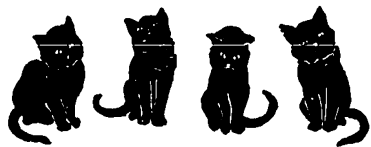


STREET SCENES IN NASHVILLE.



CONCATENATIONS.

No. 347. Fargo, N. D., July 16, 1896.

Snark, R. L. McCulloch.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. B. Thompson.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. S. White.
Bojum, J. G. Walker.
Scrivenoter, J. P. Hubert.
Jabberwock, A. L. Wall.
Custocatian, H. C. Plumley.
Arcanoper, H. T. Alsop.
Gurdon, G. P. Thompson.

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4389 C. B. Pinney, Fargo, N. D.
4390 E. W. Weakley, Moorhead, Minn.
4391 J. J. Opsahl, Felton, Minn.
4392 O. C. Sarles, Hillsboro, N. D.
4393 D. Moody, Barneville, Minn.
4394 A. L. Johnson, Moorhead, Minn.
4395 C. H. Rudd, Fargo, N. D.

No. 348. Vicksburg, Miss., July 30, '96.

Snark, H. H. Folk.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. J. Hayes.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. S. Walker.
Bojum, J. B. Nalty.
Scrivenoter, N. A. Gladding.
Jabberwock, J. B. Cabell.
Custocatian, W. Curphy.
Arcanoper, J. H. Hinton.
Gurdon, E. A. Dalton.

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4396 E. L. Winnett, Vicksburg, Miss.
4397 W. C. Maute, Vicksburg, Miss.
4398 E. Platt, Vicksburg, Miss.
4399 L. Richardson, Vicksburg, Miss.
4400 H. G. Borrow, New Orleans, La.
4401 A. L. Jaquith, Vicksburg, Miss.
4402 T. A. Middleton, Vicksburg, Miss.
4403 J. Curphy, Vicksburg, Miss.
4404 E. J. Hamley, Lake Providence, La.
4405 J. A. Scott, Memphis, Tenn.
4406 J. C. McDermott, Vicksburg, Miss.
4407 F. M. Andrews, Vicksburg, Miss.
4408 J. F. Davis, Memphis, Tenn.
4409 G. W. Guider, Vicksburg, Miss.

4410 J. F. Humphrey, Corinth, Miss.

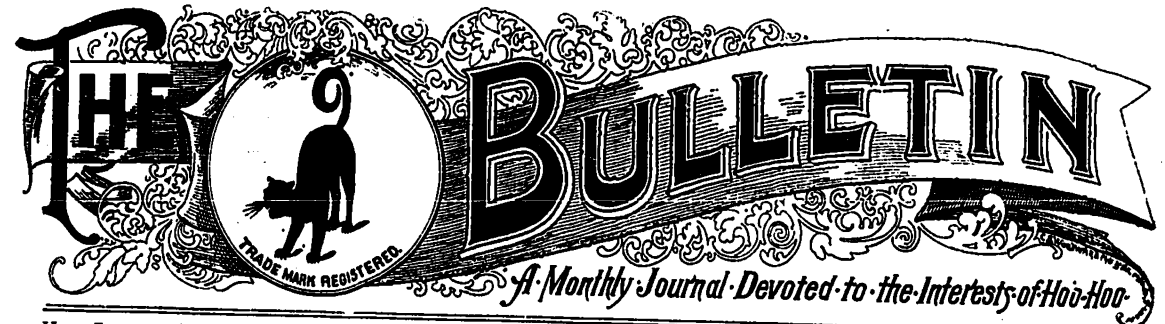
4411 S. Spengler, Vicksburg, Miss.
4412 H. Booth, Lorenzen, Miss.

No. 349. Seattle, Wash., Aug. 1, 1896.

Snark, E. H. Lewis.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, D. B. Hanson.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, F. B. Cole.
Bojum, C. H. Emerson.
Scrivenoter, W. M. Peltier.
Jabberwock, J. E. Fox.
Custocatian, J. E. Bell.
Arcanoper, F. O. Ehrlich.
Gurdon, J. Fortain.

MEMBERS.

4413 P. Quinn, Edmonds, Wash.
4414 C. S. Moody, Mt. Vernon, Wash.
4415 R. Agassiz, Seattle, Wash.
4416 A. Schall, Everett, Wash.
4417 E. E. Lytle, Bothell, Wash.
4418 F. Rathgeber, Vancouver, B. C.
4419 F. M. Duggan, Seattle, Wash.
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4421 W. Allen, Seattle, Wash.
4422 A. S. Howard, Conway, Wash.



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NASHVILLE, TENN., SEPTEMBER, 1896.



The New Supreme Nine.

Snark of the Universe—H. H. HEMENWAY, Tomahawk, Wis.
Senior Hoo-Hoo—JOHN J. MARTEN, Detroit, Mich.
Junior Hoo-Hoo—A. A. WHITE, Kansas City, Mo.
Bojum—PLATT B. WALKER, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
Scrivenoter—J. H. BAIRD, Nashville, Tenn.
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Custocatian—LLOYD A. KIMBALL, New York, N. Y.
Arcanoper—FRANK E. COLE, Tacoma, Wash.
Gurdon—WM. B. STILLWELL, Savannah, Ga.

MINUTES OF THE FIFTH HOO-HOO ANNUAL.

HELD AT NASHVILLE, TENN., 1896.

Wednesday.

Promptly at 9.09 A.M., Sept. 9, the gavel of the Snark fell on the rostrum in Watkins Hall, Nashville, Tenn., and the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was formally called to order. As a great many of the delegates had only arrived, however, on the morning trains, and had not had time to get breakfast, the Snark suggested an adjournment to 10 o'clock. A motion to this effect was put and carried.

The Work Resumed.

As the delegates filed into the room, they were required to register name, number, and State, and were given handsome and artistic badges. At 10.20 the Convention was again called to order, and the Snark said:

"At exactly 9.09 your Snark, according to the constitution, called the first session to order; and on motion, duly seconded, adjournment was made until this time to give the brethren who arrived this morning an opportunity to reach the hall. Many have come in since, and our exercises will now be formally opened with an invocation by the Rev. John I. Vance, of the First Presbyterian Church of Nashville."

Dr. Vance's prayer was very eloquent and appropriate, and was listened to reverently by the members.

The members having resumed their seats, Hon. W. M. McCarthy, Mayor of Nashville, was introduced by the Snark, and said:

"It is with pleasure, Mr. Chairman, that we welcome your ancient and honorable order of Hoo-Hoo on this its fifth annual assemblage to our beautiful city. It is said that ours is a city of 'rocks,' and I feel confident that our Nashville Hoo-Hoo brethren will convince you that it is also a lumber city, and that our more than one hundred schools and colleges will justify the name given us of the 'Athens of the South.' We might tell you of the many good things of our city, but they will be so very easily apparent to you as you pass by that we will not mention them. We welcome you in the name of our people, and invite you to test their hospitality. May your stay with us be pleasant, and may health, happiness, and long life attend you. [Applause.]"

Hon. A. J. Harris, President of the Chamber of Commerce, followed Mayor McCarthy with remarks that were well received. He said:

"Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo: I am not equal to the task of making a speech this morning, if I were so inclined; but I want to say that we consider you as members of our family during your stay in our city. The Nashville press has given to the city of Nashville a great reputation for hospitality throughout the country. You have been met and greeted by our local organization, composed of the most magnificent and most intelligent band, the most public-spirited band of citizens, in our city; and it gives me pleasure today, with them, to meet and greet you, and to assure you that you shall have the largest share of hospitality which we have the reputation of offering during your stay, as we trust we shall exhibit to you before you leave our city.

"I am glad, gentlemen, to greet you as brethren. I call you brethren because I love that word. Coming, as you do, from the Gulf to the Great Lakes, and representing, as you do, one of the greatest interests of the country, an organization composed of the strongest and most intelligent material throughout the country, I say I am glad to greet you as brethren.

"I glory in the fact that there is nothing of sectional feeling or prejudice throughout the limits of this great Union. [Applause.] I am glad, fellow-citizens, that we can lay down—that we have organizations, business organizations, that can lay down—business for a time; that we can divest ourselves of our personal ambitions and our strivings to excel each other in business, and meet together upon the broad, dead level of a common brotherhood, and greet each other as brethren. I am glad to learn from your motto that the grand object of your institution is to promote personal friendship and bring men closer together. I think that the spirit of fraternity is the greatest principle of humanity, and I believe, Mr. Snark and gentlemen, that there is nowhere else such fraternity existing within the limits of this broad world as that existing among the American people. [Applause.]

"I am glad to-day that I can meet you and greet you as American citizens. It is unnecessary for me to say that you come to what we consider a distinctively lumber city, a city represented by perhaps twenty mills, with \$3,000,000 of capital and \$2,000,000 worth of output per year. We think this is a pretty good showing for a city which has grown as our city has grown. When the war closed, Nashville had a population of about 20,000, and we have now a population of more than 100,000, with more magnificent churches and institutions of learning than any other city of

twice its size in the American Union, I believe. We have about one hundred schools, representing \$6,000,000 of property. We have several institutions of learning which are not excelled by any similar institutions in the country. I trust that you shall have the pleasure, gentlemen, while you are here, of visiting the Vanderbilt University and the great female colleges in our city. We want you to see what we have; we want you to see our lumber mills; we want you to see our magnificent colleges; we want you to see our beautiful churches; we want you to see our magnificent buildings on the Centennial Grounds. We are on the eve of inaugurating our centennial observance of our national Statehood entrance into the Union, and we point with pride to the magnificent buildings whose spires point to the skies to-day. You refer to this beautiful manual, and see there the photographs of these splendid buildings. They will be fully corroborated when you have the pleasure of seeing the buildings themselves.

"I am very glad, indeed, to have you with us, and I trust that your stay will be highly pleasant. You have our heartiest good will. We feel that you come among us as a band of brothers for the promotion of a grand industry, an industry which tends to beautify and build up the great interests of our country."

"While I am on the floor, gentlemen, I want to say one word which I will take the liberty of saying. I believe one of the most important of things is the preservation and perpetuation of our forests; and I believe it behooves you, as an organization, to take steps to petition the lawmaking powers to inaugurate a system of tree planting for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating our forests, so that future generations shall reap the fruits of your efforts. As I stood upon the mountain tops of North Carolina a few days ago, 4,000 feet above the sea, and looked over our forests and mountains, and as I took off my hat to the stately pine, the majestic hemlocks, the beautiful oaks and maples, I thought of what grand resources this country has in them, and how important is their cultivation and preservation. I believe that our people have been too reckless and too careless about the preservation of this part of the great wealth of our country, and I believe that it stands you in hand, and is to your interest and that of your children and your children's children, to organize a movement tending to preserve and perpetuate the great and magnificent resources of our forest trees. [Continued applause.]"

The Snark's Response.

Mr. Desebaugh replied in the following fitting words to these expressions of welcome:

"Mr. Mayor and Gentlemen: As the unduly exalted mouthpiece of a host of five thousand, the contingent who are here in person and those absentees whose everlasting regret it will be that they could not be present in the flesh, as I know they are in the spirit, and for themselves enjoy a realization of the proverbial hospitality of the South generally and of Nashville particularly, I feel a diffidence in approaching the almost hopeless task of expressing the appreciation that your visitors, without exception, feel for the warmth of your welcome, which we, particularly those who have a personal familiarity with Nashville, know is the honest expression of your hospitable souls. Of the breadth, the depth, the warmth of that welcome by you, expressed or implied, we realize the sincerity; and, knowing, I ask leave to assure you, and those whom you so ably represent, of our appreciation, and assure you also that we are incapable of abusing it, though, familiar as you are with the personnel of your visitors, I hardly believe you consider the latter assurance necessary."

"Nashville's welcome, through her very appropriately selected representatives, is as warm as the great hearts of her people, as pure in its sincerity as the wholesome air that surrounds her, as sweet in our ears as her women are beautiful in our eyes, as sturdily honest as the reputations of her citizens; and, therefore, let me tell you and yours, for myself and for these other followers of the Great Black Cat, that if good wishes were bricks you might build another Maxwell House."

"I had anticipated responding to this welcome in the open air, and was told that I would speak from a grand stand that I was advised had been erected through the forethought of your enterprising fellow-citizen, Mr. Albert F. Goldberg. However, despite the fact that the fifty cents that I had invested for a seat on the stand has not been returned to me, the present location will suffice."

"I understand the difficulties which you, the uninitiated, have in altogether intelligently dealing with those whose erstwhile mental blindness has been dispelled in Hoo-Hoo Land, and we make allowance accordingly; but I want to say a brief word for the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo and its membership, that you may possibly be better acquainted with the character of men to whom you have extended the courtesies of a typically courteous Southern city."

"Originally there bourgeoned in the brains of six typical 'good fellows,' some of whom will be recognized here to-day, a desire for the promotion of good fellowship among kindred spirits directly or indirectly interested in that vast industry that is one of the great mainstays of the commerce of the country, the lumber trade. From this nucleus of good fellowship, conceived in a broad spirit of practical humanitarianism, grew a great order; but with its growth the swaddling clothes of good fellowship and congenial spirits became insufficient, as was inevitable among loyal citizens and earnest, thinking men, until now we are garmented with a noble fraternalism, intolerant of iniquity or dishonor, and the patron of pure manliness."

"Into this fraternity we have admitted, as far as human limitations could determine, the flower of American citizenship from among those whose vocations admitted of their eligibility to membership. From your own beautiful city we claim brotherhood with many of the most deservedly honored names in your local directory, men whose clean lives, unsullied reputation, and patriotic citizenship are indicative of the character of their Hoo-Hoo associates."

"I know that I voice the sentiment of every Hoo-Hoo visitor when I say that the thanks we return for this welcome are as deep and sincere as the welcome itself, and further than this no man can say; for it was a genuine, Nashville, Southern extension of hospitality. [Applause.]"

The Snark: "In view of the extraordinary work and the splendid programme of entertainment before us, it is necessary that we proceed at once with the work we have; and I, therefore, will present what you may expect to call the Snark's annual address at this time. The programme will be short. It is necessarily so this morning, as we are to leave here promptly at noon."

The Snark's Annual Address.

"Brother Hoo-Hoo: One year ago, when I was honored with the highest position in the gift of this aggregation of the highest type of American citizenship, the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, I assumed the duties with misgivings as to my ability to acceptably discharge them, realizing that, whatever my loyalty and earnestness of intention, the executive charge of so great and so important an order, and the responsibility of handling an interest so great and of possibly diverse elements, might be beyond my scope. I was determined, however, if loyal intention and zealous watchfulness could accomplish it, to faithfully and satisfactorily perform the duties of the trust with which I had been honored."

"What I have been able to accomplish I leave for you to judge; but as far as lay in my power I have endeavored not to disappoint you, although the drafts upon my time and bank account, especially in late months, have necessitated a great deal of 'hustling' in the direction of keeping afloat; and, considering my own and others' experiences, I have felt a good deal like the Irishman who said: 'We're hearin' a grate dale about 16 to 1 nowadays, but I'm fearin' if that devil Bryan be elected it will be nothin' to 8.'"

"But what of good I have been able to accomplish, if anything, would have been impossible without the courtesy and hearty co-operation that I have uniformly received from the rank and file of the order, the harmonious action of the officers, and the laborious efforts of the Server oter. I have to thank all the officers and members for their assistance and their co-operation in the maintenance and advancement of the best interests of Hoo-Hoo. I look back upon the results of our best efforts with not a little satisfaction and what I believe is a pardonable pride, tempered, of course, by the estimation in which those efforts may be held by the order generally. I want here to bespeak for my successor the same uniform courtesy and co-operation that have made possible what I have been able to do for the good of Hoo-Hoo."

Instruction Before Initiation.

"Furthermore, I believe it wise that a greater formality should be thrown about the admission of new members into the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. The order has, in my judgment, come to a point where it no longer needs to make the way of admission especially easy. Quality of membership rather than quantity is now our motto, approved by almost the entire fraternity, about the only ones who do not approve being those whose own standing is perhaps uncertain. I think, therefore, that it would be well, for the moral effect as well as from the financial considerations indicated above, to require candidates for admission to Hoo-Hoo to appear before some officer of the order prior to a concatenation, and before him affix their signatures to their applications, and by him be instructed in the obligations, privileges, and duties of Hoo-Hoo. Thus their initiation would come to have more significance, and the work of the concatenation and its material could be more certainly depended upon."

"In view of the hard times, it is difficult for a large representation to be had at such a meeting as this; but we are pleased to know that so many have felt an interest in this national meeting to come out to-day. Now I have a few suggestions along the line of my experiences that I would offer, and such as your committees may feel like taking action on or not, as they may choose. First, and one of the things that has troubled me most, has been the work of the Vicegerencies. I mean I have been troubled in a peculiar way, as you will discover later."

The Appointment of Vicegerents.

"Considering my experiences of the past year, I am not entirely assured that the best results obtain from State delegation recommendations for Vicegerent Snarks. There is apt to be very limited representation from a State or locality at the annual meeting, and the tendency has been to secure the appointments at the close of the annual meeting, so as to have the roster of Vicegerents immediately announced; but we have made some mistakes in this matter, resulting in dissatisfaction among those who could not attend, and who perhaps were so situated as to be able to suggest a man for the position who might be more serviceable and better fitted, by reason of his environment, to advance the interest of the order."

Systematizing Local Work.

"In the formative period of any order like ours there are many questions of policy to be considered. Divergent theories will appear for approval or rejection. We will be wise if we do not entirely ignore the experience of other bodies and the lessons to be drawn from our own experience, while clinging to the fundamental principles of the order. Hoo-Hoo is one, and for that reason there are no local lodges and no divisions of authority; and yet I believe that it is becoming recognized that there is too little representation of authority, and that the means for effective work are lacking."

"The Vicegerents during the past year have done noble work, assisted by the loyal support of hundreds of Hoo-Hoo; and yet what is every one's business is no one's, and so in large measure the Vicegerents have had to draw upon their own resources for the orderly carrying out of the work of the order and its proper extension, even though voluntary assistance is always at hand. As the Supreme Nine (and, therefore, the order; for Hoo-Hoo is a pure democracy, its legislation and power being invested in a referendum) are represented in the States by the Vicegerent Snarks, to whom it delegates something of its authority, and thus makes possible a work of extension that would be impossible to the Supreme Nine, so, it seems to me, the Vicegerents might be authorized to make more pervasive their influence and power by the means of local representatives. These representatives, it seems to me, should be secretarial in character, and might perhaps be called 'Local Scrivenoters,' and carefully selected on recommendation of faithful members of the order, and should work without pay, except that their necessary expenses should be reimbursed to them. It seems to me that I would have such an officer in every town where there were nine Hoo-Hoo, and where a desire for such an officer should be expressed. The 'Local Scrivenoter' would be the direct representative of the Vicegerent, with whom he would keep in touch, and from whom he would derive all his authority, and in whose name he would work. He would arrange for local concatenations and generally care for the interests of the order."

"I make this suggestion with some diffidence; and yet, having had the benefit of a year's service in the trying position of Snark of the Universe, I feel that on retiring it is my duty to advance the good of the order by making any suggestions which experience has indicated to me are of importance."

Permanent Income of the Order.

"There is one subject which may not be of immediate importance, and yet must before long demand immediate attention. Therefore it seems to me that consideration of it at this meeting may be of value for the development and guidance of sentiment in the future. It is the subject of the income of the order. The support of the order is, under the present system, largely derived from initiation fees, which are uncertain in amount, giving an income which cannot be estimated in advance, and in regard to which no satisfactory budget can be framed. If an order be established and perpetuated solely for the purpose of initiation, if to secure members and by their initiation furnish amusement for older members is both its origin and end, such a maintenance of the order is entirely right and proper; but if the order have other objects and is to be perpetuated for useful ends, its income should be more stable than it can be when dependent upon the number and regularity of concatenations. There may be some objection made to consideration of this subject on the ground that there is a surplus in the treasury. That is true, but I am not afraid of a surplus; I am afraid of a deficiency, and I am of the belief that if there be a surplus the wisdom of the order can be depended upon to find a wise and proper use for it."

"The time is coming, and is near at hand, when it is doubtful if initiation fees will cover the expenses of the order. We are properly becoming more strict in our requirements as to membership. In a good many localities most of those available are members of the order. We no longer wish to make strenuous efforts to increase membership, believing that a compact and loyal membership is better, even if small, than a large membership composed of less desirable elements."

"I am inclined to think that the time will soon come, if it has not already arrived, when annual dues from the membership should be depended upon to pay the current general expenses of the order, leaving the initiation fees to cover the expenses of increasing the membership, which expenses include the support of Vicegerencies, the holding of concatenations, the button, etc. It has been said that the annual fee is now so small that it is often neglected. The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is not made up of paupers; and, while I would not, as far as my influence goes, consent to fixing the annual dues at a high figure, I believe that they can be increased without hardship to any one, and with positive benefit to the morale of the order, and with the effect of putting its financial affairs upon a businesslike basis, where they certainly are not with the fluctuating income upon which we must now depend. If raising the annual dues to, say, \$3.33 should result in decrease in the membership, the order would lose nothing; for if any member value his membership at so little as that, he is of no advantage to the order."

"I know of some very seriously embarrassing circumstances in which the Vicegerents have been placed during the past year by reason of a misconception of individual members of their right to participate in the bounty of the Vicegerents."

Other Hoo-Hoo Days.

"As each Hoo-Hoo Day makes its appearance, and the faithful from all parts of the country gather for the duties and enjoyments of the occasion, it is a matter of deep regret to those present that so many of their brethren are unable to be present and miss so much of pleasure and profit; but in at least one of the Vicegerencies Hoo-Hoo Day is observed there as here. The members of the order meet at a central point, and, in unity of time and purpose, with us celebrate the mysteries of our order. Why should not this custom be more widely observed? In fact, why may it not be a constitutional provision that in each Vicegerency Hoo-Hoo Day shall be observed by a Hoo-Hoo meeting held at some central point, at which may gather the faithful, and, with good fellowship and good cheer, join in a Hoo-Hoo chorus that shall sound across the continent? Further than this, I would suggest that, besides the Hoo-Hoo Day, the day of-days, there should in the year be three other Hoo-Hoo days; that on the ninth of each

third month in the Hoo-Hoo year there should be held in each Vicegerency a Hoo-Hoo meeting and concatenation; that these meetings should be held at different yet central points, so that during the year the entire population within the Vicegerency should be best reached by a stated meeting. These meetings should be of formal character, and the mysteries celebrated with pomp and due ceremony."

Two Important Committees.

In order that they might get early to work, the Snark named the following committees:

Credentials and Rules—W. H. McClintock, Chairman, Chicago, Ill.; H. A. Gorsuch, Kansas City, Mo.; J. B. Nalty, Brookhaven, Miss.; L. A. Klmball, New York, N. Y.; N. A. Gladding, Memphis, Tenn.

Constitution and By-laws—George W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.; F. B. Cole, Tacoma, Wash.; John J. Marten, Detroit, Mich.; C. S. Walker, Covington, Ky.; B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; W. E. Barns, St. Louis, Mo.; A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.; H. H. Hemenway, Tomahawk, Wis.; H. H. Folk, Lumberton, Miss.

The Scrivenoter's Report.

In these times of excitement it devolves upon me to refer to that old question, the money question; and I will confine my remarks strictly, or almost so, to the finances of Hoo-Hoo for the past year. I have a large detailed report here which will go to the Committee on Auditing, but I will not necessarily have to refer to much of that in enlightening you on the receipts and expenditures for the year.

I will read a summary of our receipts. We had in bank last year at this time \$3,999.99; petty cash in the office, \$4.09. We have received from petty sales, \$184.05; from interests on deposits, \$107.22; from the sale of Ladies' Hoo-Hoo stickpins, \$217; receipts from dues, delinquent and current, \$3,469.54; refund on express, \$8.20; exchange remitted with dues, \$5.39; and from the concatenation in St. Louis night before last, \$69—making a total of \$13,939.42 to be accounted for. This has been distributed as follows: 179 vouchers, \$9,482.77; petty cash sales, \$980.55; petty cash on hand, \$1.18, which shows a balance in bank of \$2,374.92. Now for the distribution of the \$9,482.77: For purchase of buttons, pins, Chamber of Horrors button, cards, etc., \$2,952.40; electrotypes, half-tones, etc., \$106.39; rubber stamps, \$15.35; office furniture, \$27.55; jewel for the Past Snark from the fund appropriated at the last meeting, \$158.30; reporting the annual meeting at Minneapolis, \$90.60; copies of manifold telegrams and other work, \$21.50; hall rent and expenses at Minneapolis, \$9.86; publishing the annual report of the Minneapolis meeting, \$273.20; premium on Scrivenoter's bond, \$44.56; expense of Scrivenoter and assistants at annual meeting, \$196.35; portion of the fund set apart for the Snark's use in charity (\$99 set apart), \$65 expended; rent of paraphernalia for Chamber of Horrors at Minneapolis, \$24.60, deducted from the fund appropriated for them; clippings from the clipping bureau, \$13.10; insurance on type, \$5.85; traveling expenses for the good of the order in opening up new territory, \$116.56; various supplies of stationery, etc., for Scrivenoter's office, \$61.35; new paraphernalia, \$4.70; expense of the Supreme Nine at the annual meeting and at meetings held during the year, \$331.70; postage on handbook, notices, dues, and supplements, \$430; salary of Scrivenoter and two assistants, \$2,195.27; printing letter heads, envelopes, notices, etc., \$255.10; rent of office, \$125; compiling and publishing handbook and two supplements, \$861.14; binding of 4,500 handbooks, \$65.88; total cost of publishing the Bulletin, setting up mailing list (which we now own), \$1,976.81; expenses of Snark's office, \$307.75—making a total of \$9,482.77.

The expenditure of \$680 in petty cash is shown by an itemized statement for each month, which includes postage and express on trunks and all other minor expenses which have to be handled in the way of petty cash and cannot be vouchered. We have received in membership this year 873 members, but net receipts from concatenations have been \$5,538.54.

I do not believe that it is worth while, unless some one requests it, to go further into detail, but refer this part of my report to the Auditing Committee. All the vouchers, bank book, petty cash book, and all the other records of Hoo-Hoo have been brought here, and all the necessary

papers to check up this report will be handed to the Committee on Auditing when it is appointed by the chairman.

In closing, I have a few words to say: We have arrived at a period in our existence which is interesting and fraught with some dangers. Our marvelous growth has wrought into our ranks nearly 4,500 members who are widely scattered, and consequently prevented from meeting each other in a social way, except in rare instances. The problem now before us is how to keep our present membership interested and enthusiastic. If this be accomplished, our future will be prosperous, and the limit of our membership reached before we are nine years old. Having been in close touch with the present occupants of the House of Ancients during their reign, and with our present Snark, all of whom have devoted much valuable time to Hoo-Hoo without thought of or wish for remuneration, and knowing something of the amount of work done, I am fully persuaded that the duties of Snark should not be placed upon any one in the future without giving at the same time the authority to employ a competent private secretary, who can canvass the field, meet the Vicegerents and members in the various States, and ascertain their peculiar needs and requirements, assist the Vicegerents, and make himself generally useful in getting up and holding concatenations. He could report weekly or monthly to the Snark, and these reports be furnished by the Snark for publication in the official organ of the order. The information thus gained would put the Snark in touch with all his assistants, and enable him to do intelligent work. If the expense is entered as an objection, my answer is that, if our order is worth anything, it is worth looking after in a businesslike way; and we are large enough now to stand the necessary expenses thus incurred.

If this recommendation seems worthy of future consideration, I trust that steps will be taken to have it referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

On motion of No. 1996, the report was referred to the Auditing Committee.

