of the Committee of Entertainment, the visiting ladies and gentlemen of the Hoo-Hoo Annual were taken by ferry to Berkley, where they had an opportunity of inspecting the splendidly conducted sawmill, dry kiln and planing mill plant of the Cummer Lumber Company. The party was furnished with guides and spent nearly an hour in inspection of this model operation.

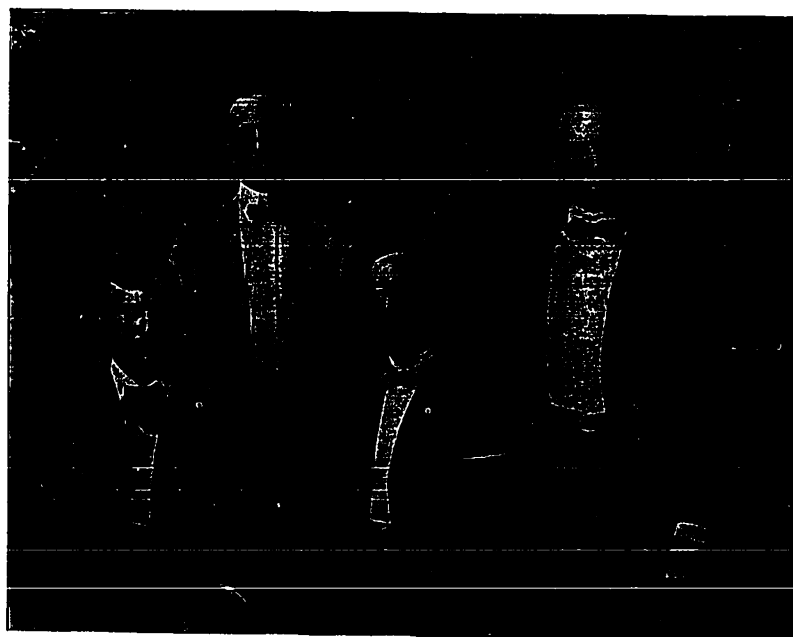
After the visit to the Cummer plant the party was taken by specially chartered trolley cars through Berkley and South Norfolk to Money Point, where the immense creosoting plant of the Norfolk Creosoting Company was inspected. The modus operandi of creosoting piling and timber was carefully explained to the visitors by General Manager Christian. At the time of the visit the company was engaged in creosoting piling intended for government dock work at Porto Rico. Eight pounds of sap, water and acids to the cubic foot were being extracted from the piling and in place thereof twenty-three pounds of dead oil of coal tar was being injected. This process precludes any possible attack of teredo and renders the material practically indestructible. A part of the guests then spent considerable time at the plant of the Roanoke Railroad & Lumber Company, adjoining the creosoting plant. Both plants are models of their kind, and both were sawing on very high-class timber. The entire party voted the trip one of great pleasure and profit, and was highly pleased with the afternoon's entertainment.

After the wear and tear of the business session Tuesday morning, the excursion to Virginia Beach in the afternoon

was most refreshing. The surf was just heavy enough to make sea bathing a most exhilarating pleasure, the air was delightful and the crowd in a fine humor. A rush was made to the bath houses, and in a very short time grotesque and unrecognizable figures emerged and darted swiftly down the steps and into the water. The bathing suits at Virginia Beach are fearfully and wonderfully made, and the same is true of the figures of some of those who wore them on that memorable day. But the sea is kind, and all shapes look alike in the water. Those who sported themselves in the waves bade farewell to every carking care; and one who is of a meditative turn of mind and who did not go in, sat on the steps and wondered if there is any real connection between crooked legs and wheels in the head.

After returning from the beach late in the day, the men prepared for the initiatory ceremonies of the Osirian Cloister, and the ladies proceeded to make most fetching

Chairmen of Norfolk Hoo-Hoo Annual Committee.



A. H. POTTER, Chairman Entertainment Committee. J. E. DUKE, Chairman Executive Committee. J. W. BROWN, JR., Chairman Hotel and Transportation Committee. W. W. ROBERTSON, Chairman Advertising Committee.

toilets for the Osirian banquet which was to occur later in the evening. It was nearly midnight when the members of the Cloister and the ladies sat down in the brilliant banquet hall to discuss a most elaborate and tempting menu. The wholesale liquor men were also holding a banquet in another apartment of the same hotel; but despite this, the refreshments furnished the Osirians showed no sign of running short, a fact which speaks volumes for the capacity of the hotel. The speeches made at the banquet were as sparkling as the beverages served, and the spirit of Osiris, which was doubtless present at the feast, must have rejoiced at the enthusiasm with which his teachings were followed.

The ladies of Norfolk tendered to the visiting ladies a reception in the parlors of the Monticello Hotel on the evening of Monday, September 9, while the men were holding the annual concatenation at Elks' Hall. It proved to

be a most enjoyable occasion and afforded the visiting ladies an opportunity to get acquainted with the wives and daughters and sweethearts of the Norfolk Hoo-Hoo. The orchestra discoursed sweet music during the reception, and dainty refreshments were served.

For Wednesday afternoon there was arranged a programme that was most pleasing to the many inlanders who were present at the meeting—an oyster roast at Ocean View. The party went out in open electric cars, and the ride was in itself delightful. If the weather had been made to order it could not have been more perfect, and never was a crowd in a jollier mood. Old jokes that had been tied up in moth balls and laid away in the cedar chest ever since the last annual were proudly brought forth, and found to be in a good state of preservation. Stories that wore whiskers long before the flood were told again. It was a day in Arcady, and the breezes blew fresh from the coast of Bohemia. A man from New England, who caught a chill last

spring while courting a Boston girl, thawed out, and grew chummy with a woman who had missed her dinner and who sat on the front seat munching a sandwich and a California pear, which somebody had kindly given her. Old sorrows were forgotten and old grievances and losses; old loves also. Nothing old went but jokes and stories, and they would have been thrown into the sea if anybody had happened to know any new ones.

Arriving at the beach some of the enthusiasts hurried into the water for a little dip before the time of feasting. Others distributed themselves about the spacious verandas of the hotel or sat in groups on the sands. The woman who had missed her dinner ate two more pears and another sandwich. Each was happy in his own way, but not so much so but that his joy was increased when it was announced that the roast was ready. It did not stay ready long. Those who had displayed great energy in buffeting the waves now

showed still greater strength and skill in disposing of everything in sight. The oysters were delicious, the salads and other accompaniments just right, and the beer of the brand that made Milwaukee famous.

