



[Applause.] I have the honor of introducing to you His Excellency Hazen S. Pingree, Governor of Michigan." [Loud and continued applause, followed by the Hoo-Hoo yell.]

#### Gov. Pingree's Address of Welcome.

Governor Pingree then spoke as follows to the convention:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen: I am glad to be with you here to-day; I am always glad to meet the active business men of the country. I understand that you represent almost every State in the Union. I can say it is good for you to meet together and exchange ideas in your line of business. It is not necessary for me to say that you are all producers; that I can see in your faces—the producers of wealth. I am a manufacturer, too. While not in your line of business, still I have to buy lumber to box my product, and I am glad to meet you here. I am sorry that we have such warm weather here to-day. While we can hardly say that this is the ninth hot spell (you, I understand, are celebrating the ninth day of something), while this is hardly the ninth hot day we have had, yet when you look around you will find we have plenty of water, you know, to go with all those other things that are not so cool. [Laughter.] You are free to call on us for all the water we have here, because we have plenty, and for anything else you see while you are here. We think we have the finest city on this continent. As one has said, it is a bracelet between the two lakes, and you will find that our park is the emerald that is in the bracelet, and I assure you that you will be welcome there.

I am sorry that our Mayor is not here; he is out of town. I was expecting to meet you, but my business called me to New York. I left there and returned home last night, and it had passed out of my mind until one of your members called on me this morning and notified me that this is the day that you sounded the long roll, and every one comes to attention. No matter where he may be, either on the Atlantic or the Pacific, or across either ocean, he comes to attention to-day, as I understand; and I assure you that I can extend to you as business men a hearty welcome from the State of Michigan. [Applause.]

When I say it is good for business men to meet together, I can say it from experience. You know I am nothing, as one has said, but a plain, everyday business man; and nothing gives me more pleasure than to meet business men. I am at home with them at any place except upon this platform. I need not say that, because you can all understand that.

Now, anything we can do for you here in Detroit, I know that you need not hesitate to call for. As I say, if the Mayor were here he would be only too glad to join me in extending a hearty welcome to you; and I can say that anything I can do to make your stay here—make you happy while you remain with us—do not hesitate to call on me. While I am not the Chief Executive of the city, still I have had a little experience in that line, and I know what should be done to make you happy while you are here. Now, I will not detain you with any rambling talk this morning, because I know you have a plenty of gentlemen here who can entertain you much better than I. I thank you for the privilege of meeting with you. [Loud and continued applause.]

Chairman, Restrict: "It has been said that there is no rose without its thorn, and to-day, with all our pleasures and happiness, there is one source of regret: we have not our Honorable William C. Maybury, Mayor of Detroit, with us; but he has assigned his secretary, who will read to you, perhaps, his sentiments, in a letter of regret, after which we will introduce to you a gentleman whom he has assigned to speak for him. I now introduce Mr. Robison, the Honorable Mayor's secretary."

Mr. Robison: "Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen of the Convention: I desire to correct one misapprehension that has gotten around through the local committee—that Mr. Maybury was called to New York by important business. I think I am able to say that is not true. He was in Detroit, to my personal knowledge, through a recent convention of a high order of Masonry, and never turned color; but when he heard that the Hoo-Hoo were coming here he went to New York to get away from them. [Laughter.] I do not say this to apologize for him, but I am so intimately associated with him in one capacity that I know what I am

talking about. [Laughter.] I received this telegram this morning from him: 'I trust the same bright smiles that favor us here will greet the Hoo-Hoo at home.' It is dated at New York this morning. He has a more formal statement here, which I will read, and which you will take with due allowance, after what I said before." [Applause.]

#### The Mayor's Witty Letter.

"To the Royal Order of Hoo-Hoo, Detroit, Mich.—Princes: It occasions me very deep regret that I am not here present to personally welcome you to Detroit. My secretary is delegated to give you, on my behalf, the freedom of the city, and also the keys that open up the various and sundry places where freedom dwells.

"You will notice that there are two sets of keys; one set will be useful until 11 P.M. and the other set will be convenient thereafter. The laws, rules, and regulations restricting the utmost personal freedom have been suspended during your stay. Hospitality is the peculiar characteristic of this city. Even our jail is the most comfortable on earth. Citizens and strangers alike testify to this fact.

"I feel that my absence is fully condoned by the appointment of my spiritual adviser, who will say to you what I would have said, only he will say it so much better. I beseech you to hear him first on my account, and assure you that ever hereafter you will take pleasure in hearing him on his own account. He has never been known to fall down on any occasion, and he finishes the race as rapidly as he scores. This will be intelligible to the reverend gentleman through his recent visits to the race track. Our local brethren of the Royal Order will be held strictly responsible that no stranger within our gates shall be permitted to suffer of hunger or thirst.

"Faithfully and cordially yours,  
"WILLIAM C. MAYBURY, Mayor."

Chairman Restrict: "It is with deep regret, gentlemen, that we all hear that our Mayor is not with us; it is particularly so with myself. I would like to have given you a little synopsis of his personal biography if he had been here, but it would be hardly fair to do it now, in the way I would like to. I would simply do it to see how neatly he would get back at me afterwards. He is a product of this city, and we are proud of him. The first account we have of him is from the 'sixth ward.' He went to school there, in the old 'sixth ward,' and it is claimed had the richest brogue in all Corktown, but education and politics have worn that off a good deal. If he were here, he would present to you a splendid specimen of a man; he would also give you a splendid specimen of a speech, in the purest English. In his absence he has very kindly assigned this task to one ably fitted for it, the Rev. Dr. Arnold, whom I now introduce to you."

#### Dr. Arnold's Eloquent Address.

Ladies and Gentlemen and Members of the Concocted Order of Hoo-Hoo: "It is always embarrassing to attempt to stand in another man's shoes, especially if they are too large for him. How much more embarrassing it is to attempt to wear another man's hat when that is very much beyond the girth of your own. After all that has been said, I feel naturally, in the presence of many who know the Mayor of this city, that I am in a very embarrassing position. There are very few, if any, in our city who could stand here and take Mayor Maybury's place, and I feel that I cannot myself hope to represent him as I ought. He came to my house, when he found that he must go to New York, and told me of the fact that I was to take his place. He has generally been willing to do what I asked him to do, and I could not, therefore, refuse to do what he asked me to do. I have been flatteringly introduced by Mr. Maybury in the letter that he has written to you. I feel that that compliment is not deserved. However, without further apology, I will try to do my duty as best I can, and speak a word of welcome to the gentlemen of this Order who have come here from all over the country to enjoy the rest of this week in our city. We are delighted, indeed, to have you here. You have heard how the doors of this city are off the hinges to receive you,

and that the hearts of the people are open to give you a cordial welcome in our midst. You could not have chosen a better time in the year to come to this city of Detroit, and you will find things beautiful everywhere you go; and you will find things refreshing wherever you may be; and I hope when your visit comes to an end you will leave here with such impressions of the hospitality and goodness of our people and of all the beauty and healthfulness of our surroundings as will lead you ever hereafter to long for a return to the city of Detroit.

I see that the great emblem of your Order is a black cat. I have been somewhat interested, and therefore I will tell you of an incident that recently occurred at our great State University. The learned professor was lecturing to his class upon the destructive nature of field mice. He told how the field mice, as they increased, were very injurious to the corn crop, because they would eat the corn after it was planted in the earth before it had sprung up; and, therefore, that the quantity of corn in any community was very largely dependent upon the number of field mice. By way of illustration, he said it may be shown scientifically and logically that there is an immediate connection between field mice, the quantity of corn in a community, and the number of old maids. He did it in this way: Field mice destroy the corn before it grows; the number of field mice is largely dependent upon the number of cats; the number of cats is immediately dependent upon the number of old maids. [Laughter.] Many old maids, there are many cats, few mice, and a great crop of corn. There in one corner of the room stood a dude, who put up his glass to his eye, and said: "Professor, will you kindly inform me, sir, what makes old maids?" (You know, in our State University we have male and female students.) A lady sat over in the opposite corner, who said: "I can answer that question." Said the professor: "What is it?" The young lady replied: "Dudes." [Laughter.]

Not only, then, in the name of the gentlemen of this community shall I welcome you; but, as the representatives of the black cat, I have to extend to you a hearty welcome from the old maids of this community. [Laughter.] I have been to-day inquiring of those who are well learned in the mystery of numbers as to the meaning of this number that you have chosen as your mystic number, nine. I am informed that the meaning of the number nine is finality, or judgment; that it has reference to the winding up of things, a conclusion, that we shall all reach in our efforts; that this life of ours is something final; that it is not forever, without end and without age; that there is at the end of every course of life a judgment; that not only is there to be a final winding up of this great universe in that last great day of judgment, but that there are judgments constantly coming in our lives; and that this number nine of yours is constantly to remind you of the fact that there is a finality in every act of yours; that there is a finality in the course of every man's life; that there are crises and great determining events in every man's life that sum up and make the meaning of all that is his. You are reminded, then, by this number nine of the finality, as being men of finality, men who are the final men of the world, who have reached the top, and claim for themselves this finality in the excellence of your general characteristics, in the attainments in your business, in reaching high promise and blessed judgment in the world. This is the meaning of your word, and that your lives are made up in this way and they are crowned in this way by the achievements that you show. You shall be judged, and this judgment shall be the hand that shall crown your efforts of success in this life and in your undertaking.

Then I am reminded again that this Order, as I understand it, has something to do with the pleasure-making of your business relations. I do believe, my friends, that in this day and age we are too much given over to business; and an organization like this, that has introduced into the midst of the worry and complications of business life something that is to freshen your hearts and renew your youth by talking one with another and intercourse one with another in such an organization, and such an idea embodied in the organization is a true and worthy one, and you cannot do better than to gather as often as you may in kindly, social relations. Men of the same business, men having identical interests, men going forward so earnestly as you have, and laboriously as many of you must, toward the attainment of that final judgment of this life, to meet these recreations and to get away from labor and from the cares of business and come together, must be well, for, as iron sharpeneth iron, so the face of a friend of every one his friend. You are encouraged, you are elevated, you are broadened, you are made younger; for this is the only spring of immortal youth from which man is permitted to

drink—that of social relationship, that coming together in personal intercourse and personal contact. It rejuvenates men; it is the only maker of our lives young. He is old who thinks himself old; he is old who bears his burdens heavily; he is young who thinks himself young, and who finds the inspiration of his life in such associations as this in which you are engaged here. Gentlemen, you are an organization, as I am told, of merry-makers. Some would say that this was hardly worthy of business men, that they should leave their business for such things. Gentlemen, you are wiser than your critics. Enter heartily with all good will into the enjoyment of this occasion; drink from this spring of immortal youth; this social life into which you bring yourselves, and there will be only one judgment hereafter as to the success of your meetings—that you have taken on new youth, a fresh and more vigorous life. So this mirth of ours, too, is so near to sadness, it is so near to sympathy. Would you go to a man with a long face, to a man who knew nothing of religious joys or social delight, in your time of trouble, or would you rather choose for a sympathizing friend a man who had always laughed and joked with you? A man who had been with you in the enjoyments of life is the man who would be most delightful to you in the time of sorrow. So the tears of joy flow, in your gladdest hours tears spring from the eyes; and he who can enjoy life most, he who can enter most heartily and freely into the pleasures of association with his fellow-man—he is a man who can also in the hours of sorrow and perplexity enter with touching and helpful sympathy into the lives of those with whom he associates. There is a kinship between those men who can laugh and joke and give the glad hand each to the other. [Loud and continued applause.]

#### Response of Mr. Ewart.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen of the Convention: I scarce need to say that after such a flood of eloquence of welcome as that accorded us this morning, the position of attempting a somewhat fitting response on behalf of our Order is an exceedingly embarrassing one. I want to say right here that I think the address with which the reverend gentleman has favored us is the most able, the most profitable, and I hope will prove the most beneficial, that has ever been addressed to the membership of this Order in any of the meetings at which I have had the pleasure of attending. [Applause.] As I approached this building this morning I noticed that it bore the appearance of a sacred edifice; and when I reached here I learned that it had been formerly occupied as a church, and but recently or some short time ago abandoned for that purpose, and now used for a convention hall. When I came inside and was approached regarding this response I was informed that the officials, both of the city and State, were absent through unavoidable causes, and that the address that would welcome us would be delivered by a clergyman in their stead. Now, I thought, this is starting in somewhat seriously. First, we were in a church that has but recently been turned over to secular purposes, and then we were to be confronted with a clergyman; and I began to have serious apprehensions of what was ahead. This is also to be the first session of our Order at which the complete Assyrian Right will be exercised, and that fact further impressed me with the thought that we were getting on serious ground. And as I thought of it, it occurred to me that possibly (remember, gentlemen, I only say possibly) we may heretofore have kept the religious element a little too far in the background; but it seems that we are now getting into line in that direction, and that in the future there will be no comment or criticism due on account of the absence of that element in our work.

Since the time when Proctor Knott delivered his famous panegyric on the newly-discovered center of the universe, around which all things must henceforth rotate, and upon which the signs of the zodiac must henceforth hinge, nothing of equal force and fervency in descriptive literature has seen the light of day, until the efficient Committee of Arrangements for this particular event gave to the world a portrayal of the attractive advantages of the "Convention City of Detroit." But there is this difference: that while the enthusiasm of the talented Kentuckian and his consequent extravagant picture may have created doubt as to the accuracy of the statements given out by him, in the present instance the correctness of the representations made by the committee that has received us is vouched for by this honorable and unimpeachable witness who has addressed us. It follows, then, that the "authenticity of the unsalted sea" must be relegated to the rear, while Detroit stands forth unapproached and unapproachable, as the Utopian center, where men do congregate within the earth. [Applause.] Now, in the face of this broad admission, I want to make a slight suggestion to this effect. It strikes me that even

admitting the correctness of what I have stated, it seems to me a little... almost said presumptuous... for this committee to propose, as they have done, to lure the angels from Paradise...

It remains for me now, gentlemen of the committee, to thank you most cordially for this earnest welcome which has been extended to us, and to ask you to inform the citizens of this beautiful city that they now have on their hands the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo...

Snark Hemenway's Address.

Brother Hoo-Hoo—Greeting: I feel much pleasure in bidding you all welcome to this, our sixth annual meeting. The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was organized but six years ago, and from its birth became a live and successful Order.

Those of you who were privileged to first walk in the gardens, right and left, and to languidly repose, in fancied security, in our onion bed, can bear me witness that our growth has been simply marvelous.

We are all aware that the past three years of great business depression have affected our welfare in many States of the Union; still we have steadily increased our membership, have gained in strength, and are influential in doing much good for fellow Hoo-Hoo in our mystic and unique Order.

For the details of our work during the past year, and the results we have accomplished, I refer you to the report of the Scrivenator. In many respects this has been an eventful and trying year, and I have been impressed with the truth of the trite old saying, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown;" yet I am gratified at being able to state that the Supreme Nine, our efficient Scrivenator, and the members of the Order generally have zealously and loyally supported me, and by their unified efforts made my labor one of pleasure. However, I did not expect to walk in a path strewn with roses, while I officially bore our banner aloft, the banner so dear to each and every Hoo-Hoo, with our motto and object inscribed thereon in letters of gold: "Health, Happiness, and Long Life."

During the early months of my official administration I received many applications for financial aid. To have granted one-quarter of them would have exhausted the fund set apart for that purpose. Fortunately resident Hoo-Hoo very generously came forward and relieved the most urgent cases. Many Hoo-Hoo seem to have the erroneous impression that the Order is bound to aid in sickness and want, whereas the unfortunate fact remains that the amount paid in could not justify such action.

I have many well-settled convictions in mind, gained by experience, and will briefly present some of them. One, demanding immediate attention, relates to the appointment of Vicegerents and the duties devolving upon them. They are ably presented by my efficient predecessor, J. E. Defebaugh, in his address at Nashville. I would submit the following plan as a basis for the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, to formulate into proper working shape:

To enlarge the scope and duties of the Scrivenator I suggest that we provide a suitable party as his assistant, who shall devote his entire time to visiting territory where our Order is weak in numbers, arranging for and holding concatenations, as may be determined best for our interests. The present condition of things would point to the States of North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, as well as districts remote from cities in the several States, Montana and Wyoming are in special need of attention, many pressing letters having been received from these districts some one sent there to introduce Hoo-Hoo. This plan would not necessarily do away with the appointing of Vicegerents as before, and the Supreme Nine should not act too hastily in making these appointments. It is not a difficult matter to procure good representative men who would reflect dignity and credit on the Order; but if they are so situated that they cannot give some of their time to Hoo-Hoo work, they fall as good men for this office, and their interests as a class of men, I consider them good men for this office.

of Hoo-Hoo thereby suffer. As a whole, the Vicegerents serving the past year have done very well. Many who have accomplished little in the way of securing new members have creditably upheld the dignity and principles of our Order. The real well-being and success of Hoo-Hoo lies in the custody, and keeping of the Vicegerents; for them it is a labor of love, not for revenue.

I leave this matter with you, and if any better plan can be formulated than the one suggested, I trust that you will speedily adopt it.

As regards the income of our Order being sufficient for expenses, again Brother Defebaugh voices my sentiments; and in a much more lucid manner than I could express them. I would dissent; however, from his idea of raising dues to \$3.33, as I believe there is no necessity of making the change at present. However, the fact remains that the annual dues are now often neglected either through their seeming lack of importance or mere carelessness on the part of members. Therefore I trust that you will be able to devise a feasible system for more easily collecting dues and proxies, and with less friction and expense.

I would suggest for your consideration a plan similar to the following: In towns and cities where two or more Hoo-Hoo reside, send to one brother the receipts for all resident members, and with a little effort he can collect said dues and remit to the Scrivenator. In regard to proxies, I would suggest using a return postal, with the proxy printed upon the portion of the card to be returned. A member need then simply sign his name and post the card. There is no doubt that the result would be a considerable increase in the number of proxies returned. It is my opinion that we do not require further legislation. The least amount possible for our vigorous and steady growth, and this in the most simple form, seems to me all that is at present advisable.

Gentlemen and brethren of our mystic Order, we are aware that this convention should be a business one. Many radical changes have already been suggested, and a wide difference of opinion may prevail. Let us bear in mind the fact that we are all working in and for the interests of Hoo-Hoo, and let us adhere as closely as possible to the original intent and object of the order. Above all, throughout the discussion let us endeavor to maintain the peace and harmony prevailing at present, and submit gracefully to the decision of the majority.

The sixth year of our existence is nearly closed. Your present Snark will soon pass from you, and another reign in his stead. I bespeak for him your earnest and zealous support. Encourage him and his officers throughout their administration, and assist in making Hoo-Hoo what it should and can be—an Order in which its members are united in doing good to all, but more especially to the household of our faith. Comrades, I tender you one and all my thanks for your uniform support, your kind words, and opportune advice during the year about to close. As for my shortcomings and the mistakes made during my tenure of office, let them pass with me into the cell of oblivion.

The Snark: "In the absence of any printed order of business, we will follow the old-established one, and you will now hear the report of our Scrivenator."

Scrivenator's Report.

There will come up at this Annual Meeting perhaps a greater number of important matters to discuss than at any previous meeting in the history of our Order. Quite a number of these matters have already been touched upon by our worthy Snark, and all will, I am sure, receive careful and wise attention before the close of this meeting. For the present the Scrivenator will confine himself to the money question and to such suggestions as to the work of the Scrivenator's office as may be of benefit or economy.

Receipts and disbursements for the year have been as follows:

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements. Receipts include Balance from predecessor, Receipts from dues, Receipts from 68 concatenations, Receipts from merchandise, Interest on deposit. Disbursements include Merchandise, Petty expense, Postage and registered mail, Stationery, Printing bulletins, Printing Snark and two supplements, Supreme Nine, Snark's office, Chamber of Hoo-Hoo, Scrivenator's salary.

Table with columns for No., PLACE, RECEIPTS, REMITTED SCRIVENATOR. Includes items like Snark's fund for relief, Refunded, New ritual, Printing material and supplies, Trunk supplies, Telegraph tolls, Cuts and electros, Express accounts, Scrivenator's clerical help, Insurance, Office fixtures, Balance.

Of the above disbursements, perhaps two of the items are not self-explanatory. The item of "Trunk Supplies" not only covers all the supplies and equipments necessary to keep in first-class order the nine trunks in commission at the time this administration came into power, but it also includes the cost of two new trunks, with complete outfit. The item of "Refunded" is explained as follows: A few weeks prior to this administration coming into power a concatenation had been held at Vicksburg. The man who had charge of the money at that concatenation made his remittance to the Scrivenator prior to the settlement of all expenses incurred at the time of the meeting. His remittance was in excess of the amount he was required to send to the Scrivenator, and a claim for a refund of the amount overpaid was put in, and allowed. This item also includes \$2.00 overpaid by a member on dues account. I will say that every cent of the above disbursements is covered by a voucher. These vouchers are here, arranged in a compact form, numbered serially from the beginning of this administration, and consequently very ready and convenient of access. If any member desires, therefore, a more minute analysis of these disbursements, he is invited to examine these vouchers.

The above statement, compared with that of last year, shows a decrease in receipts from all sources of \$562.72. It also shows a decrease of \$1,242.07 in total expenditures. It is a source of congratulation, therefore, to this administration, that notwithstanding the considerable decrease in receipts and the unusual expenditures incident to the removal of headquarters, they are able to turn over a cash balance not materially less than that of a year ago.

Sixty-eight Concatenations have been held during the year, as follows:

Table titled 'Concatenations' with columns for No., PLACE, RECEIPTS, REMITTED SCRIVENATOR. Lists various states and cities like Orange, Texas; Nashville, Tenn; Seattle, Wash; New York, N. Y; Atlanta, Ga; Oklahoma City, Ok; Cordoba, Ga; Alexandria, Ark; Detroit, Mich; Memphis, Tenn; Cleveland, Ohio; Alpena, Mich; Chicago, Ill; Savannah, Ga; Hancock, Miss; New Orleans, La; Nashville, Tenn; Lexington, Ky; St. Louis, Mo; Cairo, Ill; Gallo, Ill; St. Paul, Minn; Chicago, Ill; Middleton, Ky; Knoxville, Tenn; Lorantion, Miss; Columbus, Ohio; Kansas City, Mo; St. Paul, Minn; Boston, Mass; Detroit, Mich; Minneapolis, Minn; Nashville, Tenn; Chicago, Ill; Chicago, Ill; Boston, Mass; Atlanta, Ga; Memphis, Tenn; Cordoba, Ga; Toledo, Ohio; Chicago, Ill; Chicago, Ill; St. Paul, Minn; Memphis, Tenn; Milwaukee, Wis; Seattle, Wash; Mobile, Ala; Houston, Texas; Birmingham, Ala; St. Paul, Minn; Besantion, Texas; St. Paul, Minn; St. Paul, Minn; Dayton, Ohio.

Table titled 'Concatenations and initiates in the several States for the year is as follows:' with columns for No., PLACE, RECEIPTS, REMITTED SCRIVENATOR. Lists states like Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin.

The record of Concatenations and initiates in the several States for the year is as follows:

Table titled 'The Record of Work' with columns for VICEGERENT, Concatenations Held, Men Initiated. Lists states and names of vicegerents like Alabama—John L. Kaul; Arkansas—W. A. Zeiniker; California—F. C. Aggie; Florida—F. M. Johnson; Georgia—H. W. Anderson; Illinois—P. A. Gordon; Iowa—C. T. Haskins; Indiana—H. B. Searles; Kansas—A. S. Parks; Kentucky—R. M. Cunningham; Louisiana—W. C. Wright; Massachusetts—E. W. Huntington; Michigan—M. L. Pagan; Minnesota—Ray W. Jones; Missouri—John B. Nally; Nebraska—Wm. A. Coulson; New York—L. E. Bullard; North Carolina—J. A. Walker; North Dakota—R. McCulloch; Ohio—Benj. Collins, Jr.; Pennsylvania—R. M. Wetmore; Tennessee—H. N. Saxton, Jr.; Texas—C. A. Lyon; Virginia—Francis Borch; Wisconsin—W. F. Kellogg.

\* Includes two men initiated in Tennessee. \* Two men initiated in Tennessee credited to Mississippi. From the above it will be seen that Georgia leads with 100 initiates; Missouri second, with 76; Ohio third, with 62; Kentucky fourth, with 47; Texas fifth, with 45; Tennessee sixth, with 44; and Michigan seventh, with 40.

The Deceased.

The following thirty-two members have died since our last coming together, which brings our total list of deceased up to ninety.

Table listing deceased members with columns for No., PLACE, NAME. Includes names like Tont, V. H.; Best, L. J.; West, W. S.; Packard, W.; Barbery, A. H.; Brooks, T. B.; Bryant, W. H.; Fox, J. E.; Sherrill, A. H.; Gandler, W. H.; McDonald, G. M.; Cahorn, A. S.; Gearin, F. K.; Byfield, G. P.; Gardner, G. L.; Jordan, L. C.; Glick, Bickart; Green, J.; Van, Clapp; Myers, R. H.; Greenwood, A. F.; Angler, B. H.; Foney, J. S.; Morris, U.; Bradford, Louisville; Brown, B. M.; Gray, C. B.; Galt, C. W.; Mitchell, G. W.; Halliday, D. B.

Resigned and Expelled.

During the year, we are sorry to state, it has been found necessary to expell three members from membership. These are Nos. 2622, 2149 and 2298.

Twenty-three resignations have been received during the year, which is far from evidencing any serious decrease of interest in the Order. In nearly every case these resignations can be traced either to a change of occupation or to a practical ineligibility at the time of initiation.

The Hand-Book.

Heretofore in printing the hand-book at St. Louis, the type necessary for corrections and additions has been purchased as it was set up and put into the book. The removal of the office to Nashville necessitated a change in this. It was deemed best to purchase a stock of type and such other printing materials for corrections and additions as would render us independent of any printing establishment. This was done, and the Order now owns not only the material used in printing the present hand-book and supplements, but a stock of all materials necessary for additions and corrections for, probably, several years.

The hand-book is our lodge room, and suggestions for perfecting it as nearly as possible are always in order. A suggestion that I will now make is that hereafter the Scrivenoter be instructed to print in every issue of "The Bulletin" a "Correction Blank" to be filled out by every member whose address may change. Many members neglect to notify the Scrivenoter of removal, and in most cases where notification is given, no information as to business connection at new place of residence is given; such a notice suffices for the mailing list, but not for correction in hand-book. The return from these blanks, if desired, could be printed in "The Bulletin" each issue, to the end that a member's change of place might be known to his brethren. At least the continuous appearance of the blank in "The Bulletin" would tend to remind the member of an important duty that many now overlook, and, besides making the hand-book more accurate, would tend to lessen the enormous correspondence incident to locating "The Unknown."

In closing my report I desire to return thanks for the cordial support and always valuable suggestions from my conferees of the Supreme Nine, and the hearty co-operation of our thirty-six Viceregents. Nor can I close without expressing in the most forcible words at my command, my appreciation of the courteous and patient assistance I have received from my predecessor in the office of Scrivenoter, Messrs W. E. Barnes, of St. Louis, J. E. Desebaugh, of Chicago, C. S. Walker, of Cincinnati, and our own Joseph B. Cabell, of Memphis, are among many others whom I have to thank for many favors extended.

The Snark: "You have heard the report, and if there is no objection, it will take the usual course of being referred to the Auditing Committee."

Chairman Restricker: "I would like to ask if Mr. Frank McDonough is here. There is a telegram here for him. The Committee on Entertainment would like to impress on every one here that street cars will be in waiting for us on Griswold Street, the next street east, at two o'clock sharp. That means two o'clock standard time, and we want you to bring your wives and sisters and sweethearts, and any other girls you may think of." [Applause.]

The Scrivenoter: "I think we are still short a number of proxies which were not mailed, but sent by some member coming to this meeting. If there are gentlemen here who have any proxies from any State, I would be glad if they would turn them over. There is considerable work in checking these proxies over to verify the signatures."

The Snark: "That is a very pertinent question, and it escaped me. The proxies are scattered all over town. Now, before the credential committee can do anything the proxies must pass through the hands of the Scrivenoter, and be checked as regards the eligibility of every voter. The Scrivenoter has a great deal of work to do; so secure and pass the proxies over to him as soon as possible."