The Snark: "That committee the Snark will appoint later. I now take pleasure in introducing Colonel John J. McCann, one of the distinguished citizens of this city, who is opening his heart, as his smiles would reflect, to take care of us; and he will have something to say as to the excursion for to-day."

Col. J. J. McCann: "I am highly gratified to see so many of you present on this occasion. Later in the day I may have something to say to you outside lines of business; but I am requested to announce to you that at precisely twelve o'clock a train of seven coaches will leave the Union Depot to take you out to Belle Meade, the finest stock farm in the world, where you will have a barbecue; and I want every one of you to remember particularly to take your wives, your daughters, and your sweethearts, because you are going to see one of the most picturesque and beautiful pieces of landscape that the human eye ever rested on. In addition to that, also take all your friends [cries of "Good! Good!"], whether local or outside. The average Nashville man's heart is big enough to take in all the world. [Applause.] As Zachary Taylor said in his first message to Congress: 'We seek to maintain our relations of good fellowship with the rest of humanity.' I am also requested to announce to you that there will be a side trip for you on next Saturday to Lookout Mountain. We want you to take your wives, daughters, and sweethearts there."

A Member: "Suppose you have none?"
Col. McCann: "If you have no sweethearts, take some one else's. For every Tomcat here something of that kind ought to have been provided. [Laughter.] The train will leave here on next Saturday, in the morning, which will be announced, and return Sunday afternoon; so that you can reach the outgoing trains Sunday night in every direction. I am also requested to state to you that each one of you will stop at the door and get the local badge as you pass out when you adjourn; and I want to say further to you while you are here, Mr. Snark, referring to every one of you, that you are monarchs of all you survey in the city of Nashville, and there is none your right to dispute. [Applause.]"

A Member: "Mr. McCann seldom forgets anything, but he forgot the fact that the Chattanooga trip is all free, and it is absolutely necessary that the local management should know how many are going. All must notify Mr. Smith, so that we can get them in line."

Col. McCann: "I beg to apologize for that, as I supposed you knew that all we offered was free. [Applause.]
Session adjourned."

The Belle Meade Excursion.

At 12 noon a train of six coaches awaited the local and visiting Hoo-Hoo at Nashville's union station, which was comfortably filled when the party, numbering 255, left at 12.30. The run to Belle Meade was made in fifteen minutes, over a country beautiful in a pastoral way, and a thorough relief in its very high elevations to those whose eyes have become weary of the flat prairies of the North. The train was comfortably equipped, and the roadbed smooth, and the time for the distance was good. The party, on arriving, walked to a beautiful grove, where had been prepared the barbecue. It was found ready, served with all the appropriate "fixings," including an abundant supply of the famous Belle Meade buttermilk, while for those so inclined mineral water and more substantial liquids were supplied. After devoting an hour of solid time to the barbecue, which was pronounced a most satisfying success, the whole party were photographed in two positions. Following this, Mr. S. Lieberman, of Nashville (No. 2559), mounted an improvised rostrum, and said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen and Brother Hoo-Hoo, Brother Hoo-Hoo who come from the Northland, and Brother Hoo-Hoo who come from the Southland: We here welcome you to the home of one of our brave and noble people. We welcome you here, ladies and gentlemen, to the home of our distinguished friend, General W. H. Jackson. You have no doubt all heard of him, a typical Tennessean, a man whose name is known all over the State of Tennessee, who represents the interests of Tennessee. If you will come to know him as we Tennesseans know him, you cannot help but respect and honor him. I introduce to you General Jackson, who will make a few remarks. [Applause.]"

General Jackson's Welcome.

"Mr. Worshipful Snark of the Universe, Old Hoo-Hoo, Young Hoo-Hoo, Bojum, Scrivenoter, Custodian, and last, but not least in point of importance and avoidinpolis, Cor-Cor-Cornucopius: [Laughter.] Did I get that name right?"

[A Voice: "That is right."]

"It is my pleasure to welcome you here and to congratulate you not only upon the growth of your order, but upon the business principles upon which you have organized and conducted it up to this present time. I have read with pleasure your proceedings at Minneapolis. I am glad to see that you have in a great measure avoided the breakers upon which similar institutions and organizations are often stranded. I am delighted that things have so concatenated [cries of "Good! Good!"] as to enable you to hold your fifth concatenation of this Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo here. I am delighted that you have been permitted to hold your session under the shadows of these umbrageous oaks rather than 'upon the roof.' [Laughter.] I can very readily imagine that at a certain stage of the proceedings it is far better to be upon firm ground than upon the roof. [Laughter.] I am delighted to know of your order, and that you have as your emblem the ancient black cat which enables you to discover who is who. [Laughter.] I understand that you also subscribe to the sentiments of the song, 'Huckleberry Do—that is, 'Do, do, huckleberry do; if you don't, they will do you.' [Laughter.] I can express the earnest hope, my friends, that your order may continue in its phenomenal growth, and that you may have so many kittens as to attain that very desirable ratio of 16 to 1 [laughter]; that you may have as your foundation a bimetallic standard. I express the hope that when some of my family are to be initiated to-night [laughter, and cries of "We won't do a thing to them!"], and you will require your kittens to climb the pole, when they climb down again, they may not be polecats. [Laughter.]"

"Welcome, thrice welcome, my friends, ladies, and gentlemen, not only to this country of ours, which opens its hearts and its homes to you, but I assure you that you take with you the best wishes of these people, all of them; and as your order multiplies, and you have the faculty, I under-

stand, of guaranteeing life, health, and happiness, and you are possessed of nine lives, the only trouble I apprehend is that you will live to such a ripe old age as not to give these wives of yours a chance at a second husband. [Laughter.]

"I wish you all very well, and now greet you to my old home; and I shall be pleased to conduct you and to show you anything of interest here; and, following the custom of the Spaniard, if you wish for anything here, you will just take it home. [Laughter.]"

"Thanking you, and not wishing to detain you longer, I wish you all happiness and comfort and unalloyed pleasure, which seem assured; for, as I say, your order is founded on business principles. I am pleased with the system and order shown forth in your Minneapolis report, and I think that it is utterly impossible for you not to have one of the largest organizations that I know of in the country. Thanking you for your patience in listening to my remarks, I say: 'God bless you all.' [Applause.]"

Following General Jackson's remarks, the Snark introduced Messrs. F. B. Cole, of Washington; Col. A. D. McLeol, of Ohio; H. H. Hemenway, of Wisconsin; H. H. Folk, of Mississippi; J. J. Marten, of Michigan; and J. J. McCann, of Nashville, all of whom made witty and pleasant speeches appropriate to the occasion.

Thursday Morning Session.

Little more than a legal quorum were present when the Hoo-Hoo hour arrived Thursday morning, many being detained by committee work, and some had not yet recovered from the late hours of the concatenation of the evening before.

The Snark appointed No. 406 (Mr. W. J. Kilduff) to be Assistant Scrivenoter at the desk during the Convention.

The Snark also appointed the following:

Committee on Auditing.

E. D. Carey, Chairman; R. P. Towner, P. B. Walker.
A motion was made that a recess be taken to 10.30, when the attendance would be larger. Carried.

The morning session reconvened at 10.30 A.M., with a good attendance.

The Snark proceeded to announce additional committees, the first being the Committee on Complaints, which was named by the Supreme Nine at its session on Tuesday. This committee was announced as follows:

Committee on Complaints.

J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.; H. H. Hemenway, Tomahawk, Wis.; George K. Smith, St. Louis, Mo.

Committee on Resolutions.

W. J. Kilduff, New Orleans, La.; P. A. Gordon, Chicago, Ill.; C. H. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.; M. A. Hayward, Columbus, Ohio; E. M. Jackson, Jackson, Mich.

Committee on Good of the Order.

H. N. Saxton, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.; A. N. Struck, Louisville, Ky.; H. W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.; F. M. Hamilton, Nashville, Tenn.; T. W. Dobbins, Lima, Ohio.

Press Committee.

J. H. Bird, Nashville; M. M. Marsh, Chicago; E. M. Foster, Nashville; E. R. Cooledge, Mobile; Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis; Cad. H. Beale, Montgomery.

The Snark: "Reports of standing committees are in order. Are the Committee on Transportation ready? Committee on Drill? Committee on Ladies' Auxiliary? I think there are at least partial reports from each of these committees to be made during the day, but some of those gentlemen appointed last year are engaged in committee work at this time."

The Scrivenoter made an announcement relative to having tickets purchased on the certificate plan, duly signed, and instructed the delegates how to proceed.

The Snark: "It is customary at these annual meetings to receive communications from brethren who cannot be present. We have a large number."

No 2048: "Could not a motion be made to postpone read-

ing them, and just file them with the records? It takes so long to read them, and the order is growing so large now; but when it was a smaller order, it didn't amount to much; but just now we might have a thousand communications, and it would take all day to read them. I am in favor of filing them."

The Snark: "That is entirely within the province of the meeting to say."

No. 2648: "Then I make a motion to that effect."

No. 376: "I second that."

The Snark put the motion that the communications be not read in open session, but made a part of the records of the meeting, to appear in the proceedings, which was passed.

The Scrivenoter: "I would like to say, in justice to our absent members who sent these messages, that they appear to have taken great care in doing so. Many of them are signed by many names, or numbers, showing that they have come together in some sort of a meeting to recognize the day."

The Snark: "The communications have now become a part of the secretary's records of the meeting of the morning."

The Scrivenoter: "I might supplement my report of yesterday, which was somewhat curtailed, with a little statement which may be of interest to those present. We, of course, keep accurate account of all the deaths in the order, and have had this year twenty-one deaths within our ranks. I think the number now, since our organization, must be something over sixty. These names of brothers who have died since our last annual will, according to custom, I believe, be referred to the Committee on Resolutions."

"For the information of those present, I wish to exhibit a long roll. [Shows roll.] That is the mailing list of Hoo-Hoo. It is corrected each month, and all communications, the Bulletin, and all other general communications which go out from the office, are mailed from this list. I have before me here a list of those who are unknown. There are some seventy-five, who have resigned and who are unknown, that we are unable to reach by mail. Their mail comes back. We keep a complete list. Our 'unknown list,' together with our mailing list, comprise a complete list of Hoo-Hoo. I make this simply in explanation, wishing to emphasize here the necessity of any change of address being reported promptly. I have had a great many people meet me in different parts of the country, and say: 'I wish you would change my address to so and so.' I invariably reply to them to write me a letter to that effect, and it will go on file, and then there can be no question as to getting the exact address. This is a very important matter, because every document of every kind from the Scrivenoter's office should reach every member, to keep him thoroughly in touch with what is going on."

The Snark: "The Committee on Ritual is ready to report, but the gentlemen who comprise the committee are engaged in committee work. They were delegated by the Convention last year to revise the ritual. They have had a session, and have perfected their work, I think, in a way that will at least command the consideration of the Convention when it is presented; but none of the members of that committee are here this morning. We are ready for any miscellaneous business that may be presented to the Convention. You are doubtless aware that we have not had a report yet from the Committee on Rules and Credentials, or Constitution and By-laws; but are desirous that anything that can be transacted at this session shall come up promptly in order to relieve anything like congestion,

which might be experienced when the committees do come here with their reports requiring discussion and a great deal of work to adopt or reject. I wish to say to those of the Committee on Auditing present that there is a committee that would like to appear before them, and the chairman of that committee states that he will be glad to hold a session at their convenience this afternoon or evening at the Duncan Hotel. Mr. Smith is in readiness to present to the committee all books, papers, and data which they may require to accomplish their work.

"I would be glad to entertain any business that any member of the Convention desires to bring before it. It will be recalled by many who were at Minneapolis (and this was preliminary to formal action in calling the Convention at Nashville) that there was an informal promise on the part of those in attendance that Detroit would be favored for the place of meeting of the next Convention. I have not heard that there are any other cities that requested that the meeting be held with them next year; and if there are any delegates present who desire to formally present to the Convention a request that the annual be held in their State or locality, an opportune time is now afforded for such propositions as they may have to make."

No. 27: "Would it not be well to appoint a committee on location?"

The Snark: "I would be glad to do that, but I would like to hear from any one who has any locality to present."

No. 27: "I do not think that there is any objection anywhere to Detroit."

The Snark: "I do not think so, but I do not know but that some gentlemen present would like to present their localities. I would like to color the committee in accordance with the Convention's opinion; and if it appears to be unanimous, I would like to make the committee of such color as would indicate strongly a representation from all probable localities."

No. 648: "I make a motion that a committee of three or five be appointed on the location of the next place of meeting." Seconded.

No. 680: "On behalf of New York I want to make a preliminary announcement: That when the time does come, though it may take a half century or so, we will ask for the annual there. We won't do anything at all to you. [Applause.]"

The Snark: "The gentleman from New York is characteristically frank, and we know that, should the time come to meet in New York, we will be very agreeably entertained. I will now put the motion of No. 648 that a committee of three or five be appointed to decide upon the place of next meeting."

The motion was unanimously adopted.

The Snark: "Is it the wish of the Convention that the Snark name this committee?"

No. 27: "I think that it would be well to have it announced by the Snark."

The Snark: "The Chair will announce as the Committee on Location of the next meeting Messrs. E. M. Jackson, of Michigan; I. S. Weiler, of New York; E. R. Cooledge, of Alabama."

"A member of the Committee on Ladies' Auxiliary having come into the Convention within a few minutes, I will say that a request for a report from that committee was made last year, and no member of the committee was present at the time. Mr. H. N. Saxton, of Knoxville, was of that committee; but as the spokesman of yesterday for the ladies (Col. A. D. McLeod) is here, the Convention will

doubtless be glad to hear from you if you have any report to offer."

No. 737: "Mr. Snark, I think that Brother Saxton is better fitted to report on the ladies than I am. The only report that I can make is that there is no report at all. We would like further time."

The Snark: "The committee named last year was Fred H. Gilman, of Minneapolis; J. H. Baird, of Nashville; A. D. McLeod, of Cincinnati; H. N. Saxton, Jr., of Knoxville; Nathan Waldstein, of St. Louis; Frank Arend, of Chicago. As Mr. McLeod indicates that they would like further time, we will be pleased to grant it, I am sure."

No. 737: "If it is not out of order, may I inquire what the purpose was? Was it the formation of a ladies' branch of the association?"

The Snark: "Yes; that matter came up for discussion last year, and there were some advocates of such an addition to the association in order that the ladies might be more thoroughly interested, particularly in the annual meetings; and as they have been invited specially and given a badge in recognition of their relationship to the order, it was thought that this meeting might formulate some plan for an auxiliary band of their membership."

No. 737: "My impression is that that committee did report. Some newspaper man at Minneapolis made a supplementary report, I understand."

The Snark: "It was made a permanent committee."

No. 737: "We will make a permanent report some time. [Laughter.]"

The Snark: "I will be glad to entertain any business that any gentleman has to present. As you are aware, in the absence of the committee reports our session is likely to be somewhat quiet."

No. 745: "Did I hear you say that you are ready to entertain any questions?"

The Snark: "Yes, sir."

No. 745: "There is one thing I have thought of that I want a little information on, of interest to members of the order. I would like to know why we are all numbered. I will state my reasons for asking."

The Snark: "It became a constitutional provision that members of the order be numbered in the order of their initiation. It simplifies the work of the Scrivenoter's office, and gives the man an identity; it furnishes him with a numerical order of membership and a history of the order, and the handbook will indicate in a moment to any member of the order when himself or any other member was initiated; it is something of a matter of convenience and of identity, and presents an element of secrecy; it has become a part of the recognized rules that the number rather than the name is a factor, and the constitutional provision on that matter or a reference to it in the by-laws can be read, which will enlighten the gentleman if he wishes any further information."

No. 745: "Then it is done more as a matter of secrecy among the members."

The Snark: "Largely so."

No. 745: "My reason for asking is: I often received communications in the office where the envelope is stamped 'John Smith' (or whatever it is), and 'Hoo-Hoo such and such.' Is that proper?"

The Snark: "That is not proper."

No. 745: "I thought to bring the matter up. If I ever send out communications, I put only my name on them; and if I put my number, I do not put my name. I think that, if the identity of a member is to be kept from the outside world, we ought to take some action to bring that matter

up at this Convention, so that it would be thoroughly understood. That is my reason for asking."

No. 1371: "I want to say a word on that same order. I have seen the same thing. We were instructed in the use of our number in connection with our name. In two cases I wrote to these parties and 'called them down,' asking them where they were initiated, whether it was their fault or that of the party who initiated them. I think myself that this should be taken up, and some provision made for some one in authority to call the offended down, good and hard. I think that the by-laws provide for that."

The Scrivenoter: "I would like to say in defense of those who are away that, in looking over their communications, I believe that ninety-five per cent of them are signed by numbers only. That would indicate that the Hoo-Hoo generally are posted on sending their communications with number instead of name. It requires a handbook to interpret any of these communications. They are entirely unknown to any one except Hoo-Hoo."

No. 2648: "I would say that I went into the Scrivenoter's office the other day to buy a rubber stamp, and was asked whether I wanted my number on that stamp. I use the stamp on my letter heads. If it had a number on it, it would be something to complain of."

The Scrivenoter: "Not your name and number?"

No. 2648: "No; I think that most people use the number indiscriminately, and that it should not be put on a rubber stamp."

No. 745: "I will say that a Hoo-Hoo in correspondence with our office has a stamp on the outside of his envelopes, giving name and number; and I have seen many more such, with name and number combined."

A Member: "I think that our worthy Snark or the House of Ancients or perhaps two or three more might enlighten us further on this subject, for (I say it with entire deference) they include the Hoo-Hoo number in advertising. When it does not always signify that the name presented is identical with the number or is that of a member of the firm, yet it is there."

The Snark: "The gentleman's exception is well taken, and all his remarks are calculated to be educational and helpful. I do not recall an instance in an advertisement where the number was given, but assume there are such, but they are inconsistent and illegal; and while this matter is under discussion I would be glad to hear any further questions in regard to it; and, as the gentleman has indicated, there should come to us some information from the House of Ancients, in whom repose some authority and some valuable assets of this organization, in the shape of copyrights, etc., with regard to the Hoo-Hoo symbol. We will have a report from the House of Ancients before we adjourn, and then it would be wise perhaps for some such questions to be handled."

No. 27: "I do not see any way of handling this question at all, or similar questions, unless it be that throughout the organization, when they come across a case of this sort, they will report it to the Scrivenoter, who will call the offender's attention to the fact of his violation of the rules. If every one takes it up, I think it would be stamped out."

The Snark: "The matter is really a portion of the secret work, supplying information to the candidates or initiates, as to the use of the number and symbol; and that recalls to my mind a suggestion made this morning by one of the candidates initiated last night. He said that he would be glad if, as soon as possible, the Vicegerent of his State would take in hand the class initiated last night, so far as located here, and repeat and intensify some additional in-

formation about that secret work. A few of the candidates were a trifling dazed last evening, and did not retain all the information supplied them. [laughter.] I think that it would be a good plan for each Vicegerent, as far as possible, at his convenience, to repeat the secret work of the order to the candidates. This gentleman went as far as to request this morning that this work be given to the initiates again. That would perhaps be impossible at this time; but this suggestion is for Vicegerents, old and new, repeating the information at their command to the new members and others desiring it."

A Member: "I would like to make a motion that the Scrivenoter be requested to prepare an article bearing on the subject for the next issue of the Bulletin, indicating the uses to which the number can be put that would be entirely within the province of each member."

The Snark: "The suggestion is a very good one."

No. 717: "I think that is a little broad. The books get into the hands of many people besides members. I think he should point out the fact that members are using the numbers illegally. I do not think he should explain in the Bulletin what the use of the handbook is."

No. 2: "Will you please tell me the subject under discussion?"

The Snark: "The gentlemen have been discussing the rightful use of Hoo-Hoo book. If the Seer will explain the limitations of its use, I think—"

No. 2 (interrupting): "It is very plain from the first. The Hoo-Hoo number should not have been used in connection with the world name or name of the person for this reason: While the Hoo-Hoo handbook is kept open probably on our desks and looked at, and may possibly fall into some one else's hands than a Hoo-Hoo, that handbook is made for the sole and express use of the order, and is the property of the order. It is not my property nor yours, but of the order, just as is the book of a mercantile agency its property, and the Hoo-Hoo number is the Hoo-Hoo name. I know you by your number, and you know me by my number; and if we give it out to the world that my number is No. 2, those outside the order will have a better chance of impersonating me. Every portion of the book should be kept as secret, if possible, as the unwritten work. The new ritual will contain changes to that effect. It should not be used under any other circumstances, for the very plain reasons which I hope you understand."

The Scrivenoter: "In the work in my office the past year I have been called upon at various times to have made nicely engraved cards. The order comes in for the man's name, and he wishes his Hoo-Hoo number put in the corner. Up to this time I have been carrying out those instructions. I also received orders for rubber stamps with the numbers on. If that rubber stamp is put on a letter head, of course it exhibits the name with the number on the same sheet of paper. I do not know whether any gentlemen present have cards with their numbers, but I have seen a great many business cards with the Hoo-Hoo number in the corner, ordinary business cards. If there is a ruling on this, of course it will be necessary for the Scrivenoter to rule in accordance with those instructions in the future."

No. 717: "I beg leave to say that every time the Scrivenoter printed a card of that kind he violated that part of our ritual given by the Senior Hoo-Hoo which says that the Hoo-Hoo name shall never be used in connection with the world name of its possessor."

The Snark: "The Chair or the Seer will prepare a ruling on that question to present to the convention and become incorporated with the official report. The motion was that

the Scrivenoter be instructed to prepare an article on this subject for publication in the next Bulletin."

The Snark: "You have had a very thorough discussion of this matter. If you are ready to vote the motion up or down, I will be glad to call for a vote."

The motion was passed.

No. 2: "I move that the Constitution and By-laws Committee be instructed to take up this matter, and to, if possible, incorporate something concerning it in the constitution, so that the members may be able to see it and know it without having to refer to the ritual."

The Snark: "If the gentleman will put that in writing, I think it can be properly handled and referred to the committee. Is there anything further before the Convention?"

The Scrivenoter: "I noticed last night, and have noticed at our initiations, that the Hoo-Hoo signature, when presented to the candidates, is mystifying to them, because it is inclosed in the circle with the picture of the cat. That originated when the sticker was in use; and it seems to me that some action should be taken to have that signature placed on a blank card now, as the instructions are not given to have it placed inside the circle of the emblem of the order. I noticed that two or three of the gentlemen last evening asked if it must be put on the inside of the circle in the picture of the emblem of the order; and I believe that, if some action could be taken and the cards which are exhibited at the concatenations to show the members how to make the signature were changed, it would enlighten them a good deal more, and not mystify them."

The Snark: "I do not think any action necessary in the matter. It is a matter of education for the Vicegerents and others in the habit of giving this work. Is there anything else to come before the meeting, gentlemen?"

No. 648: "In regard to the Committee on Location, our orator is here."

The Snark: "The Committee on Location of the next meeting is ready to report on the invitation extended by the city about which we have been talking, the beautiful city by the lakes. The report will be presented by Mr. Martin, Vicegerent of Michigan."

No. 1293: "Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: I do not think it will be necessary for any extended remarks on my part at this time, as we understand that you have already decided upon our beautiful city. When I say 'our beautiful city,' we claim for it that it is the most beautiful city on the continent; and we expect to entertain you there in a broad way. We have nothing to boast of whatever but our river and our Mayor Pingree. You have probably heard of him. What he cannot do for you no other man should try. I do not know where I am 'at,' Mr. Snark, to tell the truth, and no wonder. [laughter and confusion.]"

The Snark: "I will say for the benefit of the gentleman on the floor that the committee has not reported as yet, and this is a formality that we desire to go through with in order that the invitation may be properly recorded, and the committee report will then be made the basis of our action taken by the Convention."

No. 1293: "Then I am about two weeks ahead of my time."

No. 648: "All we want him to do is to explain how much of the Detroit river he expects us to take, and what he is going to do with us there."

The Snark: "Mr. Marten is a very modest man, and I will make this suggestion as a matter of record: The Convention at Minneapolis committed itself to Detroit for this year as far as it could; and that action, while it is morally binding upon us, will necessitate that we take action anew

to-day; and hence, as we have an invitation from but one city, we are ready, I think, as soon as the committee is ready to report, to entertain it."

No. 183: "The committee is ready to report."

No. 1267: "The chairman of this committee has asked me to report for him. As I said before, representing the chairman of the committee of which I have the honor to be one, we have unanimously decided upon reporting in favor of the city of Detroit for the next annual (sixth annual) meeting. In coming to this decision, while there has been no application before this committee from any other city, it has been generally expected by the membership, I believe, that Detroit would be the next Hoo-Hoo Convention city. In accepting the invitation from the people of Detroit through their Vicegerent, I think I voice the sentiment of the entire present Convention in accepting their invitation, knowing beforehand what a red-hot time we will have when we get there. They generally do things up very nicely in Detroit. Michigan is deserving of the Convention, and we accept the invitation, and hope and expect to have a very pleasant time there."

The Snark: "The committee's report is before the Convention."

No. 27: "On behalf of the State of Georgia, I move that the committee's report be accepted."

A Tennessee Member: "I second that."

A rising vote was requested "in behalf of the State having the banner record, nearly one-fifth of the new membership, largely through the enthusiastic work of our distinguished brother from Detroit, Mr. J. J. Marten."

The motion was passed by a rising vote, supplemented by the Hoo-Hoo yell and cries of "What's the matter with Marten?" "He's all right!" "Who's all right?" "Marten!"

Report of Committee on Rules and Credentials.

Your Committee on Rules and Credentials begs to submit the following report:

1. The deliberations of this Convention shall be governed by "Roberts' Rules of Order," unless otherwise provided for.
 2. No member shall be recognized for any purpose until he arises to his feet and announces his number.
 3. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject without the unanimous consent of the Convention.
 4. All resolutions and all amendments to the constitution and by-laws shall be submitted in writing, and referred to the proper committee without debate.
 5. All questions shall be decided by a viva-voce vote, unless some member demands the roll call of States, immediately after the announcement of the result of the vote, by the Chair.
 6. Nominations and election of officers shall be the special order of business for Friday morning at ten o'clock.
 7. Nominations shall be made from the floor upon the call of roll by States, and all nominating speeches shall be limited to five minutes, and all seconding speeches to two minutes each.
- We have carefully examined the list of members registered and the proxies of absentees, and find the correct basis for voting to be as follows:

Creditinals.	Present	Proxies	Total Vote
Alabama	6	28	34
Arkansas	1	64	65
Arizona Territory	—	1	1
California	—	35	35
Canada	—	1	1
Colorado	—	16	16
Connecticut	—	1	1
Florida	2	7	9
Illinois	13	116	129
Georgia	7	23	30
Indiana	1	32	33
Iowa	1	65	66
Indian Territory	—	3	3
Kansas	1	51	52

	Present	Proxies	Total Vote
Kentucky	7	52	59
Louisiana	4	37	41
Massachusetts	—	14	14
Missouri	12	146	158
Michigan	5	204	209
Mississippi	9	59	68
Minnesota	1	162	163
Nebraska	—	46	46
New Hampshire	—	1	1
New York	2	16	18
North Carolina	1	—	1
Oregon	—	23	23
Oklahoma Territory	—	10	10
Pennsylvania	1	24	25
Ohio	3	81	84
South Dakota	—	14	14
Tennessee	30	97	136
Texas	—	95	95
Washington	1	79	80
West Virginia	—	1	1
Wisconsin	2	317	319
London, England	—	1	1
Total	119	1,922	2,041

(Of the above number of proxies there are two hundred and sixty from States not represented by any member present, and, in accordance with our constitution, this would give to each member present two and one-fifth additional votes, making the net total vote for each State as follows:

Alabama	47 votes.
Arkansas	67 "
Florida	13 "
Georgia	45 "
Illinois	158 "
Indiana	35 "
Iowa	68 "
Kansas	54 "
Kentucky	74 "
Louisiana	50 "
Missouri	184 "
Michigan	221 "
Mississippi	88 "
Minnesota	165 "
New York	22 "
North Carolina	3 "
Ohio	91 "
Pennsylvania	27 "
Tennessee	322 "
Washington	82 "
Wisconsin	323 "

Total... .. 2,039 "

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. MCCLINTOCK, Chairman;
J. B. NALTY,
H. A. GONSOULI,
L. A. KIMBALL,
N. A. GLADDING,
Committee.