Following the oyster roast in the afternoon came a moonlight sail to the capes and Old Point. There are many things essential to the success of a moonlight sail, but the most important is that there be no moon. This happy state of affairs prevailed on the occasion mentioned, and the soft starlight of that cloudless night filtered lovingly over the dark corners of the boat, making just light enough, but not too much. There are times when the man in the moon is too inquisitive.

There were other advantages, too, in the darkness of the night—the lights along the shore glowed more brilliantly, and the rows of incandescents on the hotels at the beach glittered like strings of jewels. And when the search light was turned full on the big battleships lying off Old Point, it was a sight to make the pulses leap.

If there had been nothing else to enjoy but the glory of the summer night, the swish of the waves, the crisp salt breeze, the majesty of the star-gemmed sky and the genial comradeship of those on board, this trip would have deserved to linger in one's memory forever; but with true Virginia hospitality the Norfolk people had provided many creature comforts, and with true Hoo-Hoo vigor and appreciation, all on board fell to and did justice to the efforts of their entertainers.

When the boat landed at the wharf well along toward the shank of the evening, a tired but perfectly satisfied and happy lot of people wended their way to their several hotels.

The Annual Concatenation.

The annual concatenation, the formal report of which appears on another page, was the most ornate and highly successful meeting of the sort that ever happened. That versatile and brilliant genius, Brother Bolling Arthur Johnson, having given full swing to his unique abilities, had evolved some original and bizarre departures, which added greatly to the general joyousness of the occasion. The great feature of the evening was his illustrated lecture, "The Story of Hoo-Hoo," which he delivered with fine effect. A number of new pictures had been added since the lecture was last heard, and to many in the audience the whole thing was entirely new. The entire arrangements for the concatenation were made under the supervision of Mr. Johnson, who was the official director of entertainments and initiations, and the smoothness with which everything passed off reflects great credit on his able management. The central gardens were fenced with ribbons, trees were scattered about under arc lights, and the floor was covered with stage grass of a refreshing shade of green. Each of the stations was a stump, to the top of which had been spiked a small circular saw which rang like a gong under the Snark's gavel.

The initiatory work of the evening was conducted in an especially orderly manner by request of Snark Stillwell, who was unable to be present; and yet it embraced many novel fun-making features, indicating that this feature of the work can be considerably elevated in tone without losing its interest. The closing work upon the ten commandments of the Order was for the first time illustrated with the stereopticon by B. Arthur Johnson, making the work very beautiful and impressive alike to the older kittens and those just initiated.

It was after 1 o'clock when the exercises closed, and the crowd made promptly for the entrance; but there they were met by a tide of sandwiches, salad, celery and other things to eat and drink which rolled in upon them through the

open portal. There was no way of escape, and they had to eat and drink their way out. This was a little surprise prepared by the Norfolk hosts.

Mr. Johnson's Lecture and the Embalming of the Snark.

The grand finale of the whole meeting was, of course, the embalming of the Snark, or rather the embalming of one Snark and the cremating of the other, and the installation of the new officers of the Supreme Nine. This occurred Thursday night, September 12, at Van Wyck's Opera House, and in response to numerous invitations sent to friends of Hoo-Hoo in the city, the house was filled, most of the ladies appearing in evening dress.

Mr. Bolling Arthur Johnson, the founder of Hoo-Hoo, had been made the official director of entertainment and initiation, and to his able efforts is due in great part the success of this public entertainment, which was given on a more elaborate scale than ever before in the history of Hoo-Hoo.

As is well understood by most of the members of the Order, there were two Snarks to be disposed of—one, Mr. Geo. W. Lock, having been "left over" at the Dallas annual last year. He was to be cremated, and the retiring Snark, Mr. Wm. B. Stillwell, was to be embalmed. On account of the painful accident sustained by Mr. Stillwell that gentleman was unable to take part in his own funeral, and this duty devolved upon the man who it was thought would make the best looking mummy. This proved to be Mr. George Youle, whose classic features yielded gracefully to the embalmer's mysterious arts, and who looked not only killed but killing, as in the role of mummy he made his appearance on the stage.

Ex-Snark Lock was duly cremated and his ashes shoveled into a milk can. All the performers acquitted themselves with great credit, and the unique entertainment was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present.

Immediately preceding the solemn ceremonies conducting the new officers in and the old ones out, Mr. Johnson delivered his splendid illustrated lecture, entitled "Stories of the Old South and the New," a most appropriate subject on this occasion, and one on which Mr. Johnson has constructed a very brilliant and entertaining lecture.

A subtle fascination lingers around the old South—its legends and its songs, its picturesque characters that are passing away, its tender sentiment immortalized in story and in verse, its halo of past grandeur. These things the new South never will possess. In the recrudescence of a land once roseate with romance there must ever be lacking that alluring spell cast over it in ages past. The virility and opulence of the new South we all admire, but our hearts respond to the romance and the pathos of the old-time plantation life; and he who keeps alive this longing for the beauty of the ideal has helped humanity to conform to a softer mold. We are too apt to harden when we become utilitarians. Life is a vulgar thing when bereft of sentiment.

And so Mr. Johnson's beautiful lecture performs a mission higher than that of merely entertaining. It is calculated to help a human soul to grow. It begins with that masterpiece of short-story writing, "Marse Chan," in which is so vividly pictured the highest type of the young Southerner of ante-bellum days, and his love for his beautiful sweetheart. In all the range of fiction there is no tenderer scene than that in which is described the negro body-servant, who, having brought home the remains of his master who was killed in battle, wonders how he will break the news to Miss Anne—and finally stumbles into her presence and sobb out: "Marse Chan he—done got his furlough." The man who can read that scene without tears in his eyes and a big lump in his throat, might just as well go and drown himself—he has no soul to save.

But not all of Mr. Johnson's lecture consists of sad scenes—much of it bubbles with the spontaneous humor of Southern writers in their happiest moods. The illustrations are most excellent, many of them being from photographs taken especially for this lecture.

Random Notes.