Chairman Restricker: "I would like to say, gentlemen, that the trolley ride this afternoon will take us through two or three of our best built-up avenues, and we wind up to our waterworks park. From there we will be taken on a ferry-boat to Belle Isle, where we are invited by the Detroit Yacht Club to visit their clubhouse, which will be open to the free inspection of the whole Order."

The Snark: "This appointment of the committees—if

any one thinks it is an easy thing to do, he had better try it on. I don't know that I am any nearer right than when I started; but, as I have got them, I will announce them."

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Chairman; A. A. White, Kansas City; A. F. Griswold, Erie, Pa.; A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio; L. A. Kimball, New York, N. Y.; Charles Restricker, Detroit, Mich.

Committee on Credentials and Rules.

Harry W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.; Ben Collins, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio; George W. Lock, Westlake, La.

Committee on Auditing.

D. Call, Orange, Texas; I. S. Weller, New York, N. Y.; P. B. Yates, Beloit, Wis.

Committee on Complaints.

H. W. Huntington, Pollock, La.; W. B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.; W. I. Lindsay, Cleveland, Ohio.

Committee on Resolutions.

B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.; W. J. Kilduff, New Orleans, La.; A. M. Sallotte, Detroit, Mich.

Committee on Good of the Order.

Fred. S. Oakes, Cleveland, Ohio; R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.

Press Committee.

W. E. Barnes, W. B. Judson, E. W. Preston, J. E. Desebaugh, Platt B. Walker.

The Snark: "I understand there are good committee rooms below this hall, cool, commodious, and all right; but the chairmen of the several committees can consult their convenience, and meet where they please and at such times as they may select. I want to say to this Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, that I would not change it much. I think this Order, as well as many others, has too much jay. If we can simplify, it would be a good deal better. Now, if there is anything or any plan that can be formulated by the wisdom of that committee, in relation to the collection of dues, I hope they will do it. I would say that there is not one-tenth of those published as owing dues where it is more than simply a matter of neglect. I think some one should be appointed in each town to make a business of collecting the dues. Take all the cities and towns where there are from two to fifty Hoo-Hoo; there is always one man who will spend the time and is interested enough in Hoo-Hoo to say: 'You owe a dollar to Hoo-Hoo; give it to me and I will send it in.' In our town I can collect the whole town in two hours. In this way it saves the Scrivenoter any amount of trouble and annoyance, and it also saves the expense of collecting. I tell you, gentlemen, the postal expense of this Order is something fearful, and all because we are careless in paying our dues. I trust this committee will take this up and do something."

Brother G. W. Schwartz: "In that connection, I will give a little experience I had in St. Louis. I went into a man's place of business and found a member of our Order who is really an enthusiastic member, although he is not a hard worker, and he made that suggestion to me. He asked me if I was going to Detroit. I told him I was, and I thought his was a good suggestion. He said: 'If a man would come around to me any time during the year, I would give him a dollar; but it is the hardest thing for me to get down to sending a dollar through the mail.' He suggested having a man in St. Louis who would represent the Scrivenoter in collecting the dues and remitting them."

Brother Charles H. Hill: "What I want to know is whether all those men who have defaulted are named 'Charlie' or not." [Laughter.]

The Snark: "It looks to me as if this committee should be able to handle that subject, and I want to bring it to their attention, so they will not forget it."

The business meeting adjourned to Friday, September 10, at 9: 09 A.M.

Friday, September 10.

The Snark: "Who will go over to the Hotel Cadillac and tell the Hoo-Hoo there that if they want to do anything with this convention they want to come over here? Last call and fair warning! The first thing we know we will go right into the election, and if they don't come, they will be sorry then. Gentlemen, there are so few of us, please come forward and take the front seats. It is just as cool, and we can do business better; those who come later will have to take the back seats, that is all. Gentlemen, you will come to order. The Sixth Annual Concatenation of Hoo-Hoo is now ready for business. What is your will and pleasure?"

No. 1267: "I would offer a resolution that the registration of membership close to-day, without fail or recourse. The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials has informed me that they positively cannot go ahead with their work until something of that sort is done. Therefore I will move that the registration book be closed to-day, without any recourse."

A Member: "I second that motion."
A Member: "I move that be amended, to close at 12 o'clock to-night, when we return from our trip to The Flats. There may be some who will join us on that trip who are not here to register. I move to amend the motion."

No. 1267: "I accept the amendment."
Mr. Stillwell: "What are we to do in the meantime? I don't know who should vote on anything until we get this proxy business fixed."

The Snark: "We suppose that every one who sits here is eligible to take part in this meeting."

A Member: "Is that vote final without the proxies? Is any vote taken without the proxies final? Is it a vote?"

The Snark: "As far as this motion is concerned, it is a very particular one. It seems impossible for the credential committee to make any final report and get down to business until registration is closed. There must be a time stated. I think the amendment is this; that we should state a time, and then live right up to it, if a thousand should come in later. I know of no reason for going back on the convention when it has duly assembled; if there are twenty here, it is final. Twenty may come in and undertake to rescind the action, but it would not be proper."

No. 4714: "I make an amendment to the amendment that the registration close at 12 o'clock noon; for this reason: 'If the registration is left open until 12 o'clock to-night, the committee will have to work all night to get a report in shape for business to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and we have only to-morrow to do business; but if the registration is closed to-day at noon, they may be able to prepare a report and go ahead with business to-morrow morning without any delay.'"

No. 179: "I would suggest (I don't offer it as an amendment) that the registration list for proxies be closed at 10 o'clock to-day. We are going to adjourn to go on our trip this afternoon, and we don't want the committee to work while we have that pleasure; and any one who is not interested enough to come here ought not to have a vote. They will have lots to do."

The Snark: "There is a motion before your convention now, and an amendment to that motion."

A Member: "Is the amendment to the motion before the meeting?"

The Snark: "Unless you have another amendment to that amendment."

A Member: "If they come in this noon, they ought to send their proxies at once, and not make this committee work all night. If I was on the committee, I would not do it."

The Snark: "Is there any further amendment to that amendment?"

A Member: "I would like to call on Mr. McClintock, the chairman of the committee last year, and ask him when the vote was taken last year at the convention?"

The Snark: "I think it was very similar to our closing to-night. How was that, Mr. McClintock?"

Mr. McClintock: "I do not remember, but I think they closed at noon. I know the committee completed its work the second day about 10 o'clock. I remember there was some trouble at Nashville; the committee's list was revised at the end. It wasn't made a final list. The committee made a report on the morning of the second day, which was used for the voting on that day. On the morning of the third day they made a supplemental report, which was the final one. I think the registration closed at the close of the business session on the second day."

A Member: "I think you are mistaken."

Mr. McClintock: "That amendment was made to the report on the third day."

A Member: "It seems to me it is not right to shut any out from the privilege of voting. The committee can get up their report, and it will be almost final to-day, and they can add those who come in to-day. I will change the amendment of mine, and make the time 9 o'clock or 6 o'clock to-night, in order to give the people who are coming to-day on the excursion a chance to vote. I will amend it, and make it 6 o'clock. I think they ought to have a fair show. I amend to close at 6 o'clock to-day, and suggest that the committee be given the privilege of amending their report to-morrow morning."

No. 1267: "I will withdraw my motion."

No. 4: "I think that the motion is out of order. I understand there are one or two States that have no representatives. If a representative from one of those States comes in to-morrow morning, there is no power to keep him from voting, unless we make an arbitrary rule."

A Member: "You have an amendment, duly seconded, now before the house—a final amendment of Mr. Vietmeyer to close at 12 o'clock to-day."

The Snark: "I see but one objection to that. We are in session here, and will probably run from fifteen to twenty minutes past 12; we will go over to the hotel, and very many of us will probably receive a letter with from two to ten proxies in it."

A Member: "Then there will be no session for them to be used in."

A Member: "I don't think the Snark understands the motion."

The Snark: "With the privilege of amending the report to-morrow morning?"

A Member: "I withdraw in his favor."

The Snark: "Now the question is on the amendment of Brother Desebaugh, that we close at noon, with a string attached to it if any come in in the meantime; as Brother Schwartz says. It is a point well taken. The motion is on the amendment. All in favor of the amendment will say eye. The motion is carried unanimously. I will now read the list of committees; and if any of the committees are ready to report, or can make a partial report and bring something before the convention to work on, they may do so. [Calls chairman of committees.] Those are the chairmen of the different committees. If any of you have any business formulated or in shape to bring before the convention for action at this time, it would be well to do it."

No. 1267: "The Committee on Auditing is ready to report."

The report of the committee was then read, as follows: To the Snark of the Universe: "We, your Committee on Auditing the Books and Accounts of the Scrivenoter for

the past year ending to-day, beg leave to report. We have carefully examined and checked the books and vouchers, and found same to be correct in every respect as per statement rendered. Balance on hand at this date, as per certified check No. 1194, in the Union Bank and Trust Company of Nashville, Tenn., for \$2,469.31.

In this connection, it gives your committee great pleasure in commending the neat and business manner in which the Scrivenoter has kept the books of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

L. SHELBY WELLS,  
D. TRAMWAY CALL,  
P. B. YATES.

The Snark: "Mr. Desebaugh, will you not take a seat at the table? There are a number of the members of the press and a number of the House of Ancients on the platform. There is another man entitled to sit at the table: Mr. Coolidge, of Nashville. If Brother Barns and Brother Johnson are here, I think they had better take seats on the platform, too. Gentlemen, you have heard the report of your Auditing Committee. What shall be done with the report?"

A Member: "I move the adoption of the report."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "It is moved and seconded that the report of the Auditing Committee be adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of the motion will say aye. Opposed, no. Motion adopted. Is there any other committee ready to report?"

No. 26: "As a member of the Committee on Complaints, I would state that there have been no complaints filed." [Applause.]

No. 737: "Isn't there anybody complaining of the hot weather?" [Laughter.]

The Snark: "I did not announce, of course, the old committees, which hold over. I did not announce the Committee on the Ladies' Auxiliary, of which I think Colonel McLeod, of Cincinnati, is chairman. I would like to know what progress they have made as a committee. It is rather an outside committee, but it is a very important one. We would like to have a report from the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee, which I take it, is a standing committee."

Col. McLeod: "I do not see the rest of the committee. I think they are Brother Gilman and Brother Hayward. I think Brother Hayward is looking after the ladies now; he is a sort of auxiliary of the ladies. I thought that committee had been discharged. Is it perpetual?"

The Snark: "I will make it so; I think that it is a very good committee."

Scrivenoter: "That is a permanent committee; that was so held at Nashville."

The Snark: "We will so consider it. That committee holds, from year to year until discharged for cause."

A Member: "I would like to ask that Brother McLeod be given a little further time to report, and that that committee be required to make a formal report."

The Snark: "If there is no objection, that will be considered obligatory—that Colonel McLeod, as the chairman of that committee, make some sort of a written, formal report to be put on our files. It is an important committee."

A Member: "I do not see the use of confining the Colonel; let him make one of his impassioned speeches, and let the stenographer take it down and have it as a report."

The Scrivenoter: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "The acoustic properties of the hall are pretty good; but if there is shuffling of feet, then it is pretty hard to hear. Any one getting up to make a motion, or to talk before the convention, please give your number, so that the stenographer can catch it. Every time you rise, give your number; on the same subject or same motion, always give your number. There is one matter that is pertinent to the question of the rebate tickets—a fare and a third; that is very important. We have got to collect one hundred certifi-

cates to be able to get the reduced fare returning. Any one in the convention who has one of those certificates, please turn it over to the Scrivenoter, so that he can see when we get one hundred, and so that the gentleman who will be here to stamp these tickets to-morrow will not be hindered any. It is done by a member of the Michigan Passenger Association, who will be here to-morrow."

The Scrivenoter: "Just supplementary to what the Snark has said: The representative of the Passenger Association will be at the hotel at 3 o'clock this afternoon. I would be glad if every man would turn over his certificate during or at the close of this morning's session."

No. 2044: "I would like to ask if that ticket business includes boats; any arrangement with the boats?"

The Snark: "Where they connect with a railroad belonging to the Central Passenger Association I should think it did. I know it does to Milwaukee."

A Member: "I would ask if it includes the Cleveland boats. I asked for a round-trip ticket coming up, and they said that they had no arrangement. I understood that there was an arrangement."

The Snark: "Perhaps the railroad people present would know better about that—whether you could force the boat line into an agreement of that kind."

No. 240: "I cannot say whether the D. & C. line are members of the Central Passenger Association or not, but I know that some gentlemen asked for receipts at Toledo coming up and were refused them. They said that the fare was two cents a mile either way, and they gained nothing by taking a receipt, as they were not supposed to enter into this arrangement. I presume the Michigan Central was in this deal, because they solicited business from Chicago, and the rate is two cents a mile from there. Whether the D. & C. boats are members of the Central Passenger Association I am unable to say."

No. 2600: "The D. & C. line—I went to them in order to get a certificate. If you paid the regular fare over four or five or six dollars, they would give you a certificate; but they were making a special rate of \$1.50 from Cleveland over, and at that rate they would not give certificates. That was their excuse for not giving certificates—that their rate now was special, and no certificates would apply. The fare is a fare and a third, instead of one-fifth."

The Snark: "Is this possible—that when the gentleman of the Michigan Passenger Association comes to bring this matter before him, and if possible get him to count the tickets taken on the boats? We are entitled to it, and ought to have it."

No. 2044: "A party came over by boat from Pittsburg and Cleveland—probably forty—which would probably help you out on the other. I am not kicking on the \$1.50, although we have been giving 25 cents for the past year."

The Snark: "I certainly think that Brother Hayward, as chairman of that committee, should bring this matter before that man to-morrow, and see if he will not be satisfied that those men came on that reduced fare; and if he will not, let that count on the one hundred, and more especially if they belong to the Central Passenger Association. They ought to do it."

A Member: "There is no use going before the gentleman of that association, without having the receipts. Their orders are very explicit. If you have not the one hundred receipts, there is not a man can get a return fare of one-third. You have got to have the receipts before this special gentleman, that we have paid \$11 to come here to stamp those receipts. If you haven't one hundred, every one must pay full fare going back."

The Snark: "Members of the Convention, you will see the necessity, if you have one of those receipts, of being sure to present it to Brother Baird; don't forget it."

No. 2061: "I paid full fare coming, and they will give you a ticket for the certificate when you go to the depot. I will want my ticket at noon to-day. I am willing to turn it over if I get it back then."

The Scrivenoter: "Gentlemen, the agent of the Passenger Association will be at my rooms at the hotel at 3 o'clock; and he said that if he can satisfy himself there are one hundred men who paid full fare, he will go ahead regardless of the fact that I have not one hundred certificates; but he must have strong assurance of that fact, and see the names on the register."

No. 2061: "Couldn't you bring them along on the boat, and distribute them there?"

Mr. Hayward: "I want to correct the Scrivenoter there. We have got to have one hundred receipts. If this report goes out among the members that they will get the tickets whether a few are shy or not, there will be five or ten, fifteen or twenty shy. You have got to have one hundred receipts in your hands to be stamped. They send a man here to stamp those receipts, and we have got to have them to present to him. I don't want any idea to get out among the members that we can go in there with five or ten shy. He can't do it; you have got to have your receipts."

No. 1363: "I have had some experience with these railroad certificates, and it will be necessary to have one hundred receipts to satisfy him that one hundred persons paid full fare. If there is going to be any question whether there will be one hundred certificates of those who have paid full fare, we had better make some report to the Scrivenoter and tell him where they came from and over what line, because the passenger agent takes the route of each one present; and if he does that, in that way he can be satisfied. If there are more than one hundred people who have paid their full fare, there will be no question, but it will be necessary to absolutely satisfy him. There is only one way, and that is to report to the Scrivenoter what route they came over; and from what point. All those details they put down and keep for record. I know in one or two instances we have been shy from two to a dozen, and I have always been able to fix up the one hundred that way, and I believe it can be done here. Of course they are very positive about their instructions. There are quite a number who came from Kansas City around by Mackinaw by boat, which is practically coming by rail."

No. 1297: "In order to get all this talk about this ticket business cut short and have it explicit on behalf of the Chairman of the Transportation Committee, who made these arrangements, permit me to inform the membership that when the railroad agent is sent here he must have one hundred certificates. What is the use of saying there are so many registered? He wants to see the one hundred tickets. There are a number of members who came from a long way down South on that class of tickets, but they are not in the room now. They will turn their tickets over when the time is ripe for them to do it. They are working on committees now. You had better have this understood—that they must have their one hundred tickets before this man will stamp them. It is best that we should do it right away. Here is your chairman. Those were the arrangements; one hundred receipts must be shown."

The Snark: "The Committee on Complaints: I think Mr. Huntington wants to present something to you. Is the Scrivenoter ready to read the messages received from the absent brethren? The Scrivenoter will read messages and letters received from absent brethren."

No. 974: "I move that that part of the proceedings be dispensed with, and that those letters and telegrams be published in the next Bulletin, the same as last year."

The Snark: "Some of them are pretty juicy, and spicy, and you will have a laugh over them."

A Member: "Pick those out."

Voices: "Question! Question!"

The Snark: "Who seconded that?"

No. 4: "I seconded the motion."

The Scrivenoter: "There are in these communications some suggestions more or less valuable, and I think they should be read. It will not take a great deal of time. There are some suggestions I think ought to be read. They were written; and if telegrams, they were sent here with the expectation that they would be read, and I think the gentlemen who sent them are entitled to have them read."

Voices: "Question! Question!"

Mr. Hayward: "I believe it is a part of our Constitution and By-laws that each member of the Order not present at an annual meeting must report either by wire or letter where he is at the time, and what Hoo-Hoo has done for him. We are obliged to hear the report of these people, and I don't see how we can go back on it. You have got to change your By-laws and Constitution if you want to do that."

Voices: "Question! Question!"

The Snark: "All in favor of the motion say aye; contrary, no. The motion is lost. The Scrivenoter will at once proceed to read the communications."

A Member: "You didn't do that last year; you voted the other way."

The Snark: "We sometimes do wrong; we can mend our ways."

A Member: "Are those last year's telegrams or this year's you are reading?"

The Scrivenoter: "All this year's."

(The Scrivenoter proceeded to read about half the communications received.)

No. 1540: "We have been waiting here some time listening to these letters, and I do not think they are germane at all to our business. I would move that the reading of the communications be dispensed with, and that we proceed to business."

No. 179: "I think most of those who were in favor of hearing them have gone home; I saw them going out of the door."

The Scrivenoter: "Won't you allow the Scrivenoter to use his discretion? There are two or three that are quite important; we could leave the others to appear in the report."

No. 170: "I can't imagine how any of those communications pertain to business; simply some poetry. I don't think they pertain to business. If you have anything that pertains to business, I don't object to it."

The Scrivenoter: "The motion is that the further reading of these letters be dispensed with, and it can be understood by the convention that if the Scrivenoter has any communications bearing upon the Constitution and By-laws those letters be immediately turned over to that committee."

No. 2044: "I second the motion."

No. 183: "I move as an amendment to that motion that all letters be referred to the Committee on the Good of the Order for such action as they may deem necessary."

No. 179: "I will accept that amendment."

The Snark: "It is moved and seconded that the further reading of the letters be dispensed with, and that such communications in the hands of the Scrivenoter be turned over to the Committee on Good of the Order. All in favor say aye. Carried."

Mr. Marten: "In reference to the Mackinaw trip, I have receipts for the berths I have reserved for the gentlemen who sent in their money some time since. If there are any wishing to make that trip to Mackinaw, it would be well for them to secure their berths, as the most desirable berths on the steamer are first taken up. We have secured the very

best staterooms aboard that boat, and we have taken down several brothers this morning and shown them over the boat, and they agree we have done the very best we possibly could. In relation to the Chicago trip—that is, those who wish to go to Chicago by way of Mackinaw—I was given to understand this morning that the members could save two dollars in the regular fare by buying their tickets in Detroit. The regular fare they made this morning is \$13.25 to Chicago, including everything, two persons in a room. Last night at least a dozen spoke to me about returning to Chicago this way. I have seen about six of them this morning, and others I have not seen. The others who have sent in their cash—I have their receipts, and would be glad to turn them over, with the numbers of their staterooms. I have also a few staterooms reserved on the payment of five dollars."

A Member: "How soon can we get back?"

Mr. Marten: "You can reach Detroit Wednesday morning. You have the privilege of staying over at Mackinaw, or any other place, until the end of the season, and return on these tickets."

A Member: "Can we return by Monday morning?"

Mr. Marten: "No; the boat reaches Mackinaw Monday morning, and goes on to St. Ignace. Returning, the steamboat will leave Mackinaw Monday evening, arriving at Detroit Wednesday morning. There are four boats a week. They make four trips a week to Mackinaw. If you want to stop over for one boat and come back on the next boat, you have that privilege; but you have a hotel bill to take care of for one and three-quarter days. The tickets will be valid for the balance of the season."

No. 3: "I would like to have Mr. Marten state, with reference to the special tickets, if it is not true that the special rate made by the boat company would render it impossible for anything like a reduced fare, such as has been spoken of this morning, similar to that secured from the railroad."

Mr. Marten: "I will state to you, in connection with the rates of fare that have been offered and advertised, that the rate we have secured beats any rates advertised by \$1.50, and the regular rate by \$4.50."

No. 6: "Can the Scrivenor tell us something about how many members there are present? Have you figured it up yet?"

The Scrivenor: "I have not. I have a register said to be complete up to date. It is at my room, and my stenographer is making a copy of it."

A Member: "Give us an approximate idea of it. Are there 400?"

Scrivenor: "About that."

No. 4: "I should say 400 is very close to the attendance."

A Member: "I would like to ask you for information. When is it a proper time to do business, or is it any time? Is there a regular order of business here to do business? Does new business come at any time you have a chance to slide it in?"

The Snark: "The Chair is ready to entertain any business that comes properly before the convention. If it is anything that should come before the regular committees, it can be referred to them."

No. 4: "I believe that there is no constitutional time for the election; and I, therefore, move that the election of officers be made a special order for to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "Are you ready for the question? It is moved that the special order of business at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning be the election of officers. All in favor of this motion please say aye." Motion adopted.

The Snark: "This means 10 o'clock, standard time."

### A Radical Change Proposed.

No. 2714: "I have a resolution here that I would like to present and have it referred to the proper committee now:

"Whereas our Annual Meeting at present occurs at a time of year when, for many reasons, it is impossible for but few members of the Order to be present, and at a time when the weather is most oppressive; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Hoo-Hoo fiscal year shall hereafter begin on May 1, and that the Annual Meeting shall hereafter occur on Feb. 9, the ninth day of the ninth month of the Hoo-Hoo fiscal year."

No. 179: "I want to call the attention of the convention to the small number of members present. It is but a small per cent of those who are in Detroit, and but a drop in the bucket to the total membership. That is the reason I asked that question as to how many there were here. It is a matter of utter impossibility for the lumbermen to leave their business at this season without great loss to themselves. I think we ought to make a motion to commence the Hoo-Hoo year some time near the first of May. I would like to hear some others on the subject. Instead of 400 at an Annual Meeting we ought to have 2,500. I have sent to the laundry three times already, and I won't send again. If we are going to have meetings in September, when I die I will come back to get blankets to take with me. I think you ought to change the time of meeting. I move to bring it before the committee that the Hoo-Hoo year commence on the first day of May."

A Member: "I would like to ask the gentleman one question: Is it customary to have snow in May?"

No. 179: "No; I said to commence the fiscal year in May, and that would bring the Annual Meeting in February."

The Snark: "Any matters of such importance will require that they be put in writing. If Brother 179 has a serious intention of making a motion of that kind, the Chair will suggest, and I think the convention will bear me out, that such a motion should be in writing."

No. 179: "Under our present arrangement it is impossible for us to go South. We have to have our meetings in the North, and yet we get hot weather. The yellow fever is better than this. I think the change would secure a bigger attendance, and we have got to do something to keep the interest up. I have heard several say their employees will not let them get away at this season, and I think if you were to drop out the railroad and newspaper men the meeting would be mighty scarce."

The Snark: "I would like to say we have reason to congratulate ourselves that there is so much business that they cannot come this year. I wish to say, further, that we never had a more representative gathering than this, and probably never will; and while Minnesota may be limited in numbers, she makes it up in size. [Laughter.]"

No. 4: "This matter is entirely out of order. If it is desirable to change the date or month of meeting, he should put his ideas in the form of a resolution; and it should go before the Committee on Constitution and By-laws and be reported by that committee."

No. 179: "That is what I mean. I don't want anything out of order. The power that makes his the power to change."

[Upon motion, the Scrivenor reduced to writing the resolution of No. 179, and the same was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.—Ed.]

The Snark: "What is the next order of business?"

### Col. McLeod Wants Relief.

No. 737: "I want to make one or two personal remarks, and then make a motion. When this question about the report of the Auxiliary Ladies' Committee came up, and about the very warm weather, I was making my will and didn't pay particular attention to the matter. There is no man living who has more esteem for the ladies than I, but I will be hanged if I want the woman question sitting on my head until I die. With all due respect to the gentleman who is now acting as the Snark, this committee was relieved. This is my impression, and I am like the girl's lover: I am coming in after the 'second relief.' When I was at Cairo last winter (and I believe there are some gentlemen present who heard it), I made a little address on the woman question. I am not going to repeat that speech, because it is too long and too serious; but I do believe there is no man, Hoo-Hoo or not, but who respects a good woman and has one or more good women whom he loves. The trouble is that a Hoo-Hoo loves too many. We all know that back of every good, great thing we do stands a woman. I want to call to your mind a picture of the best and most loving woman that you know of, the most esteemed. Go back to old history, to the time of the queens of old and the queens of your love. Now, gentlemen, if you have an Auxiliary Ladies' Committee (or association), that organization must have something similar to ours; they must have their initiation and go through those things we go through; and I ask you, gentlemen, to imagine Queen Victoria sitting on the dry kiln. You take some woman whom you esteem and love, and just imagine her lifting that health relief! Just think of that, you gentlemen who are married and you who expect to be! Think of your mother-in-law as she raises that great symbol which to us is so precious a treasure! Now it seems to me that when we have all of these things the woman question is settled. At our Minneapolis meeting the committee of which I was chairman reported that we had too much to do; that it was the duty of this Order to attend to its own business and get itself straightened before it brought in anything else. Since I have been making these few remarks, my friend, Hayward, has appeared, who was on that committee. Mr. Freeman is present. I don't know what he thinks, but he doesn't reverence woman any more than I do or any better than Brother Hayward does. We like them, love them; but let us put our own house in order. Let us get it on the plan that we want it on. After that let us consider these extraneous questions. The point I want to make now is, I would like to have that committee relieved. The gentleman that sits over at that table made a motion that the chairman make a written report. I can't write; it is too hot weather. I would rather trust to my tongue. I think you gentlemen will agree with me that after this long year, three or four years, considering this question, having the women sitting on us—rather, the question sitting on us—we ought to be relieved, first, second, or third relief. I happen to have in my pocketbook two stanzas written by Joaquin Miller; and I think what we want to do with woman is to let her rest in the place where God put her, and where we have put her—in our helmet. Let us bring our ladies with us to enjoy our trips, but do not let us throw the burdens of work upon them.

"O woman, born first to believe us!  
Yea, also born first to forget;  
Born first to betray and deceive us;  
Yet first to repent and regret.

"O, first then, all that is human!  
Lo, first where the Nazarene trod.  
O woman, O beautiful woman,  
Be first in the kingdom of God!"

The Snark: "The purpose of the committee was that some recognition be made of the large number of very charming members of the ladies' delegation which is with us on this convention trip."

Brother McLeod: "The question is as to the forming of an auxiliary association. If you want the committee to express our pleasure at having them with us, that is all right; but make a new committee; get some new men."

No. 2714: "The committee seems to have fulfilled all the obligations of the office for which they were appointed. I move, therefore, that the committee be discharged, with the thanks of this organization."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "You have heard the motion, moved and seconded, that the Ladies' Committee, or Committee on Ladies' Auxiliary, which was appointed two years ago and continued last year, be honorably discharged. All in favor of the motion please say aye. Motion prevailed."

No. 204: "I move that there be a committee appointed to thank the ladies of this organization for their attendance here, or something of that kind."

The Snark: "If the gentleman will make that resolution, it will be referred to the resolution committee."

No. 2714: "I second that motion."