Chairman McClintock, after reading this report, said: "The question was raised in the committee as to delinquents and proxies. According to the constitution, all members delinquent at the last annual should have been dropped from the rolls on the last day of that meeting. The committee has, therefore, dropped all proxies of members delinquent for the two years, for the year ending Sept. 9, 1895; but has counted the proxies of all members delinquent for this year, because they cannot, under the constitution, be dropped from the rolls until the last day of this meeting.

"I meant to explain in regard to the fraction. Two and one-half is not the exact fraction, but very close to it; and in apportioning the votes, we have dropped the fraction when it is less than one-half, and added when it is more. This makes a difference of only two votes in the total, and saves figuring fractions. I will say, Mr. Snark, that if any one has questions to ask regarding the report I will be glad to answer them."

The Snark: "It will be well to have a formal motion on accepting or adopting the report. Let us take that up first on the rules for the Convention."

No. 2676: "I move that we adopt the report." Seconded.

No. 376: "I move, Mr. Snark, that every one of those rules be taken up and voted on separately."

The Snark: "Will you make that as an amendment?"

No. 376: "I amend that each rule be taken up separately and voted on."

This amendment was accepted, and the motion so amended was adopted. All.

Sections down to Section 7 were adopted without much discussion, but a long wrangle ensued over the committee's suggestion to limit all nominating speeches to five minutes and all seconding speeches to two minutes. The section was finally adopted, however, as reported, on a rising vote of thirty-five to nineteen.

No. 2313: "I move now that the entire report of the committee, so far as it relates to rules, be adopted." Seconded and carried.

The Snark: "Now that portion of the committee's report bearing on credentials will be taken up."

No. 648: "I move that the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted." Seconded.

No. 1203: "Do I understand that that takes in the question of proxies and delinquents?"

The Snark: "Yes, sir."

No. 1203: "Our Committee on Credentials failed to say anything about delinquents. We have many delinquents over there, and there are proxies here from delinquents; and Canada has not been spoken of."

No. 183: "The committee will say, for the instruction of all members, that it fixed up this report from the registered list of those present and from the proxies delivered to us. It can do nothing more. It can recognize no statement that there are many proxies from any State. The proxies are here, and have been carefully gone over by the committee. Now they have been verified as carefully as possible, and without favor to any one section or discredit of any one section. The committee worked two and one-half hours this morning on these proxies. The committee in the Scrivenoter's office worked nearly all night on them. We simply verified the Scrivenoter's account. The committee is aware that members present in Nashville are not registered; the committee is aware that the other proxies are held by the Vicegerent Snarks in this house, not yet submitted. The committee was forced to make its report only on the basis of what it had in hand. This report is fair to every one. If there are any proxies here from the Dominion of Canada, they have not been sent to the proper parties. If there are proxies from Texas, they are probably duplicates. All proxies here are recognized, and all proxies are thrown out of members two years in arrears. There were none thrown out on that score from Tennessee."

No. 1203: "As this rule is to appear for action of this Convention, to appear in print, and be sent to every man in the queen's dominions, I wish to state that we have some loyal Hoo-hoo in Canada. We have not many, but there are a few good people, and for that reason they should be recognized here. There is a proxy in there from William J. Pulling, of Windsor, Ont., given to me and handed in. It is only one, but it is very important that Canada be represented. It is a matter of business. It is only one proxy, and I do not wish to take up your time; but it is a matter of importance. If we have the minutes of this Convention sent out to its members, and Canadians are

not shown in the reports, what will they think of me over there, working there for a year?"

The Snark: "I will say that neither the Scrivenoter nor the chairman of the Convention has seen the proxy referred to by Mr. Marten. It may have been mislaid or misdirected; and I will say further that the functions of this committee will necessarily cover the work of the Convention. Unfinished matters coming up later will be referred to that committee, and may change the ratio of the voting."

No. 2676: "The report of the committee for Tennessee gives us ninety-seven proxies. Tennessee has taken in over one hundred and thirty proxies. I have a list of those proxies that we have taken in."

The Scrivenoter: "I would like to state that when the records of those who are in attendance from Tennessee were sent to my office last night I gave instructions for all those who had registered on that register to have their proxies taken up. They are not entitled to proxies when the owners are here in person."

No. 408: "I want to ask in regard to this: There are gentlemen here in attendance who did not register. Will they be taken in to reduce the pro rata vote of each member?"

The Snark: "They will not be entitled to two votes. Their proxies cannot count."

No. 408: "Then the greater number here the less pro rata for each person?"

The Snark: "Certainly, if he register, he cannot expect to have his proxy counted. At the conclusion of this Convention an opportunity will be afforded for delegates who have not registered to register, and that opportunity will be afforded to-morrow as well for every one that the report may be complete."

No. 27: "On the roll call, as made out, the proportion voted between the different States, how will that be affected by the members arriving from those States just prior to the balloting? Suppose, for instance, that from the State of Georgia there should be this afternoon six or seven who are not already represented by the proxies, and they come into our delegation. We would then have fourteen members present, and the same number of proxies which we already have. Would we cast only the same weight of vote as if those members had stayed at home, or would our vote be increased in proportion to the number we had present?"

The Snark: "I think the vote of the State of Georgia would be increased in proportion; but that limit cannot be allowed to go on indefinitely, because our work would be confused."

No. 27: "There are people from other States who, I understand, came in this morning and with proxies in their possession. I do not know that they are present here, but they intend to present those; and I think if they presented them just at the announcement of the ballot, it would throw us into hopeless confusion and long discussion in regard to the methods of adding arrivals of that description."

No. 183: "I want to say to this Convention that I was on the Committee on Rules and Credentials last year, and the convention there adopted the report of the Committee on Rules, and that was a basis for votes throughout the meeting. A word of explanation about that: There are none of you here who are aware of the amount of work entailed in taking up these proxies. If you add to this report from day to day the names of the members who come in and register and the names of the proxies that are received, you never will have a correct basis for voting from any committee. The committee might be in continual session

and the ratio of unrepresented proxies would change every time a name was added to either those present or proxies. You would have to figure the whole thing over again. This is unfair to one section no more than another. From Illinois there is at least one additional member here who is not counted in this list. Illinois is willing to let that vote go. There may be a number from Tennessee; but I will say that Tennessee, by virtue of the location of the meeting here, has gained a larger proportion of the unrepresented proxies than any five States here represented. They are entitled to it under the constitution, and have been given it. To illustrate that: Tennessee has of those present and of proxies a total of one hundred and twenty-six. Figuring Tennessee's proportion of the unrepresented proxies, and adding half votes for each present, Tennessee has a total vote of two-hundred and twenty-two."

No. 2676: "We have two hundred and twenty-two votes on the roll. According to the register, we have thirty-nine men here now. To-morrow if there are fifty or seventy-five men here, will they cast only two hundred and twenty-two votes? Will each man here have a pro rata of only two hundred and twenty-two votes?"

No. 183: "That was the intention. If Tennessee has thirty-nine men here to-day and nine more come in to-morrow, the forty-eight will cast two hundred and twenty-two votes. [Applause.]"

The Scrivenoter: "I was handed some proxies last night by Mr. Wilmot, of Louisiana. I made a thorough search for them this morning, and they have just been handed to me. In justice to Mr. Wilmot I will say that these were filed in time, and the committee report should have been made to contain them. I did not look them over last night, and could not tell whether they were fifteen or five; I do not know yet."

No. 27: "Mr. Snark, in view of the fact that each State now knows approximately what its vote will be, and it will not be very greatly altered by any additions or subtractions, and in view of the fact that there may be some new arrivals prior to the voting and some new proxies prior to the voting which might alter it slightly, in order to have peace and harmony in the family, would it not be well for the committee's report on credentials to be referred back and rereported in the morning? Then we will have it up to date, and I do not think there will be any serious discussion on it or injustice done. I move, therefore, that it be referred back to the Committee on Credentials with instructions to permit it to report to-morrow morning, the first thing."

No. 2646: "I second that motion."

No. 183: "I want to say before I forget it, for the benefit of those present, that the proxy from Canada has been found. It was sent in by Vicegerent Snark Marten. It makes no difference in the total vote, and is credited to Canada instead of Michigan."

No. 99: "I would like to ask for information on that motion of Mr. Hill in regard to this point. Supposing some question comes up here to-day and some member calls for the roll of States, on what basis will you have it if you don't accept that report of to-day?"

No. 27: "I ask my second's permission to withdraw my motion. [Permission was granted.] I move, then, that the present roll of the States be accepted for to-day as it stands."

No. 2676: "That would be unjust to Louisiana."

The Snark: "I would like Mr. Hill to state that question again."

No. 27: "I move that the roll as presented by the Committee on Credentials be accepted as the temporary roll for to-day."

No. 2: "I second the motion of Mr. Hill."

No. 1421: "I would like to offer as an amendment to Mr. Hill's motion that the Committee on Credentials take the register and the votes in the way of proxies received up to nine o'clock this morning and reappportion the vote."

No. 27: "That is what was intended by my original motion, that the roll be made out at nine o'clock in the morning and accepted from that time, but to-day to use the roll presented, with the change in justice to Louisiana, which can be made in a moment."

No. 2676: "I second that motion."

The Snark: "I think that makes it clear. All in favor of the motion as amended, to accept the present roll as the temporary roll for to-day, and that the committee will continue their work and report finally at nine o'clock in the morning, will please say aye."

The motion was passed without dissent.

No. 2: "Is there anything before the house?"

The Snark: "No, sir."

No. 2: "Then I have this resolution to offer: 'Resolved, That the Committee on Constitution and By-laws be instructed to frame a clause in the constitution covering the use of the number, in conformity with the clause of the ritual relating thereto.'"

No. 183: "I move that that be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws."

Motion seconded and passed.

No. 2: "I have another resolution I want to get rid of: 'Resolved, That the Scrivenoter be instructed to print, as nearly as possible, a full, detailed report of this meeting in the Hoo-hoo Bulletin for September, to contain the full text, with the constitution and by-laws.' I will explain my resolution. It is simply this: We never have had printed a verbatim report. Last year we left out discussions about our button, and this year we have had that discussion."

The Snark: "The Supreme Nine have arranged for a complete verbatim report of the Convention. It is only a question for this resolution, which goes back to the committee, to indicate, whether it shall be printed in separate form or a portion in the Bulletin. This report has been taken verbatim. Everything said and done at this Convention, and all the incidents of our meeting in the way of entertainment, etc., will be thoroughly reported."

No. 2: "Do you assure me, then, that you have the material?"

The Snark: "We have the material up to this moment. We have taken a full verbatim report."

The Scrivenoter: "I believe there was a motion made in the Convention at Minneapolis by which the Scrivenoter was instructed not to publish that part of the report regarding the button, and the rest was published verbatim." Cries of "Yes! Yes!"

The Snark: "The Chair will refer the matter to the proper committee."

No. 2676: "Minneapolis last year had a gentleman from Tennessee who met all the Hoo-hoo there. He made a fine impression on them. He was out of the city yesterday, and could not attend the meetings. He is here to-day, and I am satisfied that the Hoo-hoo present will be pleased to hear from him. Hoo-hoo No. 3574, Major A. W. Wills, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. [Applause.]"

The Snark: "I will appoint Mr. Williams to escort Major Wills to the platform."

Major Wills: "Brother Hoo-hoo: I assure you that I am glad to meet many of the familiar faces that I met one year ago in Minneapolis. It seems to me that an address of welcome or speech of welcome would not be proper just

now, as you have been with us twenty-four hours, and possibly have experienced some of the well-known hospitality extended in the State of Tennessee; but we are certainly very glad and very happy to have you with us. It was my expectation to have met you all at the depot, but I am, unfortunately, one of the busiest men in the market, and cannot always control my days or hours. I was due here yesterday morning. Unfortunately, on account of missing connections, I had no opportunity of getting a sleeping car, and felt pretty well done up when I arrived; but I could not forego the pleasure of coming down last night and assisting some of the new members. As I came up Cherry Street, I met the 'chain gang' and others; and however desirous I was of joining that gang, I felt that if I did, to-day would be of no consequence to me in my business arrangements; so I went home.

"I am glad, indeed, to be with you to-day, and shall take a very great pleasure in piloting you to Lookout Mountain. I trust all the declarations made by me last September in Minneapolis will be faithfully carried out, and your welcome in Nashville will be so agreeable that yourselves, your wives and sisters and cousins and aunts will all come down to our Centennial next year. [Applause and the Hoo-Hoo cry.]"

No. 2365: "In regard to the reception to-night: There will be a reception, and all, including ladies, are invited for nine o'clock. It will be informal. We hope all Hoo-Hoo present will be with us to-night. We will try to have some of our pretty girls there."

No. 27: "Over on this side of the house we did not hear the announcement made by the Vicegerent of Tennessee."

The Snark: "I will be glad to state that the local committee, who have been dancing attendance upon their guests for two days, have made provision for a delightful reception this evening at the Maxwell House. They particularly impress on us the desire that all ladies accompanying delegates and friends will be present; but in making this more impressive, it is only necessary to say that we expect the gentlemen will be present as a mark of courtesy to the committee that has arranged for our pleasure, and with the suggestion that it will be informal it is hoped that no one who has left his dress suit at home will feel that he will be lost in a company of swallow-tails, for it will be understood that we will be entirely unconventional in our attendance."

No. 237: "Are dress suits barred?"

The Snark: "I do not think so. They will be on the part of the local committee, I understand. The local committee will not have them. Any one else may."

No. 2676: "I would like to ask for the trousers he had at Minneapolis, and had a cut in them. [Laughter.]"

The Snark: "Col. McLeod will be requested to comply with the request."

No. 2: "I want to make a suggestion. There is a great deal of work to be done, and four or five committees are now in session, the Committees on Constitution and By-laws and on Ritual; and I would like to see the meeting perform its share and work to harmonize, so as to get as much work done to-day as possible."

The Snark: "It is impossible for the Committee on Constitution and By-laws to report at any time before our departure for the Centennial Grounds. We have had a kind invitation to make that trip, and we must be there as far as possible. If any gentleman has anything to offer, we can continue this session until time to leave."

No. 183: "I have an announcement to make: There will be a meeting of the members of the Chamber of Horrors at Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, Maxwell House, at six o'clock to-night."

That Chamber of Horrors has some work to do and a short time to do it, and I hope that every member in the city will attend. I will say that some work has already been done. I neglected to go to the concatenation last night and help bury Brothers Schwartz and Smith and Edwards; but I was preparing for the funeral of our Snark, which occurs Friday evening."

The Snark: "I would like to have Mr. McClintock speak on behalf of the Chamber of Horrors (it makes me shudder to speak of it), as to whether it is to be public and they will invite the ladies."

No. 183: "The Chamber of Horrors has always conducted its funeral ceremonies in public. It has been announced in Nashville that the passing of the Snark will be a public occasion; therefore the Chamber of Horrors will make this a public affair to the extent that all Hoo-Hoo may invite their friends. We do not want to throw the doors open for every one to come in. It will be held in this hall, and I guess there will be sitting room enough. That will be at 9.09 to-morrow evening."

The Snark: "The Snark is much gratified by this announcement, as there will be protection afforded him by the ladies and others present; for I would hesitate to put myself into the hands of the Chamber of Horrors alone."

No. 2: "We are glad you look at it that way. [Laughter.]"

A Member: "Has the Snark already written his obituary?"

The Snark: "It is in type, sir."

No. 2: "I have a report on the presentation of the emblem which Past Snark William Eddy Barnes wears. Will you have it read?" I will show it to you. It contains just a prefatory paragraph, announcing that the work was done, and contains a newspaper account of the presentation of the time before. I am a member of that committee, and am ready to report."

The Snark: "Will the Convention hear the report?"

No. 27: "I move that the report of the committee be received, accepted, and printed."

This motion was adopted, and the committee's report is as follows:

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 7, 1896.—The Supreme Nine, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo: Your committee appointed at the September session held at Minneapolis, Sept. 11, 1895, to select a suitable souvenir to commemorate the virtues and services of Past Snark William Eddy Barnes beg leave to report that they have performed that duty; and in the presence of a large number of Hoo-Hoo assembled at the House of Public Comfort, St. Louis Fair Grounds, and surrounded by an assemblage of more than 75,000 people, an appreciative audience, and amidst the blowing of trumpets and the lusty shouts of the aforesaid 75,000 people, our most illustrious Snark of the Universe was escorted to the rostrum, and the victim being brought forth, was duly presented with a beautiful jewel selected by your committee in the following classic and appropriate address, which was frequently interrupted by tremendous applause:

Most Worthy Resident of House of Ancients: In the life of every man who is called upon at one time or another to serve his country, his constituents, or his admirers, or who in the eternal fitness of things is elevated, by reason of his personal qualifications or aptitude, to the incumbency of a position where these qualifications are made subservient to the interests of those responsible for his elevation, there comes a time when virtue has its reward, a time when sterling worth is recognized, a time when appreciation and gratitude must assume a form more substantial than verbal expressions, when acknowledgment and recognition of faultless administration are fittingly unrestricted.

It is a little more than a year ago when, at the annual assemblage of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, the highest honor which the order can bestow, the office of Snark of the Universe, was conferred upon you; and it becomes my pleasurable duty as your successor to make substantial

acknowledgment on behalf of the order of their recognition of the ability which characterized your administration. It is only when faced with grave responsibilities that the worth of a man is shown in its true light; it is only when we meet with obstacles that we can demonstrate our ability to surmount them. The prosperity of the order at the close of your incumbency is an eloquent tribute to the natural possessiveness of executive power in your nature, and the luster of your retirement to the House of Ancients is typical of the luster of this diamond which I now have the honor of presenting you. So long as it scintillates when kissed by the sunlight, just so long will you occupy a warm corner in the hearts of those who had a part in this acknowledgment, who in session on the afternoon of your enforced retirement voted an appropriation for this mark of their esteem.

It should be a pleasurable recollection to you that the Hoo-Hoo Convention which voted this mark of gratitude was composed of delegates, not from a small district, but from a territory embracing thirty odd States, and that the action was unanimously approved. It is also fitting that this mark of esteem should be bestowed upon you at your own home; and on this occasion, when surrounded by friends with whom you come in daily contact, we reverse the parable that "a prophet is not without honor except in his own country."

Mr. Barnes expressed his surprise and pleasure at the form and the spirit shown in his execution. He had previously been mummified at Minneapolis as a result of his contact with the Chamber of Horrors, so that in a terrestrial sense he was constructively a silent quantity; but on such an occasion as this the rule of a departed and rarified Egyptian could not be adhered to. He must burst the winding cloth and shake off the dust of accumulated ages. He begged to say that his lot as Snark had been a pleasant one. He had had loyal friends and hearty coworkers, both in and outside of the order. His work as a newspaper man had also fallen on pleasant lines. He could wish his successor no greater pleasure or higher honor than such loyal and unswerving friendship as had been accorded him (the speaker) by the Hoo-Hoo and the lumbermen of St. Louis. His debt of gratitude to them was beyond payment or description.

Reverting to the high and exalted office of Snark, he begged to remind the present incumbent that, without malice aforethought, but simply in a spirit of friendly advice, based on practical experience, the most interesting stage of Snarkism is the last, the passing of the Snark. That it would be extremely interesting to his successor he had no doubt. He could predict that safely. The rumblings of the coming cataclysm could already be heard. He held in his hand a warning notice of the approaching end, coming from a Seer and poet of the order of high degree, which he would read:

To the Snark.

In bright and scintillating light your path now lies
Paved with kingly honors, and your eyes
Glow with a pardonable pride which well befits you;
Yet whose glory dies on Hoo-Hoo Day
Must tread a thorny and lugubrious way,
For worldly pomp and homage every Snark must pay
When comes his passing.

You walk in blissful ignorance of earthly woe;
Your ignorance is bliss, for we who know
Your very dread of things which dignity forbids will lay
you low
And on you jump;
Your kingly heart will take a sudden thump,
As swiftly down the palace stair you make a slump,
When comes your passing.

Don't know, proud monarch, that your time will swiftly
come;
That homage quickly fleets, and that the sum
Of deference paid by others is but dusty dross; that the
hum
And Hoo-Hoo ding,
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 puce

Where Snarks are quietly and peacefully laid away, and
the puce
Which we will set
Will fairly curl your whiskers. We will let
The shrieking, gushing 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 deposed kings,
You'll realize the hollowness of worldly things,
Yet looking forward to September nine, which brings
The Grand Snark's passing.

VICEGERENT.

The present is a handsome locket and watch chain. On one side is shown the Great Black Cat in black enamel, while in the surface of the other is imbedded a beautiful diamond.

Friday Morning's Proceedings.

Promptly at 9.09 of the morning of Sept. 11 the Snark called the Convention to order, with a light attendance present.

The Snark: "The attendance is very light, but it is customary to call a meeting for this hour. If for any reason it is the pleasure of the meeting that it have a recess for half an hour or such time as might be suggested, we can do so."

No. 376: "I move that we adjourn until 9.45." Seconded.

No. 27: "I believe that yesterday at the meeting it set a special order for the Committee on Credentials report to be closed at a specified time this morning: nine o'clock. I would like to have the gentleman withdraw his motion."

No. 376: "I withdraw that motion."

No. 27: "I will move, sir, that the Committee on Credentials be now instructed to close the roll and report at the earliest possible time, according to the rule of the Convention, if it is in order."

A Member: "I will second that motion, as we are not to elect officers until ten o'clock."

The Snark: "It is moved and seconded that the Committee on Credentials be requested to close their report, and, in compliance with this request, will come to the Convention with their report as early as possible."

The motion was passed, and, on motion, a recess was taken until 9.45.

The Convention was reconvened at 9.45, with an increased attendance.

The Snark: "Gentlemen of the Convention, the Committee on Credentials is ready to report."

No. 183: "Mr. Snark, the committee has brought the first draft of its report to save time, but I guess it will be readily understood. The reapportionment includes forty-two since yesterday; and, figuring on even numbers, it gives just two votes more in the total than are represented here in the proxies and those present. That is as close as we can possibly get.

"Under the apportionment Alabama has 6 present, 29 proxies, and is apportioned 10 votes of the unrepresented proxies, making a total vote of 45.

"Arkansas has 2 members present, 65 proxies, is apportioned 3 votes, making a total of 70.

"Arizona has 1 proxy, unrepresented.

"California has 36 proxies, unrepresented.

"Colorado has 16 proxies, unrepresented.

"Connecticut has 1 proxy, unrepresented, and Ontario, Canada, 1 proxy, well represented. [Applause.]

"Florida has 2 representatives here, 8 proxies, apportioned 3 votes, making a total of 12.

"Georgia has 7 representatives present, 23 proxies, apportioned 12 votes, making a total of 42. I would explain to Georgia that their vote is cut down somewhat by the apportionment.

Mr. Schwartz (later): "They were very definite by saying, 'In a few minutes.'"

The session reconvened at 10.40.

The Snark: "The members will please come to order. We will proceed with the roll call. Tennessee is the first State. Is Tennessee ready to report?"

No. 205: "Tennessee has no candidate."

The Scrivenoter: "Wisconsin was called, I believe."

A Member: "Wisconsin's candidate has been ably presented. I have nothing further to add."

The Scrivenoter: "I believe some gentleman came to me to second a nomination. I do not know what State he is from."

The Snark: "The roll has been called, and we would be glad to know now, before any vote is figured or any announced, as to whether there are any gentlemen desiring to further participate, again or at this time. Will some gentleman on the floor make a motion for tellers?"

No. 183: "I move that nominations for Snark be closed and we proceed to ballot."

The motion, seconded by No. 2351, was passed at 10.44 A.M.

No. 2714: "I move that three or five tellers be appointed to tally the vote of all.

Seconded by No. 648.

No. 1289: "Will each candidate have a representative?"

The Snark: "Just one moment, please. We have not put this vote yet."

The motion was formally passed.

The Snark: "How will you have the tellers appointed?"

No. 376: "I move that the Snark appoint the tellers." Seconded.

No. 1996: "I move that the Snark appoint no ward heelers." Seconded.

The Snark: "I would rather that be not incorporated in the minutes."

No. 1996: "All right; take it out."

The Snark: "I am pleased to appoint Mr. Stephenson, of Tennessee. I am ignorant of the situation, but am going to appoint as nearly equitably as I can. Mr. Schofield, of Georgia; Mr. Wilmot, of Louisiana."

No. 1189: "You left us out of that entirely."

The Snark: "I think you will find it is all right, my friend."

No. 183: "I would suggest that we cast fractions in decimals in order to facilitate matters. They need only to be carried out to the first point. We drop below that and add above that, and in that way the vote will be approximately correct, and the tellers can act more expeditiously."

Alabama: "Alabama has 45 votes. She casts 19 for Hemenway, 19 for Folk, and 7 for A. A. White."

Arkansas: "Arkansas has 70 votes; casts 70 votes for Henry Folk."

Florida: "Florida has 13 votes, and casts 13 for White."

Georgia: "Georgia has 42 votes, and casts them for Hemenway."

Illinois: "Illinois has 159 votes, and casts 38.8 for Folk, 63.6 for Hemenway, and 46.6 for White."

Iowa: "70 votes for A. A. White."

Indiana: "Indiana casts 35 for Hemenway."

Kansas: "I have instructions from my delegation and authority to cast the total vote for A. A. White—55."

Kentucky: "Kentucky's total vote is 70—45.1 for Hemenway, 33.9 for Folk."

Louisiana: "Louisiana has 67 votes, and casts 33½ for Hemenway, and the other half for Mr. Folk."

Michigan: "Michigan casts 220 votes for Hemenway. [Applause.]"

Minnesota: "Minnesota casts 174 votes for Hemenway." Missouri: "Missouri is entitled to 189, and casts them for A. A. White."

Mississippi: "Casts 70 votes for H. H. Folk. She casts 11 for Hemenway and 70 for Folk."

North Carolina: "Three votes, and casts one for each candidate. [Laughter.]"

New York: "New York casts 7 for Hemenway, 7 for Folk, 7 for White. [Applause.]"

Ohio: "32.3 for Hemenway, 64.7 for Folk."

Pennsylvania: "Pennsylvania casts her 28 votes for Folk."

Tennessee: "Tennessee has 250 votes; 6.5 for White, 30 for Folk, 244.5 for Hemenway."

Wisconsin: "Wisconsin casts 367 votes for the grand old man of Wisconsin, H. H. Hemenway, of Tomahawk. [Applause.]"

Washington: "Washington casts 85 votes for White."

The Snark: "The vote is completed, and the committee will figure up the total."

No. 2676: "Total vote, 2,163; necessary for a choice, 1,082; Hemenway, 1,268; Folk, 397.9; White, 497.1. Mr. Hemenway is elected. [Applause.]"

No. 90: "I move that 'Papa' Hemenway's election be made unanimous."

Seconded by everybody.

The motion was passed amid applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.