Brother George E. Youle, of Atlanta, was the best-dressed man in the gang, and his gorgeous costumes attracted admiration even on occasions where "glad rags" were the usual order of the day. His snow-white suit paralyzed all beholders; but not until he appeared on the stage as a mummy was the adaptability of his particular style of beauty truly appreciated.

Brother E. R. Cooledge was in his element by reason of the presence of so many nice young men. He adopted a lot of new sons and was supremely happy in his role of "Pop." Mr. Cooledge's love for young men and his indifference to young women were quite marked, and much hard feeling was engendered. Unless he can promise a reformation in himself in this respect, it is believed that the present Supreme Nine will take steps to debar him from attending the next annual meeting.

Brother Karl Isburgh, of the firm of Smith-Isburgh Lumber Company, Boston, Mass., was one of the most enthusiastic members present. He was initiated at the annual concatenation on the 9th, and seemed to feel that he had his money's worth. Mr. Isburgh has lately embarked in the lumber business for himself, and though quite a young man, is well known to the trade in the East. He is a Norwegian by descent and is a splendid type of that sturdy race.

Brother Sam K. Cowan was handicapped in his aspirations by reason of his arduous duties as reporter of the meeting for the "Southern Lumberman." He longed to stand for hours on the beach listening to the murmur of the sad sea waves, whereby he hoped to receive sufficient inspiration to enable him to write a letter to his best girl that would soften her flinty heart and induce her to name the day. Failing in this, he put in some excellent and much-appreciated work, and has now bottled up his yearnings and departed on a business trip through the South.

Among all the letters of regret received at Norfolk from those who could not come, none was so touching as that from Brother Sam R. Guyther, of Patterson, La., who lost his only son a few months ago. The young man was the pride of his father's heart, and the life that went out so prematurely had seemed full of promise. "There never was a better boy on earth" wrote the bereaved father in a letter to this office; and surely this is a great tribute, for as some one has truly said: "It is a good thing to be a great man, but it is a great thing to be a good man."

The sympathy of the entire Order goes out to Brother Guyther in his deep sorrow.

Brother W. H. Norris, of Texas, "laid over" all the other Vicegerents in the record made, having held twenty-one concatenations and initiated a hundred and five men.

Brother Will C. Day, of Norfolk, distinguished himself by the very valuable and efficient service rendered in the preparations preliminary to the annual meeting, and showed himself to be possessed of those rare qualities—energy, steadfastness and the power to resist fatigue. According to the

great Huxley, these constitute all that is necessary to insure success in any line of endeavor. Mr. Day is one of the youngest men in the Osirian Cloister.

Brother Frank N. Snell, of Milwaukee, was one of the Vicegerents present. After the close of the meeting he went to New York for a little outing, and when last seen was at Coney Island, wearing rather a bewildered look. It is not known whether or not he escaped alive.

Brother F. E. Waymer, of Tifton, Ga., became so wearied with the efforts of the young ladies to capture him that he left before the meeting closed. Hereafter all good-looking and prosperous young men who insist on congregating by themselves at the annual meetings will be fined not less than \$100, the money to be applied to the relief fund.

Brother D. Tramway Call, of Beaumont, Texas, made the highest record at the oyster roast, the number he ate, as we remember it, being seventeen dozen. Mr. Call is the sort of man who succeeds in everything he undertakes.

"Pap" Hemenway, of Colorado Springs, Col., ex-Snark of the Universe, was a welcome figure at the annual, and was the sole representative from his state.

Brother A. H. Brailsford, of Buffalo, was unable to be present on account of an interesting domestic event impending in his family.

Brother Joshua Oldham, of New York, who became an honorary member at the annual concatenation, was accompanied on the trip by his son, a handsome lad about fifteen years old. Mr. Oldham is the proud father of seven sons.

Brother E. Stringer Boggess, of Clarksburg, W. Va., was among the Vicegerents present. Mr. Boggess has done some very effective work for Hoo-Hoo during the past year.

Brother T. K. Edwards enchanted all his hearers with the sweet song he sang at the Osirian banquet.

Brother B. M. Bunker, of Altoona, Pa., probably had as much fun as anybody, being built that way, and also contributed his share toward making others have a good time. Brother Bunker was accompanied by his charming daughter, Miss Elizabeth Bunker, who has been with him on two or three similar occasions, and who is extremely popular with the members of Hoo-Hoo and their women folks.

Brother W. J. T. Saint turned up at the annual with a splendid record as Vicegerent for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Hoo-Hoo's Vicegerents last year were a fine lot of men and deserve great credit for their efforts in behalf of the Order. Quite a number of them were present at the annual, among them: W. C. Fellows, of Alabama; B. B. Neal, of Georgia; B. F. Cobb, of Illinois; John N. Steeley, of Indiana; John S. Helfrich, of Maryland; G. Fred Stevens, of Minnesota; John J. Canavan, of New York; F. R. Hyman, of North Carolina; W. A. Drake, of Ohio; F. R. Seeley, of South Carolina; and H. L. Barto, of Tennessee.

Brother Ed M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg, accompanied by Mrs. Vietmeier, went with the party to New York. Brother Vietmeier has the reputation of being able to work harder and holler louder than any other Hoo-Hoo of his size.

Quite a little party went from the Norfolk meeting to New York by steamer. The trip was most enjoyable, the water being smooth as glass and the weather perfect. After landing in New York the party broke up and went separate ways, some afterward getting lost on the midway at the "Pan," and others fading into oblivion at Coney Island. It is believed that most of them got home safely, but we are without official information to this effect.

Overheard on the Upper Deck.

He—What is your ideal man?

She—That depends.

He—On what?

She—On whether you ask my friends or my enemies. My enemies will tell you that my ideal man is one who will propose to me. But that's a slander.

He—But what do you say yourself? Do you like intellectual men?

She (promptly)—No. A man does not need much brains.

He—How much?

She—Enough to make a good living for his wife. If he is too smart, he is apt to be uncomfortable to live with.

He—I am not intellectual—

She (in a satisfied tone)—I have noticed that—

Married Woman (on the other side of the smoke stack)—I hope to gracious you won't snore to-night as you did in the sleeping car coming down.

Her Husband (in injured tones)—I didn't snore. I never went to sleep at all. I wish—

Fat Man (to elderly gentleman)—Yes. I stayed under till I nearly drowned. When I went in I had no idea that the blamed old bathing suit was torn—

Young Girl (to her best bean)—It isn't so light here. And, oh, aren't the stars just lovely—why don't you get a shave? Your face is so rough—(gurgles, gurgles).