The Snark: "Moved and seconded that the Committee on Resolutions be requested to draw up suitable expressions of our regard and appreciation of the ladies in general, and express our thanks for the influence of the ladies who are present on this occasion. All in favor of the motion say aye. Prevalled."

No. 248: "I have been chairman of the Committee on Transportation for three years, I believe; but I didn't know that it had been made a standing committee. I am now speaking for myself, and I would like to have that committee discharged and myself relieved from responsibility as chairman of that committee. I know in previous meetings we have fallen short of the one hundred certificates. I don't know what number has been gathered in here; but, as chairman of that committee, I want to be relieved and have some better man put in."

The Snark: "I don't think the convention would probably take the matter in hand now. The committee has its work to perform, and their time could not expire appropriately until the end of the convention."

No. 248: "The committee has discharged all of its duties but the work of signing the certificates, which the Scrivenor will do. It has performed all its duties. I want to resign, but I don't want to be thrown out."

The Snark: "I should not be willing to entertain that unless the gentleman will kindly put his report in writing, brief as it may be, and turn it in."

No. 248: "I can't write. I am like Brother McLeod: I would like to be relieved."

The Snark: "Any further business before the convention? It does not seem wise to me that this convention should take up an unusual time with minor matters. Unless we have something to do, I think it would be wise to adjourn."

A Member: "Does anybody know how we are to get to that boat this afternoon, what time, and so forth? I know nothing about it."

Brother Mulford: "I am surprised at the gentleman. The cards give him all the information. That is the reason those cards were published and scattered about, to avoid questions. He will find that the boat leaves at 2 P.M. sharp, from the foot of Woodward Avenue."

The Snark: "The Chair will read the formal notice in regard to this excursion this afternoon. [Reads card.] It

is suggested that we go down in a body from the Hotel Cadillac at fifteen minutes to two."

A Member: "There seems to be some confusion in regard to the hour of going down to the boat. There will be a band at the Hotel Cadillac or at this room. The Chairman of the Excursion Committee has informed me the band will be here or there."

Mr. Restrict: "The boat will leave the foot of Woodward Avenue at 2 o'clock, central standard time. The band will be at this building about half past one; and when we are ready to start, we ought all to be here and go down together. The question has been asked as to what time we will return. The chartered boat will return about midnight. There are other boats coming down to Detroit about 8 or 9 o'clock."

#### Preliminary Report from Credentials Committee.

The Snark: "Mr. Anderson, the Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, will read a report from that committee."

Mr. Anderson: "There was considerable discussion as to the method of doing this work in the future, and we thought it advisable to say nothing, but submit the report as it is and in accordance with the constitution as it is at present. We have taken the register here, and wherever a proxy was included in the States' proxies and the man was also registered we have thrown the proxy out and put the vote under the head of 'registered,' so that the total vote constitutes the proxies we have. The names registered and the prorated proportion of the 144 votes which are not represented either by proxy or registration are numbered consecutively; and I think if I read the list of them, showing the total vote by States, it will be sufficient, and serve the purposes of all present. If there is any objection, I will read the whole thing. I believe this is the easiest credential report that has ever been made out. When we come to prorate the number not present among those present, we find it is, exactly one-half, every man getting one-half."

[Mr. Anderson here read the report; but as the same was understood to be not final, he retained it, submitting it again on the following day, with such changes as were necessary to comport with the changes in the registration.—Ed.]

A Member: "I notice in that that the State of Colorado is prorated on the votes of proxies not represented. I make the point that Colorado is not represented here. The member from Colorado passed through here, registered, and went right on the next train, and there is no brother present to cast that State's vote. When the roll is called, there will be nobody here to vote for Colorado."

Mr. Anderson: "We hadn't anything to guide us except the registration, the presumption being that those who had registered were still in the city."

A Member: "I think the member present was Mr. Hemmaway, and I think he went through on the first train to Buffalo."

Mr. Hemmaway: "If my son is the only representative, Colorado will not be represented, because he has gone to Buffalo."

No. 4: "I think all that will regulate itself when we come to vote."

Mr. Anderson: "I would like to state that Colorado has only 100 votes, and it will not change the result but about 277 votes."

No. 27: "I would like to state I am shooting at something else through Colorado."

No. 183: "I move that the report of the committee be received and placed on file and the committee be continued."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "It is moved and seconded that the report of the committee be received and placed on file; and, as part of the original motion of this morning, the committee is expected to submit a supplementary report to-morrow, should circumstances necessitate it. All in favor say aye. Report adopted."

The Scrivenoter: "Before we adjourn, if there are any of the initiates of last night present in the hall, I would be glad if they would call to-day and get their books and buttons. Several of them have not yet called."

The Snark: "I understand the Committee on Constitution and By-laws is ready to report. We will have that report."

A Member: "Is this the proper time for the Committee on Constitution and By-laws to report? It seems to me it has been the usual custom to bring in that report later."

The Snark: "It is in order as soon as the committee is ready. This committee has done its work very expeditiously, and is now ready to report. Anything that can be gotten out of the way should be passed upon."

No. 183: "I believe there were two matters brought up at the session this morning referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. If that is the case, the committee has not completed its work."

The Snark: "The point is well taken, except that the committee can make their report now and be given an opportunity to make a supplementary report to-morrow on such matters as may be brought up to-day."

No. 2714: "The vote to adopt the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws—that voting is done by States, is it not?"

The Snark: "The committee's report can be adopted, but all matters suggested by it will have to be voted upon by the States."

A Member: "In adopting any changes to the constitution recommended by the committee, we will have to vote by States."

The Snark: "Mr. Ewart will read his report."

#### Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

Your Committee on Constitution and By-laws beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that Sections 8 and 9 of Article III, be consolidated and stand hereafter as Section 8 of said article.

We recommend, further, the insertion of Section 9, in said article, reading as follows: "Honorary membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenoter by the Vicegerent of the State within which the applicant resides; provided, that such application shall first be submitted for the approval of the Supreme Nine and shall have received their unanimous indorsement; and the initiatory ceremony shall not be necessary to such admission. The honorary membership fee shall be \$35, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues, or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such membership."

We also recommend that Section 2 of Article V, be changed to read as follows: "The Chamber of Horrors shall constitute the Upper Chamber of Hoo-Hoo; and all Vicegerent Snarks who shall have served one year in that capacity and all exmembers of the Supreme Nine may be eligible to membership therein. It shall be competent for the membership of the Chamber under its own regulations to prescribe rituals and initiatory ceremonies for the admission of its members; and of proceedings and regulations governing the business of the Chamber, including the imposition of such fees and dues as may be found necessary; to regulate and enlarge the limits of eligibility by such vote as may be prescribed in its by-laws, and, if deemed advisable, to make alterations in the name under which the Chamber now exists. The Chamber shall per-

form the rite of embalming the retiring Snark preparatory to his incarceration in the House of Ancients."

We would also recommend that By-law No. 3 be made to read as follows: "The accounts and disbursements of the Scrivenoter shall be annually audited within nine days of each approaching Annual by a competent accountant appointed by the reigning Snark for that purpose; and the certified report of such auditor shall accompany the annual report of the Scrivenoter. Such necessary expense as may attach to such auditing shall be paid upon proper voucher."

Respectfully submitted,

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A. A. WHITE,  
L. A. KIMBALL,  
A. D. MLEOD,  
C. W. RESTRICK.

No. 4: "I move you that action on the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws be made the order of business following the election of officers to-morrow morning."

No. 2714: "I second the motion."

Voices: "Question, question."

The Snark: "All in favor of the motion say aye. Motion adopted."

The Snark: "The report is made a special order. I wish to state there are some matters for the committee which I hope they will take into account and submit their report on before to-morrow morning."

No. 1549: "I would suggest that we have half a dozen copies of this report made so that we can distribute them around."

The Scrivenoter: "They will be made immediately."

The Snark: "Have the Scrivenoter have the report printed so that each man waiting to take part in the legislation to-morrow will have a copy."

The Snark: "The papers will print this report, and we will all have a copy of it in the 'Evening News.' We will get a commission on all sales."

No. 4: "It seems to me this is a matter that ought not to be printed in the newspapers. The public is not concerned in it at all, and, so far as I am concerned, I would rather not see it there."

The Snark: "I cannot see any objection. There is nothing involving any secrets; but if there is any objection, that is a matter for the convention to decide."

No. 2351: "I move we adjourn to 9:30 to-morrow morning."

A Member: "I support the motion."

The Snark: "I am requested to announce that the Ohio delegation will caucus in Room 344, Hotel Cadillac, immediately after adjournment here. It has been moved and seconded, gentlemen, that we adjourn till 9:30 to-morrow morning. Those in favor of the motion, say aye. Motion adopted."

#### Saturday, September 11.

The Snark: "The convention will come to order, and you will arrange yourselves under your banners and get yourselves as far forward as possible. Gentlemen, you will please come to order, and we will be in session for the purpose of work. We have considerable to do to-day, and let us do it as well as we can. Gentlemen, what is your pleasure, the first business in order?"

The Snark: "Merely to assist our men who so kindly took the pictures of the excursion yesterday, he wishes to announce that he is in some room here, and wishes those interested to call on him and see the result of the negative

he took yesterday, and the balance of it he will attend to. I think you will find him out there in the vestibule. Gentlemen, the election being the order of business for the morning (the first thing on the programme), we will proceed to the election of officers."

No. 8: "I have no possible objection to the photographer going out in the hall, but it does seem to me it would be just as well for him to go out in the hall and not remain in here. We all want those pictures, and are willing to buy them. That is all right, but let us not have that sort of thing in here. I move that the gentleman be removed to the outer room."

No. 4814: "I would amend that motion by having the Arcanoper appointed to attend the door, and let nobody in but members during the business meeting."

No. 8: "I accept that amendment."

No. 3382: "One member has just invited the photographer to come inside, as the picture was fading outside."

The Snark: "Let the Arcanoper see that he is removed into the other room. Is our Arcanoper of the Nine here? Is there any one here of the Detroit delegation that will assume the duties of the Arcanoper to attend to the door, and keep order, and keep as many in here as possible, and do the duties of the office? Gentlemen, come to order. We are wasting time unnecessarily. We will proceed with the order of business. I wish to request that those rising to address the chair give their number and give it audibly, and do not run what you have to say into the number. Our stenographer cannot catch it in that way. Announce the number, and pause a moment until he can get it sure. Gentlemen, the Chairman of the Executive Committee wishes to make an announcement of a few words. Brother Restrict!"

A Voice: "He is not here."

The Snark: "Then he can't make it. Gentlemen, what form will you inaugurate as rules of order of the election, as regards the candidates? Will you proceed with the nominations regularly for each office? If so, nominations for Snark are in order."

A Member: "I move we adjourn until such time as the Michigan delegation are ready to come into election."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "It is moved and seconded that we take a recess for the time stated. All in favor say aye. The motion prevails."

(The recess continues forty minutes, the Michigan delegation returns, and the Snark calls the convention to order.)

The Snark: "Get into your proper positions as soon as possible. Arrange yourselves under your banners. Gentlemen, you will please come to order, and we will proceed with the business. We have trifled away an hour, and there is a great amount of business before us."

No. 2811 (C. W. Restrict): "Our Snark has said I wanted to make an announcement, but I wish to correct that; I just want to make a few remarks. I appreciate that time is passing, and I will not take up your time this morning; I do not appear here to speak a word for any candidate, but rather to speak a word for Michigan herself. What I am about to say I wish I could clothe in that chivalrous spirit native to the Southern gentleman, combined, I may say, with the dignity, seriousness, and earnestness of the Northern man. My attention was called yesterday to a paragraph in one of our daily papers—and I blush to think it was published in a Michigan city—purporting to be the voice of a member of our convention, going on to say that Michigan was soliciting votes on the ground that she is the host of this convention. Now, gentlemen, I want to assure you that Michigan's hospitality, like her honor, has never had a price on the open market. [Applause.] Her hospitality,

and welcome to you are as free as the air we breathe. I wish to say to any member of this convention who would vote for Michigan for that reason that we would rather welcome defeat than that any vote should be given to Michigan as mere compensation for the hospitality she has found it her duty and pleasure to give you. I do not speak personally, nor for my committee; our committee is open to criticism and censure; but Michigan's escutcheon has always been clean, both in the matter of hospitality, honor, and everything of that kind." [Applause.]

The Snark: "As the most of the delegates have taken their seats under their banners, it would be desirable to turn the banners so that the Scrivenoter, when he calls the States, can keep track of them. No one should vote, or be counted as voting, who has not registered in the regular way and become thereby eligible to vote in this convention. It is a prerequisite of the eligibility of a voter that he complies with our Constitution and By-laws and the usages as laid down by this convention. We will hear the supplementary report of the Committee on Credentials. Will the chairman move to the front and make his report? This is the basis of all votes."

Final Report of the Committee on Credentials.

Chairman Anderson: "I found one proxy under my bureau at the hotel this morning, which must have gotten out of the envelope and fallen on the floor when I had them on the table. This makes a slight change."

The report of the Committee on Credentials was as follows:

Gentlemen of the Sixth Annual Convention of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo: We, your Committee on Credentials, submit this, our final report, in accordance with your instructions of yesterday, and offer the following explanation of some slight changes therein made:

Colorado's nine votes, exclusive of registry, have been transferred from those represented by the personal attendance of some member from that State to the list of "unrepresented proxies."

Oklahoma's nine votes, including registry, have been transferred from the list of "unrepresented proxies" to the list of those represented in person by an attending member from that State.

Also twenty from California, and ten from Oregon. These transfers make the "unrepresented proxies" show as 175 instead of 144, her former report, and the voting membership registered still at 288. To the total vote of 1797, reported previously, should also be added two votes from Michigan, proxies for which were handed the chairman of your committee by the Scrivenoter since last report, as well as one vote from Wisconsin, represented by proxy, overlooked. These additions bring the total vote up to 1830.

A statement showing the number of proxies received, the members registered and entitled to vote, and an additional one showing the "unrepresented proxies," is a part of this report.

Table with 4 columns: STATES, Proxies, Registered Attendance, Vote. Lists states from Alabama to Oregon with corresponding numerical values.

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The states not represented by an attending member, and the number of proxies received from each are:

Table with 2 columns: STATE, Proxies. Lists states from California to Canada with corresponding numerical values.

The distribution of votes by States, covering proxies received and members present entitled to vote, and also including each State's pro rata share of the "unrepresented proxies," follows:

Table with 5 columns: STATE, No. Present, Pro Rata, Proxies, etc., Total. Lists states from Alabama to Oklahoma with corresponding numerical values.

All of which is respectfully submitted. HENRY W. ANDERSON, B. COLLINS, JR., GEO. W. LOCKE, Committee.

No. 2093: "I would like to ask for information of the Michigan delegation: We have 267 1/2 votes. Is that correct?"

The Scrivenoter: "Yes, 267 1/2, total vote. Perhaps, as we will proceed to vote pretty soon, if there is any chairman of a State delegation who does not have a memorandum of his State's total vote, he had better ask and get the information."

No. 4: "I move the adoption of the report."

No. 680: "I second the motion." The Snark: "Gentlemen, you have heard the motion that the report of the committee be adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Carried unanimously."

The Election of Officers.

No. 4: "I move that we proceed to the nomination and election of officers."

No. 2351: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "You have heard the motion that we proceed to the election of officers. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Carried unanimously."

The Snark: "The first office for your consideration is the office of Snark. Nominations are now in order. You understand nominations are to be made by States."

Election of Snark.

The Scrivenoter: "I will now proceed to call the roll of States for nomination for the office of Snark. Alabama!"

No. 376: "Alabama has adopted W. W. Kelly, of Detroit, who will present her candidate before this convention."

No. 3193 (W. W. Kelly): "I am up against a job the like of which I never attempted. I want to say, first, however, I represent Detroit. We have a Hoo-Hoo in Michigan who is a Hoo-Hoo all the time, week days and Sundays, before breakfast and after dinner, first, last, and all the time a Hoo-Hoo. With all due respect to all the other Michigan members, I think they will agree with me when I say that no other member has thrown the enthusiasm and zeal into the work of the Order which has been displayed by this man. We, representing the section that we do, want it distinctly understood that we ask no favors in this convention by reason of our position as hosts of this convention. To entertain this convention has been our privilege and our pleasure. I ask for this place on the ticket because of the broad ground of our large membership, and because of our position on the map; because we think our man is the logical candidate, and because of his position on the slate of the retiring administration. I never really got acquainted with our candidate until this summer. He was associated with me on our local committee, and he was a quarter horse to work—simply tireless. To my mind he would make an ideal officer, and I nominate now Michigan's most popular Hoo-Hoo, John J. Marten, of Detroit." [Applause and Hoo-Hoo yell.]

(The Scrivenoter resumes roll call of States, and all States down to Georgia respond: "No candidate.")

No. 27: "The State of Georgia rises to second the nomination of Alabama, as already expressed." [Applause.]

(All States down to Michigan respond: "No candidate.")

No. 2092: "Michigan has a candidate, John J. Marten. We second the nomination of Alabama."

No. 887: "I would like to say Michigan has two candidates."

No. 2092: "The gentleman's statement is correct; there are two candidates from Michigan for the office of Snark."

The Snark: "You second the nomination, in behalf of the Michigan delegation, of John J. Marten?"

No. 2092: "Michigan is divided. One candidate has been nominated, and when the other comes forward we are ready for him."

No. 183: "I believe there is a misunderstanding in the Michigan delegation. As I understand it, Alabama yielded the floor to Michigan to present the name of John J. Marten. Michigan does not desire to nominate another candidate, but the Michigan delegation will vote for two candidates. I believe if Michigan is 'passed,' it is all that is necessary."

The Snark: "Does the minority body in Michigan 'pass' the nomination for Snark for the present, reserving the right to vote as you please?"

No. 887: "We do."

The Snark (to the Scrivenoter): "Call the next State." (All States down to Missouri respond: "No candidate.")

Mr. Barns: "Missouri has a candidate. I believe all can hear a great deal better if I remain here. I noticed the other speakers got so far back you could not hear anything. I want to say that Missouri has a candidate for the highest office in the gift of this Order. I want to say to you, and an-

nounce right at the start, that he is Brother A. A. White, of Kansas City. [Applause.] We of Missouri (and I speak in behalf of the Southwest, or a portion of it at least) believe that A. A. White is the man, above all other men, without saying a word against any other candidate. We have not any mud to sling, or anything like that, but we simply want to present Mr. White upon his merits. Brother A. A. White was present at the very first Hoo-Hoo Annual that was ever held. At that time we had one hundred and sixty-seven members, and of the eleven present on that occasion Mr. White was one. From that Hoo-Hoo Annual up to the present day he has been present at every Annual. He has worked laboriously, generally on the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. I do not think there is any man in the Order who has worked more faithfully and has had the interest of this Order more at heart at all times than has Mr. White. [Applause.] Mr. White is a quiet, unassuming gentleman; at the same time I want to say that in secret society work he is one of the staunchest figures of the West. Since the question of geography has been mentioned, we might as well be plain, practical, and above board in this whole matter. We believe that it is almost time that the South, where Hoo-Hoo originated, and where it has a very large membership, ought to be recognized in the matter of Snark. If you take the Snarks from the first, beginning with Brother McCarer, deceased, who was from Chicago, you have Brother Johnson, from Chicago; Brother Defebaugh, from Chicago; and Brother Hemenway, from Wisconsin. The only Snark who has been, in any sense, from the South, was myself, from Missouri. Now, we say this to you: Although I do not believe in any geography in Hoo-Hoo land, we do think it is only right, everything else being equal, that the central portion of the United States should be recognized. I think it is a great deal easier for the Snark, being located something like this, to judge of matters and to visit various parts of the country where the concatenations and where his work is to be. Mr. White is a safe, conservative, careful business man. He is a lumberman; he is at the head of one of the largest concerns in the West; he comes in contact with lumbermen from all parts of the country. I think that you would make no possible mistake in favoring Mr. White, and the Missouri delegation unanimously asks your suffrages in behalf of A. A. White, of Kansas City." [Applause.]

No. 137: "If it would not be out of order for a member from Minnesota, whose State has already been passed, I should like to be heard from. I would like to say a word in seconding the nomination of Mr. White." Voices: "Go on! Go on!"

No. 137: "It has been my pleasure for several years to be intimately acquainted with the gentleman who has been nominated by Missouri. I simply want to say on this floor that I heartily indorse every word that has been spoken by Mr. Barns, who has nominated Mr. White. I know Mr. White well; I know him to be a gentleman of the highest honor. I might quote from the modern classics. I would say he is a representative man, in the broadest sense of that term. This Order will make no mistake in selecting Mr. White to hold the position of Snark for the coming year. I believe, with all deference to the nomination which has preceded, that for reasons which have already been stated, the interests of this Order will be better subserved by the election of Mr. White to that office than by that of any other man who could be brought before this convention. I therefore heartily indorse his nomination, and ask that the delegations from the different States give his name their serious consideration before casting their ballots."

No. 2676: "You have heard from one party in Minnesota; there is another party in Minnesota, and it is for John J.



Marten. [Loud applause.] I have known Mr. Marten for a number of years. Missouri has had one Snark; Illinois, three; and Wisconsin has had one. Wisconsin, Illinois, and Michigan have as many members as the South, and are entitled to the Snarkship as much as Missouri is entitled to it. I would also label Mr. Marten as competent a man as Mr. White.

(The Scrivenoter continues the roll call to the end. No other candidates nominated.)

The Scrivenoter: "The roll call of States for nominations for Snark is completed."

The Snark: "A motion to proceed to ballot will be in order."

No. 137: "I move you that nominations for Snark now close, and that we proceed to ballot."

No. 248: "I second that motion."

The Snark: "You have heard the motion, that the nominations be now closed, and that we proceed to ballot. All in favor of the motion say aye. Motion prevails."

No. 408: "I believe it has been customary, and I think it is particularly desirable on this occasion that the Scrivenoter be allowed one or more assistants in taking down the results of this balloting."

The Snark: "The gentleman is right. I will appoint as assistants in the work Mr. Yates, of Wisconsin; Mr. Schwartz, of Missouri; and Mr. Kimball, of New York. Please come to the platform."

The Snark (a moment later): "Mr. Yates has just told me that he is compelled to leave for the South at noon. C. W. Restrick, of Michigan, will be appointed in his stead. Come to the platform, Brother Restrick."

The Snark: "Proceed with the call, Mr. Scrivenoter. It is understood by the convention, of course, that this first is an informal ballot, which may be made formal, if you see fit afterwards; but it is informal first."

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the States for ballot, naming the vote in each case. You, chairmen of delegations, look out for the fractions in your divisions. Alabama, 25 1/2 votes."

No. 376: "Alabama casts half her votes for John J. Marten, and half for A. A. White—12 1/2 votes for each."

The Scrivenoter: "Arkansas, 49 1/2 votes."

No. 53: "Arkansas casts 49 1/2 votes for A. A. White, of Kansas City."

The Scrivenoter: "Georgia, 136 1/2 votes."

No. 2351: "Georgia casts 136 1/2 for J. J. Marten."

The Scrivenoter: "Illinois, 114 votes."

No. 1371: "Illinois casts 76 votes for A. A. White, and 38 votes for J. J. Marten."

The Scrivenoter: "Indiana, 15 1/2."

(No response.)

The Scrivenoter: "Iowa, 35 votes."

No. 1350: "Iowa casts 35 votes for A. A. White." [Applause.]

The Scrivenoter: "Kansas, 30 1/2 votes."

No. 142: "Kansas casts 30 1/2 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Kentucky, 103 votes."

No. 738: "Kentucky casts 103 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Louisiana, 64 votes."

No. 326: "One of our delegates is absent. We cast for A. A. White 32 votes, and for J. J. Marten 32 votes."

No. 183: "It has always been the custom that the delegates present from any State cast the full vote of their State."

The Snark: "You can cast the vote; those present cast the whole of it."

The Scrivenoter: "Michigan, 257 1/2 votes."

No. 5095: "Michigan casts 171 votes for J. J. Marten, and 86 1/2 votes for Mr. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Minnesota, 92 1/2 votes." No. 179: "They are half and half."

The Snark: "No member will be recognized unless he gives his number; we must have that number."

The Scrivenoter: "Mississippi, 78 1/2 votes." No. 309: "85 1/2 votes for Marten, and 13 1/2 votes for White."

The Scrivenoter: "Missouri, 183 1/2 votes."

No. 3: "Missouri casts 183 1/2 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "New York, 18 votes."

No. 1287: "New York casts 18 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Ohio, 124 1/2 votes."

No. 3847: "Ohio casts her 124 1/2 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Oklahoma, 9 1/2 votes."

No. 2120: "Oklahoma casts 9 1/2 votes for John J. Marten."

The Scrivenoter: "Pennsylvania, 49 votes."

No. 2714: "Pennsylvania casts 49 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Tennessee, 150 votes."

No. 4999: "Tennessee casts 100 votes for John J. Marten, 50 votes for A. A. White."

The Scrivenoter: "Texas, 78 votes."

No. 1390: "Texas casts 26 votes for White, and 52 votes for Marten."

The Scrivenoter: "Wisconsin, 197 votes."

No. 1549: "Wisconsin casts 98 1/2 votes for White, and 98 1/2 votes for Marten."

The Scrivenoter: "Connecticut, 2 1/2 votes."

(No response.)

The Scrivenoter: "Indiana, 15 1/2 votes." (Called second time.)

(No response.)

The Snark: "Is the chairman of the Indiana delegation present?"

A Member: "The chairman has gone out."

The Scrivenoter: "That closes the roll call of the States for the ballot for Snark."

No. 2714: "Here is a gentleman who is not a member of the Order and who refuses to go out."

Voices: "Put him out! Put him out!"

No. 2714: "He says he will go out."

The Snark: "The clerks of the ballot are ready to report."

No. 2714: "I am informed there is another gentleman on the platform who is not a member of the organization."

The Snark: "He is here by right of the NINE as official stenographer."

The Snark: "I will announce the result of the vote for Snark: John J. Marten, 761 1/2; A. A. White, 1050 1/2."

No. 2811: "Gentlemen of the convention, I have no authority officially to take the position I am about to take; but I think I know the candidate who is defeated well enough to voice his sentiments just at this juncture; and I will move you, gentlemen, that we make the election of Mr. White unanimous."

No. 2351: "Mr. Snark, I second that motion most heartily."

Cries of "Marten, Marten."

Mr. Marten: "I agree with our chairman most heartily, and I congratulate Mr. White."

Cries of "White, White."

The Snark: "You have by your ballot elected A. A. White, of Kansas City, as your next Snark. Brother Marten, of Detroit, and Brother Kimball, of New York, will escort him to the platform."

Cries of "White, White."

A Member: "Where is your motion?"

The Snark: "A motion was made that Mr. White be declared the unanimous choice of this convention for Snark; all in favor of the motion say aye. Motion prevails."

(Mr. White takes the chair; loud applause; Mr. Marten shakes hands with Mr. White; Hoo-Hoo yell; voices: "White, White.")

Mr. White (new Snark): "Kittens, I like to hear that [referring to Hoo-Hoo yell]. You have honored me with the highest office in your gift; and in accepting it, I want to say to all Hoo-Hoo here, that I shall expect your hearty, honest, and earnest support. [Applause.] It will be my best efforts to honestly and fearlessly fill the office. I am not much of a speechmaker, kittens, and I hope you will excuse me. I think I have said enough."

No. 376: "I move that this convention take the will for the deed and he be excused from a speech."

The Past Snark (Hemenway): "Gentlemen of the convention, I thank you for your unanimous support and kind words during the past year. I can't say any more; but I thank you one and all. I will now vacate the Chair to the one you have elected for the balance of this convention." [Applause and Hoo-Hoo yell.]

Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

The Snark: "We will proceed with the regular order of business, Read the roll call for nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo."

No. 2092: "Michigan delegates ask leave to withdraw for ten minutes to caucus."

The Snark: "If there is no objection on the part of the kittens present, your request will be granted. It is so ordered."

No. 183: "I move we take a recess of ten minutes."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "Kittens, you have heard the motion; all in favor say aye. Motion prevailed."

(Ten minutes elapse, and the Michigan delegation have not returned to the hall.)

The Snark: "Kittens, please come to order. Arcanoper, please attend the floor, and see that no kittens leave the room."