The Snark: "The Chair will appoint Messrs. Folk and White to escort Mr. Hemenway to the chair."

The members all arose as the new Snark faced them from the platform, and made the Hoo-Hoo salutation, which he returned.

The Snark: "Gentlemen of the Convention: On retiring from the chair, I want to offer my sincere thanks for the kindness and courtesy you have shown your presiding officer, and for the measure of co-operation and fellowship you have exhibited to your unworthy Snark during the past year. I am only in hopes that my successor, whom you have unanimously chosen, will have the same co-operation and assistance and sympathy in the work before him; for, while it is a great honor, the duties are, at the same time, onerous if a man, conscientious in the acceptance of the work, will assume to do his best in the interests of the order. I now have very great pleasure in introducing 'Papa' Hemenway, your choice for Snark this year. [Applause and cries of "What is the matter with Desebaugh? He's all right.]"

Mr. Desebaugh retired, relinquishing the chair.

The Snark, H. H. Hemenway, No. 184: "Gentlemen and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Perhaps some of you would like to be in my place just now in making the acceptance, as you might call it; or, rather, return my thanks for the votes that you have given me for your Snark. I believe in dealing in the practical things of life; and not in flights of oratory, providing I could; but because I cannot, I wish to say this: That I regret some very few things that in the heat of debate and in the heat of their admiration for one another will creep in all bodies. Hoo-Hoo is like all political bodies, and afterwards they regret some things that were said, and that the parties saying would give money to take back. From this moment I wish that everything of that sort that has happened here be blotted out. [Applause.]"

"We all know that for the good of our beloved order we must have unity. We must, to make it strong, have the good wishes and co-operation of all the bright minds of our body and to help your officers, and the Snark in his position has no strength of his own without that guaranteed to him by the constituency that made him that Snark."

"I ask, gentlemen and brethren, your co-operation. I will make errors no doubt; but I have, I think, more friends in this convention than I ever had. I thank every one for elevating—or, no, I will not say elevating—putting me in this position, in charge of a great body of men from every State in this Union. If such a man is independent and able and advances the interests of the order, he necessarily must at times make decisions that will be criticised.

It cannot be helped. I ask your forbearance, and pledge myself to do the best I can from the light I have. [Applause.]

"You are all aware of the conditions of our country at the present time and the stringency in all kinds of business, and there is a kind of lull in our organization, as there is in all organizations and classes of business. It will be necessary to be united, stand firm, do the best we can, and wait for better times."

"Gentlemen of the Hoo-Hoo, I thank you, one and all. [Applause.]"

The Snark: "I believe this hour is set apart for continuing the election of officers. The next will be the Senior Hoo-Hoo."

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the roll of the States."

No candidates were presented till Michigan was reached, when No. 648 ascended the stage, and said:

"Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I wish that I had the ability to make a speech equal to the ability of the men that you had to present the candidates for Snark. It is not necessary for me to say much to you who are interested in Hoo-Hoo, and who have watched its march the last year. I will simply say to you that Michigansers are workers; we are not orators. I came up here to present for your consideration the name of John J. Marten for Senior Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]"

The roll call proceeded, and Georgia, which had asked to be passed, was recalled. No. 27, of that State, said:

"Snark of the Universe and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Georgia, still standing on the same platform of ability, seconds the nomination of Mr. Marten, of Michigan. [Applause.]"

No further nomination or speeches till New York was reached.

No. 1267: "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: It becomes my very pleasant duty, representing New York, to not only second the nomination of our friend, John J. Marten, of Detroit, for the position of Senior Hoo-Hoo, but on this occasion it behooves me to say just a word or two for his many virtues. You all know 'Johnny' Marten, of Detroit, Vicegerent of Michigan. We are going to have our next annual concatenation in Detroit, and such wonderful things as are promised from Michigan are simply immense. I have a confidential communication to make later on, after the Convention is adjourned; but New York wishes to second Mr. Marten's nomination, and I hope when the roll of States is called it will be unanimous to a man. You know we are going to hold our Convention there, and there is going to be a great deal of work for Mr. Marten, and we are going to depend on him to do it. [Applause.]"

The roll call of the States was completed without further nominations.

No. 183: "I move that the nomination for Senior Hoo-Hoo be closed and we proceed to election."

No. 2714: "I second that motion."

Motion was carried without dissent.

No. 1421: "I move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the ballot."

Seconded and passed.

The Scrivenoter: "2163 votes for John J. Marten, of Michigan, for Senior Hoo-Hoo. [Applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.]"

The Snark: "I will merely say that our brother of Detroit, having received the majority of the votes, is declared elected Senior Hoo-Hoo."

No. 1293 (from the platform): "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I have been requested by the chairman of the Michigan delegation to say but six words; and if I live up to what he has told me, I am bound to finish before I start; but inasmuch as you have chosen our city for your next annual, you will find that the work of Michigan will be fully equal to the work of Michigan in the past. [Laughter.] We do not claim to be able to entertain you as Tennessee has entertained you—or Nashville, Tenn.—because it is a well-known fact that the hospitality of the South cannot be equaled in the North; but we will do the best we can, and ask that you will come and ask the ladies to come. We expect to entertain you there principally on our river and lakes. I have been so instructed by the Michigan del-

egation, or the Michigan members of the order. We have worked on this for the past year, and I have numerous letters from members throughout the State urging me to do what I can to bring Hoo-Hoo to Michigan next year. I wish to state that I had some 3,000 copies of literature to distribute; and when I came to the hall yesterday morning the business was all over, and my literature is now in my room."

"I can only say that I thank you for the honor you have given me, which I consider a very high honor, to be chosen by such a body of men as are here to-day and which represents Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]"

The Snark: "Call the roll of States for Junior Hoo-Hoo."

Alabama: "A. A. White, of Missouri. [Applause.]"

Arkansas: "No candidate."

Florida: "No candidate."

Georgia: "Georgia, still standing on the same platform of ability, seconds the nomination of Mr. White, of Missouri."

Illinois: "Illinois asks to be excused."

Iowa: "Iowa seconds the nomination of Mr. White."

Indiana: "No candidate."

Kansas: "No candidate."

Kentucky: "We indorse the nomination of Mr. White."

Louisiana: "No candidate."

Michigan: "Michigan puts in nomination Mr. White."

Missouri: "Missouri takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of her candidate, Mr. White."

Mississippi: "No candidate."

North Carolina: "No candidate."

New York: "New York has no candidate but Mr. White."

Ohio: "No candidate but Mr. White."

Pennsylvania: "No candidate but Mr. White."

Tennessee: "Tennessee seconds the nomination of Mr. White."

Washington: "No candidate."

Wisconsin: "Wisconsin takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. White."

No. 183 (from the platform, after applause): "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: Illinois has an announcement to make. [Laughter.] Illinois came to this Convention unpledged for any position. It has no choice, except as individuals, for any office; but now we have reached a point in the nominations where Illinois has a choice, where Illinois is unanimous. Illinois wishes to name a man whom you all know, a man who is able, a man who has proven himself a loyal Hoo-Hoo, who has worked for the interests of this order from the time of its foundation, a man not as active on the floor perhaps as some others, but who has done as much good for Hoo-Hoo as any one man in the organization. Illinois has no nomination to make, but wishes to second the nomination of A. A. White, of Kansas City, and will cast her 159 votes for him. [Applause.]"

On motion of No. 2676, the Scrivenoter was instructed to cast the ballot for Junior Hoo-Hoo for Mr. A. A. White. He announced 2,163 votes for that gentleman amid applause and the noise of the Hoo-Hoo yell.

No. 162 (from the platform): "Mr. Snark and Brother Kittens: I accept the office, and will pledge my best support to your newly-elected Snark. I am not going to punish you at this time with any speech, as I have not prepared one; so you will excuse me. [Applause.]"

No. 3 (pointing to the newly-elected man seated on the platform): "I want to call the attention of the audience to the size of all these people. [Laughter and applause.]"

The Snark: "The Scrivenoter will proceed with the nominations."

The Scrivenoter: "Before calling the roll for Bojum, I wish to rise to a question of privilege. I have a letter that was handed me last evening from our absent Bojum, W. I. Ewart, which I ask permission to read:

"St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 7, 1896.—I regret very much that I am prevented from being present at the ensuing annual. In lieu of attendance, I send the Bojum's epistle, and can only add that my best wishes are with you for a profitable

and successful gathering, whose deliberations shall ensure to the lasting benefit of our worthy order. I remain, with fraternal greetings, Very truly yours,

W. I. EWART.

"I find inclosed in this letter the epistle referred to, which I will also read:

"This annual of eighteen ninety-six Finds many good Hoo-Hoo in mighty bad fix; Some think we had better have crossed the Styx Before business and profits slid down to six; But 'tis said, while the taper continues to flicker, There's hope, and the most irredeemable kicker Ought to find consolation and cheer in the words: That we've Doctor's of Finance "to throw at the birds."

"We have Bryan and Sewall for minds argentiferous, And Palmer and Buckner for mortals auriferous, McKinley and Hobart to protect and reciprocate, While Levering and Johnson think men should not irrigate.

"For appendages caudal, bifurcate, stands Watson, Panceus galore, offering all to the nation. What wonder if Columbia asks, "Where are we at?" Earnestly seeking for light while the contest is rife, But sustained by the tail of the Great Black Cat, Hoo-Hoo's minions have Happiness, Health, and Long Life.

That our order may widen and bring summum bonum To all, is the wish of the retiring Bojum."

The Scrivenoter: "I will continue to call the roll of States for Bojum."

Alabama: "Alabama continues the good work of putting on heavy weights, and nominates Platt B. Walker, of Minnesota. [Applause]"

Arkansas, Florida: "No candidate."

Georgia: "Georgia seconds the nomination of Platt B. Walker."

Illinois: "Illinois has nothing to say."

Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan: "No candidate."

Minnesota: No. 2676: "On behalf of Minnesota and the delegation from there, I desire to second the nomination of Platt B. Walker. In Minnesota this year Mr. Walker has been a member of the Supreme Nine, and has also been called upon to act as Vicegerent. He is an excellent man, and Minnesota loves him, and Minnesota wants him as Bojum on the Supreme Nine. [Applause]"

Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee: "No candidate."

Washington: "Washington seconds the nomination of Platt B. Walker, Jr. It notes his reserve and modesty, and doubts his ability; but seconds him, just the same. [Laughter]"

Wisconsin: "Wisconsin takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Platt B. Walker, without doubt of his ability."

On motion of No. 1421, the Scrivenoter cast the ballot of 2,163 votes for Platt B. Walker for Bojum, which was greeted with the Hoo-Hoo yell.

The Snark: "Brother Walker will come on the platform."

No. 48 (from the platform): "It is with a good deal of hesitation that I attempt to take a seat with these heavy weights, because I am afraid Mr. Cole has 'sized up' my ability. I thank you, gentlemen. I will do my best. [Applause]"

The Scrivenoter: "The roll call for Scrivenoter."

Alabama: "Alabama passes the nomination."

Arkansas, Florida, and Georgia: "No candidate."

Illinois: "Illinois has no candidate at present."

Iowa, Indiana: "No candidate."

Kansas: "We nominate George K. Smith."

The Scrivenoter: "Gentlemen, I appreciate that honor,

but I have instructed and consulted with the delegation from Missouri, and I could not agree to have my name presented to the Convention."

Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania: "No candidate."

Tennessee: No. 3574: "Since I came into this hall the pleasant duty has been assigned to me to place in nomination for this very honored position the name of J. H. Baird, of Tennessee. [Applause.] In doing so, I have reason to state that in everything conceivable, way, shape, and form, Mr. Baird is entitled to and can fill this position with credit to himself and honor to those who may elect him to this important trust. It has been my pleasure for several years to be intimately acquainted with Mr. Baird, and I am possibly as well acquainted with him in business as I am socially; and in all relations he stands in Nashville without a superior--progressive, active, full of energy. I want to say, Mr. Snark, that next to the position you hold in this order it seems to me that the Scrivenoter must be prepared to do the 'society act' well in our annual Conventions; and I have to say to Mr. Baird's credit that it is said of him in Nashville that he has a sweetheart on every street. [Laughter.] While I would not for one moment reflect on the excellent qualifications of our present Scrivenoter, I have to say that the superior of him of whom I speak is not to be found within the ranks of this order.

"Now, my dear friends, you said to me one year ago in the city of Minneapolis that we were to be honored with your presence here on this occasion. Now, I ask this second favor: Let me go to the people of Tennessee and say that this grand order has given to Tennessee the position of Scrivenoter, and I will be forever yours. [Applause]"

Washington: "No nomination."

Wisconsin: "Wisconsin seconds the nomination of J. H. Baird for Scrivenoter."

Illinois: "Illinois has nothing to say."

Kansas: "We withdraw Mr. Smith's name, and second Mr. Baird's nomination."

On motion, the Scrivenoter cast 2,163 votes for J. H. Baird for Scrivenoter, which was greeted with the Hoo-Hoo yell.

No. 5: "In retiring from the office and presenting to you Mr. J. H. Baird, my successor, I wish to express to all my kindest feelings, and my appreciation of all that has been done to support me in the very arduous duties of keeping track of four thousand five hundred people. I do not know that Mr. Baird realizes as I do what it means to look after the details of such an order as this, but I assure you that he has my sympathy and will have my support. [Applause and cheers for George K. Smith.]"

Mr. Smith yielded his office to Mr. Baird.

The New Scrivenoter, No. 408: "Brother Hoo-Hoo and Ladies and Gentlemen: It is with a great deal of appreciation of my inability that I endeavor to express the gratitude I feel for the honor conferred upon me. The best way to show this gratitude, I think, will be to cut my speech short, as I understand the duties of my position are to keep the records of the office, and not to make speeches when the meeting is pressed for time. I thank you for the honor. [Applause]"

No. 2624: I move that a special committee of three on resolutions be appointed to pass resolutions on behalf of George K. Smith for the good he has done the order." Seconded.

The Snark: "There is a committee already appointed on resolutions, and that will certainly be referred to them, with the suggestion as to what is entirely fitting for the occasion."

A Member: "I understand the gentleman's motive to be that of many of the members here: a motion to present a special committee to draft these resolutions, by that action to put particular stress on the honor and our vote of thanks to George K. Smith."

No. 1159: "The gentleman from Georgia understands our position exactly. There have been certain statements made about George K. Smith which were entirely uncalled

for. We wish that committee appointed, and we hope the members will vote for that committee, to show our appreciation of the work that George K. Smith has done for this order since he has held the office of Scrivenoter. [Applause.]"

No. 27: "Mr. Snark, as a member of the general Committee on Resolutions, I must support the motion to appoint a special committee. As a member of the general committee, after having a talk or conference with the other members, we must admit that our ability as eulogistic orators cannot do justice to the services that George K. Smith has rendered this organization. [Applause and cries of "Good! Good!"] We, therefore, wish that the Snark, with due deliberation, will select a committee who are adapted to this work; and I assure you that the Committee on Resolutions are heartily in favor of it."

No. 2676: "Brother Hoo-Hoo, we have elected a new Scrivenoter. In the retirement of Mr. Smith, Hoo-Hoo has lost a valuable officer. Mr. Smith has often been weighed in the scales and never found wanting. [Applause.] Mr. Smith has always had the interests of the order at heart, has always given his time and attention to the order, and I think we should appoint a Committee on Resolutions, of which every member in the house should be part."

No. 1295: "Coming from Michigan and doing the work as Vicegerent for the past year, as a subordinate under George K. Smith, I must state at this particular time that I have never found the office of Scrivenoter wanting when information was asked for. The amount of correspondence necessary to carry on that office must be great; for I can assure you that my proportion of it was large, and I have never waited more than two or three days for a reply to any request that I have made. I wish to state that, in appointing this committee, as one of the workers of our order, I heartily agree with this resolution for a committee to draft suitable resolutions in recognition of the manner in which George K. Smith has served this order. [Applause.]"

The motion was unanimously passed on No. 738's motion that it be emphasized by a rising vote, the Hoo-Hoo yell following, with cries of "What's the matter with Smith?" "He's all right."

The Snark: "Are you ready for the appointment of the committee?"

Several members: "Appoint it; appoint it."

The Snark: "I will appoint Mr. A. A. White, Mr. R. H. Vidmer, and Mr. F. B. Cole."

No. 27: "I call for the regular order, which I believe is balloting on the next office."

The Snark: "You are right. We will now proceed with the election."

The Scrivenoter: "For Jabberwock."

Alabama: "Alabama passes."

Arkansas: (No answer.)

Florida: "No candidate."

Georgia: No. 27: "The State of Georgia places in nomination Mr. E. V. Preston, of Louisiana, a Southern lumberman of ability. [Applause.]"

Illinois: "Illinois passes."

Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington: "No candidate."

Wisconsin: "Wisconsin seconds the nomination of Mr. Preston, of Louisiana, for Jabberwock."

Arkansas: (No answer.)

Illinois: "Illinois has no candidate."

On motion, the Scrivenoter cast 2,163 votes for Mr. E. V.

Preston, of Louisiana, for Jabberwock, this being greeted by applause and the Hoo-Hoo cry.

No. 810 (from the platform): "I thank you for the honor that you have done me, and all I can say is that I will do my best. [Applause.]"

The Snark: "The Scrivenoter will proceed with the next office."

The Scrivenoter: "The Custodian."

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia: "No candidate."

Illinois: No. 183: "Mr. Snark and Gentlemen: This is an order composed of lumbermen, newspaper men, railroad men, and machinery men. So far you have not heard the name of a wood-working machinery man for any position on the Supreme Nine. We have some of our most active men in that branch. Furthermore, the East is entitled to a representation on this Nine. I, therefore, have the honor, and the pleasure as well, of nominating for the position of Custodian Mr. Lloyd A. Kimball, of New York. [Applause.] Mr. Kimball is at present Vicegerent Snark of the Eastern division of New York. Mr. Kimball held the first concatenation ever held in the State of New York, the first concatenation ever held in Pennsylvania, and the first ever held in Massachusetts. He has presided at twenty-seven concatenations, and contributed to Hoo-Hoo two hundred and twenty-five of the most prominent people in the East. Illinois presents the name of Lloyd A. Kimball, of New York, for Custodian. [Applause.]"

Iowa, Indiana: "No candidate."

Kansas: "Kansas seconds the nomination of Mr. Kimball."

Kentucky, Louisiana: "No candidate."

Michigan: "Michigan supports the nomination of Mr. Kimball."

Minnesota: "No candidate."

Missouri: No. 3: "I desire to second the nomination of Mr. Kimball. I think it was during the time that I was in the position as Snark that Mr. Kimball very kindly and generously undertook the work in the other States, and carried it through in excellent shape. Missouri heartily indorses and seconds the nomination of Mr. Kimball."

Mississippi, North Carolina: "No candidate."

New York: No. 1267: "New York has a candidate in the field."

Ohio: "No candidate."

Pennsylvania: "Pennsylvania seconds the nomination of Mr. Kimball, of New York. [Applause.]"

Tennessee, Washington, Wisconsin: "No candidate."

On motion, the Scrivenoter announced the total vote of the Convention for Mr. L. A. Kimball, of New York, for Custodian. [Applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.]

No. 1267: "I suggest that a special committee of twenty men be appointed to hold up that stage. [Laughter.]"

No. 680 (from the platform): "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: For once at least in my life I am going to tell the truth, and that is that I appreciate most heartily the honor that you gentlemen have conferred upon me by electing me a member of your Supreme Nine. The gentleman who nominated me told something of the work done in New York State, and gave me a great deal of credit for it; but I want to say that it was not myself alone that did that work. When that was started in the East, there were five of us. We held concatenations in New York, and five of us undertook to initiate eighteen men. [Laughter.] They were all out in the interior, as they had to be when we started proceedings. They took it into their heads that they would initiate us. [Laughter.] I wish some of you had been there. We finally got quieted down, and concluded to divide that delegation and put them out, and then we went at it; but in that eighteen men (the point I want to make) were five or six better men than I am; and if I could have gotten them down here to stand on this stage and tell you how anxious they are to make the order of Hoo-Hoo strong in New York State, you would not have elected L. A. Kimball a member of your Supreme Nine; but they could not come. Several had planned to come, but close business attentions would not let them; and final-

ly they sent me down here not to get any position on your Supreme Nine, because we did not aspire to any such honor, but they did send me down here particularly to get a first-class, straight-limb lumberman as our Vicegerent Snark in the State of New York; and when we get that man (I shall be prepared to mention the name at the proper time), I want to promise you, gentlemen, that we are going to make Hoo-Hoo hum in New York City. [Cries of "Good!" and applause.] When we get as many members as we have figured out we should have, some delegation will appear for New York and invite all Hoo-Hoo to Manhattan Island; and when you get to Manhattan Island, I assure you not only for myself, but for many others, that we will give you an entertainment that you will appreciate most heartily. Again thanking you with all the emphasis possible to words for the honor bestowed upon me, I will not take any more time. [Applause and Hoo-Hoo yell.]

The Snark: "The Scrivenoter will proceed."

The Scrivenoter: "The roll for Arcanoper."

Alabama, Arkansas, Florida: "No candidate."

Georgia: No. 27: "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: It is with a great deal of satisfaction that I can pick up a handbook and find the great numbers that have gone into our great organization in the past in the Northern States, the lumber States. The lumber industry is the most manifest in this organization, and properly so. That field up there, with its numerous members, has about consumed a great proportion of its available timber. We have a portion of the country that is developing in the lumber industry, and it is with great elation that I pick up the handbook and find so few names in the South country enrolled. There are as many earnest Hoo-Hoo in the South as there are in the North, but we have not the numbers to manifest it. We have done some strenuous work, but have been handicapped. We want to throw off the handicap, and therefore I appear before you, and, in behalf of the State of Georgia and the South at large, we would request that a man from the South be placed on our Supreme Nine that will be as an incentive to a large amount of material that we have available for membership in this organization; and, with this aim in view, we know none that would be a greater incentive, that would be more of an honor, give more tone to our organization, draw more people to us, and give the name of Hoo-Hoo a recognition among men and the better class of business men in the South than the man that I purpose to name: William B. Stillwell, of the Southern Pine Lumber Company, of Georgia. [Applause.] He is a gentleman well known in business in the lumber industry; he is high in the ranks as a lumberman. You may know that he is when I say that I am informed that he represents \$5,000,000 capital employed in the lumber industry. He not only represents that capital intelligently and is an expert accountant, but he is a good debater, a gentleman who would do credit to your organization on any occasion, and I am sure he would serve you faithfully and well. [Applause]"

Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, and New York: "No candidate."

Ohio: No. 737: "Gentlemen: By special request, I make a nomination. Before I make it I am going to say a few words in the interest of our brotherhood. I do not care where a man comes from, provided he is a Hoo-Hoo. I believe in obliterating these State lines. There should be no signs here except to indicate where we come from. Now, as I have been sitting here, this gathering of Hoo-Hoo reminds me (I presume because of the blood that courses through my veins) of ancestors who trod the heather and the hills of Scotland, and the gathering of the clans, more particularly Walter Scott's description of the gathering of the Clan Alpin; how, at the behest of their chief, the messenger, with burning torch and banner dipped in blood, sped on his wings of wind; how the banner was passed from hand to hand and the burning torch until every summit was aflame with the fiery signal; how the clansmen, when they beheld this signal, left the plow and the kine on the hills, their bows in hand, or, snatching up the claymore and shield, rushed to the meeting place, where they gathered round their chief clansman; and there stood, in a solid circle, right or wrong, Clan Alpin against the world.

"We have come from the North and from the South, from the East and from the West; and while we are here,

we are like the old Scotchmen, and would like to see some of the enthusiasm of the old clansmen; so let us gather around our chief and present this body as a solid circle of Hoo-Hoo brotherhood, an unbroken, unbreakable circle.

"As I said, I do not care where a man comes from; but it is proper that we should have representation from different parts of the country, and in the interest of that part of the country that lies nearest the golden Pacific I want to nominate Mr. Frank B. Cole, of Washington. [Prolonged applause.] I want to ask of you that some one second the nomination and elect him unanimously. [Applause]"

No. 4: "I second the nomination."

Pennsylvania: "Pennsylvania indorses the nomination of Mr. Cole, of Washington."

Tennessee: No. 2370: "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: There are very few of us here who have ever before met the gentleman whom I wish to second; but he fulfills our idea, and in the few days that I have been here I have come to know him, and he has qualifications that would entitle him to a position much higher on the Supreme Nine than we intend to elect him to. He is a gentleman who has been approached, I think, by every faction of Hoo-Hoo, and has come out uncontaminated by any one of them. [Applause.] He is a representative lumberman, and from a section of country that has no representative on our new Supreme Nine, so far. I wish to second the nomination of Mr. Cole, of Tacoma. [Applause]"

No. 27: "The State of Georgia wishes to withdraw her nomination, and make the nomination of Mr. Cole unanimous. [Cheers and applause]"

Washington, Wisconsin: "No candidate."

On motion of No. 2024, the Scrivenoter cast the 2,163 votes of the Convention for Frank Beach Cole, of Tacoma, Wash., for Arcanoper.

On motion, representatives of the House of Ancients conducted Mr. Cole to the platform, and the Convention sang: "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

No. 3: "I have not made a request but one. I ask of 'Papa' Hemenway the privilege of introducing to you Frank B. Cole. I want to get a little even with this man. He got me into one of the most thoroughly uncomfortable scrapes that I ever got into. After I was appointed Snark, I got a letter from Frank B. Cole. I didn't know him, or that he was a joker. He marked the letter 'personal and private.' It said, 'I understand that the Vicegerent Snark of California is an immoral man, not worthy to occupy the position that he does;' and he said, 'I think the matter ought to be thoroughly investigated.' That put me into a quandary: for that year we changed the constitution, providing that a man should be of moral character. So I wrote to him that we didn't undertake to guarantee the moral character of any one, and I said: 'How are we going to get at this? What has the man been doing, and how do you determine virtue in California?' In a little while afterwards I got a letter from Everett, inclosing my letter, that Frank Cole had sent down to him. These two jokers were having a little fun with me, and I think they had it, good and plenty. If there is anything you can do to this man, I want to ask that you do it to-night. I think we ought to send him back with some sort of a brand on him. I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. Bill Nye, otherwise known as Frank B. Cole. [Applause]"

No. 1996: "Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: I take this honor largely in the line of locality, but I am conceited enough to take a little of it personally. I also take it in line with the great hospitality extended to me here in this city of Nashville. I have enjoyed this thoroughly, and I am not so much of a liar that I can say that I do not appreciate this honor. I am very proud to be your Arcanoper for this year. I have not been very much about your city, but this is in line with the full enjoyments afforded myself. I have attended your barbecue, I have chased your deer, I have drank your whisky, I have not chased your sheep, and I am unlike my distinguished friend who states that he is a descendant of the land of Scotland (although my grandmother was, and I presume her ancestors), where they stole sheep from the lowlanders and Englishmen, and thought that patriotism.

"The Pacific Coast may be entitled to a representative on this Supreme Nine. I think it is. I think the timber industry of the Pacific Coast is sufficiently large, and our

membership, though small, is growing, entitling it to a membership on this Nine from that standpoint. I am glad to see sectional lines thrown out and those lines obliterated, save to tell where a man is from. I have no more to say than to thank you, one and all, for everything that has been so pleasant to me at this meeting. [Applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.]

The Scrivenoter: "The Gurdon."

Alabama: "Alabama has great pleasure in placing in nomination for Gurdon Mr. William B. Stillwell, of Georgia."

Arkansas, Florida: "No candidate."