Facetious Benedict—My wife went wild over the soldiers at Fort Monroe. Anything in a uniform goes. She got stuck on the milkman because he wore blue overalls—

General Jumble of Voices—We are not allowed to have our trunks in the cabin—

Can't you pin it up?

"I made an awful mash"—

"Where did you put that bottle?"

"He certainly is a peach"—

"My stomach does not feel just right"—

"The way they carried on was scandalous"—

"Did you ever see a place where there were so many fleas as at Old Point? They are just crawling up and down my —"

"That last drink nearly knocked me out"—

"If his wife only knew"—

"Oh, have you just caught on to that? Why everybody saw —"

"Gracious, I thought he was a regular Sunday school scholar. Well, you never can tell"—

"I lost my garter at the beach"—

Group of Hoo-Hoo (coming on the steps—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

The Constitution.

The Constitution and By-Laws, as revised at Norfolk, after most careful consideration and full discussion, are printed below. It is hoped every member will familiarize himself at once with the important changes made.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The name of this organization is the CONCATENATED ORDER OF HOO-HOO.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

SECTION 1. The object of the Order is the promotion of the Health, Happiness and Long Life of its members.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. It being the purpose of this Order to gather together in fraternal relations people engaged in lumber trade and those allied industries which are so closely interwoven with the conduct of the lumber business as to make them practically a part thereof, membership in this Order shall be limited to white male persons over the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, who possess one or more of the following qualifications:

First—They shall be so engaged, either in the ownership or sale of timber lands, timber or logs, or the manufacture or sale of lumber at wholesale or retail as that it shall be their main, or principal, occupation, and that it shall be their business which is recognized in the community in which they reside as their vocation. There shall not be admitted under this paragraph bookkeepers, stenographers, clerks, inspectors, sawyers, filers, foremen, nor the ordinary laborers of lumber enterprises. It is the intent and meaning of this section that every application from a person who does not come clearly and without question within the provisions of the first paragraph of this limitation, must be referred by the Vicegerent Snark to the Snark and Scrivener with a full statement of all facts bearing on the case before any action shall be taken thereon.

Second—Newspaper men. By this term being meant only the publishers and proprietors of newspapers, or persons regularly connected with newspapers whose principal occupation is the editing and writing of newspaper matter, and who make that work their main and principal occupation and are known as such in the community in which they reside.

Third—Railroad men. By this term being meant only general officers, general and assistant freight, passenger and claim agents, purchasing agents, commercial traveling, soliciting and contracting freight (not station agents). This means the officials of railroads who come in contact with the patrons of the road. It does not mean office assistants, clerks, secretaries or collectors.

Fourth—Saw mill machinery men. By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of lumber, manufacturers of sawmill or planing machinery. This includes those persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of saws and belting, but does not include salesmen for oil concerns, nor men handling commissary goods.

Fifth—Only such persons as come strictly within the limitations above made are eligible for membership in the Order, and such persons may be initiated under proper application, payment of initiation fee and election to membership and initiation as provided by the ritual of the Order. Membership shall be limited to 9,999 living members in good standing.

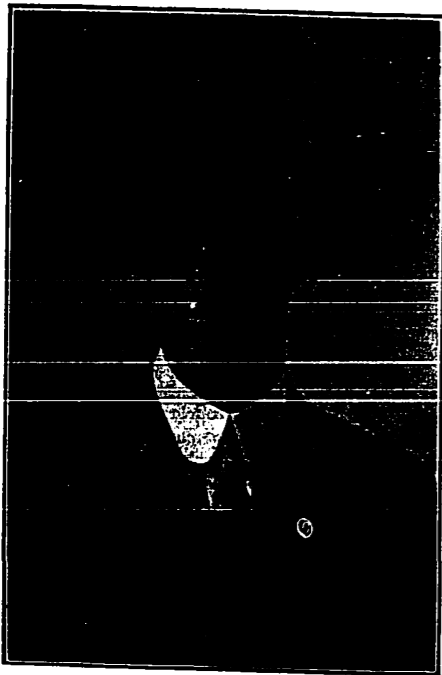
Sec. 2. Each applicant for membership shall fully fill out the final application blank. This application must not be voted on until a certificate thereon has been indorsed by two members of the Order in good standing. Each petition for membership shall be balloted on separately. In case three black balls are cast, the applicant shall be rejected. Any applicant rejected shall not be balloted on again within six months of the date of his rejection.

Sec. 3. If any Vicegerent shall knowingly, or by culpable negligence, admit to the initiatory ceremonies of the Order any person not legally entitled to same under the provisions of this Article, he shall upon due proof thereof by the Snark and Scrivener be removed from his office by the Snark, and, in the discretion of the Supreme Nine, if the violation be flagrant, be expelled from the Order; and any member of the Order who shall sign the certificate on any

The Osirian Cloister.

The annual business meeting of the Osirian Cloister occurred on Monday afternoon with the following Osirians present:

J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.
B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
W. E. Barnes, St. Louis, Mo.
A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio.
Geo. W. Lock, Westlake, La.
Geo. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
Ed M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
E. R. Cooledge, Chicago, Ill.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
H. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
W. J. T. Saint, Sharpsburg, Pa.
L. N. Kummerer, Mattson, Miss.
J. Sam Wright, Hub, N. C.
M. A. Hayward, Columbus, Ohio.
D. T. Call, Beaumont, Texas.
J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y.
C. W. Goodlander, Ft. Scott, Kan.
Geo. B. Maegly, Kansas City, Mo.
R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.
Chas. H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.
B. M. Bunker, Altoona, Pa.
B. B. Neal, Savannah, Ga.
A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.
W. F. McClure, Galveston, Texas.



Wm. C. DAY, JR.,

An attaché of the N. & W. Ry., of Norfolk, who made himself most agreeable to the visitors, and who has the honor to be the youngest member of the Osirian Cloister.

The Scribe read his annual report, showing sufficient funds on hand to pay all bills, and sufficient resource in the way of dues and assessments to meet all demands of the current year. The features of importance were the new Tablet of Law and the revised ritual prepared by Osirians Ewart and P. B. Walker. Both were adopted. The reports of the several committees named at the informal conference held at

St. Louis in May were heard and adopted. The various devices for the initiatory ceremonies and the public exhibition which these committees were to secure were inspected and approved, and all details were perfected for the Cloister work at this Annual meeting.