No. 183: "By request I move that we proceed with the work of calling the States for the nomination of Senior Hoo-Hoo, and not close the nomination until the delegation returns."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "Kittens, you have heard the motion; all those in favor say aye. Motion prevails. Come to order, and we will proceed with the regular order of business and pass Michigan."

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the roll of States for nomination for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo."

(Roll call proceeds amid some confusion. "No candidate" till Georgia is reached.)

No. 27: "Georgia has a candidate."

The Snark of the Universe: "Gentlemen, and Members of Hoo-Hoo: Georgia comes here and wants to place in nomination for Senior Hoo-Hoo one who has labored in the ranks from time immemorial; one who has been a friend of every man, and of whom every man is a friend. Mr. W. H. McClintock, of Illinois." [Applause.]

Scrivenoter: "Illinois."

No. 1871: "Illinois has no candidate."

Mr. Defebaugh: "I would like to consult with the Illinois delegation on this matter first and allow Illinois to pass, if they will withdraw their response."

No. 1871: "We will withdraw that."

The Snark: "If there is no objection, we will pass Illinois."

Iowa responds: "No candidate."

Scrivenoter: "Kansas."

No. 142: "I would place in nomination a man, although I never met him until day before yesterday, who has impressed me as a whole-souled, jolly good fellow. I believe all those who are acquainted with him will bear that out. I would like to place in nomination Mr. Joe Myles, of Detroit." [Applause.]

Scrivenoter: "Kentucky."

No. 738: "We second the nomination of Mr. Myles."

Louisiana responds: "No candidate."

Scrivenoter: "Minnesota."

No. 170: "Minnesota wishes to second the nomination of one who has no enemies in the Hoo-Hoo Order, one who has worked faithfully, and one whom we all respect and hope to see elected. We second the nomination of Mr. McClintock."

Mississippi responds: "No candidate."

Scrivenoter: "Missouri."

No. 761: "Missouri desires to second the nomination of Mr. Joe Myles."

(New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Texas all respond: "No candidate.")

Scrivenoter: "Wisconsin."

No. 184: "Through the courtesy of our chairman, I speak for Wisconsin. I wish to state a little difference has arisen, and as one of our delegation is absent, I ask that Wisconsin be passed."

The Snark: "The request is granted. Is Brother Hayward in the audience?"

A Member: "He has gone out to get a drink."

No. 170: "Is there any ice water in the cooler?"

The Snark: "Yes, there is plenty. If Illinois is ready to report, we will hear it."

No. 1371: "Illinois would like to pass until after Michigan has made her report."

The Snark: "Your request will be granted. It is suggested that we call on No. 9 for a song while we wait for the Michigan delegation."

No. 9: "Gentlemen, this is neither the time nor place for any singing."

The Snark: "You will please come to order. Kitten Restrick desires to make an announcement."

No. 2711: "I just wish to convey an announcement from the ladies' subcommittee of the Detroit entertainment committee. They wish that all your wives and sweethearts would congregate at the Cadillac Hotel at half past one, from whence they will be conducted over to the Lyceum Theater to see a play that is as near like Hoo-Hoo as anything you ever heard of."

The Snark: "The Michigan delegation have just come in. The convention will please come to order."

The Scrivenoter: "During the absence of the Michigan delegation, we called the roll of States for nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo. So far as we proceeded, Mr. Joseph Myles has been nominated by the State of Kansas, seconded by the State of Kentucky; and Mr. W. H. McClintock has been nominated by Georgia, seconded by Minnesota; the States of Michigan and Wisconsin were passed in the roll call. We will now call those two States."

No. 2092: "The Michigan delegation would ask the courtesy of this convention for just two minutes more."

The Snark: "If there is no objection, we will grant the time."

(Several minutes elapse.)

No. 648: "In behalf of Joseph Myles, I wish to withdraw his name as a candidate for Senior Hoo-Hoo." [Applause.]

No. 3: "I would move, now that Mr. Myles has withdrawn, that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the ballot unanimously for Mr. McClintock, of Chicago."

No. 2351: "I second the motion."

A Member: "I move that we let Michigan give a report."  
The Scrivenor: "The States of Michigan and Wisconsin were passed in the call of the roll of States for nomination of Senior Hoo-Hoo. I will now call Michigan."

No. 2092: "Michigan has no candidate."

Scrivenor: "I will now call Wisconsin."

Brother Hemenway: "I"—cries of "Number, Number; give your number!" [Great laughter.]

Brother Hemenway (badly embarrassed): "My number is 184. Through the courtesy of the chairman, I want to say a few words. If I voice the sentiments of the Hoo-Hoo of Wisconsin—which I hope I do in a small way—we want peace, we want harmony, we want Hoo-Hoo love to expand and grow on right principles. I wish, through the Snark, to ask one question: Is J. J. Marten a candidate for Senior Hoo-Hoo?"

The Scrivenor: "Michigan said not; she said: 'No candidate.'"

No. 184: "I will then, on behalf of Wisconsin, second the nomination of Mr. W. H. McClintock, of Chicago." [Applause.]

The Scrivenor: "The State of Illinois was also passed, according to the Snark's ruling. I will call the State of Illinois."

No. 1571: "Illinois passes."

The Snark: "Are there any other nominations? If not, I declare them closed."

No. 3: "I now make the motion that the secretary of the convention be instructed to cast the unanimous Hoo-Hoo vote for Mr. McClintock."

No. 2351: "I second the nomination."

No. 142: "Kansas would like to second that."

No. 2644: "We also second it."

No. 1347: "We second that."

No. 179: "Minnesota seconds the nomination."

No. 1356: "Iowa seconds the nomination."

No. 2714: "Pennsylvania seconds the nomination."

No. 1267: "New York, also."

The Snark: "That will do, I reckon."

A Member: "So say we all."

The Snark: "You have heard the motion that the Scrivenor cast the unanimous vote of the convention for Mr. McClintock. Those in favor of it say aye. Motion prevails."

The Scrivenor: "I don't just know what the Scrivenor's duties are in such a case, but he hereby casts the total of 1830 votes of this convention for W. H. McClintock, of Chicago, to be Senior Hoo-Hoo." [Applause and Hoo-Hoo yell.]

Brother McClintock (coming to the stand): "Brother Hoo-Hoo: I suppose it is useless for me to say that this honor has come to me unsought. I have never desired office in Hoo-Hoo, and I accept it with a great deal of reluctance. If my election to this position will do anything to promote harmony, I am very proud of the honor which has been conferred, for the Order of Hoo-Hoo is very dear to my heart. I would have worked just as faithfully for it in the ranks as in any position within the gift of the Order. I can only say to you that I will endeavor in every way possible to do my best for Hoo-Hoo wherever and whenever I may be called upon." [Applause.]

Voices: "Good! Good!"

No. 179: "I will state that that speech was read to me last Tuesday in Chicago." [Great laughter.]

**Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.**

The Snark: "We will now proceed with the regular order of business. The next in order are nominations for Junior Hoo-Hoo."

No. 2714: "If we don't adjourn pretty soon to lunch, we won't get any. I move we adjourn one hour for lunch."

Voices: "No! No!"

The Scrivenor: "I will call the roll of States for nomination of Junior Hoo-Hoo. Alabama."

No. 2624: "Alabama has a candidate. The time has grown short. I now have the pleasure of nominating a man who already has your respect. I nominate William B. Stillwell, of Savannah, Ga."

The Scrivenor: "Arkansas."

(Arkansas responds: "No candidate.")

The Scrivenor: "Georgia."

No. 27: "Gentlemen and Brother Hoo-Hoo: The platform that you have long expected, but have not seen, is about to be brought before this convention—the platform of ability. Before I proceed to state my case before you, gentlemen of the jury, I wish to ask: Don't treat me like they did the young lawyer down in Georgia who had a cousin on the jury trying his first case, who had agreed to bring in a verdict for him. To his astonishment, the jury promptly convicted his client. He got his cousin out and asked him how in the devil they found that verdict. He said: 'Al, the law was with you, and the evidence was with you; but your argument was against you.' Georgia came to the Annual Meeting one year ago a desert of Sahara for Hoo-Hoo; to-day she is the garden of Eden; to-day the onion beds grow all over it; it has been transformed by the two landscape gardeners, Anderson, the Vicegerent, and Stillwell, of the Supreme Nine. When we returned from Nashville and informed Mr. Stillwell that he had been elected Gurdon, he asked us no questions with regard to the dignity of Gurdon. He simply asked: 'What must I do to help you fellows?' We told him to get out and hustle; he got out and hustled. Mr. Stillwell is a sawmill man and a lumberman. The interests of the Southern Pine Company, of Georgia, of which he is the head, are the greatest of any firm or company south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi. Mr. Stillwell has been a power for good in our section. We find in our ranks in the State of Georgia the most prominent lumbermen in that State. They have been induced to join largely through the fact that Mr. Stillwell was a Hoo-Hoo and on the Supreme Nine, and that he vouched for Hoo-Hoo as a good thing. Gentlemen, during the past year we have done good work in the State of Georgia, and we come here requesting this office on our record. We have initiated 106 members. To-day the State of Georgia owes Hoo-Hoo not one cent on dues. We have no defaulters; we have no backsliders. The State of Georgia has not cost Hoo-Hoo one single registered letter to get these dues. It has been through the efficient efforts of our Vicegerent. I ask you for this nomination in the name of all Georgia; I ask it in the name of all the South; I ask it in the name of those prominent members; and I ask it in the name of the men down there who want to join, and who will join if you give us this position on the Nine which we ask—that of Junior Hoo-Hoo for Mr. Stillwell."

The Scrivenor: "Illinois."

No. 1371: "Illinois seconds the nomination of Mr. Stillwell."

(Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas second the nomination of Mr. Stillwell.)

The Scrivenor: "Kentucky."

No. 738: "Kentucky seconds the nomination, and also moves that the Scrivenor cast the ballot for Mr. Stillwell."

The Snark: "The motion is out of order. Proceed with the roll call."

(The Scrivenor proceeds, and the States make the following responses as their names are called.)

No. 326: "Louisiana seconds the nomination of Mr. Stillwell."

No. 2092: "Michigan will be for Stillwell."

No. 179: "Minnesota heartily indorses the nomination of Mr. Stillwell, and hopes that when the year expires the Hoo-Hoo Order will be 'still well.'" [Applause.]

No. 380: "Mississippi seconds the nomination of Stillwell."

No. 1267: "New York seconds the nomination of Stillwell."

No. 3647: "Ohio seconds his nomination."

No. 2714: "Pennsylvania seconds the nomination of Stillwell."

No. 4929: "Tennessee seconds his nomination."

No. 1390: "Texas has no candidate."

No. 1549: "Wisconsin takes pleasure in seconding the nomination of Mr. Stillwell."

No. 2120: "Oklahoma seconds the nomination of Mr. Stillwell."

The Snark: "I believe the nominations are all in. It seems to me to be pretty nearly unanimous."

No. 2714: "I move that the Snark instruct the Scrivenor to cast the ballot for Mr. Stillwell."

No. 179: "Minnesota seconds that motion."

The Snark: "Kittens, it has been moved and seconded that the ballot for William B. Stillwell for Junior Hoo-Hoo be cast unanimously by the Scrivenor. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Motion prevails."

The Scrivenor: "The Scrivenor hereby casts 1830 votes for William B. Stillwell to be Junior Hoo-Hoo on the Supreme Nine." [Hoo-Hoo yell.]

Mr. Stillwell: "Brother Hoo-Hoo: About a year ago, being only a young kitten in the garden, you may imagine my surprise—and I will also say, gratification—at one day having a telegram brought into me which announced my election to a position on the Supreme Nine. I hardly realized fully what that meant, in any sense, and I was slow to acknowledge it. I didn't know what it might bring with it, but I felt upon the opening of that telegram that it was an honor conferred, and by it was a duty imposed; and I waited awhile to know whether I should accept and attempt to perform that duty. I claimed no special ability for it, but I felt like in some other things that I had attempted that I could keep everlastingly at it. During the year whenever opportunity offered I hit a lick for Hoo-Hoo. Now, brothers, that duty by this unanimous election to-day I feel is a double weight upon my shoulders; but I shall go back to Georgia, and I shall give every lick I can during the year for Hoo-Hoo. I am free to say that before starting for Detroit I got such of the Hoo-Hoo together as I could, and expressed a desire to retire from the honor and labor. But my fellow-statesmen would not consent; they told me to come along, and if Hoo-Hoo had anything for Georgia they wished it to be given to me. I begged them to name some other candidate, but they declined to do it. I thank you, gentlemen, for the honor conferred, and at the end of the year I hope you will find that it has not been misplaced." [Applause.]

**Election of Bojum.**

The Snark: "The next order of business will be nominations for Bojum."

The Scrivenor: "I will call the roll for nominations for Bojum. Alabama."

No. 876: "While looking for lost, strayed, and stolen children, Alabama has adopted temporarily 'W. M. Stevenson, of Duluth.'"

No. 179: "Minnesota has never held much on the Supreme Nine. We have a candidate for this office, which we shall now put before the brothers of the convention. If you will elect him, we will be much obliged to you, and if you do not, we will not get cross about it. I put in nomination the name of one known all through the Northwest. I wish to put in nomination Platt Beauregard Walker, Jr."

(Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, and New York all respond: "No candidate.")

The Scrivenor: "Ohio."

No. 737: "Ohio has a candidate. Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo: The fact that this is the third candidate reminds me of a story of an Irishman who invited three or four people to dinner. His name was Pat McClarty, and his wife had only provided one chicken. At dinner Pat asked Mrs. Maloney what part of the chicken she would have. She replied she would take a leg. Then Mrs. O'Hoolihan was asked what she would have. She says: 'O, a leg will suit me.' Then he came to Mike Malloy, who said: 'I am not particular; give me a leg.' Pat laid down his carving knife, and he says: 'By Jaus, Mike, do you think I am carving a spider?' Now, gentlemen, it is unnecessary for me to say, in spite of what the papers said this morning, that I am not a candidate for any position in this Order. There is a sort of tacit agreement between the Order and myself that if I will keep out of nominations for myself I can talk all I want to. You will recall that in a part of the ritual assigned to the Bojum there is particular stress laid on the fact that our social purposes include social duties, and particularly the duties that members owe this Order; and if there ever was a time when this duty presses upon us, this is the hour. Reprimandations and scandal from outside, and from the inside, prophesy evil; but I say that a body of men like this should wake up. We have got intelligence and ability enough in this Order to make it a good Order and to make the corpse a lively one. There has been something said here about geography. I studied that when I went to school, but when I came into Hoo-Hoo I dropped it. I know no geography, but yet for the reason that if we get all our officers on one side of the platform the balance is lost, we must have some distribution. Then as to the men. There is no State, no man in Hoo-Hoo that has a right to come here and demand any position as a reward for what he has done or as an inducement for what he shall do; but it is perfectly proper that this Order should reward its workers; it is something that this Republic of Hoo-Hoo owes to its men. What you want to do is to get good men. I take the broad ground that any man who is a good Hoo-Hoo is fit for any position in Hoo-Hoo. Now, when children are in difficulty they go to their mothers. When men are in difficulty, where better to go than to our grand old mother, nature? We go to nature. As you have heard me say before, the ladies are the flowers. The men, especially the lumbermen, are the trees. You look at the linden and the maple, the beech and the birch; listen to the weird music of the pine tops; look all around among them, and if you want an emblem of strength and manhood, what tree do you pick out? The giant, strong, and stalwart oak. A short time ago I was in the Tennessee and Georgia Mountains; and there, not being very experienced as a tree culturist, I found a good many trees. I knew nothing about it. I found eleven different varieties of oaks; I can't name them all. I am happy in the performance of a duty that is a pleasure, a grand pleasure to me; I am happy to be able to stand before you and ask for two things in conjunction: One that the grand old State of Ohio, that has worked for the Order, and worked hard, and that has never had a member on the Supreme Nine, shall have one. She is entitled to it not through geography, but because of what she has done, and what she wishes to do. At the same time I am going to ask you to put in as Bojum a man who represents a species of oak peculiar to Ohio (no other State has it)—the Fred. Oakes. I didn't have time to think over this speech, and I got a little mixed up possibly; but I believe there is nobody here who knows Mr. Oakes but who esteems and loves him. I do not often say that I

love anything except a woman or a child, but to-day I say I love Fred Oakes. I love him because of his virtues, because of his good nature, and because he is a friend of the poor. The record he has in the State of Ohio is this: that of all the men who were brought in while he was Vicegerent there is not one but is a credit to the Order. We have had no one there who should not have been brought in. The oak, as I have said, is an emblem of strength. Within gunshot, almost, of where we stand, about three-quarters of a century ago, were brigs of oak with bloody oaken timbers, above which stood the broken masts; and we want to perpetuate that name in this Order—perpetuate it alive. I do not believe, gentlemen, that I can add one word to what I have said. All I ask is that some one of these great States will second the nomination of Mr. Oakes, so as to give Ohio and the fine gentlemen, exclusive of myself, who represent that State, a standing in your Order. Put in there a man who will be an honor and credit to it. Not one word would I say against any other candidate, not a single word; I admire and esteem them all; but give me my candidate." [Applause.]

No. 734: "I heartily indorse and second the nomination of Mr. Oakes. He is one of the grandest Hoo-Hoo we ever had; he is the salt of the earth, and one of God's good people."

(The roll call proceeded, with the following responses from the different States:)

No. 2714: "Pennsylvania heartily indorses the nomination of Mr. Oakes."

No. 4999: "Tennessee seconds the nomination of both gentlemen, and will split her vote."

No. 1890: "Texas most heartily indorses the nomination of Mr. Oakes."

No. 184: "Wisconsin has no candidate."

No. 3: "Missouri desires to second the nomination of Mr. Oakes."

No. 142: "Kansas desires to second the nomination of Mr. Oakes."

The Snark: "Are there any other nominations? If not, I declare the nominations closed for Bojum, and we will proceed to ballot. Remember, there are two candidates: Mr. Walker and Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the roll: Alabama, 26 1/2 votes."

No. 376: "Alabama casts one-fourth of her votes for Oakes, and three-fourths for Walker."

No. 1855: "We don't understand what we are voting on."

The Scrivenoter: "The candidates are for the office of Bojum. Fred S. Oakes, of Ohio, has been nominated; as has also been Platt B. Walker, of Minnesota."

The Snark: "I wish the chairman of each State would give the actual number of votes for each candidate."

The Scrivenoter: "Arkansas, 4 1/2 votes."

No. 33: "Arkansas casts her 4 1/2 votes for Mr. Oakes, of Ohio."

The Scrivenoter: "Georgia, 180 1/2 votes."

No. 37: "Georgia casts 180 1/2 votes for P. B. Walker."

The Scrivenoter: "Illinois, 114 votes."

No. 1371: "Illinois casts 114 votes for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Indiana, 157 votes."

(No response from Indiana.)

The Scrivenoter: "Iowa, 25 votes."

No. 1266: "Iowa wishes to pass."

The Scrivenoter: "Kansas, 86 1/2 votes."

No. 142: "Kansas casts 86 1/2 votes for Fred S. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Kentucky, 108 votes."

No. 1000: "Kentucky casts 108 votes for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Louisiana, 23 votes."

No. 324: "Louisiana casts 23 votes for Mr. Oakes, and 21 for Walker."

The Scrivenoter: "Michigan, 287 1/2 votes."

No. 2092: "Michigan casts 182 1/2 votes for Oakes, and 85 1/2 votes for Walker."

The Scrivenoter: "Minnesota, 92 1/2 votes."

No. 176: "Minnesota casts her entire vote for P. B. Walker."

The Scrivenoter: "Mississippi, 78 1/2 votes."

No. 380: "Entire vote for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Missouri, 183 1/2 votes."

No. 3: "Missouri casts her vote of 183 1/2 for Fred S. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "New York, 18 votes."

No. 1207: "New York casts her vote for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Ohio, 124 1/2 votes."

No. 3847: "Ohio casts 124 1/2 votes for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Pennsylvania, 49 votes."

No. 2714: "Pennsylvania casts 49 votes for F. S. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Tennessee, 150 votes."

No. 4999: "Tennessee votes 75 for Mr. Walker, and 75 for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Texas, 78 votes."

No. 1390: "Texas casts 78 votes for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Wisconsin, 197 votes."

No. 1549: "98 1/2 for Walker, and 98 1/2 for Mr. Oakes."

The Scrivenoter: "Connecticut, 2 1/2 votes."

(No response.)

The Scrivenoter: "Oklahoma, 9 1/2 votes."

Brother Hemenway: "I will state to the chair that the brother from Oklahoma has left."

The Scrivenoter: "Iowa, 35 votes."

No. 1356: "Iowa casts 17 1/2 votes for Oakes, and 17 1/2 for Walker."

No. 48: "I wish to withdraw my name, and to move that the nomination of Mr. Oakes be made unanimous."

The Snark: "You are out of order."

No. 376: "Alabama is the State which put Mr. Walker in nomination; she now withdraws him, and moves that Mr. Oakes be unanimously elected."

A Member: "I second the motion."

No. 179: "Minnesota accepts the kick in the rump."

The Snark: "The motion is that you withdraw the name of Platt B. Walker, and to make the ballot of Mr. Oakes unanimous, and it has been regularly seconded. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Carried."

Mr. Oakes: "Gentlemen of Hoo-Hoo, I thank you for this honor. I hollered 'so much on the boat yesterday to make a speech, but I certainly shall do all in my power to help Hoo-Hoo in Ohio or any other portion of the country. I thank you again."

Election of Scrivenoter. The Snark: Nominations are now in order, for Scrivenoter.

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the roll of States for nomination for the office of Scrivenoter, Alabama."

No. 376: "We pass our right of nomination to New York."

No. 1267: "Fellow citizens, New York thanks Alabama for her courtesy in passing her first nomination. I want to say here that when my colleagues and I were placed upon the Auditing Committee, we accepted those duties with very heavy hearts. It is no fun to audit books on a hot day. This heavy and arduous duty became a pleasure when we took hold of our present Scrivenoter's work of the past year. It was simply a duty that a schoolboy could have performed readily, easily, and with pleasure. Now, I am not going to make any speech, but I think I love the sentiments of every Hoo-Hoo in Hoo-Hoo, and when I say that we can't possibly get a more efficient, courteous, polite, and hard-working Scrivenoter than the present holder of the office, James H. Baird, of Nashville, I ask for the indorsement of my colleagues on the Auditing Committee, Mr. Call."

Mr. Call: "I most heartily indorse what Mr. Weller says." The Scrivenoter (resuming roll call): "Arkansas."

No. 183: "I move you, sir, that the further calling of the roll be dispensed with, and that the Snark be authorized to cast the ballot of this convention for James H. Baird for Scrivenoter."

A Member: "I second the motion." No. 179: "I second the motion." No. 1371: "I second it." No. 380: "I second it also." No. 2002: "We heartily indorse him." No. 680: "We also indorse the nomination." No. 2714: "Pennsylvania heartily indorses the nomination."

The Snark: "That will do. The motion is that the Snark cast the entire ballot of the convention for our present worthy Scrivenoter, James H. Baird. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Unanimously carried. I hereby cast the entire vote of the convention for J. H. Baird for Scrivenoter."

The Scrivenoter (picking up a big handful of blank paper): "Gentlemen, in anticipation of this happy event, I have prepared a brief expression of my thanks for this confidence expressed in my future good behavior and satisfaction with my past work; but, inasmuch as the time is somewhat short, and as it contains some sixty-two pages, I will ask permission of the Snark to publish it in 'The Bulletin.'" The Snark (looking greatly relieved): "Permission granted."

Election of Jabberwock.

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the roll of States for nominations for the office of Jabberwock. Alabama."

No. 376: "Alabama adopts Brother Barns to state her candidate for that office."

Mr. Barns: "I am speaking for Alabama, and I want to say in this instance we have the unanimous vote of Alabama. Alabama unanimously wishes to present the name of Richard H. Vidmer, of Mobile, as a candidate, and she asks for your suffrages. I need hardly say to anybody that Dick is one of the best we have in the South. He has been in faithful attendance at the various meetings, he is a good worker, and he is all right."

The Scrivenoter: "Arkansas."

No. 68: "We second the nomination of Mr. Vidmer."

The Scrivenoter: "Georgia."

No. 27: "Gentlemen and members of the convention, you have seen the benefits of good association. Alabama has been especially with Georgia, and now votes solidly. The State of Georgia rises to second the nomination of Richard H. Vidmer. No man outside of the State of Georgia would be more acceptable to the people of Georgia than our neighbor in Alabama."

The Scrivenoter: "Illinois."

No. 1371: "Illinois seconds the nomination of Mr. Vidmer."

The Scrivenoter: "Indiana."

(No response.)

(Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, and Mississippi second the nomination. Michigan and New York respond.)

No. 1349: "I move that further proceedings be dispensed with, and Mr. Vidmer be unanimously elected to the position."

The Snark: "I have been moved, and seconded that further nominations be dispensed with, and that the nomination of Mr. Vidmer be made unanimous. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Carried."

The Scrivenoter: "In accordance with the resolution just passed, the Scrivenoter hereby casts the total of 1830 votes

of this convention for R. H. Vidmer, of Alabama, to be Jabberwock." [Hoo-Hoo yell.]

Election of Custocatian.

The Scrivenoter: "I will call the roll for nominations for Custocatian. Alabama."

(Alabama, Arkansas, and Georgia respond: "No candidate.")

The Scrivenoter: "Illinois."

No. 1371: "Illinois has a candidate. We want to place in nomination a brother whom every Hoo-Hoo knows and every Hoo-Hoo loves—a brother who is not with us at present, but whose spirit is here. We take great pleasure in placing in nomination Brother E. H. Defebaugh, of Louisville, Ky." (Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi all second the nomination of Mr. Defebaugh.)

The Scrivenoter: "Missouri."

Mr. Barns: "Missouri has no candidate. The only suggestion I would make in this connection is the fact that in time past it has been customary to give the Pacific Coast a representative on the Supreme Nine. I have no candidate to suggest. We have no representative here from Oregon, Washington, or California, and all we want to do is simply the best thing for the Order. We have a great many members on the Pacific Coast, and it is just a question whether it is not advisable to have some member on the Supreme Nine from the coast."

No. 6: "I think the mention of my brother's name in his absence is rather a pleasant inspiration of some of your kindly feelings, but I think he ought to be consulted. I do not think he wants to be placed on the Nine. Some gentleman here say they don't want any geography in the matter, but, as Mr. Barns tells us, it is important that it should be considered."

(Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin second the nomination; New York, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee responding: "No candidate.")

The Snark: "Are there any other nominations? I now declare the nominations closed. Proceed with the ballot."

No. 248: "I move you that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of this convention for Mr. Defebaugh."

No. 2351: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Motion prevails."

The Scrivenoter: "The Scrivenoter hereby casts the total of 1830 votes of this convention for E. H. Defebaugh, of Louisville, Ky., for Custocatian."

Election of Arcanoper.

The Snark: "We will now receive nominations for Arcanoper."

The Scrivenoter: "Alabama."

No. 376: "Alabama takes great pleasure in presenting to this convention the name of Cecil A. Lyon. He has been the Vicegerent Snark of Texas for the last three years, and by his work there certainly deserves promotion, if anybody does in this neighborhood. Texas has been unrepresented on the Nine for the last two years, and Alabama and a majority of the South wish the North to turn in and elect him."

The Scrivenoter: "Arkansas."

No. 324: "Arkansas has no candidate."

(Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Wisconsin: "No candidate.")

Texas and Iowa second the nomination of Mr. Lyon.

No. 4714: "I move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire ballot for Mr. Lyon, of Texas."

The Snark: "Kittens, you have heard the motion that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of the convention for Mr. Lyon as Arcanoper. Are you ready for the question? Motion prevails."

The Scrivenoter: "The Scrivenoter hereby casts the total vote of this convention—1830 votes—for Mr. Cecil A. Lyon, of Texas, to be Arcanoper."

No. 376: "I move that, in the absence of Mr. Lyon, his brother be escorted to the platform to answer for him." [Hoo-Hoo yell.]

Mr. Lyon: "I wish you would excuse me on the speech business. I know it is entirely unexpected on my brother's part, being placed on the Nine, but I know he will appreciate it, and that he will work as hard on the Nine as he has as Vicegerent."

Election of Gurdon.

The Snark: "We will now receive nominations for the office of Gurdon, the last office."

The Scrivenoter: "Alabama."