Georgia: No. 27: "The State of Alabama has placed in nomination William B. Stillwell, of the State of Georgia. The delegation from Georgia is aware of the fact that Mr. Stillwell is not personally known to a great many members of this organization. Mr. Stillwell is an active, energetic Hoo-Hoo and lumberman. He attends every convention that is held in the State whenever he is in the State. Gentlemen, it has been said that it would be well to distribute the offices of the Supreme Nine geographically; and Georgia, recognizing that, withdrew her candidate and went for the Pacific Coast. [Applause.] The great Southeast, gentlemen, from the city of Nashville to Key West, Fla., and from New Orleans to New York City, geographically is unrepresented. Gentlemen, one of the great wishes of this organization has been to put a preponderance of lumbermen on the Supreme Nine. I am heartily in favor of it. We come with a lumberman who is an honor and a credit not only to Georgia, but to any place in the United States, a man of the highest type, well educated, prominent in business, and with a heart the like of which I believe no other man of Georgia carries in his breast. We ask you for your votes. We ask it on the ground of geographical distribution; we ask it on the ground that the lumbermen are not properly represented on the Supreme Nine. We want a majority in proportion to the weight that the lumbermen carry in this organization. In proportion to their importance in this organization their proportion on the Supreme Nine with reference to newspaper men and machinery men is not sufficiently great. I ask you, gentlemen, in the name of the State of Georgia, to consider the name of William B. Stillwell, of the Southern Pine Company, at Savannah. [Applause]"

Illinois: "Illinois wishes to rise to second the name of W. B. Stillwell, of Georgia. [Applause]"

Iowa: "Iowa seconds the nomination of Stillwell, of Georgia."

Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington: "No candidate."

Wisconsin: "Wisconsin seconds the nomination of Stillwell."

On motion, the Scrivenoter cast the entire 2,163 votes for the Convention for William B. Stillwell, of Savannah, Ga., for Gurdon. This was received with applause and the Hoo-Hoo yell.

No. 183: "The Committee on Ritual is ready to report."

No. 1819: "I move that we adjourn."

The Snark: "There is a large amount of business before this Convention which should be done in order and plenty of time given to it this afternoon. There is to be much discussion on many of the recommendations. It is very proper that we should take as little time for dinner as we can get along with, and get back here as early as possible and commence this work."

The Convention adjourned at 12.30 to 1.30.

Friday Afternoon's Session.

The Snark called the Convention to order at 2.08 P.M.

The Snark: "Gentlemen of the Convention: It is not, I think, consistent to wait much longer. It is now ten minutes past two, and I suggest that we come to order and begin to hear the reports of the committees that will not require so much discussion. We can take that up; and if the others do not come, they are to blame for it. We cannot

help it. We will now consider ourselves as in order, and I will call for the Committee on Ritual."

No. 183: "Mr. Snark: Your Committee on Ritual appointed at the last annual has prepared a report which is somewhat lengthy, but will not require to be read in its entirety. I will only refer to changes which have been suggested by the committee in the old ritual."

No. 1996: "I rise to a question as to whether all present are Hoo-Hoo or not before we begin the ritual."

The Snark: "Is the Jabberwock present—the retiring or present Jabberwock? Any of the officers present? Will Brother Smith see that all present are Hoo-Hoo?"

No. 5: "They are all Hoo-Hoo with the exception of Mr. Bennett. I cannot see that there will be any necessity for his leaving."

No. 183: "Perhaps Mr. Bennett had better retire. It will do away with any objections any of the members might have. I suggest to the Snark that the door be guarded."

The Snark: "Where is the Gurdon? Is the elected Gurdon present? Is the past one present?"

A Member: "He is not."

The Snark: "Will the Arcanoper, until he wants to speak, sit by the door until the proper one comes? You will please scan them closely and ascertain that those coming in are Hoo-Hoo."

Report of the Committee on Ritual.

No. 183: "I will say that this committee has held but one meeting, held in Chicago a month ago. At that meeting a majority (a quorum) of the committee agreed on the changes made. There were four present, and each one of the four was assigned a portion of the ritual to make the changes which have been suggested. The report from these four members has been sent to me, with the exception of the report from the Secer of the House of Ancients, and has been compiled into one report. The other members of the committee have never seen this full report, but I think they are prepared to concur entirely in it.

"In the first place, we make an entire change of the opening ceremony. The Snark, after announcing his acting officers, calls the meeting to order."

The committee's report was read and explained in detail. The changes from the former ritual were of minor character, and the revised ritual as submitted by the committee was formally accepted by adopting the report.

No. 5: "I wish to make a motion that the chairman of the Committee on Ritual be instructed to have at least one hundred copies of the ritual published in Chicago and sent to the Scrivenoter. I do that for this reason: The chairman has been through this once before. He has a place in Chicago where those can be gotten up and looked after, and the Scrivenoter will have as much as he can do without looking after the rituals. Some one has said to make it two hundred, to have a better set of rituals."

The Snark: "Brother Smith has exactly struck the idea. The ritual should be gotten out under the direction and proof reading of the committee."

The motion that the chairman of the Committee on Ritual have printed one hundred copies of the revised ritual was formally passed.

The Snark: "Brother McClintock will see to their proper getting up."

No. 5: "In accordance with the requirements of the constitution, I have pasted on the table cloth there the list of delinquents; and I have placed below it the two books containing the registered receipts of the third notice sent to all members, in compliance with the constitution, stating that unless the dues are paid now they will be suspended at this time."

The Snark: "That is very important. He has complied with the constitution. We must do something for the non-

payment of dues. The constitution is as lenient as it would seem to any reasonable person it should be. Our Scrivenoter has prepared this report, and I hope every member taking any interest in it will consult the list; and if friends' names appear thereon, they will take such action as they see fit."

No. 5: "I will say that the constitution provides that these people may be reinstated by paying their dues. I have forgotten whether in a certain length of time or not, but the notice will have to go to them that they have been suspended, and requesting return of their handbooks and buttons, unless they pay the dues."

No. 1293: "Before suspending some of the members from Michigan, I wish to say that I have the dues of some of these people; and I have learned while in Manistee about six months ago that one of the members is dead, and been dead for some time. Another has been unknown, and his mail has come back."

The Snark: "I would suggest that if he was going to be recorded as deceased on our records he be so recorded free of any reference to delinquency. If it is necessary for a motion to do that, let us have that motion. If not, let the records so show it."

No. 5: "It is not necessary, Brother Snark, if that information is filed at the time the report is read."

The Snark: "Then please make that notice to the Scrivenoter."

No. 183: "I want to make an announcement. I don't see very many members of the Chamber of Horrors in the room, but I would like to have all members of the Chamber of Horrors and all Vicegerent Snarks whose terms expire this evening to meet in the anteroom here to-night."

The Snark: "Will they please do so? and we will get right on with the business of the convention, because we have little time enough. As these committees have been arranged, the next committee to report is the Committee on Auditing. Is it ready to report? The chairman of the Committee on Auditing."

The Scrivenoter: "I have here the report of the Committee on Auditing. At the request of the chairman, I will read it:

Report of the Committee on Auditing.

"To the Contented Order of Hoo-Hoo in Convention Assembled: We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have carefully examined the records and books of our worthy Scrivenoter, George K. Smith, for the past year, checking them item by item, and find vouchers covering all expenditures. We find the same to correspond with the balances as shown in his annual report received Sept. 9, 1895.

E. D. CAREY, Chairman;
R. P. TOWNER,
P. B. WALKER."

No. 1180: "I move that the report be received."

The motion was seconded and duly passed.

The Snark: "The next committee is the Committee on Resolutions. Are they ready to report?"

No. 5: "Not right now."

The Snark: "We will pass that committee. Now comes the committee of all committees, on Constitution and By-laws. I was in hopes there would be more here, but I suppose there are enough to make a noise over that report. Let me suggest that in your remarks you be as clear and concise as you can. The chairman of that committee is Mr. George W. Schwartz, of St. Louis."

No. 4: "Take out your handbooks here. Brother Snark, I don't know that it is necessary to read that part of the constitution where we make no changes. Is it?"

The Snark: "No; just refer to it by section and article."

Report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

No. 4: "Your Committee on Constitution and By-laws beg leave to submit the following report:

"Article I., Section 1.—No change.

"Article II., Section 2.—No change.

"Article III., Section 1.—We have made no changes in the first, second, and third clauses. In clause fourth we have

stricken out that part which reads, 'Or mechanical appliances and contrivances for sawmill and planing mill machinery,' leaving the fourth clause to read: 'Sawmill machinery men; by this term being meant persons engaged in manufacturing sawmill or planing mill machinery.'

"We make no change in clause fifth.
"We have stricken out the sixth clause entirely, made necessary by the change in clause fourth.

"No change in Section 2.

"Section 3 we have changed to read as follows: 'Each applicant for membership shall fill out the application blank.' Then we dropped down to: 'This application must not be voted upon until a certificate thereon has been indorsed and signed by two members of the Order in good standing.'

"Section 4.—No change.

"Section 5.—We have cut out the words 'with all details therewith connected,' which would be done, anyhow.

"Section 6.—No change.

"We have made a new section, calling it Section 7: 'The handbook shall be issued between the first of February and first of April each year, and shall be sent only to members who have paid dues for the preceding year.'

"The old Section 7 we now call Section 8, and have changed it to read as follows: 'The initiation fee shall be \$9.99, which, together with the current year's dues, must accompany the application.'

"Section 9, which is a new section, reads: 'The annual dues shall be ninety-nine cents.'

"Article IV., Section 1, where it says, after 'the House of Ancients, whose high duty it shall be to,' etc., 'and shall be the custodians of the copyrights of the order, to protect and care for them,' after the word 'them' we have added: 'A duplicate of any right or privilege granted by the House of Ancients shall be filed with the Scrivenoter.' No other change in Section 1.

"In Section 2 we have added to 'elected' by a majority of the votes cast."

"Section 3.—No change.

"No changes in Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

"Article V. (Supreme Nine).—No change in Section 1.

"We have cut out Section 2, and substituted as follows: 'Article V., Section 2. The Chamber of Horrors shall consist of Vicegerent Snarks who have served one year in that capacity, and ex-members of the Supreme Nine. [That takes in the Supreme Nine.] It shall be the duty of the Chamber of Horrors to embalm its retiring Snark, together with such other work as may be approved at any Hoo-Hoo annual.'

"Section 3.—No change.

"Section 4.—No change.

"Article VI.—No change in Section 1.

"Section 2.—There is no change down to 'upon receipt of such proxy,' etc. Down about the middle of the paragraph, after the words 'the Hoo-Hoo annual' we have added the words 'the Credential Committee.' As it stands now, you would infer that the Scrivenoter or Snark had the power to pass on these proxies, which, of course, is not true; and it is necessary to add 'the Credential Committee.'

"Section 3.—No change.

"No change in Section 4.

"Section 5.—No change until you get down to the last sentence, which is stricken out.

"No change in Section 6.

"No change in Section 7.

"Article VII.—The entire first section is stricken out.

"Section 2 is changed to read Section 1.

"Article VIII.—No change in Section 1.

"No change in Section 2.

"In Section 3, after the words 'members suspended' we have added 'for nonpayment of dues.'

"No change in Section 4 or in Section 5.

"Article IX., Section 1.—No change.

By-Laws.

"No change in by-laws 1, 2, 3, and 4.

"By-law No. 5 is stricken out entirely, and the following substituted: 'It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark at the close of each concatenation to remit to the Scrivenoter \$6.66, together with one year's dues for each member initiated. 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 Custodian.'"

"By-law No. 6.—No change.

"We have added a new by-law (No. 7), as follows: 'Except in cases of new members, the Scrivenoter shall send out a handbook only upon receipt of the corresponding one of the previous year, which returned book upon receipt shall be destroyed; but in case a member shall have lost his handbook, and is unable to return it, he shall make certificate of that fact, that he has made all possible effort to secure repossession of it, and is not nor has been since it left his possession aware of its location or use. Upon receipt of such certificate the Scrivenoter may issue a handbook; but in case a member desires to replace a lost book with one of the same issue, making certificate as above, a charge of one dollar shall be made by the Scrivenoter.'

Respectfully submitted,

"GEORGE W. SCHWARTZ, Chairman;

"F. B. COLE,

"John J. MARTEN,

"C. S. WALKER,

"R. A. JOHNSON,

"W. E. BARNES,

"A. A. WHITE,

"H. H. HEMENWAY,

"H. H. FOLK."

The Snark: "You have heard the reading of your Committee on Constitution and By-laws. How will you discuss them?"

No. 1180: "I move that the report be received and acted upon by sections."

No. 2351: "I second that motion."

No. 4: "Do I understand that that carries with it the sections not changed, or just the sections that are changed?"

No. 1180: "Just the changes."

This motion was carried.

No. 2648: "Mr. Snark, I have a resolution which I wish to read in this connection. It makes an addition to the changes that were considered by the committee."

The Snark: "Very good. Let the Scrivenoter read the change."

The Scrivenoter: "I am chairman of the Committee on Entertainment here in the city, and am compelled to be absent a little while."

The Snark: "Brother Schwartz will help you out. He will read this resolution."

No. 4 (acting as Scrivenoter): "Resolved, That Article III., Section 1, be changed to read: 'Newspaper men; by this term being meant only the publishers and proprietors of lumber trade journals, or persons regularly connected with lumber trade journals, whose principal occupation is editing and writing for the same, and who are so recognized in the communities in which they live.'"

No. 4: "According to that, this resolution will have to be acted on first."

The Snark: "I have not a book here. How much is the change?"

No. 4: "It takes out 'newspapers' generally."

No. 2648: "The way it reads now is: '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 their work their main and principal occupation, and are known as such in the community in which they reside.' My resolution makes it only lumber trade journals."

The Snark: "How much did you strike out now?"

No. 2648: "It is practically rewritten."

The Snark: "You have a resolution you wish to substitute for the whole section?"

No. 2646: "Yes, sir."

The Snark: "Do you mean that substituted for the whole of it? Will you please read it again—this substitute?"

No. 4: "I think it is not necessary to read that again. Instead of covering any newspaper, any little country Michigan paper, or other little paper, it makes only editors and proprietors of lumber trade journals eligible."

No. 1180: "I move that we adopt it." Seconded.

No. 3: "Brother Snark, I believe that the section as it now stands is better than the substitute, for this reason: In the origin and growth of this order I do not believe that we have had any more or better influence at work than a few newspaper men initiated as members of this order. I want to say to you that in the city of Chicago and in Minneapolis we have but a few newspaper men; but they have kept us intelligently informed in our homes and in our business and given us an amount of space in reading matter that we could not purchase for hundreds of thousands of dollars. It is a great deal better, in my estimation, to have the few intelligent newspaper men in the order who will not vilify us, as has been the case in some places, or misrepresent us. It is better to have some men in there who know really that this order has some dignity and standing, and is not all a joke and foolishness. The few men coming in under that category are not going to injure us in any way. There are but few newspaper men who want to come in, and those who come in do so with the distinct understanding that it is not for mere fun, but because they believe in the idea of fraternity; and, as I said before, we have no one influence that does us more good than the newspaper men."

No. 2648: "This order, I understand, is for lumbermen and people whose occupations connect them with lumbermen. According to the way the constitution reads to-day, you can take any little newspaper man in the country, publishing a weekly paper, with no connection with the lumber business whatever, and he can be initiated. I don't think we should have any such men in the order. I don't think we should put them in there simply for the matter of advertising. If we need that much advertising, we can pay for it."

No. 4: "I want to say that this matter has been discussed not only in the committees, but outside. For the benefit of the lumber trade journals I desire to say that they have fought that resolution, or the substance of it, every time it came up; and only to-day I spoke with several of them, and every one was in favor of leaving it as it stands now. There is no jealousy or anything of that kind about it; and while there are cases where we might probably get into the order a newspaper man who should not be there, I do not think it is really the fault of the constitution and by-laws, but the judgment of the people taking them in. I believe that the clause or section as it stands now will not do the order any harm, and can do a world of good."

The Snark: "Now vote understandingly. We are voting on the substitute."

On the formal vote the proposed substitute was defeated.

No. 4: "The next change is the fourth clause under Section 1: 'Sawmill machinery men; by this term being meant persons engaged in the sale to lumber manufacturers of sawmill or planing mill machinery,' striking out the balance of that section. As the committee sees it, that section will cover every man who is really eligible to membership, who sells saw and planing mill machinery to mill people, and goes so far as to include a man who sells a bell."

No. 2351: "I would like to ask the chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws: What is the objection to mill supply people, people who sell belting, and who sell supplies to the sawmill? There are just as good men in the supply business as in the lumber trade or the newspaper business."

No. 4: "Let me interrupt you. I have just said it covers a man who sells belting."

No. 2351: "It does not say so. Then that portion of the constitution should speak of affiliated trades, or else specify what they sell. I am simply seeking information. I object to that thing as it stands. I would like to say in this connection that the supply men in the South (and I am speaking for Georgia particularly) have been in a great measure responsible for the forty-seven members that we hold in the State of Georgia at the present time; and if it were not for the mill supply people in Georgia, Hoo-Hoo would not have five members in the State of Georgia."

No. 4: "Mr. Snark, there is no disposition on the part of the committee to make that section read in such a way as to cut out any one eligible; but as it now stands the man who sells boots and shoes to the commissary of a sawmill is eligible to membership. A man who sells boiler compound is eligible, or dry goods and groceries, and, for that matter, the sewing machine man."

No. 2351: "As I understand the constitution in its present shape, it means as it says: people who are affiliated with the sawmill trade. That does not mean that a man selling boots and shoes or other stuff to the commissary is eligible to membership. As I understand it, it means people who sell stuff that operates the machinery of a sawmill: oils, belting, etc. I may be mistaken, but that is my interpretation."

No. 4748: "I move that the section as read by the chairman of the committee be adopted." Seconded.

No. 2149: "You mention there specifically that it is men selling sawmill and planing mill machinery, but belting is included. Now, I happen to know something in that line; and in defense of my brother from the same section, for fear some may get the idea that because he is known as a belting man he is 'kicking' on personal grounds, I want to say that I am a planing mill man, and consequently included in that resolution, and am not 'kicking' on personal grounds; but belting does not necessarily belong to mill machinery, and no sawmill man will recognize it as such. Taking the history of the upbuilding of the organization, you will find throughout the United States that there has been no more valuable work done than by these men, going on from mill to mill, 'jollyng' among the people for trade, and at the same time for Hoo-Hoo. They have done a whole lot of good, and you cannot have better drummers unless you send out an organizer for yourselves. These drummers have been the organizers of Hoo-Hoo. They have been the men who have kept it before the minds of the lumber industry. The lumberman is so placed at his sawmill as not to be particularly in touch with the outside world, excepting in the lumber trade, through his correspondence; and he does his work chiefly by correspondence from the mill or through a representative in a remote section. I do not mean to say that there are many millmen who are millmen only to the outside world, but that they do their share in the world as much as any class of men; but I do mean to say that unless you have those organizers in an organization of this character, you will never effect a good organization, and one on a sound basis or of long standing; I do mean to say that this organization, by our reports just sent in, cannot afford to employ such organizers as other institutions of like character have; and our organizers must be volunteers from the ranks, those men traveling from place to place and meeting with the material you want. We want the lumbermen, it is true; and we want the lumbermen to be predominant. What proportion of men compared to the lumbermen are now in the mill supply industry, the belting industry, and

these minor things? It is necessarily a very small proportion, because a concern does not send one man out to visit one mill. No; he visits numerous mills in several States, and he is the best organizer in the world. Take Georgia, with which I am more familiar than any other State, this year. In that country, let me tell you, as the brother has just stated, we have several lumbermen to one newspaper man in the organization. How did they get in? By the same practice of drumming up that we have drummed for belting. I have seen concatenations held down there, and I think our retiring Snark has also noticed it, where the chief work was done by just such men. What is true of our locality is not necessarily true of every locality; but I believe it to be generally that way, because I have so seen it in several States. I do not believe that you can, with a degree of success in upbuilding the organization, eliminate those people. I say that resolution is wrong, because, if we want to make laws and live up to the letter of the law, we must be able to put an interpretation on it so that it can be understood by all men. Do not leave it to the discretion of a Vicegerent Snark, or any one official, to decide as to what the interpretation of that act may be; but here, in convention, decide what it shall literally mean; then carry it out."

No. 1293: "I presume that I was instrumental in bringing this discussion about. I have noticed in my work the past year that that particular clause in Article IV, pertaining to mechanical appliances is too broad an article, and will take in a shoemaker, and does take in a shoemaker. 'Mechanical appliances pertaining to saw and planing mill machinery' takes in pretty nearly all classes of trade, from the manufacture of the particular machine to the several articles that go through the machines. [Applause.] I have demonstrated that before this committee, and we found that what I said was true: that that clause is too broad. As far as belting is concerned, no mill can run without a belt; but that clause, 'mechanical appliances pertaining to saw and planing mill machinery,' is too broad. Under it you can take in most any man, and the Scrivenoter elected here to-day cannot censure our Vicegerents for taking in a man not eligible to the order. We have found, by going through the different States and tracing up the order, or members of the order, that many were anything but eligible. I am speaking from a standpoint of experience. I went from Detroit to Grand Rapids the first part of this year, with the full intention of holding a concatenation in Grand Rapids, a city that I was as heavily interested in financially as in Detroit; and it may break me, for I have too much in it. [Laughter.] I took up the Hoo-Hoo handbook in Grand Rapids, went to a friend of mine, sat in his office, and took up the telephone directory to look at these people's advertisements in the book. What was the result? The first I found was a physician. I don't know that it was the very first name in the list of Grand Rapids members, but very close to the first name. The second was a grocer; the third was a farming implement man, and the next—the Lord only knows what he was. I could not trace him; he had no occupation. I found about ten really eligible to the order of Hoo-Hoo. The consequence is that Grand Rapids to-day is the sore spot in Michigan. When I speak of the better element, I do not class the millman one iota above the paperman or lumberman or traveling salesman; but when I was after the better class of people in Grand Rapids, calling them up and asking them to meet me at the Morton House, one of them came down and said: 'Damn your order!' A nice reception that was about two months after my appointment as Vicegerent Snark. Then, again, we have some good Hoo-Hoo in Grand Rapids, first-class men, men who thought

enough of the order when I sent them notices to attend the grand 'blow out' at Manistee, which I claimed at that time was going to outdo any concatenation ever held in Michigan, to respond promptly. The result was that of the better class of good Hoo-Hoo, those really eligible to the order, five out of ten of them left their business and came up to Manistee and helped make the concatenation a success; but not a physician nor a grocer nor a farming implement man nor any of that class not eligible to the order, or desirable in the order, has ever thought enough of it even to answer the circulars that I have sent out, and I have sent out many. Not a man in Grand Rapids except the few eligible members of Hoo-Hoo took enough interest in the order to help me in my work of getting those that were eligible. This goes to show that the clause is too broad, and you cannot censure a Vicegerent Snark for taking in almost any one; and I am ready to defend my point if you will name a man from your States that I cannot claim is eligible, according to that clause. It is very broad, gentlemen; and when you come to trace it down, and read the next few sections and see how they conflict with each other, you will find that that section should be stricken out, or, at least, that article, or particular words, 'mechanical appliances pertaining to saw and planing mill machinery.' When we go on further, the next few articles, there is no change. I wish to state right here that there are one or two other points that I wish to speak on; and when it comes to that particular section, I think I will be able to say a few words on what I claim is not just exactly as it should be. I do not claim that we wish to cut out any men or any set of men that are eligible to this order, but I do claim that for the good of Hoo-Hoo we should restrict that clause, and not make it as broad as it is. The more you study that point the more you will find that what I have said is true. One or two more sections following that article prove it, for one conflicts with the other. [Applause.]

No. 737: "I do not see how any man, including a physician or grocer, is a manufacturer of sawmill appliances. Can you tell me how a shoemaker is a manufacturer of sawmill appliances? It means an appliance for working a sawmill; it certainly does not mean a shoemaker's wares."

No. 3: "We have had instances in which a man selling glass and cement and other such articles was interested in running a retail lumber yard. We turned them down regularly. That is proper and right. But this last clause as it now stands there is right. There is no disposition on the part of the committee to rule out anybody strictly and properly eligible, but under that head of 'mechanical appliances' you can class almost anything that goes into a sawmill. A man who sells nails could come in under that head; and then there are the many men who sell files. There is no disposition to cut out any one who is properly eligible. Every one recognizes the desirability of having good, straightforward men here; but the thing is this: The Vicegerent is constantly placed in a false light. He is bound to make enemies in deciding those very points. [Applause.]

No. 680: "As I understand this question, I think it would be better to stipulate distinctly the class of goods a man handles that would make him eligible to membership in this order. Now, after this has been done, if for any reason there is a gentleman in any locality whose eligibility is disputed, but whose membership would be particularly desirable in the association, by a special dispensation of the Supreme Nine, as shown in Section 2 of Article III, he could be admitted into the organization."

No. 4: "I would like to ask the gentleman one question: If by the change in this section we cannot take a belting man into the order, on the section as it has been changed, how can we take him in on another part of it? Is a belt a mechanical contrivance? It is a part of a machine, and the word 'machinery' there covers everything that goes with a machine that is really a part of it."

The Snark: "You have heard the motion and the remarks on the change in that clause by your committee. There is a motion before us."

No. 140: "I have a resolution that specifies a couple of these items. I offer it as a substitute for the report of the committee, or, rather, to have it embodied in the committee's report."

Scrivenoter reads: "Sawmill machinery men; by this term being meant persons engaged in the sale to lumber manufacturers of sawmill machinery, belting, or legitimate appliances for saw and planing mill machinery."

No. 140: "I suggest other appliances which I think can be properly considered by any Vicegerent."

No. 1189: "If you specify every business we will take in, we will have a list that long. [Indicating.] I think any Vicegerent Snark can interpret who can come in here, as embodied in this, not mentioning belting and oils. When it comes to oils, I do not think they make a man eligible. There are few oil men whose only customers are sawmills."

No. 183: "This question seems to be about as complicated as what constitutes a retailer."

The Snark: "And you and I know about that. I want to say one thing: The second year of Hoo-Hoo the quality of the membership was the best it has ever been in my year since this organization was effected. At that time the constitution stated that lumbermen, newspaper men, wood-working machinery men, and railroad men were eligible; and we had the best membership possible. I think any Vicegerent is qualified to pass on the qualifications of men entitled to membership. If we return to simplicity, we will get along the better."

No. 183: "I want to say, as one member of the committee, that it was decided fully that any one who was in the belting business is just as eligible as the man selling the carriage, but that the one who would possibly sell you fifty feet of three-inch belting might have a little belting trade with threshing machines, and nothing else, and he would not be eligible. If you leave the question wide open, I am satisfied you take too many chances. The committee talked about this longer than you have on all sides. Mr. White has done more with the constitution and by-laws of this organization than any other man in the United States. He wrote this constitution, almost every word of it, and it was perfectly understood that anybody distinctly a belting man was as eligible as the sawmill man."

No. 27: "I don't want to say a word on this at all. I would like to have the clause read as it now stands. It was read before I came into the room; therefore I am utterly in the dark. I hear a discussion going on, and am unable to understand what it is."

No. 4 reads the fourth clause of Section 1 as changed.

No. 183: "I have a substitute to offer for that entire section."

No. 27: "I wish to say that I cannot see what an objection can be the objection to putting in a short, plain statement referring to the legitimate supplies used actually in the operation of a sawmill. I have heard the strongest 'kicking' in this organization since its inception on taking in outside men. I have 'kicked' and 'kicked' about keeping this organization within its proper limits, and I do today; but, at the same time, there are some States where the Vicegerents are not infallible, and the less they have to in-

terpret the more harmony there will be. Just a short clause in there would cover the whole thing."