After some discussion the Annual Osirian Banquet was fixed for Tuesday evening after the initiatory work, and Osirians J. E. and E. H. Defebaugh and N. A. Gladding were appointed to make all arrangements with the hotel.

The Cloister then went into the election of officers, with the following result:

High Priest of Ptah—Geo. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
High Priest of Anubis—A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.
High Priest of Thoth—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
High Priest of Hathor—N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
High Priest of Osiris—W. L. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.
High Priest of Ra—Ed M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
High Priest of Sed—P. B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
High Priest of Isis—D. T. Call, Beaumont, Texas.
High Priest of Shu—Chas. H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.

Tuesday's Initiatory Session.

The initiatory ceremonies were somewhat delayed from the unforeseen occupation of the hall by another secret society, and it was nearly to o'clock when the twenty candidates were robed and admitted to the sacred precincts of the temple. The beautiful and dignified new ritual was administered by the following priests:

Chief Priest, Platt B. Walker.
Ptah, A. D. McLeod.
Isis, Geo. W. Schwartz.
Hathor, N. A. Gladding.
Thoth, J. H. Baird.
Sed, B. Arthur Johnson.
Ra, E. M. Vietmeier.
Shu, A. H. Weir.
Anubis, C. H. Adams.

This was the first ceremony under the new ritual, founded correctly upon the Egyptian Book of the Dead. The hall was splendidly arranged and decorated to represent the approach to the front of an Egyptian Temple, and presented a most imposing effect. The candidates who were honored with a part in the first exemplification of this ritual were the following:

C. C. Prentiss, Hillsdale, Mich.
George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.
H. H. Gibson, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. F. Braffett, La Grange, Ill.
W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas.
H. C. Shreve, Cincinnati, Ohio.
W. M. Stephenson, Duluth, Minn.
William C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala.
G. H. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. M. Rawlins, Moss Point, Miss.
K. L. Moore, Galveston, Texas.
C. M. Jenkins, Norfolk, Va.
A. H. Potter, Norfolk, Va.
H. L. Barto, Chattanooga, Tenn.
C. C. Turner, Chattanooga, Tenn.
George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.
A. E. Keyser, Chattanooga, Tenn.
E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va.
Albert B. Cone, Chicago, Ill.
William C. Day, Jr., Norfolk, Va.

The Banquet.

The banquet was held in the private dining-room of the Monticello. Forty people were present, members of the Cloister and ladies. The hour set was ten o'clock, but it was necessarily postponed somewhat awaiting the conclusion of the ritual work at Elks' Hall. Mr. J. E. Defebaugh acted as toastmaster, and when the menu was concluded, called on A. H. Weir to respond to "Our Snark," which he did in his usual dignified and able manner. In his usual felicitous style but briefly, owing to the lateness of the hour. W. E. Barnes, who was asked to speak about the feasibility of ad-

mitting ladies to membership in Hoo-Hoo, told of one lady who was already a fully initiated member, several of those present at the banquet having been present at that concatenation. He concluded, however, that the present arrangement was best, the gentlemen having all the responsibilities and the ladies sharing in all the pleasures. Thomas K. Edwards, musical director, being called upon for a song, responded with one of Tom Moore's sweetest love melodies. Platt B. Walker spoke about the work of the Osirian Cloister. George B. Maegly, being called upon for a recitation, averred himself "no recitator" and promptly disproved his statement by giving a Bostonese rendition of "Twinkle, twinkle little star." N. A. Gladding told some ancient Osirian legends with a curious modern flavor. R. D. Vidmer toasted "Our Scrivenoter" and highly complimented that official's faithful work during his extended term of office. B. Arthur Johnson, having spent the afternoon in setting the Osirian paraphernalia, dubbed himself the Supreme Porter and set the table in roar after roar of laughter with his comically exaggerated experiences in getting up Hoo-Hoo entertainments, forming an effective close for the evening entertainment programme.

Comments on Concatenations.

Several good concatenations have occurred during the past month, but lack of space prevents extended comment.

Three good meetings have been held in the East, one at Rochester, one at Cleveland and one at Buffalo. All these were quite successful concatenations, and reports reaching this office from various sources indicate that the boys had a high old time.

Two concatenations have been held in the South at Columbia, S. C., and Jackson, Miss. Also one on the Atlantic Coast—the "annual" concatenation at Norfolk, notice of which appears on another page.

In the West the record has had added to it the concatenation held by Vicegerent A. B. Calder, at Hoquiam, Wash., which was a very good meeting indeed.

In the Middle West the ball has been set a-rolling by Vicegerent J. Moetzel, who held a most excellent meeting Sept. 27th—the first concatenation of this Hoo-Hoo year and the first to be held in Iowa for quite a long while. Twenty-five good men were initiated. Vicegerent Moetzel was ably assisted by the members present, particularly Brothers L. C. Bricker, G. C. Grace, Geo. K. Gibson, Harry V. Scott, and F. B. Stewart, who rendered valiant service in the preliminary work. During the evening also Brothers J. A. Getchell, C. T. Hulbert and J. J. Pedersen very ably assisted the Vicegerent. The following menu was served at the session on the roof:

Blue Points "With the Bark On."
Planked White Fish, "Off the Log."
Roast Chicken, "Off the Fence."
Sweetbreads, "First Clear."
Hoo-Hoo Punch, "Double-Beaded."
Celery, "From the Onion Bed."
Cucumbers, "Warranted to Warp."
Salads, "From the Garden."
Mushrooms, "From the Timber."
Sweet Potatoes, "Furred."
Assorted Cakes, "Glazed."
Fruits, "Embalmed."
Coffee, "Double Strength."
Ice Cream, "All White Pine."
Edam Cheese, "Free From Sap."
Cigars, "Dressed and Painted."

Important Notice.

It is hoped that the following request from Mr. Barnes will be carefully heeded by all vicegerents and other officers who may have newspaper clippings. The work he has undertaken is a valuable one, and will provide a fund of historical data of much interest for the future.