No. 376: "Alabama gives way to Illinois."

No. 6: "I came down on the floor to perform a very pleasant duty a few minutes ago, which I found to be absolutely unnecessary. It was my intention to second the nomination of my good brother, J. H. Baird, of Nashville, for Scrivenoter of the Order, but, as I said, I found it unnecessary to say anything. I now take great pleasure in nominating for the office of Gurdon of this Order a gentleman whom I have known for a long time and very favorably, and whom many of you know and esteem. He lives east, and will in many ways, I know, advance the interests of Hoo-Hoo. He is a Hercules of strength, an Apollo of manly beauty, and faithful in anything he undertakes. I ask, gentlemen, if it is your pleasure, that we have a unanimous vote of this convention for our distinguished friend, W. W. Reilly, of Buffalo."

A Member: "I move that we suspend the rules, and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the unanimous vote of this convention for Mr. Reilly."

No. 2351: "Georgia seconds the nomination."

The Snark: "The motion is that the vote of this convention be cast unanimously by the Scrivenoter for Mr. W. W. Reilly. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of it say aye. Unanimously carried."

The Scrivenoter: "In accordance with the motion unanimously adopted, I hereby cast the total vote of this convention for W. W. Reilly, of New York, to be Gurdon on the Supreme Nine."

No. 2600: "Brother Kittens: "I thank you very much for this honor, which has been unanticipated. At this late hour I do not think it necessary for me to say a great deal. This being the last office, I want to say one thing that was called to my mind. Some time ago I was reading one of the papers, that gave an account of a railroad section boss named Finnegan, whose reports to his superior officer, had been rather roughly criticized for needless length. The next time the boss had occasion to report an accident, he boiled it down into: "Train off again; on again; gone again. Finnegan." I think we should have reached a point by now where an equal brevity would be acceptable. I will simply say we are very grateful for these honors, and I am sure the Nine you have elected will do its utmost to carry on successfully the work of the year."

No. 183: "I move we adjourn to 8 P.M."

No. 2351: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "There is some important legislation for this afternoon. Several committees are to report. We want all the kittens here. Adjourned."

Afternoon Session.

The Snark: "The convention will please come to order. If there are any persons in the hall who are not Hoo-Hoo, they will please retire."

The Committee on Transportation.

The Snark: "I desire to announce that I have selected for the following year the Transportation Committee as follows:

- "G. W. Schwartz, of St. Louis, Chairman.
"L. W. Campbell, of Chicago.
"C. H. Sanders, of Nashville.
"I think three are sufficient; last year we had seven."

The Snark: "First in order, I see, is the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. I understand they are ready to report."

Mr. Ewart: "We will be ready in a few minutes."

The Snark: "The Committee on Resolutions—are they ready to report? If there is no objection, we will hear their report."

No. 2: "I have failed to find my colleague. He found me several times yesterday, when I hadn't time to look the matter up, but I have not seen Mr. Sallotte to-day. With apologies to Mr. Sallotte, I will read what I have written:"

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Appreciating all the joy and warmth of hospitality with which we are surrounded, we realize that it is our first duty to remember those loved ones left behind by our brother Hoo-Hoo who have been called to relinquish this life and take up that of the beyond. Therefore let our hearts and hands go out in sympathy and support to the bereaved ones of V. H. Tout, Memphis, Tenn.; L. J. Best, Bearden, Ark.; W. Y. West, New Orleans, La.; W. Packard, Warren, Ohio; A. A. Barth, Chicago, Ill.; T. B. Brooks, Topeka, Kan.; W. H. Bryant, Denver, Col.; J. E. Fox, Seattle, Wash.; A. S. Merriam, Minneapolis, Minn.; W. H. Sheller, Lilley, Mich.; J. F. Hardie, Peoria, Ill.; R. M. McDonald, Camden, Ark.; G. E. Bysfield, Rochepport, Mo.; G. L. Gardner, New Orleans, La.; W. M. Jordan, Sistrunk, Ala.; R. A. Stickert, Yoakum, Texas; D. M. Angle, Houston, Texas; L. O. Lurton, Nashville, Tenn.; J. T. Green, Fond du Lac, Wis.; M. E. Vancluse, Newark, N. J.; E. H. Myers, Cincinnati, Ohio; A. F. Greenwood, Paris, Texas; R. S. Boney, Camden, Ark.; C. Morris, Lawrence, Kan.; L. Bradford, Omaha, Neb.; B. M. Crown, Merrill, Wis.; L. A. Shear, Minneapolis, Minn.; W. N. Culp, Louisville, Ky.; George A. Mitchell, Saginaw, E. S., Mich.; D. H. Halliday, Eureka, Cal. We especially extend our sympathy to the bereaved widow of the late James Thielgard, of Minneapolis, Minn.; whose husband, on September 5, even before the end of the happy honeymoon, was instantly killed in a railroad accident in North Dakota.

Passing from the dead to the living, let us extend in this carnival season of Hoo-Hoo our strongest and most reassuring left-hand grasps to those loyal brothers compelled to forego the pleasures of this meeting on account of sickness and that health which brings happiness; and, furthermore, let this feeling be expressed in telegrams to those absent ones, especially to Mack E. Nuellson of Arkansas, who is very ill in a sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich.; to J. L. Lane, in Kansas City; to O. M. Sparks, of Atlanta, Ga., who is sick in New York; to S. N. Acres, of Jackson, Tenn., who was prevented from attending on account of the death of his little baby; and to C. H. Benedict of Nashville, Tenn., who suffered a similar loss.

Be it next resolved that we reserve a place in the center of our hearts, to the end of our lives, for the Hoo-Hoo of Michigan, especially for the Hoo-Hoo of Detroit and the Detroit Hoo-Hoo Club, even to and including its most modest member, this our regard and esteem, to be poured out without stint, and to include in full measure, with equal division, the women, wives and sweethearts of our Detroit brethren, who have joined in making this Annual Meeting of Hoo-Hoo a harmonious, white, black, and gold anthem of hospitality.

Let us in the closing paragraph—however, no less sincerely than if it had been mentioned first—pay our respects to the people of Detroit for their kindness and consideration as expressed by themselves, personally and through their mayor. Especially let us hold in full remembrance and cherish for all time as a Hoo-Hoo classic the eloquent address of Rev. Arnold welcoming us to the greatest convention city of the Western world. B. ARTHUR JOHNSON, A. M. SALLOTTE, W. J. KILDUFF, Committees.

The Snark: "Kittens, what shall be done with the report of the Committee on Resolutions?"

No. 1371: "I move, sir, that these resolutions be adopted." No. 2714: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "It has been moved and seconded that the resolutions as read by the committee be received and adopted. Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Carried."

The Snark: "The next in order is the report of the Committee on Good of the Order."

The Scrivenoter: "I have been asked by the chairman to read the report of the Committee on Good of the Order:"

Report of Committee on Good of the Order.

The committee desire to congratulate the Order on the good behavior, the intelligence, and gentlemanly conduct of the members of the Order now assembled on this its Sixth Annual Convention.

We also congratulate the Order on the gentlemanly demeanor of its members during the past year, and upon the fact that prompt expulsion has followed where unbecoming conduct has been reported. For the future good of the Order we recommend the combined exercise of rigid discipline in this direction. The vast majority of our membership are citizens of the highest character; and if any unworthy element is discovered in our ranks, it ought to be promptly weeded out.

The committee realize that one of the principal objects of this convention is to devise some plan to collect the annual dues of those members in arrears and good standing, as the delinquent list is increasing yearly, principally through neglect of its members to pay the small amount of ninety-nine cents; and, realizing that the large cities of this country are the strongholds of Hoo-Hoo, we make the following suggestion—viz., that one member of the Order be chosen by the Snark and Scrivenoter from among the members in the larger cities, to wit: First, from among members of the Chamber of Horrors; secondly, from Vicegerents then in office; thirdly, from among enthusiastic members in good standing, who are known to the Snark and Scrivenoter and who will consent to do this for the good of the Order. The duties of these members so selected will be to collect dues and remit to the Scrivenoter before the first notification of the arrears list is sent out. Those members refusing to pay dues when thus approached shall be expelled at the next Annual Meeting following the collecting members report.

Respectfully submitted, FRED. S. OAKES, RICHARD H. VIDMER.

The Snark: "You have heard the report of the Committee on Good of the Order. What shall be done with it?"

No. 680: "I move the report be adopted."

No. 2048: "I second that motion."

The Snark: "It has been moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on Good of the Order be accepted and adopted as read. Are you ready for the question?"

No. 183: "I am going to make a motion as soon as I explain it. I believe the suggestion is that the Snark make this selection of members to collect the dues. I think it would be better to substitute the Scrivenoter, who is in closer touch with the members. The Snark would have to work through the Scrivenoter's office, anyway. I therefore offer as an amendment that the Scrivenoter be substituted for the Snark and that the Snark be instructed to carry out the recommendations of the Committee on Good of the Order."

No. 690: "I second the amendment."

The Snark: "You have heard the amendment. Are you ready for the question?"

No. 244: "In that report there, I certainly object to the word 'expel.' I do not think that a brother should be expelled for nonpayment of dues. I think it should be put in a milder form. 'Suspended' or 'dropped' would be better."

No. 680: "I accept that amendment."

The Snark: "Are you ready for the question on the amendment? All those in favor say aye. Carried. Are

you ready for the adoption of the report as read, with the amendment? All those in favor say aye. Carried."

Report of Press Committee.

The Snark: "Is the Press Committee ready to report?" Mr. Barns: "I do not know exactly what this Press Committee was appointed for. The idea was, I suppose, for it to give out to the daily newspapers such information as we thought proper. We had no applications from the city press for information, but they seem to have published a great deal of stuff of their own volition that would have been better left out. I don't know that we have really any report to make. I don't know the duties of the Press Committee exactly."

The Snark: "That would be about my opinion: to give out such information as you deemed best; but the reporters seem to have gotten the best of the committee. You tender that as your report?"

Mr. Barns: "Yes." The Snark: "You have heard the report of the Committee on Press. Do you accept it? All those in favor say aye. Accepted."

Final Report of Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

The Snark: "Is the Committee on Constitution and By-laws ready to make its final report? Now, kittens, this is a very important matter. I expect it would be wise to have the chairman read the original and the supplementary report in full, and you can take it up as you see fit afterwards."

Chairman Ewart: "I will read the report submitted yesterday:"

Your Committee on Constitution and By-Laws beg leave to report as follows:

We recommend that Sections 8 and 9 of Article III, be consolidated and stand hereafter as Section 8 of said article. We recommend, further, the insertion of Section 9 in said article, reading as follows: "Honorary membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenoter by the Vicegerent of the State within which the applicant resides; provided, that such application shall first be submitted for the approval of the Supreme Nine and shall have received their unanimous indorsement, and the initiatory ceremony shall not be necessary to such admission. The honorary membership fee shall be \$25, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues, or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such membership."

We also recommend that Section 2 of Article V, be changed to read as follows: "The Chamber of Horrors shall constitute the Upper Chamber of Hoo-Hoo, and all Vicegerent Snarks, who shall have served one year in that capacity and all ex-members of the Supreme Nine may be eligible to membership therein. It shall be competent for the membership of the Chamber under its own regulations to prescribe rituals and initiatory ceremonies for the admission of its members; rules of proceedings, and regulations governing the business of the Chamber, including the imposition of such fees and dues as may be found necessary; to regulate and enlarge the limits of eligibility by such vote as may be prescribed in its by-laws, and, if deemed advisable, to make alteration in the name under which the Chamber now exists. The Chamber shall perform the rite of embalming the retiring Snark preparatory to his incorporation in the House of Ancients."

We would also recommend that By-law No. 3 be made to read as follows: "The accounts and disbursements of the Scrivenoter shall be annually audited within nine days of each approaching Annual by a competent accountant appointed by the reigning Snark for that purpose; and the certified report of such auditor shall accompany the annual report of the Scrivenoter. Such necessary expense as may attach to such auditing shall be paid upon proper voucher of him, and shall not be off of W. L. SWART, Chairman! A. F. GRISWOLD, A. A. WHITE, L. A. KIMBALL, C. W. RESTRIK.

Chairman Ewart: "I will now read the supplementary report, which refers to the resolutions or motions that were offered yesterday and referred to this committee: "

Your committee approve the suggestion to date the Hoo-Hoo year from June 1, making February fall as the ninth month in such year, and causing Hoo-Hoo Day to thereafter fall on February 9 in each year instead of September 9, as at present.

We disapprove the suggested change in Article VI, Section 2, which relates to the present system of proxy representation. In the opinion of your committee the existing provisions of the Constitution are better calculated to secure fair and equitable results than the proposed amendment would assure.

We would suggest the authorization of members of the Chamber of Horrors to hold concatenations in the absence of other qualified officials, and recommend the revision of Article VI, Section 7, to this end.

Respectfully submitted,

- W. I. EWART, Chairman;
- A. F. GRISWOLD,
- A. A. WHITE,
- L. A. KIMBALL,
- A. D. MTEOD,
- O. W. RESTRICK.

Chairman Ewart: "In the event of the adoption of these two suggestions, a change will have to be made in the two Articles of the Constitution covering these matters, so as to conform to the spirit of this report. Your committee has not had time to take up the two Articles themselves and rewrite them. We, therefore, give you the substance of our decisions."

The Snark: "Kittens, you have heard the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. What are your wishes?"

No. 27: "I would suggest that those suggestions which were referred to merely by name be read, so that members not present may know what they are."

The Scrivener: "Do you mean the two resolutions which were referred to the committee, and which they now refer to in this supplemental report?"

No. 27: "Yes, that is what I mean."

The Snark: "Chairman Ewart, will you read the original resolutions? Now, kittens, listen very carefully. We want perfect quiet."

Chairman Ewart (reading): "Whereas our Annual Meeting at present occurs at a time of year when, for many reasons, it is impossible for but few members of the Order to be present, and at a time when the weather is most oppressive; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Hoo-Hoo fiscal year shall hereafter begin on May 1, and that the Annual Meeting shall hereafter occur on February 9, the ninth day of the ninth month of the Hoo-Hoo fiscal year.

Now that suggestion has met the approval of the committee, who recommend the adoption of such a change. The other recommendation reads as follows:

Resolved, That all of Article VI, Section 2, pertaining to proxies be cut out and the following substituted: "The members present from each State shall cast the vote of all members in good standing in that State. States having no representative at the Annual shall have no vote."

This resolution is signed by the following members: E. M. Vietmeier, George A. Gilbert, W. J. Kilgus, T. W. Dobbins, James Redmond, L. R. Hawes, F. F. Ahrens, W. H. McIntook, C. H. Hill, W. M. Stephenson, George E. Anthony, W. R. Wallis, W. C. Craith. I will say that this recommendation is disapproved by the committee.

The Snark: "What was the sense of the committee as to when this proposed change in the Hoo-Hoo year should be effective? Will we hold our next meeting February 9, next, or a year from then?"

Chairman Ewart: "It will be seventeen months before

we meet again, if the recommendation is adopted—February 9, 1896."

No. 27: "That is a good year to put it into effect—1896."

Chairman Ewart: "The committee thought that the representations made by the gentleman who presented this resolution were very good, and it is believed if the meeting were held in February it would be more convenient for many members to attend, and that we would avoid the oppressive heat we are experiencing this year in September. It is not liable to be so hot in February, and it would be a very delightful time to go South, in case we want to hold our meetings in Louisiana, Florida, Texas, or any Southern country; and if the gentlemen of the South want to come North and get a little scent of a Northern blizzard, that would be a new experience for them. February 9 would fall at a time when the lumbermen ordinarily are not very busy. Still, there are a great many other conventions held about that time, and it might possibly be that lumbermen who had been called to attend lumber conventions would not feel like starting out afterwards to attend a Hoo-Hoo Convention; but the committee have talked the whole matter over, and recommend that the change be made, and we submit it for your consideration."

No. 1549: "I think, on the whole, the change recommended is a good one. At the same time I do not see any sense in fixing the ninth day and ninth month. I think each Annual Meeting should determine the date of the next Annual Meeting, or it could be left to the Supreme Nine to fix the exact day, within certain bounds. If we held any meeting South, I can see the convenience and pleasure of meeting at New Orleans during Mardi Gras. By fixing our date we could have the benefit of that grand show down there. If we care to have it later, we might fix it in June, when everything is nice and pleasant; but I think we had better leave it to the organization itself to fix the date, rather than have a date absolutely fixed by the Constitution. I simply make this as a suggestion."

No. 183: "The suggestion made by No. 1549 is, I think, a very good one, and especially so for one reason which he did not mention. We have had at every one of our Annuals trouble about reduced rates, and we have found from experience that getting a fare and a third on the certificate plan does not work with this organization. If it be left in the power of the Supreme Nine to fix the time and place of our meeting, there is not a week in the year they could not select a place to which special rates are made. I think that would solve the question of reduced rates in a very satisfactory manner. It would be all right to adopt a fiscal year, or to take a calendar year for the officers serving."

No. 1167: "Mr. McIntook's suggestion is a good one, but I see one objection. The town we are going to visit might not have a special rate; and, again, some of these special rates are not announced for more than thirty days beforehand."

The Snark: "That point is well taken. It takes time, as we all know, to prepare for these Annual Meetings. I would like to have a full and thorough discussion of this matter, and to hear from every kitten here."

No. 8: "I have not heard anybody yet distinctly in opposition to this change. I have not talked with anybody about it, but, personally, I do not believe it desirable to make any such change. I think we ought to stick to the ninth month and the ninth day of the month. There is a peculiar significance in our Nine, and we believe in it. As a matter of fact, I do not think that anybody suffers excessively from the heat. Most of us are accustomed to more heat than we have here. Almost any place we could go certainly would not be any warmer than we have been here, and no one has been sunstruck or hurt. We have had a good time, and we have had these delightful excursions, and the great car lines have treated us well; all of which we could not have

had very well in the winter. Also, at Kansas City we were shown many courtesies, and we saw the town. So I do not see any particular reason why we should change the day. If you put it in January or February, at least twenty lumber conventions are held, and there are too many of them held all at once. When you come to this convention, most of you come one-fourth for business and three-fourths for pleasure, and I certainly would oppose a change. I should like to see it left just as it is. I think possibly we might arrange next year so that the Hoo-Hoo Annual could be held in some cooler place, on some island or at some summer resort, where we could all get together and keep together. At any rate, I have not heard any very good reason, to my mind, for a change."

No. 737: "I have nothing to say for or against, but I want to say that the great reason why the committee recommended this change was that lumbermen are always so busy about this time of the year that they do not come; that is what we had in view. That is something we want to discuss especially: whether or not it will be more suitable for the lumbermen, whether we can get more of them together."

No. 734: "I entirely approve of the remarks made by Brother Barns concerning this matter of change of date. I don't think it is wise. Ordinarily in this latitude the weather is charming, along about sixty degrees. It is unusual that we have such warm weather; and I tell you any one, if he wants to, can get away in September. If it is in order, I shall move that this portion of the recommendation of the committee be laid on the table for the consideration of our next Annual Convention. It depends entirely upon where we are going to meet next year—the date."

No. 1540: "If we make this change at all, we ought to do it now. If you leave it as it is, it precludes meeting in any Southern State. You all know there were very few in Nashville because of the excessive heat. You can look around this hall to-day, and you scarcely find a lumberman. If this Order is going to live and thrive, you must have the lumbermen, and cater to their wants and necessities. Newspaper men can come at any time, but the lumbermen are busy about this time with their fall trade, and they cannot come and they will not come; and they become lax and don't pay their dues, because they cannot attend the conventions. I say it is an important matter, in my opinion, that we should change the date. We can't change any of the fundamental principles in the thing; I don't want to do that; but I take it for granted, as a sensible man, that '9, 9, 9' doesn't mean anything, and that we can change that. We are a new organization, and some things have grown into our Order which seem absurd, and, as sensible men, we ought to change them for our own convenience. That is the ground I take, and I take it largely on the ground that we want lumbermen with us. It is largely gotten up for their benefit, but it is perfectly evident there are only a few of them here to-day; perhaps there are only one-tenth of them here, while every one of them ought to be here. Therefore I say the resolution which was presented by the Committee on Constitution is the right idea. But I prefer to go a little farther: after the Supreme Nine has determined where the meeting is going to be held, let them fix the date to correspond. If it makes a short year, well and good; if it is a long year, well and good. The officers can stand a long or a short year; so that particular part of having it in June or September or February would not cut any figure. Fix the date in accordance with location and fitness."

No. 246: "I have yet failed to hear any argument that will prove to me there is anything to be gained by changing the date of this meeting. They say the lumbermen want cooler weather. I recollect last February, when it was so

inferentially cold that it would freeze the tail off of our faithful cat, there wasn't one of them came on an excursion from Columbus to Michigan. It was too cold for anybody to come. If you had had this convention in this city last February, you would not have had these lovely rides. Could we have seen these parks or had these street car rides, or the walks around the city, and enjoyed their beauty? No, sir; we would have been in the hotel from start to finish. I say the cold weather in this climate is no better than warm weather for a convention. If you want to go down South in the spring of the year, let us do it; but in February and January you have in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois—say, all the West—you have conventions close together, sometimes two in one week. Lumbermen can't go to a Hoo-Hoo convention in those months. You cannot fix a date that will satisfy everybody any better than this ninth day of September does. [Applause.] I have seen changes in Hoo-Hoo, but I don't know where these changes have been very beneficial in many respects. But we are constantly changing, like a kaleidoscope—something to-day and something else to-morrow. Come down to a solid basis, and stay there. Other organizations do not switch around, and I, for one, am in favor of the ninth day of September." [Applause.]

No. 1371: "I want to go on record as being opposed to changing the day. I have listened to these arguments here, and I fail to see any good reason that has been advanced for changing. Some brothers say that the lumbermen are busy now. It is a well-known fact, when lumbermen are not busy, they will go nowhere nor spend anything. You step into their offices and talk to them, and they howl about the hard times. When they are busy they go away. A brother here says that our Nine does not mean anything. It does mean a great deal; and I, therefore, want to go on record as keeping the Hoo-Hoo day where it is."

No. 27: "The discussion seems to run entirely on the line as if it were fixed that Hoo-Hoo Day should always be on the ninth day of the ninth month. It is a well-known fact that in the Northwest lumber operations cease in winter time, and building operations cease in the fall. The minute they cease in the North it affects lumber operations in the South. The Southern mill man is shut down, and that is his leisure time. The brother says that the lumbermen will not go anywhere during dull times, because they feel too blue. That depends on whether or not they have been busy just before. If busy just before, and the season comes for rest, they jingle their money and go anywhere. But in September, with business in the North in good condition, it is the harvest month in the yellow pine and cypress district. They are all pushed with orders for closing up the late fall building trade of the North, the rush of orders comes in from the North that has been held back, and the result is that right now in September and along into October you can't get a man to budge from south of the Ohio River. They can't afford it. Mr. Stillwell will bear witness to me that four or five weeks ago there were no less than twenty or twenty-five of the largest lumbermen in the South going to come up here, but they were headed off by the recent boom of buyers that went into the South. They could not get away, and the result is that not a single one came, outside of Mr. Stillwell. That will always be the case in the South. Again, they speak about this latitude always. They don't speak of the great middle latitude of this country. We want a day that will fit the middle country, the center of Hoo-Hoo. The month of February comes nearest to being an equitable time in Tennessee, Kentucky, and further South than any other month in the year. It comes nearer fitting the business interests of lumbermen; it is a fact that all the lumber organizations in the North meet in February, because I

know from experience; and it brings a full membership present. The month of September absolutely precludes any idea of an attendance of over fifty per cent. They are absolutely shut right out, and can't do anything else. It is a physical impossibility on account of business to come."

No. 137: "It seems to me we are going over a lot of facts that we cannot get at with any degree of accuracy. I would like to offer a motion in relation to this proposition to the effect that the Scrivenoter have printed and mail to each member a return postal card, asking him to indicate his preference as to the date. This could be done quite economically by printing on the return card 'Sept. 9' and below it 'Feb. 9,' and asking the recipient to scratch out the date that would not suit him, the majority of these return cards to decide the matter. I move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to do this."

No. 680: "I second the motion."

No. 761: "I would like to amend that motion by adding to the other dates on the card that of June 9, the finest month in the year and the easiest month for lumbermen to get away from home."

No. 137: "I accept the amendment."

No. 240: "I am opposed to this. This body was called to transact the business of Hoo-Hoo. If you are going to change the constitution by postal card, you might as well elect your officers by postal card. Make the Annual Meeting to come on my birthday—the 18th of May—and I will have a time. I am as much entitled to it as to have it in June. And you talk about the 'middle climate,' the Michigan men will bear me out, when they went South on their excursion in 1895, what sort of weather did we have in February at Louisville and every other town? The thermometer was down to zero and below at Louisville along about the first of March. The weather generally is rotten in that season of the year. I know what I am talking about, and I want to say to you that the climate cuts no ice. [Laughter.] I mean the heat cuts no ice. [Laughter.] I want to go where and when we can have a good time. If you are going to take the wives, you can't entertain them in a hotel. Have it in the summer time, when the flowers are growing and the birds are singing and everything is open and free and easy."

No. 302: "I am obliged to say a few words. I have just taken a trip South myself; been down South for a month or six weeks. I was in Mississippi and in Alabama, and I can't say that I found a man who could not have come here if he wanted to. There is no lumberman but who can lay off his work for two or three days at any time in the year if he has efficient help; and if he does not come, it is because he is careless and says: 'There will be enough without me, and I won't go.' There has been a big lot of talk about this matter and about postal cards, etc. There is enough expense attached to Hoo-Hoo without adding more. As one of our Hoo-Hoo said, we can just as well settle this at this time without letting it run on indefinitely. As far as the weather down South is concerned, I was cooler down South than I have been here, and saw very few places as warm as Detroit has been the last few days; but this is a small matter, and I don't believe but what we can come as well in September as any other month. We cannot get a time that will suit everybody. It would be a very nice thing if we could have everything made to order and have a time to suit ourselves; but I don't believe there will be any benefit derived from changing the time, and I, for one, oppose it."

No. 6: "We have had some very frank suggestions in regard to this matter, and the sentimental side of the question has been covered pretty thoroughly. I think the convention is fit to vote on the subject of next year's meeting; but if it is desired that the brothers be consulted as to

make a final and permanent matter of it next year, then the Scrivenoter may place an inquiry, such as has been suggested in one of 'The Bulletins,' which will involve no expense, and will enable us to ascertain the opinion of a large majority of the members, if not all. But on this subject, here and now, I want to record an item which no one has thought of or perhaps all have unintentionally neglected. It is that we will never go to a city in the Union at any time of year where we will have a grander, pleasanter, or more glorious time than we have had on this occasion. [Voices, 'That is right, that is right,' and applause.] And, without any reflection whatever upon the report of the Committee on Resolutions, I have only to suggest that I am very sorry that we didn't have a special committee in order that the matter might have been properly prepared and a resolution suitably engrossed and placed in the Hoo-Hoo Club of this city as an expression of our heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality, cordiality, and magnificent attention to us." [Applause.]

No. 137: "I am perfectly in accord with the eloquent remarks of the gentleman who has preceded me. I would like to suggest that he be appointed a committee of one to prepare the suggested resolutions. As to the other matter, I want to say, as Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, that I recommended this change to bring out a discussion of the question, and not because it met my approval. Personally, I prefer Sept. 9; but we might as well recognize the facts as they exist, and they are these: We have a membership in our Order of about 5,000; we secure an attendance at our Annual Meetings of anywhere from two to five hundred; when we come to these meetings, we get reports from many brothers that the reason we do not have a larger attendance is because the meeting falls at such a time of year that they cannot get away from their business. It seems to me the only way of getting at the thing, so that we may understand what does suit our full membership, is to get an expression of opinion, as suggested, through the medium of postal cards. If it can be gotten equally well through 'The Bulletin,' that would be cheaper; but I think the other would be more effectual. I believe these postal cards ought to be sent out and an expression had from the entire membership. We wish to know how the majority stands. A gentleman has suggested that this convention is quite competent to settle this matter as far as it relates to the next meeting. That is so, but not for all time. We have an attendance of perhaps 400 in Detroit. There are perhaps 100 in the room, and we propose to settle the question for 5,000. I think we ought to get an expression from the Hoo-Hoo membership before we do anything."