No. 183: "I have a substitute to offer for the entire part of the constitution which refers to eligibility to membership. It is hastily written, and may need a little dressing up to make it read smoothly. I move the substitution of this sentence; it is only a sentence: 'Lumbermen, newspaper men, wood-working machinery men, and railroad men whose principal business is allied with the lumber trade are eligible to membership.'"

No. 1293: "There are only about two words in that section that are wrong, according to my estimation, and those are 'mechanical appliances' or that word 'contrivances.'"

A Member: "I rise to a point of order. The gentleman has already spoken on this point."

The Snark: "The point is well taken."

No. 2648: "I move that the gentleman be permitted to speak again."

The motion was seconded and passed.

No. 1293: "Brother Members: As I stated, there are only one or two words wrong in that section, the word 'contrivances.' What in the name of Hoo-Hoo is a 'contrivance?' If you strike that one word out to start with, you cut off two-thirds of the population of the United States. A 'mechanical contrivance' takes in that long discussion on the belt, but where do you bring in this 'contrivance' business if it does not take in the shoemaker? I was ready, as I stated before in my arguments, to prove that a shoemaker was eligible; and if it was not for taking up your time, I might be able to do it; but I don't want to take up your time. The idea is to cut out that word 'contrivances.' 'Mechanical appliances' makes half of that eligible, and the other half is not. Some little slight correction in 'mechanical appliances pertaining thereto,' cutting out the word 'contrivances,' will facilitate the whole matter; and I am sure there are brains enough in this party to do that very quickly."

The Snark: "I would like to hear from Brother White what his idea is."

No. 162: "I am on that committee."

No. 5: "I would like to ask for Mr. Anderson, of Georgia, to speak. I make a motion that he be allowed to speak once more."

The motion was seconded and passed.

No. 2351: "I think if there is added to that clause 'mechanical appliances,' as suggested by Brother Marten, of Michigan, it will cover the whole thing. As far as 'contrivances' is concerned, I agree with Mr. Marten; but if you will add to that clause 'mechanical appliances' (and I move that they be added to the clause), it will go all right, with 'contrivances' stricken out."

The Snark: "Why not vote on the question as before you?"

No. 2351: "I make it as an amendment to the original motion."

No. 140: "I second that."

No. 2351: "An appliance is what you use in connection with machinery, but a contrivance is anything you can sell a man that you think he wants. [Laughter.]"

The Snark: "The question is on the amendment, that you strike out the word 'contrivances.'"

No. 2351: "No; that we add to that 'saw and planing mill mechanical appliances' and strike out 'contrivances.'"

No. 4: "I would suggest that Mr. Anderson make his motion to read a substitute instead of an amendment and adopted for the fourth clause, cutting out 'contrivances.'"

The motion, eliminating the words 'and contrivances,' was passed, the section thus amended being accepted.

[The discussion just here, as reported by the official ste-

nographer, is exceedingly confusing. The fourth clause, as reported by the committee, contains no "contrivances" to be stricken out. What No. 2351 wanted, probably, was the addition of something like this to the clause as reported by the committee: "And mechanical appliances for such machinery." This would make the fourth clause read: "Sawmill machinery men; by this term being meant persons engaged in manufacturing sawmill or planing mill machinery, and mechanical appliances for such machinery."—Editor Bulletin.]

No. 4: "Clause sixth: 'Provided that in the case of all employees they shall have been in the business,' etc. That has been cut out."

On motion of No. 1996, seconded by No. 2714, the change was adopted.

No. 4: Section 3 (no change in Section 2) is cut out and made to read: 'Each applicant for membership shall fill out the official application blank.' That is the first clause of Section 3. Then we skip down to this: 'This application must not be voted upon until a certificate thereon has been indorsed and signed by two members of the order in good standing.'"

On motion of No. 1996, seconded by No. 2351, the section as amended was adopted.

No. 4: "No change in Section 4."

"Section 5.—The words 'with all details therewith connected' are cut out. That is simply unambiguous. That would leave the section to read: 'Whenever a removal or suspension shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this article, the Scrivenoter shall immediately bulletin the fact to every member of the order in good standing.' We thought it was necessary to give any member and the world at large a reason why the member was expelled."

On motion of No. 1996, seconded by No. 737, the changed section was adopted.

No. 4: "We have added a new section (section 7): 'The handbook shall be issued between the first of February and the first of April each year, and shall be sent only to members who have paid dues for the preceding year.'"

On motion of No. 737, seconded by No. 2149, the added section was adopted.

No. 4: "The old Section 7 is cut out and a new one added, which is virtually the same thing as Section 6 to Article III: 'The initiation fee shall be \$9.99, which, together with the current year's dues, must accompany the application.'"

No. 2648: "I move that it be adopted." Seconded by No. 2351.

No. 1180: "I rise to a point of order. What is meant by 'current year's dues?' Suppose a man joins in August, has he to pay full dues?"

The Snark: "He has."

The motion was adopted.

No. 4: "Section 9: 'The annual dues shall be ninety-nine cents.'"

On motion of 1996, seconded by No. 737, the new Section 9 was adopted.

No. 4: "Article IV., Section 1.—There has been no change down to after the words 'and care for them.' We have added the clause: 'A duplicate of any right or privilege granted by the House of Ancients shall be filed with the Scrivenoter.'"

On motion of No. 2351, seconded by No. 1780, the section, amended, was adopted.

No. 4: "Section 2.—We have added after 'elected' 'by a majority of the votes cast.'"

On motion of No. 2149, seconded by No. 2714, the amended section was adopted.

No. 4: "No further change until Article V. No change in Section 1. Second section cut out and the following substituted: 'The Chamber of Horrors shall consist of Vicegerent Snarks who have served one year in that capacity, and ex-members of the Supreme Nine. It shall be the duty of the Chamber of Horrors to embalm its retiring Snark, together with such other work as may be approved at any Hoo-Hoo annual.'"

On motion of No. 183, seconded by No. 2351, the amended section was adopted.

No. 4: "No change in Section 3; no change in Section 4."

"Article VI., Section 1.—In the second paragraph, after the words 'Hoo-Hoo annual' we have added the words 'the Credential Committee.'"

No. 1189: "Read that now with the change. There should be some change in this business of proxies."

No. 4: "The change does not alter the sense. The way the paragraph now reads, it says the Scrivenoter shall apportion the proxies. Of course, the Scrivenoter has no power to do this. The change we make make it to say that the Credentials Committee shall apportion the proxies."

No. 737: "I move the adoption of the section as amended." Carried.

No. 4: "No change in Section 3; no change in Section 4. Pass down to Section 5. The last sentence of that section is cut out entirely."

On motion of No. 2149, seconded by No. 5, the change was adopted.

No. 4: "Section 6, no change; Section 7, no change."

"Article VII. (Numbers). First section is cut out entirely."

No. 183: "I move that the section be restored."

Seconded by No. 2676.

No. 183: "I want to explain my reasons for this motion. That was put in there in order that there should be no favoritism shown any one in initiations. This has always been done in every conentation I have held."

No. 3: "I think this is utterly impracticable. It will not work at all. It never has worked."

No. 1996: "I move that the committee report be adopted and the section stricken out."

The Snark: "There is a motion before the house that the clause stricken out in the committee's report be retained. It has been seconded."

No. 5: "When the candidates are brought before the Junior, he has not seen them before, and he is the man who is expected to entertain; and for him to be obliged to take certain people at certain times puts a damper on him that should not be placed on him."

On the formal vote the substitute was lost.

The Snark: "Now comes the motion to adopt the committee's report."

No. 4: "It is necessary to make Section 2 now read Section 1. No change in Section 1 or Section 2 of Article VIII. No change in Section 3, except the last clause, which reads 'members suspended.' After those words we have added 'for nonpayment of dues.'"

No. 1996: "I move that those words be added."

Seconded by No. 737.

The section as amended was adopted.

No. 4: "No change in any other part of the constitution."

"By-laws.—No change in by-law 1 or 2; none in 3; none in 4. By-law 5 stricken out and the following substituted: 'It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark at the close of each conentation to remit to the Scrivenoter \$6.66, together with one year's dues for each member initiated. He shall also remit the balance of funds received at any conentation which has not been expended in the neces-

sary expenses of the conentation, rendering a detailed account for same, attested by the acting Scrivenoter and Custodian.'"

No. 2351: "I rise for information. It has been our custom in Georgia to remit to the Scrivenoter \$6.66 for every candidate we put in. I understand that this is not the practice in some of the other States, and would like information on the subject. If we have a by-law saying that \$6.66 should be remitted, then \$6.66 should go to the Scrivenoter. We must all live up to the by-law."

No. 5: "I would like to make a statement. The statement made by Mr. Anderson is true, that in all cases \$6.66 has not been sent in; but there have always been good reasons for that. The average for the year shows that \$6.43 has been remitted for every candidate; and those who have not remitted it have held conentations when they have eight or ten promised, and they did not all show up, and the expenses were large. Every time, I think, it has been taken up with the Snark and Scrivenoter and the circumstances thoroughly canvassed. I think that this will surely cover the requirements, and that all Vicegerents understand it; and when they do not remit it, they make some explanation."

No. 2714: "I move that it be adopted."

Seconded by No. 1180.

No. 1293: "I don't wish to be a chronic 'kicker' here, or anything of that sort, but in order that the work can be properly done I do not think that there is a Vicegerent in the United States who can properly initiate a member for \$3.33. [Cries of "Hear! Hear!"] I do not know whether it is a fact or not that we need to send \$6.66 to the Scrivenoter to maintain this order. In all orders of this kind the soliciting agent gets about the biggest per cent of the moneys paid in. If we are going to adopt a by-law here, let us fix that by-law so that it will and must be lived up to; that when we meet one year from to-day we can state that the by-laws have been lived up to by the Vicegerent Snarks. I claim that \$3.33 is not enough, and there is the fault. There are members of the order who do not seem to know what disposition is made of that initiation fee paid. They go out into the country and state to the candidates: 'Well, you join this thing, and Marten will give you a h—l of a time.' I have gone where that has been stated by members. I went to Alpena, expecting to have a right jolly good time, and we had it; but the candidates were all led to believe up there that the whole \$9.99, or perhaps all but a small percentage of it, was sent to St. Louis for the book and button that every one received later on, and others that the initiation fee was all to be spent on an 'on the roof' for a jolly good time and banquet. Those things have come up, and I bring them before this committee to show the importance of a clause that can be lived up to. I do not claim that that clause can be consistently lived up to and give a Vicegerent Snark what belongs to him. You may have one conentation and run a few dollars ahead, but you will have another where you are twenty dollars out. If there is any way possible—Mr. Smith is perhaps better posted and can tell us more about the finances than any other man here, and what I would like to know is, now that you have added the current year's dues (ninety-nine cents) to the initiation, would it not be possible that the Vicegerents be allowed that ninety-nine cents additional?"

No. 5: "I would say that I suppose from the work of the committee that they have gone back to by-laws of a year ago, and charged current dues with the idea of making up the deficit that occurred this year. It cost us over \$1,000 to publish the Bulletin. We have out 873 members. If we had collected from them the current dues, we would

have \$873 more than we have now. The change made makes it incumbent to collect \$10.98, leaving \$3.33 for the Vicegerent. I do not believe, from my experience in the Scrivenoter's office, that you can get along and carry any kind of surplus on any less."

The Snark: "I would like to say a word about that. I have been through this business as much as most of you. I have been very careful in every case to state to the candidate what became of the \$6.66, as far as I know; and I come pretty near it. You have got to pay for the handbook and the Scrivenoter and the postage and telegraphing and all sorts of little incidental expenses. You have no idea of them until you are confronted with them. And we have sunk \$1,100 this year. Raise the other end and get the money. I see the point Mr. Marten makes, and with a good deal of truth. The Vicegerent has to satisfy the calls of people and figure on a forty-dollar banquet. There is no provision for it in our constitution, and I do not see much of an elasticity of the law made in that respect. I would be, as Brother Marten says, in favor of living right up to the by-laws and the constitution. I do not think it would be right for one to do and another not to do it. Exigencies may arise; it is pretty hard to define them. We had that before the committee yesterday, and it is pretty hard to define just what view you can take of it and what you can make a Hoo-hoo for. It depends a good deal on how your expenses keep on. While I see all the objection and the obstacles that a Vicegerent has to overcome, on the other hand he has to be protected. We cannot live more than two years more in the way that we lived last year. We cannot have any surplus at all, and that minute we go to destruction."

No. 27: "This, of course, is simply a question of making ends meet. We have a revenue coming in and expenditures going out. We have other things to consider, though. On the expenditure end of this organization I think we might make some retrenchment. Let us look at each end of this organization—at the most difficult work to perform. The success of the organization rests in getting in the available good timber. The burden of getting that in rests on the Vicegerent Snarks. The difficulties to be met in these hard times are very often in persuading a man that \$9.99 initiation fee is not too great. I believe that in the State of Georgia, when I once suggested that we were in a state of innocuous desuetude [A Voice: "That's barred"] on account of certain reasons, the Scrivenoter informed me by mail that the reason was that in these hard times a man could not often find a ten-dollar bill very well. We propose to leave the burden on the Vicegerent of going down in his pocket, and increase his burden by adding ninety-nine cents to the amount we ask the candidate to pay, and the Vicegerent gets none of that to assist him in his preliminary work. I think it is but fair and just to the Vicegerent to increase the amount to be allowed him, and let the Supreme Nine or some one at the other end stand the difference, cutting down the expense. I think it is fair that part of the burden should be borne on the other end, and get rid of some of the fancy frills in the shape of the Bulletin or something of that sort. I move that the clause be so altered that the Vicegerent retains fifty per cent of the initiation."

No. 680: "I second that."

No. 3: "The trouble about the whole business arises out of this question of 'on the roof.' I do not believe it is a necessary part of Hoo-Hoo to spread a banquet every time we initiate four or five people. I think it is only right and proper that these people should put up this money. They may be served some certain refreshments, but the best of

my initiations have been the most modest; and when you spread a formal banquet, you are going to get into trouble. [Applause.] As the order increases in numbers, we naturally will have a larger attendance of those who want refreshments. We had a concatenation at St. Louis the other night with twenty candidates and sixty-five or seventy there. We had sandwiches and beer, and had as good a time as any one ever had. Suppose a man was initiated three years ago, and he attends on an average four or five concatenations or six a year or in six months. At each one of these banquets there is an expense for him, and there is spent \$9 or \$10 for him for his \$9.99. I want to say to you now that in my judgment we want to keep the roof down, and not encourage an institution that would be liable to be a serious injury."

No. 2149: "I think one of the chief troubles is contained in the latter part of this clause of the by-law, which reads: 'Out of the fund set apart for the Vicegerent Snark he may pay his necessary expenses for attending such concatenations, and those of such other members as he may deem it necessary to call upon for assistance in the work.' Now, who does the work? Vicegerent Snarks are in the field to increase the membership. Do you want to stop at the membership you have, or to go on increasing it? If you do not want to increase, then discourage the Vicegerents. Every one I heard here expressed themselves that they had to go right down in their pockets in order to carry the dignity of the order. The dignity of the order means the dignity of its officers. They do the work. Now, under our laws further back our Supreme Nine that comes together once a year or when called—"

No. 2714: "The member is out of order."

No. 2149: "The Supreme Nine's expenses are paid. Can you show me any Vicegerent's expenses that have been paid out of the organization? Not one."

No. 5: "For what?"

No. 2149: "For the upbuilding of the organization; and yet it is the evidence of every Vicegerent Snark here that that \$3.33 does not pay the expenses. If the upbuilding of an organization is worth that much, why don't we go higher? I am going to the root of it. The Vicegerent is the root of it. He is the emissary of our noble Snark, placed in the field to do the work. You send a representative out in the field to do your work; and if he does not do it properly, you 'fire' him very quickly. So with your Vicegerents. If they don't do the work properly and don't build up their section, we censure them."

The Snark: "I would like to hear from Brother Cole, of Tacoma, on this point."

No. 1996: "I don't know that I have much to say on this that has not already been argued. I was one of the committee that reported this, and it seems from the report of the Past Scrivenoter that almost the entire \$6.66 has been sent in, and the Supreme Nine are entitled to furnish a certain sum of money where it seems a Vicegerent Snark has gotten into a box legitimately, creating expenses he cannot meet out of the initiation fee; and the Supreme Nine is empowered by the by-laws to make a restitution to him, provided he makes a correct statement showing what his expenses were. We must protect this fund of ours. It would be the roughest folly for this organization to say to the men who are in the field, the Vicegerent Snarks, to 'go ahead; build up; we will pay the expense.' We would last about six months; not over that. They would not see the necessity for retrenchment. I would feel the necessity of it out in Washington, knowing that with an expense of \$20 or \$30 each time in adding to the rolls, thirty or forty States were doing the same thing. You cannot stand these expenses.

We provide, as I said, in the by-laws for taking care of the little deficits that occur from time to time for certain exigencies. I say the concatenations can be held in honor of Hoo-Hoo all over the land for \$3.33 with six candidates, and the more you have the better the initiation. It is all nonsense to think of giving Tom, Dick, and Harry a heavy spread all his life. If he puts his feet under your table, let him pay for it. [Applause.] I think the report made by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws a good protection for your fund; and you cannot afford to pull down the bars, as you will see for yourselves, gentlemen. [Applause.]"

No. 27: "I wish to withdraw my motion when I get an opportunity."

The Snark: "Then the question is to adopt the report of the committee?"

No. 2624: "I merely want to say what Mr. Cole did. In my experience as Vicegerent Snark, I had one concatenation where we took in twenty-one men. We had a big banquet. I asked for a subscription, and every man put in five dollars, and one man put in ten dollars. I do not see any reason whatever for a man making up in one concatenation what he spends in another."

No. 2819: "I move that instead of drinking wine and champagne we make it beer."

No. 2676: "I move the adoption of the report of the committee."

The motion of No. 2676 was seconded and passed.

No. 4: "This closes the report of the committee, except the addition of by-law No. 7. The additional by-law is: 'Except in the case of new members, the Scrivenoter shall send out a handbook only upon receipt of the corresponding one of the previous issue, which returned book upon receipt shall be destroyed; but in case a member shall have lost his handbook, and is unable to return it, he shall make certificate of that fact, that he has made all possible effort to secure repossession of it, and is not nor has been since it left his possession aware of its location or use. Upon receipt of such a certificate the Scrivenoter may issue a handbook; but in case a member desires to replace a lost book with one of the same issue, making certificate as above, a charge of one dollar shall be made by the Scrivenoter.'"

On motion of No. 2351, seconded by No. 2676, the added by-law was adopted.

The Snark: "That completes the constitution and by-laws."

No. 2676: "I move their adoption as a whole."

Seconded by No. 1996, and the motion was passed.

The Snark: "What further business comes before this meeting? The Committee on Resolutions?"

No. 1996: "The special Committee on Resolutions is ready to report."

The Snark: "We will hear the special committee first."

Report of Special Committee on Resolutions.

We, your special committee, appointed to prepare suitable resolutions of regard for Brother George K. Smith, retiring Scrivenoter, offer the following:

Whereas, George K. Smith has occupied the position of Scrivenoter from the foundation of this order to the present time; and

Whereas, He has filled it with marked ability and integrity; and

Whereas, Every member of the Supreme Nine, Vicegerent Snarks, as well as every member of this order, bears testimony to his promptness and carefulness in the administration of the manifold duties of this office; and

Whereas, The success of this order has been largely promoted by his energy in the office of Scrivenoter; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sentiment of this order, assembled in annual Hoo-Hoo Convention in the city of Nashville, Tenn., that in the retirement of George K. Smith Hoo-Hoo loses a valuable officer, one who embodies all the elements of honorable, upright manhood, stamped indelibly with all the attributes of a gentleman upon his life and work. Be it further

Resolved, That wherever his lot may be cast, the wishes of all Hoo-Hoo will follow him; and be it further

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread in the records of this meeting; that they be published in the Bulletin, and a copy presented to Brother George K. Smith.

(Signed)
ALSON A. WHITE, Chairman;
FRANK B. COLE,
RICHARD H. VIDMER.

No. 1996: "I move that they be adopted."

Seconded by about twenty-four members.

No. 2351: "I move, in addition, that they be framed and engrossed."

The Snark: "That will be attended to."

The motion was put and the resolutions formally adopted amid the Hoo-Hoo yell.

No. 1996: "Your special Committee on Resolutions, referring to our retiring Scrivenoter, further recommends that a sum not exceeding \$66.66 be appropriated from the funds of this order for the purpose of securing a suitable token of our appreciation for his valuable services, the same to be purchased by the House of Ancients and presented to Brother George K. Smith."

On motion of No. 1996, seconded by No. 4923, the recommendation was adopted.

No. 5: "Gentlemen, I thank you heartily for all this kindness. I believe the Committee on Constitution and By-laws overlooked an important matter. I have in my pocket a list of something over five hundred members who have received our handbook and have not contributed a cent to the order this year. I made a recommendation that the handbook be gotten out between the first of February and the first of April. That gives from now until April, and it does not seem to me that a man who has so little respect for the order should be sent a handbook. I, therefore, move that we take up the constitution and by-laws again, and put in it something which shall cover that point."

No. 2351: "I second that motion."

No. 1996: "I hate to differ with one so eminent in authority as Brother Smith; but I do not see how we can handle that case, as it has been decided time and again that no brother is in arrears until the end of the year."

No. 4: "I want to make an explanation here of the constitution as it reads now. For instance, a man who has not paid his dues in 1895 is not delinquent until after this annual meeting closes this evening; and if he has not paid his dues this year, he is still entitled to vote at this meeting. That gives him one year leeway."

No. 5: "I shall not insist, but I will state that much money goes that way that might be cut off in our interest."

The Snark: "Are you going to leave the application of the constitution to embrace these delinquents for two years?"

No. 5: "No; they will be dropped."

The Snark: "Would their numbers be retained in the book?"

No. 5: "That is all. That is constitutional. The last thing we do we read them out at the annual."

The Snark: "There is a further Committee on Resolutions."

No. 27: "The Committee on Resolutions is ready to report."

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Snark of the Universe: While the motto of this order is "Health, Happiness and Long Life," yet we must obey the destiny of Him who rules the destiny of all, and each year some must pass from our ranks over the river of death and find rest in their eternal home.

Realizing this, let us pause in our health and happiness to recall the pleasant associations, the sweet remembrance of those who have gone before us during the past year, and express our sorrow that God, in his infinite wisdom, should have called from us our brethren J. R. Best, St. Louis, Mo.; W. F. Creel, Milner, Ark.; A. F. Lane, Portsmouth, Ohio; G. H. Barnes, St. Louis, Mo.; J. A. Lench, Kansas City, Mo.; H. W. Laird, Kansas City, Mo.; W. D. Murray, Wausau, Wis.; F. Duff, St. Louis, Mo.; J. W. Morris, Mobile, Ala.; N. Didier, Rhineland, Wis.; C. L. Brown, Lexington, Ky.; A. L. Scott, Cherokee, Kan.; J. M. Pratt, Dennison, Texas; J. M. Reed, Nashville, Tenn.; H. B. Grant, Buckeye, Mo.; H. F. Faden, Waltham, Mass.; L. C. Mans, Philadelphia, Pa.; M. W. Harris, Eau Claire, Wis.; D. C. Tuttle, Rowley, Ia.; J. W. Fleming, Traverse City, Mich.; T. H. Meehan, Louisville, Ky.

This committee feels its inability to properly express its thanks due by this organization to those who have contributed to the pleasure of our stay in Nashville. Be it

Resolved, with emphasis, That this association fails to find language to express its thanks for the cordial welcome, unstinted attention, and extraordinary hospitality extended to us by the people of Nashville, Tenn. Be it also

Resolved, That especially shall we express our thanks to the local committee, members of the Chamber of Commerce, and to the managers of the Nashville Centennial and International Exposition for the courtesies of every description, and to General W. H. Jackson for the enjoyable day spent at Belle Meade, the pleasant recollections of which will ever remain with those present.

C. H. HILL,
W. J. KILDUFF,
P. A. GORDON,
M. A. HAYWARD,
E. M. JACKSON,
Committee.

No. 27: "The Committee on Resolutions ask permission to make this partial report, and omit at present that part of the report thanking the railroads. We will make a supplementary report on that later on. I think it will be better to do that after the Lookout Mountain trip."

Col. McLeod's Tribute.

Col. A. D. McLeod paid the following beautiful tribute to No. 199, deceased:

"Brother Snark and Brothers: I want to say a few words in connection with the resolutions relating to our dead. The thought came to me at the last annual meeting, but I refrained from speaking, hoping that some one more familiar with the particular case I had in mind would say something about it.

"It is proper—nay, it is our fraternal duty—to pay a tribute of respect to each and every brother taken from our ranks by the hand of death, but it seems to me that some special mention should be made of the brothers whose lives are given up as a sacrifice in the cause of humanity. To be specific, of him who, a few weeks before our last annual meeting, in the full tide of vigorous life, met death in the waters of Lake Michigan in a brave though fruitless effort to save human life. The Scripture says, 'Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend;' and this man, this brother, died for one who was bound to him by no tie of kinship or special friendship, whose only claim upon him was that he belonged to the great universal human brotherhood.

"I did not know the brother. What his failings, what his virtues, I know not; but of this I am sure: Whatever the story of his career, the heroic closing act of his life wiped out all recollection of man's failings or shortcomings, and that on the eternal roll of honor on which are inscribed the names of martyrs, of men who sacrificed themselves for friend or home or country, alongside those names of captains who have gone down with their burning ships, of engineers who have confronted death to save the helpless, of the bravest who fought at Shiloh or fell at Gettysburg, is written in letters of living light the name of M. T. Greene.

"And, Snark, in order that the name and deed of this our brother may be perpetuated in our memories, I think the Committee on Resolutions should be requested to spread on our records a memorial brief. Just as we say of a man that he died for his native country, say of him that he died for a fellow-man. It ought to be spread on our records and read at each annual Hoo-Hoo meeting hereafter.

"We all know that, interwoven with many a quiet and uneventful life (as we see it), is a story of a sublime fortitude and courage as ever shown on the field of battle; but in all times, with all nations, it has been the custom to commemorate deeds of heroism, both to do honor to the performer thereof and as an example to mankind; and I think that on our records the name of M. T. Greene, as a man who died for a fellow-man, should be shown and read to us at each annual meeting. To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die. [Applause.]"

No. 27: "I move that a special committee be appointed, of which Brother McLeod be chairman, for the purpose of preparing a suitable memorial."

No. 646 seconded the motion, which was passed.

No. 183: "I wish to make an announcement. All members of the Chamber of Horrors, all outgoing Vicegerent Snarks, and all ex-members of the Supreme Nine, of either last year or previous years, are requested to meet in this hall to-night promptly at eight o'clock. We must have every one here in order to do the work of embalming the Snark satisfactorily. The ceremony will take place promptly at 9.09 in this hall. All members of the Chamber of Horrors, all Vicegerent Snarks whose terms expired to-day, and all ex-members of the Supreme Nine are wanted."

No. 408: "Just a brief announcement in regard to the special train to Lookout Mountain. It is a special train provided by the local lumbermen and Hoo-Hoo of Nashville to carry the entire body of visitors to the mountain. This train will leave the Union Depot, at the foot of Church Street, in the morning at seven o'clock, reaching Chattanooga somewhere in the neighborhood of noon. The afternoon of Saturday and Saturday night and Sunday forenoon will be spent on Lookout Mountain, viewing points of interest and in excursions about Chattanooga. The return to Nashville will be at 1.45 Sunday afternoon, reaching here in ample time to catch all outgoing trains. No tickets will be necessary. It will only be necessary for you to be at the depot at seven o'clock, with your badges on, the Hoo-Hoo button, or any of these other badges. There will also be an illuminated trolley-ho ride tendered the visiting ladies about the city to-night. The car will leave the Duncan Hotel at 7.45, the Maxwell House a few minutes after, and the Nicholson House five or six minutes later. It is absolutely necessary that the ladies be gotten in readiness, because the car will be on the main line and cannot stand long."