For the past ten years I have been diligently accumulating the various notices that have appeared in different newspapers about the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, menu cards used at sessions on the roof, announcements, programmes, etc. All these notices are of historical value, and it has been my desire to preserve them in some shape for future reference. I have been authorized by the Supreme Nine to have the data I have accumulated put in a scrap book, and I will begin work on this at once. It just occurs to me that there are probably a good many men in the Order who have preserved notices that have appeared in the local papers from time to time. I desire to especially request that all those having any newspaper clippings or other printed matter referring to the Order in any way, will please send same to me at Suite 1202, Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. W. E. BARNES (No. 3).

Concatenation Reports.

No. 731. Columbia, S. C., August 20, 1901.

Snark, Chas. H. Evans.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. L. Seay.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. J. Wilson.
Bojum, E. B. Clark.
Scrivenoter, Howell Thomas.
Jabberwock, W. E. Thompson.
Custocatian, Joe Stone.
Arcanoper, John C. Stone.
Gurdon, R. C. Shand.
8385 Dick Barnett Foster, Columbia, S. C.
8386 William Othend Godfrey, Cheraw, S. C.
8387 James Selkirk Griffin, Columbia, S. C.
8388 Daniel William Kinsler, Columbia, S. C.
8389 William Wallace Lumpkin, Columbia, S. C.
8390 George McCrary Stone, New Orleans, La.
8391 John Irwin Sutphen, Columbia, S. C.

No. 732. Rochester, N. Y., August 21, 1901.

Snark, E. R. Cooledge.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. H. Defebaugh.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, D. Tramway Call.
Bojum, C. S. Curry.
Scrivenoter, R. G. Burke.
Jabberwock, Frederick Clopproth.
Custocatian, J. McLeod.
Arcanoper, M. C. Moore.
Gurdon, J. P. Pitman.
8392 Alton Barrows Atwood, Chelsea, Mass.
8393 Harmon Chamberlain Clark, Chicago, Ill.
8394 Francis Xavier Hooper, Glenarm, Md.
8395 James Southland Innes, Chatham, Ont.
8396 Charles Perry Knupper, Rochester, N. Y.
8397 Frederick Joseph Kress, Pittsburg, Pa.
8398 Elmer Lloyd Morrison, Rochester, N. Y.
8399 William Henry Niblick, Decatur, Ind.
8400 Demetrius Pee-Wee Rousopoulos, St. Paul, Minn.
8401 William Daniel Sexton, Cincinnati, Ohio.
8402 David Sans Souci Speer, Pittsburg, Pa.
8403 William Boxer Webb, Rochester, N. Y.
8404 Frank Milton West, Springfield, Mass.

No. 733. Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1901.

Snark, C. H. Stanton.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, O. E. Yeager.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. B. Wall.
Bojum, C. H. Seymour.
Scrivenoter, Geo. J. B. Rose.
Jabberwock, A. J. Chestnut.
Custocatian, F. J. Blumenstein.
Arcanoper, Geo. E. Jackson.
Gurdon, H. S. Jones.
8405 Edward "Bandsaw" Christianson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
8406 John William Henrich, Buffalo, N. Y.
8407 John Heavy Riemann, Buffalo, N. Y.
8408 Isaac Newton Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 734. Cleveland, Ohio, August 31, 1901.

Snark, A. W. Ellenberger.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. R. Cooledge.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. T. Jenks.
Bojum, John R. Flotron.
Scrivenoter, W. E. Bonesteel.
Jabberwock, F. P. Potter.

- Custocatian, Chas. D. Haywood.
Arcanoper, Geo. H. Buttrick.
Gurdon, J. S. Hayward.
- 8409 Charles Andrew Dawson, Cleveland, Ohio.
8410 Paul Baldwin Knowles, Cleveland, Ohio.
8411 Hunter Savidge, Saginaw, Mich.
8412 Elmer E. Teare, Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 735. Jackson, Miss., September 3, 1901.

- Snark, E. A. Hill.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, John E. Williams.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, D. J. Batchelor.
Bojum, H. B. Bostwick.
Scrivenoter, W. G. Harlow.
Jabberwock, R. H. Barrett.
Custocatian, F. S. Council.
Arcanoper, W. S. Phillips.
Gurdon, B. A. Tucker.
- 8413 Hugh Nathaniel Alexander, Greenville, Miss.
8414 George Hattion Beckman, Kansas City, Mo.
8415 Richard Wesley Bonds, Meridian, Miss.
8416 William Scott Dolton, Yazoo City, Miss.
8417 Harry Jared Hammet, Jackson, Miss.
8418 Eugene Fisher Jones, Jackson, Miss.
8419 W. D. Pugh, Yazoo City, Miss.
8420 Frederick Editor Sullens, Jackson, Miss.

No. 736. Norfolk, Va., September 3, 1901.

- Snark, W. E. Barns.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Ed. M. Vietmeier.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. F. McClure.
Bojum, B. M. Bunker.
Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird.
Jabberwock, B. F. Cobb.
Custocatian, J. B. Wall.
Arcanoper, W. M. Stephenson.
Gurdon, John R. Flotron.
- 8421 William Patent Baugham, Washington, N. C.
8422 George Stuart Briggs, Norfolk, Va.
8423 Andrew Johnson Brown, Baltimore, Md.
8424 Edmund Christmas Christian, Norfolk, Va.
8425 James Bradford Curtis, Fitchburg, Mass.
8426 Harry Lyman Daw, Roanoke, Va.
8427 Chas. Harlen Denney, Reidsville, N. C.
8428 Frank Hardware Harrison, Norfolk, Va.
8429 Ernest Guy Hoke, Hamburg, Ark.
8430 Karl Boston Isburgh, Boston, Mass.
8431 Arthur Campbell Jarvis, Norfolk, Va.
8432 Joseph Louis Keine, Jr., Grifton, N. C.
8433 Edward Henry Kruger, New York.
8434 Wilbert Howard McMullen, Faison's, N. C.
8435 James Harvey Mavity, Richmond, Va.
8436 Samuel Hill Morgan, Guyton, Ga.
8437 Robert Roy Moss, Buell, Va.
8438 Ezra Bert Olson, Fitchburg, Mass.
8439 Edward Adarise Parme, New York, N. Y.
8440 Eugene Clinton Potter, Norfolk, Va.
8441 George Maxwell Robeson, Farmville, Va.
8442 William Thomas Sears, Wilmington, N. C.
8443 De Los Thomas, Winston-Salem, N. C.
8444 Wm. Scotia Tison, Savannah, Ga.
8445 Isaac Walke Truxton, Norfolk, Va.
8446 Montgomery Peters Williams, Norfolk, Va.
8447 William James Woodward, Norfolk, Va.