No. 183: "I think by a little modification of that postal scheme we can get at what we want. You are all aware it is the duty of the Scrivenoter thirty-three days before the Annual Meeting to send out proxies. I think that the vote on this question of the Annual Meeting could be attached to the proxy, which would entail no additional expense whatever. You would secure just as good a vote as a postal card vote. So let the matter go over until the next meeting, when the returns from these cards will be in, and it can then be taken up and discussed. I would, therefore, move that the matter be laid upon the table until next meeting, and the Scrivenoter be instructed to attach to the proxies this question regarding the date."

No. 1167: "I will second the motion of Mr. McClintock."

The Snark: "This motion is really out of order."

No. 137: "With the consent of my second, I will accept Mr. McClintock's motion as an amendment to my motion, which was really intended to effect the same result."

The Scrivenoter: "I foresee that some objection might

possibly be raised to Mr. McClintock's motion, for the reason that the thirty-three days prior to the Annual Meeting is rather too short a time in which to get in the responses. I would suggest that it would be just as convenient for the Scrivenoter to include this inquiry with the notices for 1898 dues, which will be sent out in the course of the next thirty or sixty days. I offer this suggestion as an amendment to Mr. McClintock's motion."

No. 183: "I will accept that amendment to my original motion. The motion was that the matter of changing the date in the Committee on Constitution and By-laws report be laid on the table until the next Annual Meeting, and that the Scrivenoter be instructed to inclose with such communications as he may send out, as he may deem most advisable, this circular suggested by Mr. Ewart, asking for an expression of opinion on the date of the Annual Meeting, and that no further action be taken until the next Annual Meeting."

No. 3953: "I would like to amend that motion. He does not state what date shall be put in that. I will amend the motion by leaving the date blank and letting every man put in a date that suits him best."

No. 2714: "I second that motion."

No. 244: "I am thoroughly opposed to Mr. McClintock's motion. I do not believe in this idea of sending out postal cards or inquiry through 'The Bulletin.' It seems to me a body of this kind, called together here to transact business, can handle a matter of this slight importance. It has been suggested that it is not a fair proposition that this body should select a date for 5,000 members. If that is true, why should this body select officers for this organization for 5,000 members? It seems to me that this is of less importance, and for that simple reason I am thoroughly opposed to it."

No. 183: "In order to bring this question to a vote, I will make a preliminary motion. I move that the matter regarding the date of meeting be laid on the table."

No. 2: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "Kittens, you have heard the motion; are you ready for the question? All those in favor say aye. Motion prevails."

No. 3953: "I now make a motion that the Scrivenoter send out a request with his notices of dues that each member insert in a blank left for that purpose a date he would like for the next Annual Meeting, a date that would suit his convenience best and that he believes to be best for the good of the Order; and let us have that information at the next Annual Meeting."

No. 376: "I second that motion."

No. 2714: "Is not this the same motion that was passed upon? I move that we lay this on the table."

No. 2: "I second that motion."

No. 1549: "It seems to me we cannot very well object to that. It won't cost us anything to get the expression of Hoo-Hoo as to what date they want. We will have this matter before us at the next meeting; and since he can send out these circulars and get an expression from our members, let us do that."

The Snark: "A motion to lay on the table is not debatable."

No. 3953: "Brother Hoo-Hoo, there is a little method in my madness in making that motion. I knew that you gentlemen might want to lay it on the table; but if you consider a moment, I don't think you will. If the whole attendance in Detroit had been present, or as many as were here this morning, I should have insisted on the question being pushed to a final conclusion and have submitted to that conclusion; but I do not think with the small percentage of the attendance at this Annual Meeting now present, that we should pass on a matter of such importance finally. I

know myself to a great many Sept. 9 is not convenient. I am not prepared to say positively at the moment whether or not any of the other dates would be more convenient. I do not know the feeling of the other members in Georgia, but the present date does certainly prevent a large number from coming. How many in this room would accept an invitation now, under existing circumstances, or how many would have gone down to Savannah on Sept. 9? I think it is a very serious matter for us to consider; and by adopting this motion that we obtain this information to lay before the next Annual Meeting, we can certainly in that way arrive at what is the idea of a majority of our members. I think we ought to have such a report before acting; and if the requests are sent out, we shall certainly get many responses, and the information will be before us at the next Annual Meeting, when we can act on it finally and knowingly. I hope the motion will prevail."

No. 2714: "As I understand it, Hoo-Hoo originated or was formulated at Gurdon, Arkansas. The originators of Hoo-Hoo selected the ninth month and the ninth day as Hoo-Hoo Day. Every man who is a Hoo-Hoo to-day knew when he joined the organization that the ninth month and the ninth day was Hoo-Hoo Day, and I don't see any use changing it now." [Applause.]

No. 1309: "I move you, sir, that this matter be left for final settlement to the Supreme Nine."

The Snark: "A motion of that kind is not in order. Mr. Vietmeier moved that it be laid on the table, and I guess I will have to shut you off and put that motion to a vote. It is moved and seconded that Mr. Stillwell's motion that the Scrivenoter send out requests to each member for his vote on the date for the Annual Meeting be laid on the table. Are you ready for the question? All those now favoring the putting of Mr. Stillwell's motion on the table say aye. The ayes have it."

No. 1549: "I call for a rising vote."

No. 183: "The question, I understand, has been disposed of. The Snark so ruled. I move you, sir, that the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, as amended by striking out this section regarding the date, be adopted."

No. 31: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "Are you ready for the question?"

No. 2714: "I amend that motion: that we adopt the report by sections, the same as has always been done before."

No. 183: "I accept that amendment."

The Snark: "Are you ready for the question? All in favor say aye. Carried. Mr. McClintock, you will read the sections."

Mr. McClintock (reading): "We recommend that Sections 8 and 9 of Article III be consolidated, and stand hereafter as Section 8 of said article."

(Adopted without discussion.)

Mr. McClintock (reading): "We recommend, further, the insertion of Section 9, in said article reading as follows: 'Honorary membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Scrivenoter by the Vicegerent of the State within which the applicant resides; provided, that such application shall first be submitted for the approval of the Supreme Nine and shall have received their unanimous indorsement; and the initiatory ceremony shall not be necessary to such admission. The honorary membership fee shall be \$25, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues, or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such membership.'"

The Snark: "You have heard the reading of this proposed addition. What will you do with it?"

No. 1189: "I move its adoption as read."

No. 1167: "I move in amendment that the sum, instead of \$25, be made \$50, for this reason: There are a good many people who join Hoo-Hoo who will think it is just about as



With best wishes for the success of Hoo-Hoo, I remain,  
Very respectfully,  
R. W. STEWART,  
Vicegerent Snark of Colorado.

The Snark: "Is there any other business proper to come before this meeting?"

No. 244: "I would like to know how the matter of place of next meeting is decided."

The Snark: "It is decided by the new Supreme Nine. I am going to call them together, but it is possible we may not be able to decide to-day."

No. 244: "Isn't it done by the By-laws?"

The Snark: "It authorizes the Supreme Nine to select."

No. 2714: "Article VI. of the Constitution, Section 1, says: 'Hoo-Hoo Day is the ninth day of the ninth month of the calendar year. On that day shall occur the regular annual business meeting of the Order, at a place to be selected by the vote of the Order; in default of which, it shall be selected by the Supreme Nine.'"

No. 1287: "Last year there was a committee appointed. I was chairman of that committee, and we received those suggestions from the various places. We selected Detroit, and made a report at the convention."

The Snark: "There has been no committee appointed here as yet."

No. 246: "I am a citizen of Ohio, and I would say I would not like to have any definite action taken as to the exact place, because we don't know where we want it, or, rather, where we can best have it; but I am perfectly willing that the Supreme Nine should pass upon that question. They can investigate and find out for themselves whether it shall be Cincinnati or Cleveland or Put in Bay. The point you want to make is too broad; you want to force upon this assembly a vote now, which I am not in favor of doing."

No. 8: "I would move you that this body recommend to the Supreme Nine the desirability of holding the next Hoo-Hoo Annual at some point in Ohio, the place to be determined by the Supreme Nine later, and in conjunction with the members in Ohio."

No. 2714: "I second that motion."

The Snark: "You have heard the motion made by Mr. Barns, and seconded by our friend from Pennsylvania. Are you ready for the question? All those in favor say aye. Carried."

No. 183: "There is a communication on this table which has been overlooked, and I think will be of interest to a few of the members who are here:"

New Whatcom, Wash., Sept. 9.—Hoo-Hoo Concatenation: Washington Hoo-Hoo, in concatenation, send greeting to all Hoo-Hoo, while fifteen kittens join the purring chorus of "Peace, prosperity, and protection."

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No. 246: "I wish we could hurry and get away. What is

to become of the punch bowl at the Hoo-Hoo Club, that is filled up and is strong and good?"

The Snark: "I came pretty near forgetting one thing. A year ago there was a committee appointed in reference to the death of Kitten M. T. Greene, of Chicago. I understand that committee is ready to report. I want the Supreme Nine on the platform just as soon as we adjourn; and if there is any complaint or any suggestions to offer as to the new Vicegerents of the different States, I would like to have those kittens interested come up here and offer such suggestions to the Supreme Nine."

Mr. Defebaugh: "At the convention last year Colonel McLeod made some appropriate remarks in regard to the death of a brother of this Order (Mr. Greene), and Colonel McLeod, myself, and Mr. Barns were appointed as a committee to prepare a resolution and report at this meeting, the same to be placed in the files of the Order. I will read what we have prepared, and I ask for a rising vote on its adoption."

An Eloquent Tribute.

"Drowned in Lake Michigan, August 18, 1895, while endeavoring to save the life of another, Moshier T. Greene (No. 199)."

This simple message appeared in the lumber press in their issues following a calamity the announcement of which was pregnant with heartfelt shock and grief to Hoo-Hoo, to the lumber trade, and to the business and social world that had known and loved our departed brother.

"Greater love hath no man this, that he lay down his life for his friend;" and Moshier T. Greene, with that broad humanity that characterized him and the practical fraternalism that made him a model in our Order, considered his humble employee his friend, and, counting not the cost to himself, laid down his life for his friend.

There was delegated to this committee at the fifth Annual Meeting of the Order the melancholy duty of preparing a suitable recognition of our sentiment on our loss as a body which each had felt individually. This action has been unavoidably delayed, but, though tardy, is as sincere as though it had been taken within the week of the Order's bereavement.

Whereas the mortuary list of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo has grown with painful regularity since the inception of the Order; and

Whereas each addition to the list has been keenly felt by the membership, individually and as an Order; and

Whereas we recognize in the addition to that list of the name of Moshier T. Greene one of the greatest afflictions that has befallen this Order in its history; therefore be it

Resolved, That we unitedly pronounce the character of Moshier T. Greene that of a man of unimpaired reputation, unblemished honor, broad philanthropy, business acumen, and unostentatious hospitality, an "Abou Ben Adhem."

Resolved, That in his death this Order has lost one whose place is not to be filled in our ranks or in our hearts; and

Resolved, That at this late day we join with his bereaved family in our heartfelt expressions of esteem for their protector and our grief for his loss; and

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread in the minutes of this meeting, that a copy be sent to the family of our dead brother, and that they be published by the lumber press.

A. D. McLEOD,  
J. E. DEFEBAUGH,  
W. E. BARNES.

The Snark: "Kittens, you have heard the report of Kitten Defebaugh. What shall we do with it?"

A Member: "I move it be received and published as suggested."

A Member: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "All in favor say aye."

No. 1549: "I desire to make an inquiry—if the Railroad Committee have made a report yet, relative to return fare?"

The Snark: "Is there any report from the Railroad Committee?"

The Scrivenoter: "Mr. Hayward is Chairman of the Transportation Committee, but I presume he feels, and I think, that the duties of that committee were discharged

when they secured and announced the best rate they could get. I was not on the Transportation Committee at all, but have done what I could to assist the committee in getting the various passenger associations and independent lines to grant this rate of one and one-third fare. As secretary of this meeting, I am the man to look after having the certificate vided, so as to secure to the holder the reduced rate on his return ticket. I want to say I have done my utmost to have this done. The agent of the Michigan Passenger Association, who was to sign these certificates with me, absolutely refuses to act, for the reason that I have only sixty of the certificates, when one hundred are required. It looks as though there would be no reduced rate for us going home. I am very sorry to make this sort of an announcement, but it cannot be helped. A great many people who came over here, instead of paying full fare and taking a certificate to that effect, took advantage of round-trip excursion rates in force from many points; some who did pay full tariff forgot to take receipts, or in some other way failed to comply with the limitations under which the one and one-third fare rate was granted by the railroads."

No. 1549: "This is quite interesting for those gentlemen who came from far-off Texas or Minnesota who are not railroad or newspaper men. The newspaper or railroad man can get here and get back without its costing him anything; but there are others, and I am one of them, who were assured that by paying full fare coming we could get a one-third fare back. But we found out the other day that this was contingent upon there being one hundred of us. I presume we can get back all right, but I would suggest to the Supreme Nine that this matter be looked into a little better next meeting, because there are a great many people who came here fully expecting to get a one-third fare back."

The Snark: "It is certainly a good suggestion, and there ought to be some better arrangements made. It is very unfortunate, and causes a good deal of disappointment and bad feeling; it gives rise to a feeling that some one has acted in bad faith. It is certainly unfortunate, but we are powerless to help you this time."

No. 680: "I came from New York, and I wasn't quite sure what steps I had to take; but it was so far East, and the passenger agent did not seem quite clear, so I wrote to the Scrivenoter. He said we would have to come here on the General Passenger Agents' agreement. Not knowing what that was, I wrote to the General Passenger Agent of the New York Central Railroad. In reply, he said by buying a fifteen-dollar ticket to Detroit, and taking a certificate for its purchase, that the ticket agent in Detroit would let me have a ticket back to New York for five dollars; but he refuses to do it."

No. 2600: "I tried in Cleveland to get a certificate, and this man said he would issue it, but he would not do it."

No. 680: "There was nothing in my communication to the railroad man as to whether there would be one or one thousand men here. He said simply to take a certificate, and I would get a ticket back."

No. 2600: "It has been the hardest thing for me to understand, since this Order was organized, why we should be so discriminated against. The lumbermen of this country turn more money into the railroad companies than any other organization in the United States; and yet we are compelled to pay a one-and-a-third rate, while to any plowman or horse man twenty-five of them can get a one-fare rate. I can't understand it. I know many who have been kept away from this meeting on this account. I came from Oklahoma here."

The Snark: "Did you get a circular from the committee at Kansas City, calling your attention to a special rate? There was a committee appointed by the Kansas City Hoo-Hoo, which secured a special rate from Kansas City and re-

turn, including a trip around the lakes, and we sent out a circular to every Hoo-Hoo in that locality."

No. 1390: "I didn't see them."

No. 1363: "As regards that special rate from Kansas City, I have no objection to any one getting a good rate, but it is just that sort of thing that has knocked the isolated members, who cannot club together, out of getting the reduced fare back."

A Member: "How?"

No. 1549: "By reducing the number of certificates of full fare below the minimum fixed by the roads as a condition of granting one-and-a-third-fare rate to this meeting. Those men who came on special round-trip rates took no certificates. It makes it kind of hard on those fellows who could get no special rate by clubbing together, and who had to depend on the uniform arrangement for all members. We all ought to endeavor, as far as possible, to take a certificate, so as to make up the required number and help out those who can come on no other basis. It is quite an item for a man who came from Texas to have to pay three cents a mile to get back, instead of one cent."

No. 1309: "I want to say I think the remarks of Mr. McDonough are very proper. I could have got a round-trip ticket for \$40.20; now my return will cost me \$36 and something, which will make it, all told, nearly \$75 for my railroad fare. It seems to me somebody should look into this matter a little more closely."

The Snark: "I understand that the Transportation Committee secured the rate on the one hundred certificate plan, and that we failed to get the one hundred certificates."

No. 1549: "My brother states he will be out several dollars. Now, I think our Supreme Nine should appoint a new Railroad Committee. These sixty certificates we have are entitled to a rebate. We ought to follow this thing up as a business proposition, and see if that money cannot be returned to these gentlemen. We ought to give the railroads and Central Passenger Association to understand that we are a business body here, and must be treated fairly. Because we have only got sixty certificates, I don't understand that we are to be shut out of everything."

The Snark: "I will offer this suggestion: that all those who are forced to pay their full fare returning will take a receipt, and send those receipts to the Scrivenoter, and the Supreme Nine will use their efforts to see that justice is done; we will bring all the pressure we can to bear to force them to do justice to such members. Under the circumstances that is the best thing we can do."

The Scrivenoter: "The agent said if we could get an additional forty men to make a statement of the place from which and to which they purchased tickets at full rates, he would recognize those statements to make up the necessary one hundred."

A member: "I think we could guarantee that amount, and we can furnish that number within thirty days; and if not, pay him back."

The Scrivenoter: "For three days I have been at work trying to get up those one hundred certificates. A request from this platform has frequently been made for the members to turn them over. On the boat last afternoon I put in my whole time, coming down from The Flats, in a man-to-man canvass, to induce them to give me their certificates. In many cases where a certificate was taken the holder seemed to have forgotten all about it. I would have to enter into a long explanation; then, frequently, he would dig it up out of some inside pocket. Now, with all that, four certificates have been handed me within the last ten minutes by men who had evidently forgotten all about them till this discussion came up. I think there are a dozen or more certificates out which I have not been able to get, and, without criticizing anybody, I think our own members



have exhibited a great deal of carelessness in a very important matter. I most heartily indorse everything that has been said about our being an organization that contributes more revenue to the railroads than any other, and that we are entitled, therefore, to a better rate to our Annual Meetings than has ever been granted us; but I am also free to say that our inability to get what reduction the railroads granted us on this occasion is due to our own carelessness and to the inconsiderateness of those of us who took advantage of existing special and excursion rates, when we all should have bought tickets at full fare and have taken certificates therefor. Another thing: Fearing just what has occurred, Mr. Hayward, the Chairman of the Committee on Transportation, urged through the papers and otherwise that every man who had mileage would refrain from using it, but buy a ticket instead. He pointed out that the difference between a fare and one-third and mileage was inconsiderable, or nothing at all. Despite that, however, many men whom I approached told me they came on mileage. Now, as I have said, I was not on the Transportation Committee, and have never been on it; but I remember that the committee has been embarrassed, in approaching the railroads for reduced fare, by the first question they always ask: 'Now, how many people do you have at these Annual Meetings who pay full fare?' Then it is up to the committeeman who is doing the talking. I imagine he says as little as possible about past meetings, and as much as he can about the one to come; but any man who has been up against them knows how strongly the average railroad man pivots on the past when he is horoscoping the future. I take it the committee did the best it could, and certainly none of us doubted but that there would be a hundred straight-ticket men here. To my amazement, however, out of all those registered we have now but sixty-four certificates."

No. 183: "I want to say a word or two in explanation or for information. When the Transportation Committee visited the Chairman of the Central Passenger Association in Chicago, I accompanied that committee; Mr. Hayward, Mr. Hemenway, Mr. Edwards, and myself went up to see him. The first thing thrown up was that we had never had one hundred members with certificates, and I understand that the railroads don't count in these certificates any out-rate tickets. Even if we could prove that forty men came from Cleveland on the \$1.50 rate, they would not consider it. He told us: 'If you can guarantee five hundred at Detroit, we can do better than one and one-third, but unless you can give us a guarantee we will do nothing better than one-third fare on certificates of one hundred people paying regular fare going to Detroit.' The man at Detroit whose business it is to vise these certificates has simply deceived the gentlemen; and we have got to go to headquarters to get relief. One of the new Transportation Committee is located at Chicago, and is one of the oldest railroad men in the Northwest. He will do all he can to secure relief in this matter; and if any man can do it, he can. All we can do is to take this matter up, and try to get rebates."

No. 2120: "Will not these receipts now in the hands of the Scrivenoter answer to put into the association as evidence of our having paid first-class fare back, and obviate the necessity of securing receipts for our return fare?"

No. 183: "The gentleman at Detroit stated that you must have receipts for your return fare. My own personal opinion is that the certificates are just as good as the receipts. As a matter of fact, I don't think we stand much show, anyway."

No. 2120: "What did the agent say? How do we know they went back on the road they came on?"

The Snark: "It is the safest plan to take your receipt, and attach that receipt to the certificate and send it to the Scrivenoter."

No. 408: "I want to say, while I hate to throw any cold water on the subject—and it would be well enough to take the receipt, since it won't cost anything—that I don't believe there is much hope for any rebates of money. The railroads were very specific and very reiterative in saying: 'Unless you have one hundred men there who can produce certificates you will not be given a reduced rate on the return trip.' All that was published in 'The Bulletin' and the other papers, too, I think. I published four pages in the August 'Bulletin' about this rate matter, and the paper was purposely issued early so as to give every man full time to thoroughly understand. The full conditions, instructions, and limitations laid down by the railroads were published, and, in addition, a lot of explanatory notes of my own."

No. 2714: "I think this matter has been discussed enough. I move we adjourn."

The Scrivenoter: "I have some announcements to make. The newly-elected Nine will hold a meeting of such members as are here immediately following adjournment in this hall. I will also announce that at 8 o'clock this evening, in this hall, there will occur the ceremony of 'Embalming the Past Snark.' My information up to this hour is that this will not be a public ceremony, but all Hoo-Hoo are expected to be here; also that the procession will move from the Cadillac down to this hall to embalm Mr. Hemenway. There will be a meeting of the Chamber of Horrors immediately following adjournment here in Mr. Johnson's room, 344 Cadillac."

No. 2676: "The last order of business before adjournment is the reading of the list of delinquent members."

No. 22: "I move the Scrivenoter stay here and do it by himself."

The Snark: "I don't think it is necessary to read the list."

No. 2714: "I move we adjourn."

No. 408: "I second the motion."

The Snark: "The motion is carried."

**Embalming the Snark.**

The following account of the Ceremony of Embalming the Snark is from the inimitable pen of B. A. Johnson, of "The Timberman," who took a very active part in it:

The Embalming of the Snark began at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday. It had been brewing for three days and three nights. Elaborate rituals had been prepared, and elaborate rituals had been destroyed. It had not been prearranged for the wave of hospitality and good cheer and committee work and convention work rolled so high and so deep that arrangements for the embalming were put off until by and by it was 4 o'clock, and it was the afternoon, and it was the last day. Then B. A. Johnson wrote a list of properties: Winding sheet, 1; shroud, 1; Major Domo and bunch of wigs, 1; plumber's stove and branding iron, 1; awful Dutch band, 1; bucket ice water, 1; syringe, 1; paper safety pins, 1; loan of twelve robes from Chamber of Horrors, 1.

This list of "Nine" was given to Fred. S. Oakes, of Huron, Ohio, and Mr. Harry W. Anderson, of Atlanta, Ga. A Major Domo was secured at once, in the person of I. Shelby Weiler, and Charlie Weeks, of Detroit, was started off up the alleyways after the awful Dutch band. That is all that is known of how these things were gathered together. To this committee, headed by Fred. S. Oakes, "Papa," Hemenway, and seven hundred spectators, must be given thanks for the Great Barbering.

It was 7:31 o'clock when Policeman 99, of the Detroit force, arrested Snark Hemenway, as he stepped out of the elevator in the rotunda of the Hotel Cadillac. It was 7:35 o'clock when Snark Hemenway, Patrolman 99, and three alleged friends of the Snark went into the Hotel Cadillac dining room and sat down to a much-interrupted dinner. Dinner was almost over when the ladies of Hoo-Hoo came each and congratulated and consoled with the Great Man from the Valley of the Wisconsin. A lady from Tennessee said that she had no idea what the band would be; that she had

\$7 in her room, and that she would send the bell boy down with it. A lady from Texas brought the Great Snark some luscious fruit from her dessert, and urged him to be brave, and said that when ultimately he was incarcerated she would send him beautiful bouquets every day. For every bite of dinner the Great Snark took there was also a condolence.

It was 9 o'clock, and the band from the land of the Rhine played a cyclone medley in the corridor of the Hotel Cadillac; the small one played a selection from Lucia; the very big one, with a very big horn, played a Strauss waltz; the half-grown one played "A Hot Time in the Old Town To-night;" and the other one played something that concatenated the other three tunes into a thing of sound which was a cross between a dirge and a wedding march.

It was nine minutes past 9 o'clock when Major Domo Weiler led the procession, which formed in the following order: The Dutch band, the Great Snark and Patrolman 99, and following the Snark these Princes of Pluto: B. A. Johnson, W. I. Ewart, W. E. Barnes, A. D. McLeod, Fred. S. Oakes, E. M. Vietmeier, Ben. Collins, Jr., L. A. Kimball, W. B. Stillwell, John B. Nalty, Harry W. Anderson, and three hundred members of the Order.

The great procession moved to Philharmonic Hall. The band from the Rhine country played every second. Thousands of people gazed at the procession with staring eyes and other evidences of fascination. Horses broke loose and dragged drays, cabs, omnibuses, and things to nobody knows where. People of weak nerves ran amuck in the streets. The great electric lights at the tops of the towers trembled with fear, but the "Awful Band" played on.

It was nineteen minutes past 9 o'clock, and the four Imps of Discord from over the sea stood in open order and tore the air into shreds; while the Major Domo, the Great Snark, Patrolman 99, and the Princes of Pluto passed by in review and strode to the stage. At twenty-seven minutes past 9 o'clock W. H. McClintock, of Chicago, in a ten-minute speech placated the vast audience with a ten-minute guess of what was about to happen.

At 9:39 o'clock it began to happen. The Great Snark drank a black potion out of a Georgia gourd, and sank back on a bier. The Princes of Pluto circled round about. The plumber's stove hissed and sputtered on the right of the stage, and filled the room with a devilish glow.

The Great Snark was no more; he was just an inanimate thing. Prince Aqua Pura, of Pluto Land, applied his instrument. One limb of the sometime Great Snark moved vigorously. There was hope. He had been refused rest above the clouds, and had been turned vigorously away from the cauldron below the earth, and there was hope that he might yet enter the House of Ancients.

At 9:49 o'clock a great darkness fell upon the Hall of Pluto. The branding iron was taken from the plumber's range, and placed upon the body of the once Great Snark; a woman screamed in the gallery; a thin-legged man dashed out of the room; a strong man in the dress circle rose up and declared that the Spanish Inquisition was over; but still there arose into the humid Plutonian air a savory incense from the burning shroud. A tremor passed through him who had been dead, and he jerked into a sitting position.

The lights flashed up. The Major Domo removed his remarkable Discord into the center of the region. The resurrection even had effect upon the "Awful Band." It was unanimous in the selection of a tune. All four members played at one and the same time: "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night."

It was nine minutes of 10 o'clock when the Plutonian Prince of Tonorus was ordered to approach and surface the face of the sometime Great Snark. The heat had taken the temper out of the shears of the royal barber, but he did the best he could. The face of the new Prince of Pluto and the new member of the House of Ancients looked very scraggly and frazzled, like West Wagon and Wandering Willie; but all this had to happen, and it had happened, and it was nine minutes past 10 o'clock, and the new member of the House of Ancients stood beside the Prince of Pluto, who wore the crown, and he of the crown lifted it from his own head and placed it upon the brow of the Whiskerless Great Snark from the Valley of the Wisconsin.

The Major Domo, the Awful Band, and the Great Snark, with the rented crown and the Prince of Pluto, marched back again to the Hotel Cadillac, upon the "Awful Band," and went away into the night. That was all.