No. 2351: "It occurred to me that everybody else has been enlogized here this afternoon. I, therefore, move that the retiring Supreme Nine (with the exception of Mr. Cole and Mr. Walker, who hold over) be given a vote of thanks, and that that be prepared by the committee of which Mr. McLeod is one, and spread on the minutes of the meeting."

Motion seconded and passed.

No. 737: "Are they dead men?"

The Snark: "I will appoint Col. McLeod, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. McClintock on that committee."

No. 3: "It has been customary at the annual for the body to appropriate some small sum, say \$99.99, which shall be at the disposal of the Snark, to be used if necessary in charity during the year. In the report read a day or two ago I notice the Snark for the past year has found it necessary to spend only about \$65; but there are occasions when it is absolutely necessary that there shall be some small sum at hand to relieve a Hoo-Hoo brother in actual

distress, and I, therefore, move that \$99.99 be placed at the disposal of the Snark for such use."

Motion seconded by No. 5 and passed.

No. 1996: "I move that it is the sense of this meeting that the Snark of the Universe be requested to cut his whiskers off at once."

Motion was seconded, put by a member on the floor, and unanimously passed, with laughter and yells.

No. 2676: "I move that the hair cut off by the Snark be donated to No. 1996 for his bald head. [Laughter.]"

No. 5: "For those who may not understand what the constitution requires from the Scrivenoter, I want to exhibit a book here. The Scrivenoter is required at a certain time to have sent out two notices, and then, if necessary, send out a third. I have complied with this. The registered notices were placed in here, and the records are complete that a man had notice and received and receipted for it. I will hand this to our Scrivenoter. This is a complete list, checked, as you can see (and partly worn out), of all delinquents for 1894 and 1895 and 1896. The constitution requires that this list be read, and the people whose names appear there will stand suspended until their dues are paid. I do not know whether there is a provision limiting that time or not."

The Snark: "Now, pay attention to these names. It will not take more than a few minutes."

Several assistants to the Scrivenoter were appointed to help read these names. At the conclusion of this reading, which was done in some confusion, the Fifth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo closed its labors, and adjourned at 5.34 P.M., Friday, Sept. 11, 1896.

The Embalming of the Snark.

A very large crowd assembled in Watkins Hall on the evening of Friday to witness the embalming of Past Snark Defebaugh.

About nine o'clock a rumor was started and circulated that the retiring Snark had boarded a north-bound train and left the city, or was about to do so. Some confusion followed this announcement, and the rumor was accepted by some, who urged that a posse be sent to Mr. Defebaugh's quarters in the Duncan Hotel to ascertain the truth of the report. The Chief of Police was also asked to send some of his detectives to learn if the Snark had left the city; and other expedients were about to be resorted to, when the victim of the proposed embalming appeared at the door, smiling, and explained that he had been occupying a bath tub at his apartments and adjusting his apparel to the requirements of events that might have a fatal termination.

While the Supreme Nine were robing and preparing to appear before the audience, Mr. W. E. Barnes, Past Snark and member of the House of Ancients, addressed the audience, which, in addition to several hundred Hoo-Hoo and their ladies, embraced a multitude who knew little or nothing, besides what they had read in the newspapers, of the Hoo-Hoo order. Mr. Barnes made a very entertaining address, referring to the initial work of the Original Six, and the purposes, maintenance, and growth of the order since the time of its organization, and elaborated on its vital features of fraternity, good fellowship, etc.

At 9.09 the retiring Snark escorted the acting Snark, Mr. H. H. Hemenway, to the platform, chaperoned by the Supreme Nine in Hoo-Hoo robes, save the retiring Snark, who, in worldly garb, occupied the front of the platform with his successor. The retiring Snark addressed the audience substantially as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: "It is with great pleasure I offer you greeting on behalf of Hoo-Hoo. I want to express

especial gratitude to the late Nine and the members of the association generally for their kindly co-operation during the past twelve months of my incumbency of the office of Snark. While you may consider it audacious on the part of a man about to assist at his own funeral, to speak in eulogy of those commissioned to perform the rites, yet I do so in gratitude to those who will assist me in laying down the responsibilities which I have carried during the past twelve months as executive of the order."

The retiring Snark turned to his successor, "Papa" Hemenway, introduced him to the audience, and installed him in the chair. The new Snark acknowledged that his brother, the retiring Snark, had shown him many courtesies in the past, and had said much and done much for him in the relationship they had enjoyed, as, respectively, Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo, for which he was very grateful, and he was likewise grateful to the order for elevating him to the highest position of honor and trust that it had to dispose of, and promised fidelity to the trust. He requested concert of action and faithful work on the part of all interested in the order's success and its upbuilding, concluding his remarks by tendering the retiring Snark, as a token of his appreciation and fraternal affection, a cup, from which the latter drank, and immediately swooned away in the arms of members of the Supreme Nine, who carried him into an anteroom and laid him upon a stretcher and embalmed him according to the most approved arts of the ancient Egyptian embalmers. He was then brought upon the stage and laid in a prominent position in a presumably defunct condition.

At this stage the Herald, the occupant of Cell No. 14 in the Chamber of Horrors (Mr. J. H. Baird, of Nashville), advanced to the occupant of Cell No. 6 (Mr. W. H. McClintock, of Chicago, in charge of the mortuary rites), and said in solemn tones:

"O Great Snark, I come as a messenger from those entombed within the drear, gloomy cells which form the walls of the Chamber of Horrors. To the occupants of these cells Hoo-Hoo has delegated a solemn duty. To him who now reigns in Hoo-Hoo land they send greeting and a warning. Power and greatness may be yours for a time, but after that comes oblivion. In order that you may realize this the doors of the cells will be to-night thrown open, and you will be permitted to witness the passing of the Snark, whose reign is over, and who is even now being borne towards his final resting place in the House of Ancients."

Then said the occupant of Cell No. 6:

"All paths of glory lead but to the grave. Here lies the form of one whose path to glory has ended. Yet not to his eternal resting place shall he retire alone, nor could he wish couch more magnificent. Hoo-Hoo has reared a tomb for the departed monarchs. Once every year the gates are opened to receive another occupant. Though still existing in a mortal sense, they are dead to Hoo-Hoo. The supreme honor within the gift of the order has been in turn conferred upon them, to be in turn laid aside as they have been passed to the House of Ancients. For him who now lies here no words of eulogy need be spoken. The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones. So let it be with Defebaugh. He was Snark and he has gone. Let that be his epitaph." Turning to the newly elected Snark: "For you, Snark, we have only words of sympathy to offer. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, especially if it be a crown of thorns. No cross of gold is yours, yet you have a burden to bear, the weight of which is heavy. Wise counselors surround you, yet you must remember that even the wisest make mistakes. Be honest and be just. That is all we can ask or expect. Do this, so that when your turn comes to lay down the scepter no worse may be said of you than has been said of those who have gone before:

"So live that when thy summons comes to join

The innumerable caravan, which moves

To that mysterious realm, where each shall take

His chamber in the silent halls of death,

Thou go not, like the quarry slave at night,

Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and soothed

By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave,
Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

"Herald, go summon the Seer of the House of Ancients."
As the Seer appeared, he of Cell No. 6 said:
"We now consign to you one second-hand Snark. Another son has arisen in Hoo-Hoo land, and we have no further use for him. File him away as a horrible example to future generations."

The Seer removed his gorgeous crown, mourned over the departed, and passed him into his niche in the House of Ancients.

The audience watched the ceremony with interest, and were at times convulsed with the mixture of the ludicrous and solemn. The ceremony lasted until ten o'clock, and was voted a success. One Snark had departed; another had arisen. "The king is dead; long live the king."

The Lookout Mountain Trip.

Seven o'clock Saturday morning found about 270 Hoo-Hoo, and their wives, sisters, cousins, aunts, etc., ready to board the special train. The run to Lookout Mountain was made in about four and one-half hours, and was a most delightful ride. The beautiful scenery of the Cumberland Mountains was greatly admired by the strangers to this section.

On arriving at Look out Mountain, after a substantial dinner, tolly-ho parties were formed and delightful little excursions taken to the points of interest on the nearby battlefields of Chickamauga and Missionary Ridge. Sunday morning was spent in enjoyment of the matchless views from the mountain.

Returning, the train reached Nashville about seven P.M., and the pleasures as well as the business features of the meeting were at an end.

Supplemental Report of Committee on Resolutions.

The following supplemental report from the Committee on Resolutions was handed the Supreme Nine at Chattanooga and ordered made a part of the proceedings:

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to report that a special vote of thanks is due and is hereby given to Col. C. P. Atmore, of the L. and N.; Major W. H. Danley, of the N., C., and St. L., and Col. C. L. Stone, of the C. and E. I., for their individual efforts to secure the favorable rates of transportation we enjoyed, and that the Scrivenoter is hereby directed to address a letter to each, expressing this notion, together with a request that they communicate to their respective roads and associations our appreciation of the favors conferred upon this organization by their generous action.

Resolved, also, That a vote of thanks be extended to Captain William Reddow, of Nashville, Tenn., conductor in charge of the special Hoo-Hoo train to Chattanooga and return, for courteous treatment and the kind attention paid our organization during the trip, and that the Scrivenoter be directed to address to him a copy of this resolution, together with a letter expressing our well wishes wherever he may be.
C. H. JHLI, Chairman.

Communications from Absent Members.

Telegrams.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9, 1896.—Yours, B. T. T. O. L. G. B. C. Hoo-Hoo. 3000, 3008.

Union City, Ind., Sept. 9, 1896.—Just arrived from Dark-est Africa. Best wishes for Hoo-Hoo brothers and kindest regards. 10.

Parsons, Kan., Sept. 9, 1896.—Cannot be with you. Hope you will have a grand time. Success to Hoo-Hoo. 3416.

St. John, Neb. Sept. 9, 1896.—West rough sledding; Western ocean stormy; tropics; hunting orders; Cannada milling. 2016.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—Can't come. Glad to see our beloved annual is growing fluely and gaining strength. 073.

Huntington, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1896.—West Virginia wants more kittens. Candidates' choice. Concatenation Charles-ton. 940.

Galion, La., Sept. 9, 1896.—Greeting and best wishes to all Hoo-Hoo. 43.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 9, 1896.—Success to Hoo-Hoo. Wish I were with you, but sand too hot. 133.

Elmwood, Neb., Sept. 9, 1896.—2173 well; 2177 sick. 2173.

Saginaw, Mich., Sept. 9, 1896.—We are with you in spirit, but in flesh are plodding after dollars with which to buy bread. Success to Hoo-Hoo all over our broad land, and may the spirit of fun so mix with the milk of human kindness in the heart of each brother Hoo-Hoo that we each and all will bless the day that we agreed to stand by the tail of the Great Black Cat. 1292, 1290, 2099, 4056, 2864, 3976.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 9, 1896.—Am at Lansing, Mich. Sincerely hope the coming of great Hoo-Hoo will have salutary effect on business. Hope you will decide on Detroit for '97. 3140.

Marshall, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—Healthy, happy, hustling. 3889.

Pierre S. D., Sept. 9, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo 1982 regrets that he cannot meet with you.

Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 9, 1896.—Gold all gone; business, too. Can't borrow. Too far to walk. Sorry can't be with you. Pray for protection. 1188, 3535, 3536, 1567, 3522.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1896.—The night was filled with mist and gloom, and we sat in a cheerless, dingy room. We counted our shickels; but, alas! a-lack; we would we could go, but couldn't get back. Hence these tears. 1874, 1875, 1880, 2605.

Lumberton, Miss., Sept. 9, 1896.—Remember to-day in your annual meeting the Lumberton kittens send you greeting. May your hearts, free from care, be warm-hearted and gay, like sweet Southern sunshine that floods you to-day. 439, 3375, 1343, 1974, 3374, 3372, 621, 1340, 25, 1345, 1975, 1339, 3378, 133.

Drummond, Wis., Sept. 9, 1896.—Am still in it. Can't stop me. Fraternal greeting to all Hoo-Hoo. 267.

Crestline, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1896.—Impossible to attend. Extend regards to all kittens present. 1090.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1896.—Greeting. All at home waiting for McKinley's election. 3659, 3653, 3655, 741, 733.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9, 1896.—Long life and happiness to all. Save the cat. 3337.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1896.—While Hoo-Hoo are having fun, don't forget 281; and while they're having something more, don't forget 954.

Bay City, Mich., Sept. 9, 1896.—Don't fail to elect Marten again. Am well and happy at this date. 1089.

Asbury, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—Congratulations. Long live the order. 4265.

Mount Hope, Kan., Sept. 9, 1896.—4074 all right at Mount Hope, Kan.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9, 1896.—All hail Hoo-Hoo. Regret that we are with you to-day in spirit only. 153, 50, 51, 1536.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 9, 1896.—Here hoping that Hoo-Hoo has had and will enjoy the blessings of H. H. and J. L. that have been and are ours. 68, 82, 513, 1432.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1896.—We know we are missing a good thing. Regret cannot be with you in person, but are in spirit. 1870, 1873.

Moss Point, Miss., Sept. 9, 1896.—We are still worshipping at Hoo-Hoo's shrine. 2625, 2626, 2629.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—326 sends cordial greetings to all who are to-day worshipping in the sacred precincts of Hoo-Hoo land. 326.

Pana, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—We are well and happy. Doing business. 1346, 409.

Millville, Ark., Sept. 9, 1896.—Long life, health, and prosperity to our dear tabby. 831.

Kentwood, La., Sept. 9, 1896.—Best wishes for successful meeting. Hoo-Hoo uses us well. 2963, 172.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—Too much free silver in the air, not enough in the pocket, keeps me home. Regards to all Hoo-Hoo. 2248.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—3217 and 4184 regret necessity of their absence.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1896.—We long to be with you; but can't, you know. 264, 793.

Hoopeston, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—While I am not with you, am still loyal to great Hoo-Hoo. The administration of the gold cure to my free silver friends occupies all of my time till election. Success to Hoo-Hoo. 1962.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9, 1896.—Here in Detroit all hearty and well. Sorry we are not with you in order to tell how Michigan will hail the day that you return as Snark our great John J. 2100, 4228, 2092, 2095, 3674, 3512, 4229, 3352, 3354, 1279, 1283, 3510, 2101, 3509, 3511, 1074, 3678, 3687, 4101, 4102, 2507, 3777, 2093.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—2523, 2524, 2527, 2911, 3491, 3492, 3846, 3889, 4161.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—We all join in extending to Hoo-Hoo Convention assembled our best wishes for a successful and happy meeting. Indorse our Mr. A. A. White for Snark. 7, 12, 30, 144, 256, 257, 445, 451, 452, 472, 480, 492, 625, 1141, 1128, 2203, 2204, 2206, 2209, 2211, 2257, 2522,

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—Express to the faithful my regrets that I cannot be with them to-day in person, as I am in spirit. I drink health and prosperity to the followers of Black Cat. 3827.

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 9, 1896.—Impossible to be with you. Send best wishes to the great Hoo-Hoo. 350.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 9, 1896.—The spirit is with you, but the body cannot come. 3307, 2845, 1839.

Millville, Ark., Sept. 9, 1896.—It's 16 to 1 you are jolly to-day; it's 16 to 1 makes me stay away. 119.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 9, 1896.—Though life may sometimes seem all wrong, I never loose my grip; I peg along. 524.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9, 1896.—Yours, B. T. T. G. B. C. 3006.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 9, 1896.—No union beds for us struggling against a Populist lumberman mayor, but he's no Hoo-Hoo. 2179 to 2192, 2387 to 2396, 3118 to 3122, 3421, 4328 to 4331.

Paducah, Ky., Sept. 9, 1896.—On the roof; scuttle closed; pipe connections broken off; too far to jump; can't fly. We are almost drowned in water which flows from beneath, etc. Take nine drinks to Hoo-Hoo and prosperity. 3280, 3281, 3284, 3277, 3272, 3273, 3287, 3278, 3289, 4218, 4215, 4209, 4211, 4217, 4214, 4216, 4213.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 9, 1896.—As you lookout from Look-out, may the outlook for the future of Hoo-Hoo look as bright as its past looks inspiring. Lookout and have Robert McCullouch our Vicegerent for North Dakota. 4240, 4250, 4238, 4246, 4244, 1984, 4234.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9, 1896.—At the great railway wreck in Des Moines to-day, and came out unharmed. Regret my inability to be present. 3366.

Dolive, Ala., Sept. 9, 1896.—Vote for me. Can't. Regards to all the boys. 572.

Texarkana, Ark., Sept. 9, 1896.—At Texarkana. Can't get to Nashville. My Hoo-Hoo is right love to the boys. 336.

Burlington, Ia., Sept. 9, 1896.—Spent the day selling Roberts Co.'s world-renowned Blind Mortice Doors. 2913.

Sherman, Texas, Sept. 9, 1896.—Started for Nashville, but walking is bad. Returned home. Success to Hoo-Hoo. 1649.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1896.—My best greetings to all

the brothers now in Nashville, wishing them success and happiness. 4186.

Des Moines, Ia., Sept. 9, 1896.—Regret cannot attend. Long life, health, and happiness to all. 154.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 9, 1896.—Greetings from kittens in Mobile. 2640, 3691, 432.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo has treated me grandly. Hurrah for Hoo-Hoo! 3167.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1896.—In Knoxville to-day. Great is Hoo-Hoo. 4193.

Lagrange, Ark., Sept. 9, 1896.—At home. 4290, 4291, 4295, 712.

St. Cloud, Minn., Sept. 9, 1896.—Rainy weather. Black Cat just crossing our path. 950, 284.

Lake Charles, La., Sept. 9, 1896.—As one of the jury examining other kinds of black cats, sorry can't come. 1670, 20.

White Cloud, Mich., Sept. 9, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo year has been a good one for me. 470.

Hutchinson, Kan., Sept. 9, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo hath used me well. This moment I take ment, drink fluid, inhale perfume, and greet all with health, happiness, and long life. 3894.

Lakewood, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1896.—Am short on big white dollars. If you have any free silver, send right along. 1105.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1896.—This kitten is safe among the red men. 924.

Jackson, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1896.—Greeting. An unexpected and unavoidable accident only prevents my being with Hoo-Hoo to-day. Will meditate in silent loneliness upon the roof to-night. 386.

Anniston, Ala., Sept. 9, 1896.—Sonkum dlakum antim-raculum feelee feelum dedudlum nit. 372.

Middletown, Pa., Sept. 9, 1896.—Regret inability to be present at annual meeting. Business holds me here. 4131.

Boston, Mass., Sept. 9, 1896.—B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C. Wish I were with you. Make the fur fly. 3830.

Mattison, Miss., Sept. 9, 1896.—At present with Conkoma Lumber Co., at Mattison, Miss. With best wishes and a jolly good time. 4287.

Ft. Worth, Texas, Sept. 9, 1896.—Sorry can't be there. Am boosting McKinley in Texas to-day. 515.

Eldorado, Ariz., Sept. 9, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo hath served me well. Health good. Happiness. So git 'long. Life uncertain business. Nil. 233.

Eria Depot, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1896.—16 to 1 that McKinley and I will not be with you. Best wishes to all. 2130.

Morris, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—Health and happiness to all Hoo-Hoo. 428.

Reger, Mo., Sept. 9, 1896.—Greeting. Owing to business, cannot be with you in the flesh, but am in the spirit. I rejoice in Hoo-Hoo, as it has done much for me the last year. Hope all will have a good time. Long live Hoo-Hoo. 1542.

Cordele, Ga., Sept. 9, 1896.—Yea Ole Tommies: We, the Cat Family of the Bevy, find it impossible to be with you in person, but our hearts are with you. Regards to the gang. 3013, 3328, 3945, 3946, 2503.

Lumberton, Miss., Sept. 9, 1896.—Better late than never, but through sunshine, storm, and cloudy weather, I'm with you; and this kitten never will his friendship sever with the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo. 1072.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 9, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo of Washington in session at Seattle sends greetings. 3025, 4304, 3040, 3046, 1530, 1997, 3501, 656, 3500, 3629, 214, 2636, 1463, 2232, 4421, 4300, 1998, 2004, 4308, 3624, 2233, 3043, 2011, 2505, 2427, 4303, 2235, 4306, 2418, 2010, 2419, 2013, 2426, 2009.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—Stranded at Chicago on way to Nashville, but mewling loudly for more cats. 376.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—Twenty-seven years, six days

old at nine to-day. Great Hoo-Hoo has been good to me. Long live the white, black, and gold. 46.

Jacksonville, Ill., Sept. 9, 1896.—Sorry we cannot attend. Our love to all Hoo-Hoo. 1361, 817, 414, 427.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1896.—1190 regrets very much not being with you.

Erie Depot, Pa., Sept. 9, 1896.—3691 O. K. Erie, Pa.

Letters.

Detroit, Mich., Aug. 31, 1896.—We take the liberty of writing you in reference to the annual meetings of the Hoo-Hoo order. As you are aware, there was a strong sentiment throughout the order that the meeting about to be held in Nashville should be transferred from that point and held in Detroit. This motion for reasons best known to yourselves was not carried out, much as we regretted. This move we lived in hopes that the 1897 meeting would be held in our city. As we number among our patrons a great many members of your order, we are naturally anxious that Detroit should be selected and the Cadillac made headquarters of the Hoo-Hoo. On the occasion, feeling as we do in this matter, we are disposed to offer very liberal terms and inducements. We will give you the use of our large committee room on the office floor, with a seating capacity of three hundred, free of charge for meetings, etc. This room will be absolutely at your disposal during the entire session, therefore insuring privacy. Should you so desire, we shall arrange to place a dining room at your disposal, where all meals for your party will be served. We will make you a rate of \$2.50 and \$3 per day, according to location, etc. These figures, we beg to say, are a reduction from our regular rates. We, therefore, hope they will meet with your approval. While it is characteristic of the Hoo-Hoo to have a pleasant time and enjoy themselves wherever they are, we firmly believe that should Detroit be selected it will be unanimously proclaimed the most successful in the matter of attendance and the banner meeting in the history of the order.

Trusting our proposition and terms will strike you favorably, we beg to remain, Very truly yours,

SWART BROS.,
Proprietors Hotel Cadillac.

Austin, Texas., Sept. 7, 1896.—As Hoo-Hoo Day draws near, and I think that for the first time I must miss our annual, it seems a duty neglected; but it is impossible to be with you. Hoo-Hoo has treated me fairly well, but

"He who in these times 2 by 4's would sell,
Endangers his soul and feels like—well."

You all know how it is. Although I can't be with you, I am going to take the liberty of writing of a few things that I hope will make those most interested in our order think. Let every Hoo-Hoo remember that our corner stone is health, happiness, and long life, and that the fundamental teachings are the love of our order and each other. Let not sectional pride or personal ambition leave a single weed of discontent or hard feeling. Lose your localism and individuality, working solely for the good of our order. Regarding our rituals and secret work, it has been my privilege to attend many concatenations in many parts of our country, conducted by old and tried officers. What was an interesting lecture in one place became a milk-and-water affair in another, and again it was transformed into a farce in another. The esthetic East does not care for the more boisterous concatenations of the West; and as we have good members from both classes, they are all entitled to consideration. Without the element of fun, our members would soon lose interest in the concatenations; but the line of demarcation between the ridiculous and the earnest side should be clearly drawn. While one may make members, the other must be the basis for a permanent and lasting organization. There must be fun, but there must also be more than fun; and our order, with its members, strength, and intelligence, demands that Hoo-Hoo shall take its proper place with the other great organizations of a kindred nature. As to the officers, it has been understood that our Snark for the coming year shall come from amongst the lumbermen; and I think that this is proper. With full confidence in your judgment, and pledging to the one you may select my earnest support and such assistance as I may at any time be able to give, and with best wishes for a harmonious and successful meeting, I am, Fraternally,

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Denver, Colo., Sept. 6, 1896.—It is with regret that I cannot attend this Hoo-Hoo annual. I know that, aside from the matters of importance which will come up at the business meetings, you will have a good time, and who can better enjoy it than a Hoo-Hoo?

The past year has dealt very kindly with me, allowing me to enjoy life's best blessing, "Health," and prospering financially. Wishing you a very pleasant time while at Nashville, I remain, as ever, Yours in Hoo-Hoo, 3331.

Savanna, Ill., Sept. 8, 1896.—Since our last annual meeting Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me. I regret that I cannot be with you in person, but I am in spirit. Hoping the Hoo-Hoo annual will be a pleasant and profitable one for the order, I am, Yours truly, 1910.

Allentown, La., Sept. 7, 1896.—Long live Hoo-Hoo. Fraternally, 4140.

Austin, Texas., Sept. 7, 1896.—
Lots of work; no time to play;
Can't get away for Hoo-Hoo Day.
But I'll celebrate the event
By squalling on the fence,
With best wishes for the order alway.
B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C., 61.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 5, 1896.—Please express to the Convention my regrets of my inability to be present. I trust that a general good time may be had, that the meeting will prove an inspiration to all present, and that such legislation will be enacted as will further advance the interests of the order. Our order is to be congratulated upon the progress it has made during the past year. May it continue to increase in zeal and good works until its "long life" is as much an assured fact as is the permanence of the fraternal principles upon which it is founded.

Hoo-Hoo has but recently come to North Dakota, but has come to stay. Look for good reports from us during the coming year. Wishing the officers and members of the order "Health, Happiness, and Long Life," I remain, 4233.

Louisville, Ky., Sept. 9, 1896.—Notwithstanding the hard times, the kittens in this part of the garden are playful and full of fun; and with the exception of two Hoo-Hoo, who have been called to the great beyond, have enjoyed Health, Happiness, and had their lives prolonged to this another Hoo-Hoo Day. Long live Hoo-Hoo. 2291.

Parsons, Kan., Sept. 8, 1896.—I will drop you a line and let you know that I am enjoying the best of health, and hope this will find all in the same boat. To-morrow morning when you convene I expect to be in Hutchinson, Kan., and am very sorry it cannot be Nashville, Tenn.; but business which is very good at present prevents. Prosperity has attended me all the year; have nothing except but to be thankful. I hope all the brothers can say as much. I hope you will all have a pleasant time while there, and that the cause of the noble order will be greatly benefited and its membership largely increased. My kindest wishes to you all, and wish you all a happy, prosperous year. I am, Very truly yours, 747.

Rhineland, Wis., Sept. 7, 1896.—Regret very much the fact that I am unable to meet with you. However, for the good of Hoo-Hoo will say that, regardless of hard times, we have made enough the past year to keep us out of the poor house; but if Bryan is elected, am a trifle "leary" about next year. 1532.

Hentrice, Neb., Sept. 7, 1896.—Owing to the fact that a young Hoo-Hoo has arrived at our house, I shall be compelled to deny myself the pleasure of attending the annual Convention. 3613.

Alpena, Mich., Sept. 5, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo Day will find me in Alpena, Mich., preparing a new dose of kittens to have their eyes opened about the middle of October. This batch will contain about twenty members, and we don't expect "to do a thing to them." 4370.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 7, 1896.—All Hoo-Hoo, Greeting. As I cannot be with you in the onion bed or on the roof this

trip, I desire to say that Hoo-Hoo has treated me fairly well (enduring) these good old Democratic free silver times. I am hard at work building a boiler, but my thoughts wander often to the assembly on the 9th. I believe my luck has changed, for about two weeks ago a cat as black as ink, nearly starved, with half her tail cut off, came walking up to the front door of my house. I kindly fed her and cared for her, and now she is as nimble as any cat, and lives in the boiler shop. I'm financially embarrassed, and she is short on tail, but free silver times can put a tail on anything; but where I come in I can't see. With best wishes to every Hoo-Hoo on earth, I am, Yours truly, 583.