No. 737. Hoquiam, Wash., August 20, 1901.

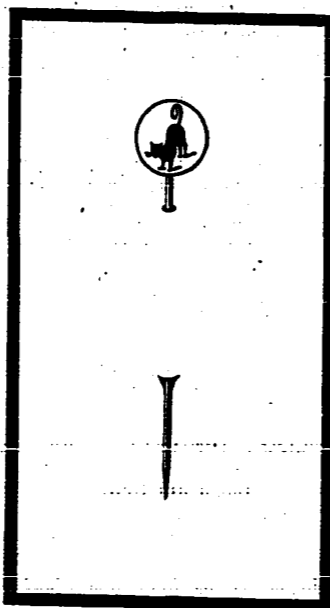
- Snark, A. B. Calder.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, George H. Emerson.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Claffey.
Bojum, E. Park Evans.
Scrivenoter, Geo. M. Cromwell.
Jabberwock, W. J. Corbin.
Custocatian, S. L. Johnson.
Arcanoper, Victor H. Beckman.
Gurdon, A. M. Kellogg.
- 8448 Grove Morgan Antrim, Aberdeen, Wash.
8449 William Walker Gordon, Portland, Ore.
8450 James McLellan Hackett, Aberdeen, Wash.
8451 Harry Brewer Hewitt, Hoquiam, Wash.
8452 Donald Musgrove Lee, Summitt, Wash.
8453 Philip Stanley Locke, Aberdeen, Wash.
8454 George Woodbury Sherwood, Tacoma, Wash.
8455 Marc Raimond Sherwood, Aberdeen, Wash.

No. 738. Des Moines, Iowa, September 27, 1901.

- Snark, J. E. Moetzel.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. A. Getchey.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, L. C. Bricker.
Bojum, W. E. Grace.
Scrivenoter, Geo. K. Gibson.
Jabberwock, Harry V. Scott.
Custocatian, C. T. Halbert.
Arcanoper, Pedersen.
Gurdon, F. B. Stewart.
- 8456 Richard Arthur Belding, Des Moines, Iowa.
8457 Benjamin Allen Brown, Colfax, Iowa.
8458 Austin Baldwin Caswell, Chicago, Ill.
8459 William "Bell" Clapper, Des Moines, Iowa.
8460 Ellis R. Englebeck, Des Moines, Iowa.
8461 George Nichol Fairchild, Des Moines, Iowa.
8462 J. M. Harlan, Indianapolis, Ind.
8463 David Henning Hoops, Des Moines, Iowa.
8464 Thomas Nash Hooper, Jr., Colfax, Iowa.
8465 William Carmon Layton, Des Moines, Iowa.
8466 John William Lloyd, Chicago, Ill.
8467 Benjamin Anshutz Lockwood, Des Moines, Iowa.
8468 Anthony Melroy McCall, Woodward, Iowa.
8469 Simpson Grant Magden, Des Moines, Iowa.
8470 James Rowan Martin, Des Moines, Iowa.
8471 Fred Herschell Munn, Ames, Iowa.
8472 Harry Iowa Pierce, Davenport, Iowa.
8473 Edward Cameron Roberts, Davenport, Iowa.
8474 William Henry Rudd, Corydon, Iowa.
8475 William Preston Steele, Corydon, Iowa.
8476 Clarence Ira Thorp, Bondurant, Iowa.
8477 James Rollin Veitch, Des Moines, Iowa.
8478 Buffon Stewart Walker, Des Moines, Iowa.
8479 Charley Henry Weitz, Des Moines, Iowa.
8480 Frederick Shear Whiting, Waukee, Iowa.

The Ladies' Pin.

The cut herewith shows the Hoo-Hoo Ladies Pin. We have yet to see a lady, old or young, who did not want one of these pins the minute she saw it. To have these pins in the hands of pretty women—and a good Hoo-Hoo knows no other sort—is the best possible advertisement for the Order. Every Hoo-Hoo ought to buy one of these pins, have his number engraved on it, and give it to some good woman. Remit \$1.00 to the Scrivenoter, and one of these pins duly engraved will be sent by registered mail to any address. It is one of the nicest presents imaginable for a man's sweetheart. Only members in good standing can purchase.



ERRATA.

On the inside title page of this issue of The Bulletin the date appears as October, when it should be September. In the short space of time following the Annual Meeting, of course, it was impossible to get out the annual number of The Bulletin before the month of September had expired, and the printers, thinking that as the paper would come out and be mailed in October, it should be the October Bulletin, and in the hurry of getting the paper to press the error on the first page of the first form sent to press was not observed. The date and number as it appears on the front cover page is correct.

The Practical Side.

The men whose Hoo-Hoo names appear in the notices below are out of work and want employment. This is intended as a permanent department of THE BULLETIN, through which to make these facts known. It is, or should be, read by several thousand business men who employ labor in many varied forms, and it can be made of great value in giving practical application to Hoo-Hoo's central theme of helping one another. It is hoped the department will receive very careful attention each issue.

WANTED.—Position. An all around Saw and Shingle Mill man open for engagement. Fifteen years experience in North and South. Through office manager. Glilted references. Address, "Veehoo," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—By an experienced yellow pine lumberman, position as buyer or inspector. Good references. Address, No. 5891, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position on the road buying yellow pine for some good firm. Have been sick a long time, but am now able to work, and want a job. Am competent and can furnish references. I ask all Hoo-Hoo to assist me in securing a position. Address, No. 1070, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as buyer of yellow pine and hardwoods in the South. Am acquainted with manufacturers in all the Southern States, and understand the lumber business in all its branches from stump to consumer. Address, No. 118, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as buyer. Successful experience in buying and selling hardwood lumber; large acquaintance in South. Good references. Address, No. 2883, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn. Nov. '99.

WANTED.—A position as traveling salesman, general office work, or retail yard work. Have had several years experience in yellow and white pine. Can furnish references. Address, No. 5885, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as manager of lumber yard or a series of yards. Have had experience in laying out and planning yards and sheds, and keeping stock in shape. Best of reference given. Out of position on account of yard selling out. Address, No. 3123, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—An experienced business man, 33 years of age, speaking Spanish, French and English, desires to represent some American firm in Cuba. Am well acquainted, having lived on the island for three years. Can furnish best of references. Address No. 4318, P. O. Box 235 Santiago de Cuba, W. I.