**Those Who Were Present.**

- Geo. H. Anthony, Chicago, Ill.
- Elmer Apperson, Kokomo, Ind.
- H. S. Avery, New Orleans, La.
- F. W. Aldrich, Bay City, Mich.
- W. S. Applegate, Cincinnati, O.
- W. W. Armstrong, Detroit, Mich.
- H. W. Anderson, Anderson, Ga.
- P. F. Ahrens, Chicago, Ill.
- A. T. Allen, Detroit, Mich.
- John B. Anderson, Detroit, Mich.
- C. C. Bishop, Chicago, Ill.
- Jas. H. Barr, Chicago, Ill.
- F. S. Bliss, Saginaw, Mich.
- W. F. Bort, Kingfisher, Oklahoma.
- C. A. Bigelow, Detroit, Mich.
- C. R. Borto, Galena, Kas.
- Harry Ballou, Cadillac, Mich.
- W. E. Barnes, St. Louis, Mo.
- F. C. Barry, Detroit, Mich.
- H. A. Bauman, Lewiston, Mich.
- F. S. Bennett, Chicago.
- F. D. Buskirk, Cincinnati, O.
- E. S. Beard, Fort Worth, Texas.
- J. A. Braun, St. Louis, Mo.
- J. E. Butler, Detroit, Mich.
- W. J. Burton, Detroit, Mich.
- Wm. Burton, Detroit, Mich.
- F. F. Burden, Detroit, Mich.
- J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
- Cad. H. Beale, Montgomery, Ala.
- E. W. Bennett, Detroit, Mich.
- H. N. Backus, Detroit, Mich.
- Geo. A. Biessé, Detroit, Mich.
- C. S. Bacon, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- W. E. Barrett, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- B. H. Berkshire, Willow Springs, Mo.
- H. N. Backus, Detroit, Mich.
- A. W. Brown, Findlay, O.
- F. C. Creel, Kansas City, Mo.
- C. H. Carpenter, Frederickburg, Ia.
- J. J. Comerford, Detroit, Mich.
- D. T. Call, Orange, Texas.
- H. W. Chandler, Chicago, Ill.
- Ben. Collins, Jr., Cleveland, O.
- S. A. Conn, Winchester, Ky.
- F. K. Converse, Bogus Chitto, Miss.
- C. C. Corwin, Grass Lake, Mich.
- H. C. Creith, Columbus, O.
- E. R. Cooledge, Mobile, Ala.
- Jas. A. Campbell, Detroit, Mich.
- A. D. Campbell, Detroit, Mich.
- J. M. Clifford, Detroit, Mich.
- M. Chambers, Nashville, Tenn.
- C. C. Conely, Detroit, Mich.
- E. B. Coolidge, Detroit, Mich.
- E. F. Cooper, Philadelphia, Pa.
- A. A. Corwin, Pontiac, Mich.
- W. H. Coggawell, St. Louis, Mo.
- F. P. Cole, Bay City, Mich.
- C. D. Church, Utica, Mich.
- L. W. Campbell, Chicago, Ill.
- W. L. Churchill, Mich.
- W. K. Krebs, Alpena, Mich.
- A. D. Lowie, Detroit, Mich.
- F. X. Diebold, Pittsburg, Pa.
- A. J. Dorman, Louisville, Ky.
- T. W. Dobbins, Lima, O.
- Tom. F. Doyle, Little Rock, Ark.
- J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.
- John G. Doyle, Detroit, Mich.
- W. F. Dessottel, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- T. W. Decker, Detroit, Mich.
- H. V. DeGalen, Detroit, Mich.
- L. W. Day, Detroit, Mich.
- W. A. Drake, Dayton, O.
- S. D. Dare, Toledo, O.
- A. E. Kiefer, Detroit, Mich.
- J. R. Russell, Detroit, Mich.
- W. W. Kelly, Detroit, Mich.
- W. M. Doud, Soughton, Wis.
- C. K. Eddy, Jr., Saginaw, Mich.
- T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
- B. J. Elnts, St. Louis, Mo.
- W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.

- W. D. Ellis, Ypsilanti, Mich.
- O. W. Ellenberger, Cleveland, O.
- J. C. Forester, Cincinnati, O.
- F. J. Feldmann, Detroit, Mich.
- F. E. Fisher, Lima, O.
- A. G. Flournoy, Chicago, Ill.
- J. S. Fletcher, Cadillac, Mich.
- R. T. Flournoy, St. Paul, Minn.
- W. A. Furguson, Detroit, Mich.
- J. J. Fraser, Detroit, Mich.
- H. F. Furguson, Detroit, Mich.
- George Fisher, Vermillion, O.
- W. B. Furguson, Little Rock, Ark.
- C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kas.
- S. G. M. Gates, Bay City, Mich.
- Geo. S. Gynn, Cleveland, O.
- M. V. Gibson, River Rouge, Mich.
- G. A. Gilbert, Saginaw, Mich.
- A. F. Griswold, Erie, Pa.
- P. A. Gordon, Chicago, Ill.
- H. A. Gabriel, Clinton, Ia.
- H. H. Gibson, "The Timberman," Toledo, O.
- Clayton Gibson, Detroit, Mich.
- Harry A. Gorsuch, Kansas City, Mo.
- E. D. Galloway, Howell, Mich.
- Geo. W. Graham, Detroit, Mich.
- J. S. Garvey, Detroit, Mich.
- E. C. Groesbeck, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- M. A. Hayward, Columbus, O.
- E. A. Hildreth, Columbus, O.
- J. J. Huebner, Detroit, Mich.
- C. H. Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
- F. W. Hammond, Alpena, Mich.
- A. S. Hill, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- C. W. Hillebrands, Rochester, N. Y.
- T. W. Hanson, Grayling, Mich.
- A. K. Hunton, Detroit, Mich.
- W. J. Hupp, Decatur, Ill.
- R. B. Hanson, Grayling, Mich.
- C. M. Hill, Duluth, Minn.
- C. M. Hayes, Detroit, Mich.
- F. W. Havnar, Pittsburg, Pa.
- M. L. Hayden, Toledo, O.
- Hon. Arthur F. Holmes, Detroit, Mich.
- H. H. Hemenway, Tomahawk, Wis.
- O. L. Hawes, Detroit, Mich.
- L. R. Hawes, Columbus, O.
- W. C. Henderson, Detroit, Mich.
- C. H. Hill, Atlanta, Ga.
- W. R. Hall, Bay City, Mich.
- J. M. Hammond, Bay City, Mich.
- W. J. Ford, Delray, Mich.
- A. F. Holt, Detroit, Mich.
- T. A. Hall, Detroit, Mich.
- H. W. Huntington, Pollock, La.
- R. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
- L. D. Halsted, Cincinnati, O.
- J. H. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
- R. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
- Robt. L. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
- W. F. Judd, Dowagiac, Mich.
- Z. C. Jessop, Detroit, Mich.
- C. D. Johnson, St. Louis, Mo.
- F. D. Jenks, Port Huron, Mich.
- H. D. Japes, Detroit, Mich.
- E. F. Jenks, Detroit, Mich.
- E. M. Jackson, Jackson, Mich.
- R. S. Jacobs, Findlay, O.
- W. J. Killduff, New Orleans, La.
- L. M. Kimerer, Mattson, Miss.
- H. A. Kilmer, Oak Harbor, O.
- W. N. Kelley, Travers City, Mich.
- J. B. B. Kelsey, Detroit, Mich.
- Geo. D. King, Detroit, Mich.
- C. W. Kotcher, Detroit, Mich.
- L. A. Kimball, New York, N. Y.
- E. P. Keech, Tekonsha, Mich.
- J. V. Le Fevre, Detroit, Mich.
- Geo. W. Larbins, Detroit, Mich.
- W. K. Louer, Cleveland, O.
- B. L. Lamb, Clinton, Ia.
- W. I. Lindsay, Cleveland, O.
- Geo. W. Lock, Westlake, La.
- D. B. Lyman, Sherman, Texas.
- E. A. Landon, Muncie, Ill.
- J. R. Lee, Detroit, Mich.

- A. B. Lowery, Detroit, Mich.
- H. A. Latta, Battle Creek, Mich.
- R. C. Lippincott, Philadelphia, Pa.
- W. H. Mott, Nashville, Tenn.
- C. H. Manter, St. Louis, Mo.
- W. L. Montague, Mobile, Ala.
- D. J. Mullaney, Cincinnati, O.
- S. L. Mead, Detroit, Mich.
- Gilbert C. Martin, Carnegie, Pa.
- F. L. Michelson, Grayling, Mich.
- W. L. Mace, Van Buren, Ark.
- W. D. Martin, Detroit, Mich.
- O. B. Meyer, St. Louis, Mo.
- John Moore, Gregory, Mich.
- J. N. Mackin, Rochester, Mich.
- H. S. Moxen, New York, N. Y.
- H. W. Milne, St. Louis, Mo.
- D. L. Merritt, Battle Creek, Mich.
- C. E. Gould, Cheboygan, Mich.
- F. P. R. McDonough, Eau Claire, Wis.
- J. N. McCuthen, Saginaw, Mich.
- A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, O.
- J. A. McCormick, Wellman, Miss.
- R. S. McFarlan, Detroit, Mich.
- R. H. McClain, Jackson, Tenn.
- W. H. McClintock, Chicago, Ill.
- J. J. Mulford, Detroit, Mich.
- J. M. Myles, Detroit, Mich.
- G. W. Morley, Detroit, Mich.
- W. A. C. Miller, Detroit, Mich.
- S. Marten, Detroit, Mich.
- A. A. Montgomery, Detroit, Mich.
- J. J. Marten, Detroit, Mich.
- F. C. Monk, Toledo, O.
- D. J. McCarthy, Fenton, Mich.
- G. I. McClure, Detroit, Mich.
- J. C. P. McAlpine, Eau Claire, Wis.
- J. A. Nuttman, Pittsburg, Kas.
- M. A. Nulsen, Malvern, Ark.
- J. B. Natty, Brookhaven, Miss.
- Henry C. Newman, Detroit, Mich.
- D. P. Osterling, Allegheny, Pa.
- J. O. G. Oppenheimer, Chicago, Ill.
- Fred. S. Oakes, Huron, O.
- O. B. Osborn, Chicago, Ill.
- E. V. Preston, Kentwood, La.
- J. C. Parsch, Elyria, O.
- C. L. Parker, Detroit, Mich.
- J. T. Parsons, Cleveland, O.
- D. J. Peterson, Beaver Falls, Pa.
- H. S. Pingree, Detroit, Mich.
- W. A. Pickering, Springfield, Mo.
- E. J. Peltier, Detroit, Mich.
- J. T. Phillips, Saginaw, Mich.
- Max L. Pease, Detroit, Mich.
- J. D. Palmer, Detroit, Mich.
- J. A. Porter, Middletown, O.
- R. L. Quicciar, Cleveland, O.
- Jas. S. Redmond, Detroit, Mich.
- J. H. Rodgers, Columbus, O.
- F. W. Rodgers, Minocqua, Wis.
- B. B. Robinson, Mus, Mich.
- W. W. Reilly, Buffalo, N. Y.
- E. L. Roederer, St. Louis, Mo.
- H. W. Reeves, Detroit, Mich.
- C. W. Restrick, Detroit, Mich.
- Geo. A. Ross, Detroit, Mich.
- Geo. K. Root, New York, N. Y.
- F. H. Reilly, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Geo. W. Ross, Detroit, Mich.
- E. J. Robinson, Detroit, Mich.
- John H. Rohrer, Germantown, O.
- F. M. Sibley, Detroit, Mich.
- Frank H. Spangier, Toledo, O.
- H. A. Smith, Meridian, Miss.
- E. J. Smith, Independence, Ia.
- D. A. Sheparson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- C. D. Stanton, Lansing, Mich.
- Oscar O. Schloemann, Detroit, Mich.
- O. M. Smith, Tomahawk, Wis.
- David Shoppensaugus, Grayling, Mich.
- G. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
- J. H. St. John, Utica, Mich.
- E. J. Schuster, St. Louis, Mo.
- W. H. Sanborn, Alpena, Mich.
- J. B. Stevens, Houston, Texas.

- J. R. Shaw, Detroit, Mich.
- A. M. Sollitt, Detroit, Mich.
- R. H. Stillwell, Detroit, Mich.
- C. A. Spaulding, Detroit, Mich.
- Jos. Schneider, Detroit, Mich.
- H. H. C. Smith, Detroit, Mich.
- G. S. Shapel, Saginaw, Mich.
- W. B. Stillwell, Savannah, Ga.
- F. M. Smith, Newark, O.
- W. M. Stephenson, Duluth, Minn.
- P. G. Spanger, Saginaw, Mich.
- O. M. Scott, Crute, O.
- F. M. Sibley, Detroit, Mich.
- Philip Schaub, Detroit, Mich.
- O. H. Spencer, Toledo, O.
- E. W. Staples, Essex, Conn.
- F. C. Trowbridge, Detroit, Mich.
- C. J. Trowbridge, Kansas City, Mo.
- D. M. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.
- D. C. Thickstun, Cassopolis, Mich.
- D. B. Tracy, Detroit, Mich.
- W. B. Tabor, Alpena, Mich.
- C. F. Thompson, Charleroi, Pa.
- J. J. Teetzel, Detroit, Mich.
- M. J. Thielsen, Detroit, Mich.
- E. M. Thompson, Detroit, Mich.
- F. R. Tomlinson, Traverse City, Mich.
- H. R. Updegraff, Saginaw, Mich.
- E. M. Veitmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
- R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
- Fred. Van Vleet, Detroit, Mich.
- J. N. Verdin, St. Louis, Mo.
- R. S. Valentine, Saginaw, Mich.
- F. D. Wilson, Kansas City, Mo.
- W. R. Walker, St. Louis, Mo.
- P. B. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.
- B. E. White, Cincinnati, O.
- G. W. Weston, Richmond, Mich.
- Cliff. S. Walker, Covington, Ky.
- Chas. L. Weeks, Detroit, Mich.
- Geo. N. Whitney, Jackson, Mich.
- H. M. Whittin, Detroit, Mich.
- A. C. White, Saginaw, Mich.
- W. B. Weston, St. Louis, Mo.
- W. C. Winchester, Grand Rapids, Mich.
- E. T. Wisner, Sliam Springs, Ark.
- A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
- J. S. Weller, New York, N. Y.
- P. A. Wagnitz, Detroit, Mich.
- J. M. M. Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
- John J. Weimpl, Cleveland, O.
- A. S. C. Windt, Jackson, Mich.
- P. B. Yates, Beloit, Wis.
- Jas. Young, Detroit, Mich.
- F. H. Yoemans, Detroit, Mich.
- A. D. Yoeman, Detroit, Mich.
- P. B. Yates, Beloit, Wis.
- Jas. Young, Detroit, Mich.

The Ladies Present.

- Mesdames J. G. Hill, Jr., Joseph Myles, Fred. H. Yoemans, J. G. LeFevre, C. L. Parker, T. Yarell, A. L. Holmes, N. Wardrop, G. A. Blessing, E. J. Robinson, Oscar F. Holmes, J. M. Clifford, James A. Campbell, George A. Ross, George W. Ross, D. Donovan, Joseph Schneider, J. Fraser, Arthur Yoemans, George Morley, Max L. Pease, C. Conely, G. W. Willebrands, and John J. Marten, all of Detroit; H. W. Anderson, Atlanta, Ga.; H. R. Updegraff, George A. Gilbert, R. S. Valentine, Saginaw, Mich.; E. Ballou, Cadillac, Mich.; S. J. Stephenson, J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.; N. W. Sinnott, Indianapolis, Ind.; Ed. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.; F. W. Rogers, Minocqua, Wis.; E. J. Hall, Marion, Ind.; F. T. Wisner, Ed. T. Wisner, Sliam Springs, Ark.; W. F. Judd, Dowagiac, Mich.; T. K. Edwards, Chicago; C. W. Stanton, Lansing, Mich.; E. D. Wilson, T. C. Creed, A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.; H. H. Gibson, D. J. Peterson, Toledo, Ohio; E. D. Galloway, Howell, Mich.; J. E. Barr and D. J. Mullaney, Cincinnati, Ohio; M. A. Hayward, Columbus, Ohio; F. W. Bort, Kingfisher, O. T.; Miller, Buffalo, N. Y.; G. P. Gynn, Cleveland, Ohio; F. W. Havnar, Pittsburg, Pa.; Fred. Oakes, Huron, Ohio; E. J. Smith, Independence, Ia.; J. N. Mackin, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. P. Stevens, Monroe, Mich.; C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.; J. A. Nuttman, Pittsburg, Kan.; C. G. Corwin, Grand Lake, Mich.; Misses Kate R. Keffer, Laura Comerford, Frances and Eleanor Salotto, Ellen A. Brooks, Clara M. Brooks, Rattie M. Shaw, Sa-

ruh E. Fullerton, Fannie L. Morley, Lillian C. Morley, Josephine Warren Conway, N. Boshier, Louise Fuller, Margaret Reid, Emma and Cora Baxter, Donovan, E. I. Onkes, Lolla M. Holmes, Gerlie Feldman, Jennie Moore, all of Detroit; Stella Shepard, Bryan, Texas; Leonore R. Scheffer, Nashville, Tenn.; Olive and Rose Smith, Newark, Ohio; Nellie Barnes, Cincinnati, Ohio; Emma Moore, Gregory, Mich.

The Chamber of Horrors.

By reference to adopted changes in the Constitution, it will be observed that there is an evident design to make the higher degree more influential in Hoo-Hoo than was previously contemplated. The very fact that it is composed of those who have held official position, and satisfactorily discharged its responsibilities, renders its membership particularly capable of large and valuable service to the Order in its own chosen way. What direction its work will take is not yet announced, but it is safe to say that new enthusiasm will result from the increased activity of the Chamber, and that the Order must be greatly benefited thereby. It is significant that the Chamber should seek such wide authority as has been granted in Article V., Section 2, as it now stands. A careful reading of this section will sufficiently disclose the fact that something new is on foot in Hoo-Hoo, from which much future benefit may be expected.

The first regular initiation into the Chamber of Horrors was held at Star Island on Friday evening. The ritual for this work was prepared by W. I. Ewart, of St. Paul, and W. H. Ellis, of Wausau, Wis., assisted by J. L. Lane, of Kansas City, Eternal High Priest of the Chamber; W. E. Darns, of St. Louis; A. A. White, of Kansas City; J. E. Defebaugh and W. H. McClintock, of Chicago. The ritual is based upon Egyptian mythology, and the work is historically correct in every particular. It is very impressive. Some of those who were initiated were members of nearly every other secret society, and join in saying that none equals the Chamber of Horrors in this respect.

The work was communicated to the candidates by the following acting officers:

- High Priest of Ptah, W. E. Darns, of St. Louis
  - High Priest of Osiris, C. S. Walker, of Louisville
  - High Priest of Thoth, J. E. Defebaugh, of Chicago
  - High Priest of Sed, George W. Schwartz, of St. Louis
  - High Priest of Isis, G. W. Locke, of Westlake, La.
  - High Priest of Anubis, W. H. McClintock, of Chicago
  - High Priest of Hathor, B. A. Johnson, of Chicago
  - High Priest of Ra, A. D. McLeod, of Cincinnati
  - High Priest of Shu, A. A. White, of Kansas City
- The work was exemplified on R. H. Vidmer, of Mobile, Ala. The other candidates who thus took the initiation by proxy were: H. H. Hemenway, of Wisconsin; C. K. Edwards, of Illinois; A. F. Griswold, of Pennsylvania; J. H. Baird, of Tennessee; E. V. Preston, of Louisiana; E. M. Vietmeier, of Pennsylvania; W. W. Reilly, of New York; Platt B. Walker, Jr., of Minnesota; H. W. Anderson, of Georgia; J. A. Nuttman, of Kansas; Fred. S. Oakes, of Ohio; H. A. Gabriel, of Iowa; Lloyd A. Kimball, of New York; E. R. Cooledge, of Alabama; A. Gordon, of Illinois; John B. Natty, of Mississippi; and W. B. Stillwell, of Georgia.

Another impromptu initiation was held at the Hotel Cadillac on Saturday evening for the purpose of testing the worth of Ben. Collins, Jr., of Ohio.

The membership in the Chamber of Horrors is confined to past Vicegerent Snarks and past members of the Supreme Nine. To this body is delegated the duty of ennobling the outgoing Snarks, and through its kind offices H. H. Hemenway was carefully laid away in the House of the Ancients at Detroit on Saturday evening.

The Entertainment Features.

In this bare official record of what was done and said at Detroit no attempt will be made to adequately set forth all the details of the elaborate programme arranged by the Michigan people. It will suffice to say that it was the greatest meeting in respect to the number and variety of the entertainments provided, that Hoo-Hoo has ever enjoyed. The only thing that could possibly be mentioned as detracting from the perfect enjoyment of the occasion was the knowledge that there were only about five hundred men there to partake of the enjoyment, when the Michigan brethren had counted on and arranged for one thousand as the minimum. It is our opinion that if there had been two thousand the arrangements would have been ample to care for them.

Supreme Nine Entertained.

The first entertainment feature was a little excursion tendered the members of the Supreme Nine by the Detroit newspaper men and the officials of the Detroit and Mount Clemens Electric Railroad. This occurred Wednesday afternoon, September 8, and was most delightful. A special car awaited the party at the Russell House, and the run out to Mount Clemens, twenty-eight miles, was made in about forty minutes. This road is one of the finest electric lines in the United States. Two of its special excursion cars are geared up to forty-seven miles an hour, and actually run up to that speed. Mount Clemens is famous for its medicinal bath, and is almost as great a resort for rheumatics and other victims of chronic diseases as the celebrated Hot Springs of Arkansas. With a population of about eight or ten thousand, it has a dozen or more big hotels, and big barnlike bathing establishments on every corner. It is not alone a resort for the afflicted. Hundreds of actors and actresses, and other professional people spend their summers there; and, it is said, more than a few first magnitude stars in the pugilistic sky use it as a training ground. The water, which comes up with great pressure from artesian wells, is wonderfully strong with salt, sulphur, and a lot of other things. A silver dollar, held under a faucet for ten seconds, will turn as black as iron, and will not pass current outside of Detroit. Here about ten per cent of all the silver money is of the "Mount Clemens black," and no one notices it. Taken internally, in even small quantities, the effect of this water is prompt, abundant, and prolonged. Externally applied, it is said to be wonderfully invigorating, and as a cleanser much ahead of the proverbial sand and a cob. Gurdon Stillwell and the Scrivener were the only members of the party willing to risk a glass of it, along with much beer and some champagne during the afternoon. The former was unwell, and it cured him; while the latter derived lasting benefits from the violent pedestrian exercise it enforced. In this latter respect it beats bicycle riding a long way.

The visitors were escorted to one of the big hotels—the Egnew House—and at 7 P.M. sat down to a splendid dinner. Snark Hemenway presided, and speechmaking gave way to free, informal talk.

This delightful little excursion was under the immediate charge of General Passenger Agent Milton Carmichael, who but recently forsook the Fourth Estate for railroading. Seven members of the Detroit Executive Committee, and representatives from all the Detroit papers, were also along; and the whole thing, informal though it was, was conducted with that bountiful, warm-hearted hospitality that characterized all the doings at Detroit.

The Trolley Ride.

The programme, as published in the Official Souvenir, was carried out to the letter without a hitch or slip. The trolley ride, Thursday afternoon, was a particularly pleasant one. The respite it afforded from the heat, as the car glided up to Belle Isle, one of the most beautiful parks in the world, was a great relief. Practically everybody, except those unfortunate ones at work on committees, went on this ride.

The concatenation in the evening, which is formally reported in another column, was also a most enjoyable affair. In Mr. C. W. Kotcher Detroit has one of the best Juniors now on the boards.

Up to the Flats.

The feature of Friday, the second day, was the steamer trip up through the Detroit River and the Government Canal to "The Flats." The steamer was one of the finest on the lake, and she was loaded down. Probably between eight hundred and one thousand people were on board; and, with plenty of music, plenty of dancing, and plenty of refreshments, the three hours of the run passed swiftly. The view of the shipping in the greatest waterway of the world proved all the Detroit people claimed for it in their prospectus, and was a revelation to the landlubbers. The Flats are the Venice of America, and, instead of residences, handsome clubhouses line the "Grand Canal." The crowd was divided up between four of these clubhouses, at each of which a frog and fish supper had been prepared. Perhaps the largest crowd went to the Star Island Clubhouse, where was to occur the exemplification of the new Chamber of Horrors ritual, which is fully noted in another place. About 9 o'clock, after the fish and frog legs, and after Dick Vidmer had shown himself the man with the iron

nerve, and the face of Ewart was aglow with the congratulations showered upon the committee which formulated anew the C. of H., the big steamer blew its whistle and began picking up its scattered passengers for the down trip. And the best thing of all was this down trip. The full moon shed its splendor alike over castle walls and snowy summits old in story—that is, it would have done this if the castles and summits had been there. At any rate, the long light shook across the lake, and Schoppenagon leaped in glory. How they did dance! To escape the temptation, the genial little minister went below and ate lunch after lunch. The deck planks, plump inch and a half to start with, were surfaced down to standard thickness by the swirling, eddying feet, and the moon did shed its radiance over that. Back at midnight to Detroit and to pleasant dreams, that even the love of power and the fear of political combinations on the morrow—big with fate—could not disturb.

Other Entertainments.

All the excursions and entertainments outlined above were for the general attendance; but, for fear the ladies would get lonesome during the business sessions a delegation of Detroit ladies was always present to plan and chaperon innumerable little parties on innumerable little trips that no man knows of, or has a right to know; but it is an easy guess that the visitors brought away a number of little purchases made in her Gracious Majesty's realm that never paid a Ding (ley) cent of tribute toward the support of a government economically administered.

Among other things down on the programme for the women folk was a visit in a body to a matinee at the Lyceum Theater, where a play specially adapted for the occasion and called "Hoo is Hoo" was given to uproarious applause. A progressive "cinch" party in the parlors of the Cadillac occupied one evening, at which Mrs. J. J. Marten acted as hostess, assisted by the other ladies of the committee, and of which the "Northwestern Lumberman" says: "The ladies formed a brilliant company, most of them being in full dress. Mrs. J. H. Baird was fortunate in securing the first prize, a large cut-glass bottle of perfume, while the booty prize fell to Mrs. —; but it is probably not necessary to mention the name. The prize, a hisque cat, will probably adorn the desk of a prominent Illinois Central railroad official—a case of Tom and Thomas."

The Men Who Did It.

On the inside of the front cover of this issue are the portraits of a few of the Detroit and Michigan men who were officially active in providing this splendid entertainment for the visitors to the Sixth Annual Meeting. As was distinctly stated, however, in the Souvenir Programme, every Hoo-Hoo in the State was on the General Committee of Reception, and many of those whose portraits we have not are entitled to special mention. Every man did his part, and it is enough to say that the spirit of the following poem from the Souvenir Programme ran through it all:

Welcome to our brother Hoo-Hoo,  
The Concatenated Order!  
Welcome Cat and Snark and Bojum,  
Jabberwock and Ardanoper!  
Welcome, also, to the Gardon,  
Custocastian, Scrivener,  
And the other jolly fellows,  
From the eastward and the westward,  
From the northward and the southward!  
You imagine you've been welcomed  
In the other towns and cities,  
Where you've held conventions—  
And perhaps you may have felt so  
When it came to be next morning,  
But you'll find it's not a marker  
To the style of friendly greeting  
That you're in for when the Order  
Meets beside the water-  
Which has taught us that the water  
Is for boats and ships to sail on,  
Everything we've got is open,  
If you don't see what you're wanting,  
All you have to do is name it,  
Other towns may have the lathstrick  
Hanging hospitably outward,  
Here the door is off the hinges,

And the doorway isn't narrow.  
All we have is yours but bedrooms,  
Which we don't expect you'll need 'em.  
There is plenty on the table,  
On the sideboard there is plenty;  
You've the keys to all the city;  
We've instructed our policemen  
And the sheriff and his posse  
That a Hoo-Hoo is a fellow  
So constructed that he couldn't  
Do a wrong if he should try to;  
That his button with the cat on  
Is a proper legal license  
For the doing of whatever  
He may chance to have a mind to,  
Any time or place he chooses.

You are welcome to our river,  
To the boats that pass upon it;  
To the parks and drives and fountains,  
"Hurry-up" and ambulances;  
Anything a Hoo-Hoo ever  
Wants or thinks he might be wanting;  
You're as welcome as a fellow  
With a large and juicy contract  
And an ignorance of lumber.

The Trip Up the Lake.