Stoughton, Wis., Sept. 8, 1896.—496 sends greeting to all. May your meeting exceed your expectations.

Findlay, Ohio, Sept. 5, 1896.—At home in good condition. Am sorry can't attend annual meeting. Hope meeting will be held at Detroit, Mich., next year. Findlay members will attend in a body then. With regards to all brothers at meeting, and hope they will have a good time, 4135.

Austin, Texas., Sept. 7, 1896.—I regret exceedingly not being able to attend the grand reunion of Hoo-Hoo on the 9th on account of business. Hoo-Hoo hath served me well during the intervening time since last you met at Minneapolis. With kindest regards to all Hoo-Hoo, 3148.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 8, 1896.—Have the kindness, please, to express to all Hoo-Hoo my regrets at my inability to attend the annual. I hope you may all have an enjoyable time, and that you will accept my thanks for the pleasures and benefits I may have derived. 3690.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 7, 1896.—It will be impossible for me to attend the annual. I trust you will have a large attendance, and no doubt an enjoyable time. Extending to all my best wishes, and all for the success of Hoo-Hoo, I am, 1939.

Conway, N. D., Sept. 5, 1896.—I wish to express my deep regret in not being able to be with you, business preventing. I hope you will all have a pleasant and profitable time. I will try to be with you next time. The order has always done well by me, and I always do what I can for it. Wishing you much success, 1554.

Winona, Minn., Sept. 5, 1896.—I regret to inform you that it will be impossible for me to be with you at the annual meeting. No Hoo-Hoo regrets more than 3581 not being with you. I have never regretted joining the great fraternal order of Hoo-Hoo. Would advise all that are eligible to make haste and become a kitten. Best regards to all Hoo-Hoo present. 3181.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 9, 1896.—Greetings to all Hoo-Hoo assembled at annual festival. Sorry can't be with you in person, but am in spirit. Detroit in 1897. 1087.

Hartwell, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1896.—No. 632 is out of work, out of money; and if the free silver craze succeeds, my address will be Hamilton County Poor House. Success of all Hoo-Hoo, and a grand time in the onion bed, is the wish of 632.

Buffalo Center, Ia., Sept. 7, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo No. 1202 sends greetings, and exceedingly regrets his inability to be with you at 9.09 A.M., 9, 9, '96.

Swaledale, Ia., Sept. 8, 1896.—I regret I cannot attend the annual meeting owing to financial conditions. I have great faith in the future of Hoo-Hoo, and you can use my "proxy" for its best interests. With kindest regards, 796.

San Antonio, Texas, Sept. 5, 1896.—No. 77 mourns that he cannot be with you, but it cannot be. He has deserted plank and saw dust for gold and fine jewels, but, with a Hoo-Hoo over the door, bids friendly greeting to every kitten wandering in. Is well and doing well, and to all wishes well. Yours truly.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 7, 1896.—Great Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me the past year; so I am able to let you know we still

live, but that is about all. We hope for better times with in the next year. May you have a good meeting, is the kind wishes of 1535.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1896.—Very much to my regret, I find that at the very last moment that I am unable to be with you on the 9th inst. I had my plans all made to leave here to-night, but unfortunately business engagements will necessitate my being in Buffalo all the week.

We have no news here that would be of interest to the order. I am sorry that we have not been able to make any better showing for the present year, but circumstances beyond our control have made it impossible for me to do anything. I trust my successor will have better success, and he can rest assured of my assistance in any matters. 2600.

Hale Springs, Tenn., Sept. 7, 1896.—The lumber business has been so dull and I had so little to do that I concluded to spend the summer at Hale Springs, Tenn., the queen of summer resorts, where I have been drinking the finest sulphur water in the world, and living on stewed squirrel, etc. Will possibly be here until Oct. 1, when I will be back in Knoxville to try and stir up something in lumber. Would be delighted to be with you all at Nashville, but cannot. Hope you may all have the good time you deserve, and that after the election we will have the good time we all need and anticipate. 4189.

Clinton, Ia., Sept. 5, 1896.—This is the first annual that I have missed since I became a member of the order, and trust it will be the last. Hoo-Hoo will ever live in this grand and glorious State of Iowa if encouragement and work on my part can accomplish it. I do not want the kittens to think I am losing interest in the order, for such is not the case, and my sympathy will ever be for the good of the same.

I trust that this Convention may be productive of the many needed reforms necessary to make our beloved order a tower of strength in the land, and that the kittens will be harmonious in whatever may come up for the good of the order, and that their legislation will be for the greatest good to the greatest number, is the hope of one who is unable to be with you. 1356.

Long Leaf, La., Sept. 7, 1896.—May the annual of great Hoo-Hoo attain the exalted number of 999. Unable to attend, for which we are very sorry. 86, 1002, 3712.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 8, 1896.—Great Hoo-Hoo hath given me Health and Happiness. At present I am like hundreds of other kittens: hustling for business. 629.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8, 1896.—Hoo-Hoo No. 247 sends greeting and best wishes, and while absent in person is with you in spirit; and I hope you will not only all have a good time, but that the order may be greatly improved by this annual meeting.

Hebron, Ark., Sept. 8, 1896.—No. 3427 sends greetings to all of the feline tribe of Hoo-Hoo land through our proxies or representatives now concatenating on the back yard fences and woodhouse roofs in Nashville, Tenn.; and also regrets very much his inability of joining you at the roll call for refreshments ("Swie Beer"). However, I intended to come, and would have made it had not the financial agitation (free silver 16 to 1 craze) dilapidated my pocket-book, and I had no "bug" for car fare. The drought has dried up all of my investments; also all aspiration for future speculation in agricultural pursuits. Hence I cannot attend our annual on account of depressed spirits and lack of funds. Trust you will not miss me under the above conditions.

I will say that this kitten is enjoying good health, but not making any money; nor can I find any laying around loose that I might gather in. I have no "kick coming" against Hoo-Hoo, and I love every wearer of the black and gold. I am interested in anything or everything that may be for the betterment of our society. Hence, count my vote for all amendments to the constitution that can add strength to it. If any member may doubt my sincerity in Hoo-Hoolism, let him challenge me; and if I don't meet him over half way, I'll moan. If any brother ever comes my

way and needs a helping hand, let him not hesitate to call on 3427; and if he is deserving, I will certainly respond as far as I can.

With this I will leave you to your revelries, hoping that you will accomplish the most good for the greatest number of Hoo-Hoo. 3127.

Sandusky, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1896.—Too far to walk, and short of the necessary gold or silver for transportation. Wishing you all a good time, I remain, 1350.

Hope, Ark., Sept. 7, 1896.—It is with regret that I write this letter instead of coming to Nashville in person; but my shoes are so nearly worn out that I am afraid to make the trip on foot, and I am a very poor hand to work the "blind baggage," as I usually have the conductor give me a private interview before the train starts; and when the train moves off, I am left to mourn a lost opportunity of beating the railroad out of a fare. I was very anxious to attend this annual meeting, as there is a crying shame in Hoo-Hoo land that I would like to help to do away with. I suggest that Mr. Cliff S. Walker be appointed to take the matter up and have it corrected. What I mean is that with the exception of the original six that brought Hoo-Hoo into the world every member, before he can enter the Mystic Circle, must be tested in a manner peculiar to Hoo-Hoo alone. Unless he could stand the tortures inflicted upon him like an American Indian, without flinching, he is cast into outer darkness, and can never prowl along the gable end of Hoo-Hoo land. I hope that the matter will be taken up, and the original six be put through their paces; and if they are found to be worthy members, that solve be put to their wounded feelings and bleeding bodies; that they be shown some particular honor not heretofore known to Hoo-Hoo, and that a full description be written of the proceedings, and that the editor of the Bulletin be instructed to print the same in full in its next issue.

With best wishes to all the little kittens, and a hand-shake for the old cat, I am, as ever, 2763.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 3, 1896.—You will doubtless recall my having previously written you concerning Hoo-Hoo signature. As all else in our order is guided by nine (9), my brother, W. A. Bowen, suggested that our signature should likewise consist of nine letters, instead of eight, as at present. So we suggest that the word "sucred" or "mighty" be added to our signature and placed before the word "tail." By so doing, the signature would then consist appropriately of nine words. 2947.

Orange, Texas, Sept. 7, 1896.—I regret exceedingly that I cannot be present with the Brother Hoo-Hoo at Nashville. Next week I will start up our new mill, and I must be present. Please send me souvenirs of the Nashville meeting. 390.

DeKalb, Texas, Sept. 7, 1896.—Important renewals of machinery at the mine prevents my being in Nashville on 9, 9. I think Hoo-Hoo is not so clannish (lumberly speaking) as when I joined. I would like every wearer of the button to exert an influence personally or financially in the lumber business. I think concatenations should be planned affairs, and not "affairs of impulse."

Remember me to Johnson, Barns, Lyon, Defebaugh, and others. 1134.

Some of the New Vicegerents.

Snark Hemenway has announced the appointment up to date of the Vicegerent Snarks whose names are given below. The Snark has made a new departure in officially notifying the appointees. He has had printed a handsome and appropriately designed commission blank, which is filled out, signed by the Snark, and countersigned by the Scrivenoter. It is of suitable shape and size to be framed and posted in the office of the Vicegerent Snark. The Snark, in an effort to get just the right man in each State for Vicegerent, is going slow in the matter of appointments, and is having a great deal of correspondence with the membership in the several States relative to the matter. Where two Vicegerents are appointed by the

same State it is the intention of the Snark that they confer together as to the limits of each man's jurisdiction, and as soon as these limits are determined they will be made public in the Bulletin.

- Illinois—E. D. Carey (Southern District), Cairo, Ill.
- Washington—Francis Rotch, Bucoda, Wash.
- Wisconsin—W. F. Kellogg, Centralia, Wis.
- Illinois—P. A. Gordon (Northern District), Chicago, Ill.
- Indian Territory—H. B. Bullen (Oklahoma and Indian Territory), Stillwater, I. T.
- Nebraska—William C. Bullard, Omaha, Neb.
- Mississippi—William A. Coulson (east of I. C. R. R.), Moss Point, Miss.
- Mississippi—John B. Nalty (west of I. C. R. R.), Brookhaven, Miss.
- Colorado—R. W. Stewart, Denver, Col.
- Georgia—H. W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.
- Kansas—A. S. Parks, Wichita, Kan.
- New York—L. R. Millen (Eastern District), New York, N. Y.
- Iowa—C. T. Haskins, Des Moines, Ia.
- Minnesota—Ray W. Jones, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Tennessee—H. N. Saxton, Jr., Knoxville, Tenn.
- North Dakota—R. McCullough, Fargo, N. D.
- Missouri—Robert L. Oliver, Moberly, Mo.
- Alabama—John L. Kaul (Northern Half), Hollins, Ala.
- Alabama—Walter A. Zehueker (Southern Half), Mobile, Ala.
- Michigan—M. L. Pease, Ypsilanti, Mich.

Tragic Death of J. W. Fleming.

Messrs. Grund & Gillett, of Traverse City, Mich., furnish us with the sad particulars of the death by drowning of Brother J. W. Fleming at that place on Aug. 23.

In company with his wife and little son, Mr. T. Ludgate and wife, Master Percy Brown, and Mr. M. C. Kearney, Mr. Fleming started across a part of Grand Traverse Bay to a grove, where they had arranged a picnic tea. Mr. Kearney was in a large rowboat with the ladies and children, while Mr. Fleming and Mr. Ludgate followed in a small canoe. When the canoe had reached a little more than a quarter of a mile from the shore, a large wave almost submerged it. Mr. Fleming unconsciously raised his body to the rail, which caused the craft to upset. Mr. Fleming was plunged into the water, followed by his companion, who at once realized the danger of the situation. Mr. Fleming at once sank below the surface, borne down quickly by the weight of his clothing. Mr. Ludgate made a desperate effort to save him; but in diving he discovered that the anchor rope was wound about one of his limbs, and that impediment, added to the weight of the iron attached, prevented him from making effective efforts of rescuing his companion. In the meantime the boat with the ladies had reached the landing, and Mr. Kearney hurried back to the rescue. He assisted Mr. Ludgate, who was exhausted, into his boat; but Mr. Fleming had sunk to rise no more. The ladies were wild with grief, and both were brought back to the city in a helpless condition.

The body of Mr. Fleming was not recovered till Sept. 4. Grand Traverse Bay does not often give up its dead, and all hope of finding the body had been abandoned. It was discovered by a fisherman half submerged on the shore, about half a mile from where the canoe was upset, and was fully identified by the gold watch and other jewelry. An inquest was held and the body taken to Chicago for interment.

Mr. Fleming was one of the most popular young business men of Traverse City. For a long time he was manager

of the Traverse City Lumber Company; but later, since its organization, he has held the position of secretary of the Michigan Maple Company.

On Thursday before the accident Mr. Fleming took out a policy in the Preferred Accident Insurance Company for \$5,000. He carried \$2,000 more in the New York Mutual Life Company.

Mr. Fleming was thirty years old. He became a Hoo-Hoo March 7, 1894, at Traverse City.

An Annual of Their Own.

The third annual gathering of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo of the States of Washington and Montana and the Province of British Columbia was held at Seattle, Wash., Sept. 9.

Owing to the fact that at the very last moment they were compelled to hold the meeting at Seattle, the attendance was not so large as expected; but the gathering was no less a success on that score.

The formal report of the concatenation appears in another department, but one feature of it deserves special comment. Mr. E. H. Lewis, Vicegerent for Washington, had charge of matters; and he now enjoys the distinction of putting into Hoo-Hoo the first representative of the "Flowery Kingdom."

No. 4489 is a lumberman of Osaka, Japan, and is on the Pacific Coast as a buyer for his firm. Mr. Lewis says he is a good man, an acquisition to the order, and that the next thing the Scrivenoter knows he will be receiving an application for a trunk from Osaka.

The day was spent in a pleasure trip around Lake Washington on a steamer, and in visits to various points of interest. The concatenation was followed by a sumptuous banquet at the Occidental Hotel, where covers had been laid for sixty men. An orchestra furnished music, and many happy toasts were responded to by the members. Mr. A. B. Calder, in particular, contributed to the mirth with his ready wit and genial humor.

The bill of fare at the banquet was a thing unique, but too long for this overgrown Bulletin. It started off, however, with the following verse from the pen of Mr. Thomas Poetical Riggs, Jr., and contains such items as "Pommery Sec in Schooners," "Just Tell Them That You Saw Me' Butter," and "(F. B.) Kola Nut."

- "Lives of purblind kittens oft remind us
Candidates won't stand a chance;
In the dry kiln right behind us
We leave our warm and patched pants.
- "Then let us be up and doing,
Strike the Snark, however small;
Jab the Jabberwock and Gurdon,
And put them in the tortures one and all."



Pleased With Their Entertainment.

Nashville has about fifty Hoo-Hoo, and every one of these turned out to make the visitors to the '96 Annual have a good time. These fifty local members feel exceedingly gratified to note the many expressions of appreciation of the entertainment enjoyed. The BULLETIN takes pleasure in presenting in this issue portraits of a few of the men who, as heads of committees, were active in behalf of the visitors, but every local member is entitled to equally as much credit.



Concatenations.

No. 350. Chattanooga, Tenn., Thursday, Aug. 20, 1896.

- Snark, D. H. Hillman.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. B. Hughes.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. S. Walker.
- Bojum, John T. Buford.
- Scrivenoter, W. O. Harter.
- Jabberwock, Jos. B. Cabell.
- Custocattian, J. H. Baird.
- Arcanoper, R. L. Washington.
- Gurdon, J. M. Cutler.
- 4423 Taylor Railroad Williams, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 4424 William Henry Hamblen, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 4425 Orton Lima Huribut, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 4426 Theodore Valentine Myer, Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 4427 Thomas Ferdinand Chitenti, East Chattanooga, Tenn.
- 4428 William Hinkle Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.

No. 351. Atlanta, Ga., Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1896.

- Snark, H. W. Anderson.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. S. Wilson.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, H. M. Bonney.
- Bojum, Chas. A. Gilbert.
- Scrivenoter, R. M. Shanklin.
- Jabberwock, M. M. Kusley.
- Custocattian, B. J. King.
- Arcanoper, S. P. Stringfellow.
- Gurdon, B. J. King.
- 4429 John William Quher, Atlanta, Ga.
- 4430 John Nathan Merrill, Atlanta, Ga.
- 4431 Arthur Ireland Wilson, Atlanta, Ga.

No. 352. Detroit, Mich., Friday, Aug. 28, 1896.

- Snark, John J. Marten.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Clarence Parker.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. W. Kotcher.
- Bojum, A. F. Hoit.
- Scrivenoter, E. F. Jenks.
- Jabberwock, W. A. Furguson.
- Custocattian, H. C. Newman.
- Arcanoper, J. J. Huebner.
- Gurdon, J. D. Palmerlee.
- 4432 Charles William Leech, Detroit, Mich.
- 4433 Albert Blessed, Detroit, Mich.
- 4434 David Burnham Tracy, Detroit, Mich.

No. 353. St. Louis, Mo., Monday, Sept. 7, 1896.

- Snark, W. E. Barnes.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, Howard Watson.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, S. E. Carothers.
- Bojum, R. H. Vidner.
- Scrivenoter, Geo. E. Watson.
- Jabberwock, T. R. Reomer.
- Custocattian, L. R. Hawes.
- Arcanoper, R. C. Branch.
- Gurdon, R. W. Stewart.
- 4435 Philip Charles Miller, Chicago, Ill.
- 4436 Charles Robert Mauser, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4437 John Wise Lindsay, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4438 Harvey Isaac Ruth, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
- 4439 George Abbey Gilbert, Saginaw, Mich.
- 4440 William Maxon Bushnell, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4441 Herman Anthony Schulte, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4442 Bernard John Ehnts, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4443 William Henry Cogswell, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4444 Edward "Breslau" Singer, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 354. Orange, Texas, Friday, Sept. 4, 1896.

- Snark, R. E. Kelly.
- Senior Hoo-Hoo, T. K. Thompson.
- Junior Hoo-Hoo, A. F. Sharpe.
- Bojum, F. W. Greer.
- Scrivenoter, D. T. Call.
- Jabberwock, A. G. Anderson.

Custodian, H. R. Field.
Arenaper, T. E. Spotswood.
Gurdon, C. F. Pannewitz.

- 4445 Sherman Goodwin Peticolas, Orange, Texas.
4446 Abner Wilkins Miller, Galveston, Texas.
4447 Walter Clark Stewart, Orange, Texas.
4448 Frederick Henry Farwell, Orange, Texas.
4449 Henry Semple Boykins, Beaumont, Texas.
4450 Charles Michael Rein, Orange, Texas.
4451 Eugene William Baneroff, Orange, Texas.
4452 George Harvey Teague, Orange, Texas.
4453 Benjamin Cox Miller, Orange, Texas.
4454 Charles Edward Keppler, Orange, Texas.
4455 Louis Love Bettes, Orange, Texas.
4456 John William Sullivan, Houston, Texas.
4457 Comer Ervin Jones, Boston, Mass.
4458 William James Duhry, Galveston, Texas.
4459 George "Roll" Call, Orange, Texas.
4460 Angus "Blackoil" McKinnon, Orange, Texas.
4461 Green Berry Moore, Orange, Texas.
4462 William Goodwin Addison, Orange, Texas.
4463 Alex. Henry Roland, Beaumont, Texas.

No. 355. Nashville, Tenn., Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1896.

Snark, F. E. Defebaugh.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, H. H. Hemenway.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. S. Walker.
Bojurn, George W. Schwartz.
Scrivenoter, George K. Smith.
Jabberwock, Platt B. Walker, Jr.
Custodian, John J. Marten.
Gurdon, Joe B. Cabell.

- 4464 Frank Richard Turpin, Decatur, Ala.
4465 William Martin Cassetty, Nashville, Tenn.
4466 John Byrd Dow, Cookeville, Tenn.
4467 Julian Wendell Cantrell, Nashville, Tenn.
4468 William Henry Mott, Nashville, Tenn.
4469 David Roy Branson, Little Rock, Ark.
4470 Thomas A. Hefferman, Nashville, Tenn.
4471 Marcellus "Red" Chambers, Nashville, Tenn.
4472 Lynch "Annual" Perry, Columbia, Tenn.
4473 William Otho Paxton, Cincinnati, Ohio.
4474 William Roberts Ellison, Nashville, Tenn.
4475 Frederick DeWeise Bodman, Memphis, Tenn.
4476 Frank Henry Cass, Chicago, Ill.
4477 William "Millia" Heyman, St. Louis, Mo.
4478 Daniel Alonzo Lindsay, Nashville, Tenn.
4479 William Joseph Wallace, Jr., Nashville, Tenn.
4480 Joseph "Munster" Scheffer, Nashville, Tenn.
4481 Henry Hamilton Love, Nashville, Tenn.
4482 Thomas Preston Ayres, Nashville, Tenn.
4483 John William Whiteside, Bransford, Tenn.

No. 356. Seattle, Wash., Wednesday, Sept. 9, 1896.

Snark, E. H. Lewis.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Victor H. Beckman.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, A. B. Calder.
Bojurn, George M. Loggie.
Scrivenoter, R. S. Edgerton.
Jabberwock, A. J. Ephus.
Custodian, H. S. Orgood.
Arenaper, Thomas Sanders.
Gurdon, J. A. Gram.

- 4484 Samuel "Homestead" Farland, Maltby, Wash.
4485 Charles "Milkwarm" Verd, Jr., Fremont, Wash.
4486 Daniel Japley Cain, Bothell, Wash.
4487 Benjamin Stetson Miller, Seattle, Wash.
4488 Louis Henry Grey, Seattle, Wash.
4489 Shosuka "Washington" Kida, Osaka, Japan.

Some Future Concatenations.

Mr. John J. Marten, of Detroit, Mich., has applied for a trunk, and will announce date for a concatenation in a few days. He says he has a good class in sight, and is not going to allow his elevation to new honors make any break in his record as a worker.

Mr. H. W. Anderson, at Atlanta, Ga., no sooner got his commission as Vicegerent than he set to work. He is being assisted by No. 27 in getting up a class which he will put through in a few days. He reports material in abundance; and, in spite of the scarcity of "ten spots," he ex-

pects to largely add to Georgia's forty-seven members during the next few months.

Mr. Frank Richard Turpin, Decatur, Ala., is one of the new men taken in at the late annual, but he is a Hoo-Hoo right. He has sent for blanks, and is getting a class in line. The Nashville boys will go down in a party to give Hoo-Hoo a send off at this enterprising little town. Mr. Saxton, Tennessee's new Vicegerent, will make an effort to be on hand.

Mr. P. A. Gordon, the new Vicegerent for the Northern District of Illinois, is working up a concatenation at Chicago, and will announce date in a few days. He is going to invite the whole State to be present, and has been furnished with a revised list of the Illinois members. Mr. E. D. Carey is the Snark's representative for the Southern District of Illinois, but he and Mr. Gordon have not yet fixed the exact limits of their respective jurisdictions. It is good odds, however, that, with the good helpers they both have in their territories, they will thoroughly cover the State, and put up a mark for the year's record in Illinois that others may sight by. Just here the Bulletin will mention that Mr. Harry M. Condit, Centralia, Ill., has several friends who are exceedingly anxious to walk in the light. He writes to know when a concatenation can be held over at St. Louis, and it is likely that is the most convenient point for them to be initiated. This publication is made, however, that the case may be looked after.

J. D. Rockey, over at Charleston, W. Va., wants to hold a concatenation during October. Charleston has not many resident members, but Mr. Rockey thinks he can get all necessary assistance from visitors.

Misuse of the Hoo-Hoo Name.

The BULLETIN asks that every member carefully read that portion of the Report of the Annual Meeting relative to the misuse of the number in connection with the world name of the member. It will be noted that the Scrivenoter is directed to prepare and publish in the BULLETIN an extended article instructing the members on this subject. This article will appear in the next issue of the BULLETIN, but a reading of the discussion as incorporated in the report of the Annual Meeting ought to suffice to thoroughly post every man as to when and how to use his Hoo-Hoo signature. There have been several communications which have come into the Scrivenoter's office within the past few days which bear the name as well as the number, while printed letter heads with the name and number of a member incorporated are very numerous. The attention of these men has been called by letter to the fact that this coupling of the name and number in any sort of publication or stationery that goes out to the world at large is a direct infringement of the instructions given in initiation.

Detroit in '97.

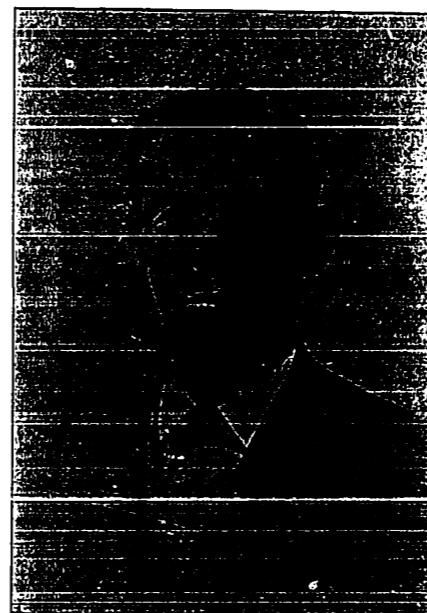
The BULLETIN is in receipt of a letter under date of September 24, from Mr. Jno. J. Marten, from which it appears that, with his usual energy and promptness, he has already held a meeting of Hoo-Hoo in that city with a view to making arrangements for the entertainment of visitors to the 1897 Annual. They are certainly enthusiastic people up in Michigan. Mr. Marten says he sent out a dozen or so notices of the meeting, and that besides the local members, he had representatives from Jackson, Kalamazoo, Romeo, Saginaw, Ypsilanti and Ecorse. It was an exceedingly enthusiastic meeting, and while no particular business was transacted that would be of interest to the membership at large, the enthusiasm goes to show that those who stay away from the next Annual will miss an extremely pleasant time. The meeting appointed an executive committee consisting of Joseph, Miles, Chairman, Jno. J. Marten, Secretary, and E. F. Jenks, Treasurer. From time to time Mr. Marten promises to keep the readers of the BULLETIN advised as to what sort of entertainment he is going to prepare, but we have an idea that he is keeping back some sort of surprise to spring at the last moment.



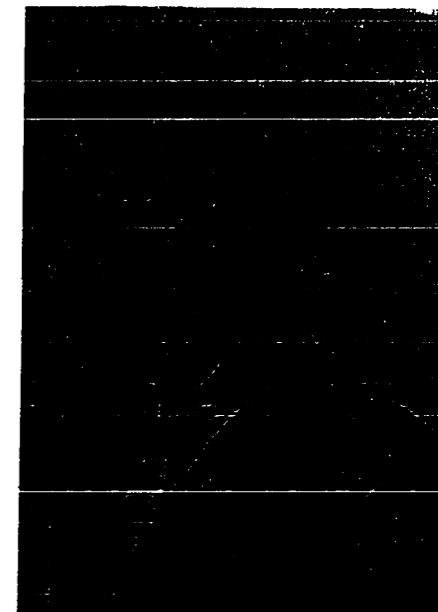
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Chairman Committee on Reception.



S. LIEBERMAN,
Chairman Committee on Transportation.



A. E. BAIRD,
Chairman Ladies' Committee.