WANTED.—A first-class experienced saw mill salesman, one familiar with southern trade, and capable of making estimates and mill plans. Address 2833, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—One or two machine men, also a shipping clerk for planing mill. In the machine men, we need band and scroll sawyers, planer man, and molder man. Buell Planing Mill Company, Dallas, Texas.

WANTED.—We want to secure the services of a lumber salesman familiar with the trade in Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas. Address Ferguson Lumber Company, Little Rock, Ark.

WANTED.—A man capable of filling position as traveling representative and salesman for an Arkansas foundry and machine company manufacturing saw mill and other machinery. Must be up-to-date and competent to figure on contract work of all kinds; can also use combination iron and brass moulder. Good jobs for both men if right sort of men. Address: 3133 care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position by experienced lumber bookkeeper, stenographer and all-round office man about October 1st. West or southwest preferred. Address 6424, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED.—Position as planing mill foreman. Fifteen years' experience. Thirty-four years of age. Best of reference. Address No. 3808, Tioga, P. O., La.

WANTED.—A shingle flier, one who understands the Chaloner double block machine; not a planer man. L. G. Nichols & Son, Plaquemine, La.

WANTED.—A position as lumber inspector. Have had several years experience in this business and can furnish good references. Address "Leon," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Hoo-Hoo at present employed wants a place where ability and hustling are appreciated. All around man. Can handle any proposition. West coast preferred. A I references. What have you? Do business quick. Address "Vim," care Bulletin.

WANTED.—Experienced lumber bookkeeper wishes to change present position for one in healthier locality. References, salary expected, etc., can be furnished upon request. Address "K" care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED.—Two experienced and recommended men. One as foreman of planing mill and one for sawyer, who understands cutting for rift and finish. Address Yellow Pine Lumber Co., Yellow Pine, Ala.

WANTED.—A first-class bookkeeper accustomed to detail work; one who can take charge of office and show expenses, receipts and net results of each department. We operate band mill cutting hemlock and hardwood lumber in Michigan. Prefer a man between 25 and 35 years of age. Address "Michigan," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED.—Position as hardwood lumber inspector; have large acquaintance in Arkansas; ten years' experience; can furnish best of references. Address No. 6902, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as traveling salesman; satisfactory references furnished. No choice of territory. H. H. 2916, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—A man to take charge of important retail yard in the west. Must have recent experience and be in every way competent. Will pay \$75 to the right kind of man. Address "Kansas," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED.—Position as planing mill foreman. Have had 25 years' experience, and can give best of reference. Address W. E. East, Magnolia, Miss.

WANTED.—An experienced bookkeeper and office man for hardwood mill office. Address Hoo-Hoo 2711, Lock Box 75, Massillon, O.

Unknown.

Letters from the Scrivenoter's office addressed to the following men have been returned unclaimed. Any information as to the present address of any of these men should be promptly sent to the Scrivenoter.

- 6468—W. F. Elwell, Mountbourn, Wash.
6343—E. S. Stone, Silsbee, Texas.
6356—E. R. Glass, Atkins, La.
4867—Alonzo Shader, St. Louis, Mo. (Removed from Springfield, Mo.)
6298—J. M. Smith, Hatfield, I. T. (Office discontinued.)
1587—Marshall J. Porter, 1744 Grand Ave., Denver, Col.
1502—C. H. Greve, Holstein, Ia.
2467—G. A. Vergo, Boston, Mass. (Reported removed to Seattle, Wash.)
6433—L. S. Eaton, 213 Oak St., Evansville, Ind.
6067—R. J. Poulton, Savannah, Ga.
5212—W. B. Bynum, Riner, Ga.
7224—J. P. Hughes, Everett, Wash.
6336—T. C. McLain, Jasper, Texas.
5254—E. C. Crow, Merrill, Wis.
6892—J. J. Merrill, 740 West 46th Place, Chicago, Ill.
5885—S. S. Smith, Henderson, Ky.
6685—J. B. Smith, Brookhaven, Miss.
7019—W. E. Metz, New Iberia, La.
7139—W. B. Rossiter, Camden, Ark.
7046—E. C. Elson, Kansas City, Mo.
6656—Ben F. Hawkins, Stamps, Ark.
6004—A. J. Lockman, Fargo, N. D.
6602—N. H. Clapp, Jr., Cloquet, Minn.
7191—P. E. Toolin, Jacksonville, Fla.
4487—B. S. Miller, Seattle, Wash.
281—Chas. D. Boyce, San Diego, Cal.
3123—J. B. Stevens, Lima, Ohio.
7409—E. H. Hammond, Thomasville, Ga. (Said to be at Bainbridge, Ga.)
6185—Robert Finley, Thornton, Ark.
1819—Fred Hamilton, Minneapolis, Minn.
6748—J. T. Donaldson, Mena, Ark.
6780—Henry Gay, Mt. Vernon, Wash. (Sank, Wash.)
3888—E. L. Shaffer, Council Grove, Kan. (Topeka, Kan.)
3344—F. W. Simmons, Kansas City, Mo. (Hillsboro, Tex.)
3165—F. Trolander, Alboen, Minn.
7167—A. P. Linsley, Bayou Sara, La.
7489—A. E. Chambers, Lake Charles, La.
6189—R. C. Branch, St. Louis, Mo. (Texarkana, Ark.)
6383—Win. Ross, Houston, Tex.
906—B. F. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
1824—George E. Powell, Three Lakes, Wis.
3578—H. E. Brommer, Kansas City, Mo. (Mena, Ark.)
1990—L. G. Mullen, New York, N. Y.
5111—J. A. Hudgens, Kentwood, La.
5427—J. H. Martin, Nevada, Mo.
6292—C. M. McDaris, Winthrop, Ark.
5758—D. J. Spaulding, Black River Falls, Wis.
4698—R. D. Myers, Chicago, Ill.
5640—F. D. Bowler, Nashville, Tenn. (London, England.)
2494—F. H. Lynam, Chicago, Ill.
4834—W. S. Hawkins, Tifton, Ga.