The following really sprightly account of the doings, the goings and the comings, the putting down and the throwing up (sic), of those fortunate ones who were able to take the "lake trip" is furnished "The Bulletin" by that prince of good fellows, John J. Marten, who, it would seem, adds to his other multivarious talents all the qualities of a first-class newspaper writer:

At a meeting of the Supreme Nine, at Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn., September 12, 1898, your humble servant was chosen a committee of one to make suitable arrangements for a water trip as a feature of the Sixth Annual Convention. After a due consideration, this committee planned a trip from Detroit to Mackinac, and return, via the D. & C. Steam Navigation Company's line, at a reduced rate of \$11.00 per participant for the round trip. As to the outcome of this affair, the committee will report as follows:

Saturday night, September 11, at 11 P.M., after the ceremonies of Embalming the Snark were over, and other weighty matters had been wrestled with and wound up for the year, a tired but happy crowd, consisting of almost one hundred Hoo-Hoo and their friends, embarked on the palace steamer "City of Mackinaw." A happier or more congenial party could scarcely be found, and all declared it was a delightful beginning of the end of the most pleasant and jolly convention it has been the good fortune of Hoo-Hoo to enjoy. The weather was perfect, as if ordered especially for the occasion, and added new charms to many beautiful views. For a great many—particularly the Southern contingent—the trip was a most charming novelty as a first experience in lake water travel. All declared the steamer, for speed, comfort, and elegance, simply perfect. The state-rooms were large, airy, and supplied with the best system of ventilation in the world. The saloons were imposing in their grandeur of size and elegance of furnishings, and there was an ample plenty of deck room from which to view the passing scenes of lake and river.

Sunday morning found all hands on deck, thoroughly rested and ready for the enjoyment of the day. Sand Beach was the first stop, a point of interest because of its fine harbor, and as being the beginning of the trip across treacherous Saginaw Bay. Here is where the uninitiated were told they might throw up their shoe leather, along with their immortal souls and good breakfasts; but predictions were miscalculated for once, for there was hardly more than a ripple on the Bay. Au Sabie was reached at 8 o'clock, and Alpena at 7 P.M. Quite a pleasant stay of nearly two hours was had at this latter place, the visitors being met at the Churchill House by quite a delegation of prominent local Hoo-Hoo and lumbermen.

Monday morning the party arrived at Mackinac Island. The early risers got off to see the sights, and the lazy people proceeded to St. Ignace. On the return of the boat to Mackinac, at 8 o'clock, it was decided that as many as could would proceed to Sault Ste. Marie. Several decided to remain for a few days at the Island; some few started for the South, via the Michigan Central and G. R. & I.; and the

remainder of the party took the steamer "Ossifrage," at 9 A.M., for the trip up St. Mary River to the "Soo." Harry Anderson was appointed a committee of one to procure tickets for the party. We shipped as a theatrical troupe, and thus obtained remarkably low rates of fare. We decided to live up to our "manifest" by personating the characters in an up-to-date opera troupe. We did it to perfection. Pop Hemenway certainly made a dear old "Pop," of hopeful, kindly disposition. His hope of being called to the stage to play "Joshua Whitcomb," inspired by a casual newspaper suggestion down at Detroit, was given a big boost. He occasionally expressed a hope of getting home some time, but it looked doubtful; he changed his mind and his ticket at almost every port.

Miss Lenore Scheffer, of Nashville, Tenn., was a most delightful soubrette, and the center of an admiring throng of gentlemen; Harry W. Anderson was the guardian of the kittens and geese; Col. A. D. McLeod made a grand hero; John J. Marten was the dark, devilish villain; and Chat. Carpenter posed as the young man inclined to.

Mrs. A. A. White was the leading lady; Mrs. S. J. Stephenson was a gay, sparkling widow. The rest of the party posed as bridesmaids, groomsman, and any other old thing.

The trip from Mackinac to Detour, across the head of Lake Huron, was made in three hours, and then we sailed up the most beautiful river in this part of the world. The day was brilliant. The water is here noted for its wonderful clearness and sparkle; islands great and small dot the way. Lime Island, Neebish, St. Joseph, and Sugar Islands were passed in their turn; Mud Lake and Great Lake George were traversed, and then again we came into St. Mary's River. The "Soo" was approached at sunset, and a more glorious sky and river view it had never been our pleasure to witness.

The air was crisp and cool, and it was hard to conceive that we had left the Detroit, people, in a perfect fever of heat. We viewed the locks by moonlight, and again by the light of the morning; and a wonderful piece of mechanism they are, especially the new "Pos Lock." It is eight hundred feet long by one hundred feet wide, and forty-five feet deep—the largest lock in the world. We shot the rapids, and even the swart face of Dick Vidmer, the man with the iron nerve, who took on himself, vicariously, the sins of the world, was seen to blanch a shade or two.

Eight o'clock found all hands at the dock, bound back to Mackinac Island. The water was a little rough on the return trip, and some experienced the pangs of seasickness. A particularly fine "fish fry" was ordered by the party for dinner; but, alas and alack! but fourteen sat down to the greatest layout we had seen on the trip. In a few minutes five dropped out, and the remaining nine gave the great Hoo-Hoo yell, to the consternation and exasperation of the hungry ones, who would like to have eaten, but couldn't. Pretty soon the table was filled up again to the number of seventeen, but one by one they dropped off until nine were left. The Hoo-Hoo yell this time brought three more recruits; but before dessert was reached they deserted, and the last yell was final—there was no response.

On our arrival at Mackinac Island carriages were engaged and all the points of interest visited. At Fort Holmes the boys climbed to the top of the observatory, 428 feet high above the lake, and their lusty kitten cries must have disturbed the rest of those good old Indian braves and Britishers in the cemeteries below. We wrote "Hoo-Hoo" in deep black letters on Arch Rock, 149 feet high. After an excellent supper at the Lake View House, the party went shopping and sight-seeing, after which all retired for a good night's rest.

The steamer "City of Alpena" carried us toward home, safe and sound and happy. We passed all the points in daytime that we had covered in darkness on the trip up. Stops were made at Cheboygan, Rogers City, and then over Thunder Bay to Alpena; Thursday morning stops were made at Point Huron, giving the tourists a chance to see the Tunnel City. After all had breakfasted, we adjourned to the upper deck to view the sights of the beautiful St. Clair River, passing Marine City, St. Clair, and Algoma; and then through the wonderful St. Clair Flats, the Venice of America, through the Government Canal, Lake St. Clair, past beautiful Belle Isle, in the Detroit River, and arrived at the greatest city in the world—Detroit. "The Convention City."

And so here we are, all hands rested, and ready for what may betide during the next Hoo-Hoo year. It was the opinion of all that the trip was the grandest feature of a grand time, the Sixth Annual Convention of Hoo-Hoo at Detroit, September 9, 1897. Respectfully submitted, J. J. MARTEN, Committee.

The following is a list of those who made the lake trip which Mr. Marten has delightfully described:

C. H. Carpenter, Fredericksburg, Ia.  
 M. Chambers, Nashville, Tenn.  
 J. J. Marten and wife, Detroit, Mich.  
 C. W. Goodlander and wife, Fort Scott, Kan.  
 J. A. Nutzman and wife, Pittsburg, Kan.  
 Mrs. S. J. Stephenson, Nashville, Tenn.  
 H. W. Anderson and wife, Atlanta, Ga.  
 J. S. Good and wife.  
 Miss Nellie Roche, Detroit, Mich.  
 Miss Lenore Scheffer, Nashville, Tenn.  
 H. E. Gibson and wife, Toledo, Ohio.  
 A. F. Griswold, Erie, Pa.  
 D. A. Shepardon, Kalamazoo, Mich.  
 F. E. Kimball, Elyria, Ohio.  
 F. D. Jenks, Port Huron, Mich.  
 G. S. Gynn, Cleveland, Ohio.  
 T. C. Creed and wife, Independence, Mo.  
 P. D. Wilson and wife, Kansas City, Mo.  
 M. D. Darnell and wife, Kansas City, Mo.  
 C. F. Braffitt, Chicago, Ill.  
 L. P. Gilden, Detroit, Mich.  
 A. A. White and wife, Kansas City, Mo.  
 E. J. Smith and wife, Independence, Iowa.  
 George W. Locke and wife, Westlake, La.  
 A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 H. H. Hemenway, Tomahawk, Wis.  
 Mrs. J. Huff, Decatur, Ill.  
 H. A. Gorauich, Kansas City, Mo.  
 Otto Meyer, St. Louis, Mo.  
 J. N. Verdin, St. Louis, Mo.  
 C. C. Corwin and wife, Sights, Mich.  
 N. L. Churchill and daughter, Alpena, Mich.  
 H. W. Huntington, Pollock, La.  
 C. R. Barto, Galena, Kan.  
 R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.  
 W. B. Weston, St. Louis, Mo.  
 J. A. Braun, St. Louis, Mo.  
 W. A. Pickering, Springfield, Mo.  
 D. J. Lyon, Sherman, Texas.  
 Harvey Avery, New Orleans, La.

The Communications.

The following are the communications sent by absent members to the Annual Meeting. In some cases it is evident the messages have been bulled in transmission; but as some of them probably have a local significance, intelligible to the members in the territory from which they come, it has been thought best to print them verbatim.

Telegrams.

Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, Sept. 9, 1897.—Hoo-Hoo Meeting, Detroit, Mich.: Greetings from over the sea. A. FORCHEIMER (4119).

Berrien, Ark., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Congratulations, felicitations, lamentations, and expectations for future concatenations. 119, 881, 105.

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Am trying that engineering problem at Wheeling, W. Va. Were you all here, we could accomplish it. 641.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Greeting to all the brothers! Still in the ring! 5122.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Thirty-three twenty-eight sends greetings to The Fall of The Great Black Cat.

Terr Haute, Ind., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Hope you people will deliberate wisely. My best wishes. 427.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Cats here need attention; will take care of them. 902, 4598.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Helping take care Chicago cats. 4599.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Great Hoo-Hoo has been kind. Our greeting to His Highness and all kittens. Impossible to attend. 46.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Me and the "Timberman" is all right. Prithes swipe me a badge by mail. JOHN E. WILLIAMS.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: The undersigned are in good spirits, with good spirits, and outside of some good spirits, at 1253 Michigan Avenue. Take the number, boys. 4812, 4585, 906.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: We are uncomfortably sober in Nashville. JOHN A. JACKSON, HOWARD ANDERSON.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Dead broke; too far to walk. Forget me not. 4039.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, by the tail of the black cat, black cat, black cat! Hoo-Hoo! 44.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Regrets and regards. C. H. SANDERS.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Please accept regrets of 4703. Good luck and a good time! A. GAZLAY (4703).

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: We are with you in spirit, and inwardly worshipping at the shrine of the Great Black Cat. 2130, 2962.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: 'Tis not to save simoleons, Nor yet to be adroit, That we are here this stowsome day, Instead of in Detroit. We're busy taking contracts, Of which we have a lot, That are coming, swiftly coming, With prosperity, we wot. 54, 671.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Bet the treats on the Georgia-bred cats, Hoo-Hoo! 5068.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Keep Kitty's tail curled. A great time to you all. 4934, 4936.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: We are all right. Success to Hoo-Hoo. J. M. SAUNDERS, J. B. CABELL.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Regards to all Hoo-Hoo. Cannot leave; too busy counting money. Superintendent Kinnucan will liquidate for me. Wish you might make a lumber-jack of him. H. A. T.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Two times three black kittens. We would greet thee on great Hoo-Hoo Day. And to you tell That we've fared well, and what tell? We've nothing more to say. 1984, 3500, 1993, 2541, 1990, 268.

Memphis, Tenn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Booming business prevented my leaving home. Long live the Black Cat! 99.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: We are all happy and busy in the home of dollar wheat. 307.

Stillwater, Minn., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: To the kittens assembled we send greetings from Stillwater, the Bluff City. We are two lone kittens. 947, 3181.

McDonald's Mill, Ga., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Greetings of Health, Happiness, and Long Life to the Hoo-Hoo assembled. 4608.

Westlake, La., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Am well and doing well, and hope these few join you in your feline recreations. 20, 60, 1658, 1688, 4533.

Buckhannon, W. Va., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Am well and doing well, and hope these few lines, etc. A. H. WINCHESTER.

Phillips, Wis., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Band of brothers, in your fun, Remember two kittens that could not come. All's well. 500, 2728.

Sherman, Texas, Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Sorry we cannot be with you. Wish success to Hoo-Hoo. 515, 1049.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Still in existence here. Will celebrate the day. W. T. GRADY (5054).

Stevens Point, Wis., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: Greeting to Hoo-Hoo and Chamber of Horrors. 497, 722.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: Fifty-six and thirty-four thirty-five pounder, for absence makes the heart grow fonder. Next year we will be with you if we have to walk. WILLIAM S. MITCHELL.

Clay City, Ky., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Between Mike Courtney selling hemlock scoots below cost, and Spotswood soft-doty siding at four dollars, we are unable to leave the 'burg; but, instead, have to stay up of nights at Jimmy Bloom's, working our eighty-four gear brain how to "do" them. We take Kentucky's favorite to you, having a hot old time in Detroit town to-night. 1849, 4651, 2945, 4655.

Russellville, Ark., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Out here in Arkansas; sorry I can't be with you. H. N. SAXTON, JR.

Galveston, Texas, Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: With wheat, cotton, and lumber rolling this way, our kindest greeting this Hoo-Hoo Day. 65, 513, 4923.

Youngsville, Pa., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: I long to be with you. May the great Hoo-Hoo live forever. 191.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: Great Hoo-Hoo very kind; prices up, trade better. Can't help but enjoy Detroit, banner city of the continent. Love to all. OLE OLSEN (297).

Jonesboro, Ark., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Sweltering at Jonesboro; comparatively happy! Long live Hoo-Hoo! G. B. VOORHEES, F. S. RAWLINS.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: North Dakota members, one and all, send greetings, and congratulate the Order upon the past year's record and the bright outlook for the future. ROBERT McCULLOCH.

Lewiston, Mo., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: At home, hard at work. 2001.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Hoo-Hoo Day, 1898, should be celebrated at Trans-Mississippi Exposition, Omaha. All Nebraska Hoo-Hoo send greetings. 1534, 1536.

Fernwood, Miss., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: The distance is too great; haven't the means; next year bring cats to New Orleans. 504, 812.

Coffeyville, Kan., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Hoo-Hoo hath given me Health, Happiness, and assurance of Long Life. 2857.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: The death of my baby kitten prevents my attendance. 372.

New Lisbon, Wis., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: Still on earth. Health, Happiness, and Long Life to Brothers Hoo-Hoo! A. R. M'GOWAN.

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: I am still in this old town; but will have no hot time to-night. WILLIAM DENHARDT (4612).

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: One hundred and forty-eight is scratching, clawing, and making the fur fly because detained. Kind regards to all Hoo-Hoo! J. R. SULLIVAN.

Sandersville, Miss., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Tidings make our invitation clear of vulgarity, and not bolsterous. 4092.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Our souls are with you, but our bodies are basking in the shade of a brewery. 4636, 3807, 3805, 3806.

New York, Sept. 9, 1897.—Harry W. Anderson, Detroit, Mich.: Sick. O. M. SPARKS (4820).

Shreveport, La., Sept. 9, 1897.—H. H. Hemenway, Snark, Detroit, Mich.: Help, O Hoo-Hoo, help high-class lumber office man to a position. Refer to Arthur Johnson. Loyal and true. CHARLES S. BARRY (539).

St. Paul, Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Ninth, ninth, ninth, ninth. Just taking one. A. J. ASHTON, 3416.

Neosho Falls, Kan., Sept. 9, 1897.—The Concocted Order of Hoo-Hoo, Detroit, Mich.: This kitten regrets not being with you on the roof. Long live the Great Black Cat!

New Castle, Pa., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Hustling! B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C. Hoo-Hoo! 2047.

Pine Barren, Fla., Sept. 9, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: W. J. Berry, Pensacola, Fla., is the best man for Vicegerent for Florida. Please see to his appointment. FRANK JOHNSTON.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Please express my regrets to the society for not being able to attend. We wish you all a good time, and know that this will be given you in Detroit. Twenty-three fifty-three joins me in this. W. O. PAXTON.

Letters.

Groveton, Ga., Sept. 6, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: I've lately joined the Hoo-Hoo band ("Here's my heart, and here's my hand"); And, as our laws require, I write to say: Thank God, I'm alive and well to-day.

El Dorado, Ark., Sept. 7, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: How hath Hoo-Hoo served me during the past year? Were I to attempt to expatiate before you all of the joys that have been mine, I fear that our stenographer would grow weary. Suffice it to say that about six months ago there appeared in the hymeneal column of "The Bulletin" the account of one marriage; that was ME.

But "every sweet has its bitter," and so it is in all of our lives. It would seem reckless for any one to attempt to tell their troubles on such an occasion, but if you noticed the lumber journals early last fall, you observed that a new mill had commenced operation in this section of the country; that was ME.

But, with the sawmill, my new-found happiness, and a big bunch of orders, I am kept pretty busy and enjoying life; also, I hope to have something else to report at next Annual.

Give us a good, active Vicegerent, as Arkansas has some good material, and we should have several concatenations during the year of 1897-98.

Wishing all Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I am, B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C. Yours, fraternally,

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 7, 1897.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: May this reach you, and find all Hoo-Hoo in good health and enjoying yourselves to the fullest extent. I am extremely sorry I cannot be with you all, and enjoy the many pleasures you may have. Every Hoo-Hoo I have met in my pilgrimage (and I have met many) has always treated me in the kindest manner, and I have made many pleasant friends. With the kindest wishes to you all, I remain, Yours, very truly,

Winchester, Tenn., Sept. 7, 1897.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: On the ninth I will be at home working. I hope this will be the greatest meeting the Hoo-Hoo have ever had. Yours,

New York, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: To remind you we still are alive and well.

Alive to a duty so small, We send you these few short lines, Extending our greeting to all.

We trust you're enjoying yourselves In the beautiful city you're "at," And that your duty you'll honestly do, By the tail of the Great Black Cat.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 7, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: I am awfully sorry to have to send my regrets to this meeting. I simply cannot get there. I have been under the weather and pushed with work, a combination hard to get away from. Accept my very kindest wishes for a successful meeting, and regards to the "gang." Sincerely and truly yours,

New York, N. Y., Sept. 7, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: As I shall be unable to be present at the celebration of Hoo-Hoo Day of 1897, I must extend my greetings to my brothers in Hoo-Hoo through you, according to the rules of our Order. My inability to be present is due to the fact that Dame Fortune has not for many moons past enveloped me in either a golden or free silver smile, and has persistently refused to extend the glad hand in my direction. Notwithstanding a series of peculiarly adverse circumstances, Hoo-Hoo has had his eye upon me and noted that I still had good health and a modicum of mundane happiness. It is with great regret that I am compelled to be absent from this the largest celebration of Hoo-Hoo, as it is through such celebrations that the principles of the Order are not only fostered, but are made so apparent. Extend my best wishes to all present for a most enjoyable time, and for the enlargement of the Order. Very truly,

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 8, 1897.—To the Snark of the Universe and Assembled Hoo-Hoo, Detroit, Mich.—Greeting: It is with profound regret that I find at the last moment that it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual. My robe was prepared, and I expected to stand beside my cellmate, C. H. S. Walker, and make the embalming of the Snark as impressive as possible. Transportation for myself and wife is now in my pocket, but will have to remain there unused. This is the first letter of regret I have had to write for a Hoo-Hoo Annual, and it comes hard. I trust the Chamber of Horrors will do their duty. They have my support in anything they may deem advisable to try as a means to "mummify" Pop Hemenway. The end will surely justify the means. Our Scrivenoter has performed his work well, and I shall watch with much interest for his Annual Report. Hoo-Hoo has dealt kindly with me during the year, and if I could only have been with you at the Annual, I would not have had a single complaint to offer. Wishing you a successful meeting and a general good time, I am, Yours truly,

Beaumont, Texas, Sept. 8, 1897.—To the Hoo-Hoo Loyal at Detroit assembled: While you are there and I am here, And old B. Arthur takes his beer, Remember that on this glorious morn In Beaumont town well toot-a horn. Long live Hoo-Hoo!

Beaumont is South, Detroit is North; That's why I didn't go forth. The railroad fare 'twixt here and there Was more'n my little purse could bear. Long live Hoo-Hoo!

Forty-nine fifty-two walked in just then, And asked that he might touch the pen; And these stale rhymes, now being read, Come partly from out his blasted head. Long live Hoo-Hoo!

We know Detroit will treat you fine, But when you visit our Texas long-leaf pine, We'll fill your heads with women and wine— Not the worst, but the very best kind. Long live Hoo-Hoo!

Pine Bluff, Ark., Sept. 7, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: This year has been so tough on me I cannot afford to laugh at a first-class yarn, for fear my face will crack. I have always voted the Republican ticket, and for the past year have looked for General Prosperity to visit us. He may have visited some places in these United States, but he is sure shy of this free silver country down here, and I don't blame him much, either. There is nothing to bring money to this part of the country, after the crop is harvested, but the sawmills; and every one knows the lumber business has been at low tide for some time. Well, brothers, I wish you all the enjoyment on earth, and long to be with you. So just remember this poor devil down in the land of tough beef and Democratic majorities, hustling for a living and waiting for General Prosperity. Yours sincerely,

Savannah, Ga., Sept. 6, 1897.—My Dear Hoo-Hoo Father: Less than one month since I was a poor purblind kitten, groping in the darkness of the cold world. Now all this is changed. I have tasted the sweet meat and imbibed the health-giving water of happy Hoo-Hoo Land. One cannot be too proud of being a Hoo-Hoo. The Order teaches us many things. My lesson was patience and perseverance. I patiently ate my meals off a mantel piece for more than nine days after my initiation, and persevered in my determination not to tell any one what the trouble was. I hope the older cats will have a big time at Detroit. Fraternally,

St. Elmo, Col., Sept. 2, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: On page 2 of August "Bulletin" is an article about "Anxiety for a Record as to Numbers." So think I think that the Supreme Nine should take care in passing upon the list of candidates. A candidate should be of financial or commercial value to the trade and have record for integrity, and not be eligible when say, collecting bills for a lumber company, in his limited trade connection, even though he be "a good fellow." I think Hoo-Hoo ranks should be filled with more care as to the quality, and regard for es-

prit du corps. I have written Barns and Johnson. Cannot you have this idea presented to the Annual? I think the introduction of an insurance feature will be opening the gate to the "broad and straight road" to destruction of Hoo-Hoo. Yours truly,

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Sept. 8, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.—This leaves me well, anxiously looking for McKinley prosperity. May Hoo-Hoo prosper at Detroit, is the wish of kitten No. 463. Fraternally,

A Black Cat's Lament.

A Bluff City cat sat on the fence, Trying to borrow twenty-seven dollars and sixty cents; For he wanted to go to Detroit, on the lake, Where other black cats will congregate.

On September 9, at 9: 00 A.M., He wanted to be with the Hoo-Hoo men; But the distance is long, the ties too thick; The idea of starting makes the Hoo-Hoo sick.

This Bluff City cat is not the one to shirk Any amount of pleasure, when he don't work; But walking to Detroit, on the beautiful lake, Is more than this cat can undertake.

That railroads down here do business for cash Bars this cat from eating good Detroit hash; But don't lose any sleep for thinking of me; Remember Memphis has a big brewery.

When the D. & C. steamers at Mackinaw reach, Think of this cat on the big river beach; We have steamers here such as you will take. Cast your vote for Memphis Annual, 1898.

Portland, Ore., Sept. 3, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: This has been a bad year for us in Oregon, but looks better now, and I hope still to hold a concatenation before the year closes. I wanted to be with you at the Annual, but business forbids. Yours truly,

St. John, N. B., Sept. 8, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: Since our last annual communication as to movements of No. 2016, there has been nothing of special note. I have been steadily at work at Union Point for Andre Cushing & Co., looking after the loading of their vessels, the receiving of their logs, and the piling up of the logs for the coming winter's sawing, as the river closes here early, and they have to pile a sufficient quantity to last them till the opening of navigation in the spring. We have shipped largely to the English, the American, and the tropical markets, as well as to a light extent to South America, and have some four cargoes now to go to South America, as well as one large cargo for Australia. There are many lumbermen in this section of Canada and but one Hoo-Hoo, still leaving a large field for the Order to work. I believe if some of the New England Hoo-Hoo would arrange to make a trip this way, that the Order could get a number of adherents and supporters. Having joined the Order in the State of Washington, if it is allowable I herewith inclose my proxy in the favor of the representatives from that State, as there is no representative from here. Respectfully,

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 8, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: As time has once more brought near the great 9th, agreeable to my agreement I drop you these few words of greeting. My sincere wish is that you will all spend an enjoyable time at the City of the Straits. I am exceedingly sorry that I am not situated so as to be with you, but you have my best wishes for the success of our unique Order; that it may continue to grow and prosper is my earnest wish. I think a big mistake will be made should you decide to make the change suggested by some—that of turning the Order into an insurance society, mutual or otherwise. May the principles of Health, Happiness, and Long Life still be our motto, and may all be spared to meet and enjoy many annual concatenations; is the sincere wish of 984. Fraternally yours,

Bogue Chitto, Miss., Sept. 7, 1897.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Detroit, Mich.: I enjoy the privilege of being a Hoo-Hoo. I am still with the Keystone Lumber and Improve-

ment Company. I have no complaint to make of the way Hoo-Hoo has served me since I joined, December 18, 1896. I regret exceedingly my inability to be in Detroit with you on the 9th. I wish for each and every Hoo-Hoo a jolly good time. Yours very truly,

To the Hoo-Hoo in Annual Meeting Assembled at Detroit, Mich., Sept. 9, 1897.—Greeting:

Brothers, a year has passed since last we met together, And in that time what changes there have been! Some days were bright, but some dark, cloudy weather Obscured the brightness of life's daily scene.

Joys we have had, our share of sorrow, too; For life gives not of joy unmixed with pain; Blessings we own, and friendships deep and true. Brothers, we greet you, one and all, again.

Gladly we greet you all who meet with us to-day, And welcome you as brothers one and all; Some last year with us now have passed away, And fond remembrance will their names recall.

Those who are absent, too, of loved Hoo-Hoo band— We greet them all, no matter where they be, Where'er they wander; see our outstretched hand Grasps theirs most firmly and fraternally.

Long may we live and prosper; may the ceaseless tide Of Hoo-Hoo brotherhood roll onward still, Till in one grand fraternity, far, deep, and wide, We reach the utmost limit, and the whole world fill.

Obituaries.

F. M. Moeller, No. 3751. We have received notice but no particulars of the death of F. M. Moeller, of Cleveland, Ohio. He died at Denver, Col., some weeks ago, but whether he had gone there on business or in search of health, or as to any other particulars of his death we have not been advised.

Frederick Maximilian Moeller was born at Newark, N. J., April 22, 1857; was initiated into Hoo-Hoo at Dayton, Ohio, December 19, 1895. At the time of his initiation, and, we presume, at the time of his death, Brother Moeller was connected with the Kirk-Christy Co., of Cleveland.

J. E. Fox, No. 656. Brother F. B. Cole, of Tacoma, advises us of the death of Brother J. E. Fox, which occurred July 29th at his home in Seattle, Wash.

Jacob Edgar Fox was born at New Harrisburg, Pa., May 29, 1852; was initiated into Hoo-Hoo at Chicago, Ill., October 14, 1898. Mr. Fox was the proprietor of the J. E. Fox Saw Works, of Seattle, formerly known as the Puget Sound Saw Works. Brother Cole says: "Mr. Fox was an upright, successful business man; a man of unflinching integrity, generous in all his relations; a good citizen, who won the regard of all he met. Mr. Fox always stood for all that is good in Hoo-Hoo, and condemned that which to him was unseemly. He leaves a widow and four children."

Robert M. McDonald, No. 1019. Robert M. McDonald, of Camden, Ark., died at the Ouachita Hotel, that City, August 25th, while undergoing a surgical operation. Mr. McDonald had been ill a month or more.

Robert Moses McDonald was born at Princeton, Ark., December 28, 1872, and became a Hoo-Hoo at Camden, Ark., January 17, 1894. At the time of his death he was the junior member of the machinery and supply firm of McDonald & Co., prior to the establishment of which firm he was with the Arkansas Machinery and Supply Co., and afterward with C. L. Vickers. Mr. McDonald was a young man of unusual business qualifications, and although only twenty-five years old he was widely known in a business way throughout the Southwest.

T. B. Brooks, No. 481. T. B. Brooks, of Topeka, Kans., died at his home in that city August 12th. No further particulars of his death have been received.

Thomas Benton Brooks was born in Wayne County, Ind., December 26, 1837, and was initiated into Hoo-Hoo March 8, 1893. Mr. Brooks was one of the proprietors of the Brooks-Miller Lumber Co., of Topeka.

