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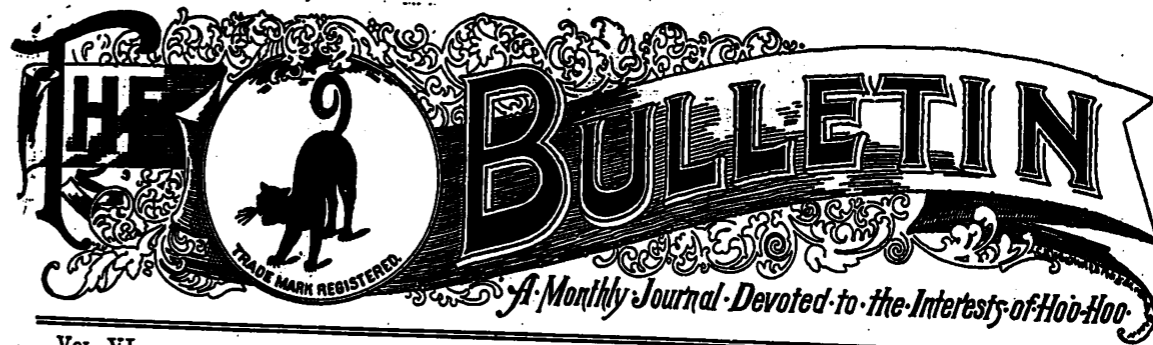
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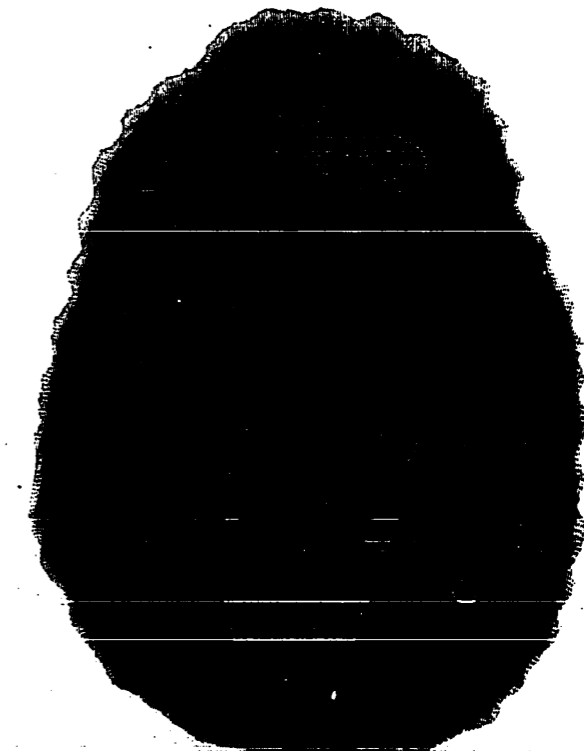
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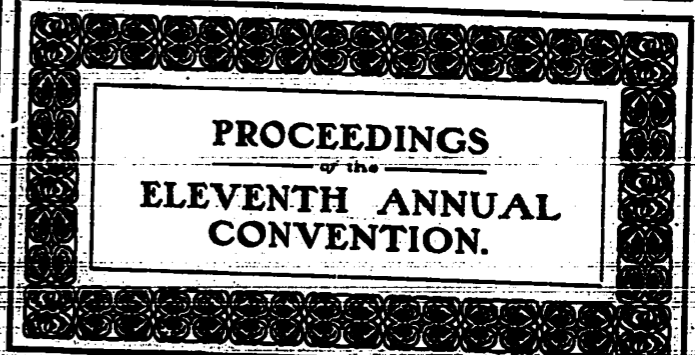
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The following are the Vicegerents of Hoo-Hoo, to whom all inquiries touching Concatenations should be addressed. These men are appointed to look after the interests of the Order in their respective territories. To this end, everything affecting the interests of the Order should be reported to them, and they should have the hearty support and co-operation of every member:

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The Hoo-Hoo territory, for the year beginning September 9, 1902, and ending September 9, 1903, has been apportioned among the members of the Supreme Nine as follows:

Jurisdiction No. 1—Under the Snark the following States: Arizona, Old Mexico, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, and Indian Territory.
 Jurisdiction No. 2—Under the Senior Hoo-Hoo: Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, and Indiana.
 Jurisdiction No. 3—Under the Junior Hoo-Hoo: North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, central portion of Canada, and the Peninsula of Michigan.
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1902.

The opening session of the Eleventh Annual Meeting was formally called to order at 9:09 A.M. by Supreme Snark A. H. Weir. After rapping for order, he said:

SNARK:—The hour has arrived for opening the session. The Gurdon will close all the doors and take a record of those present.

SCRIVENOTER:—Let the official stenographer take down the numbers as the Gurdon and I get them from the different members and call them to him.

Present at Opening Session.

2	1111	3482	6959
6	1180	3483	7032
9	1249	3485	7181
28	1346	3609	7197
33	1355	3659	7292
48	1357	3677	7353
58	1890	3937	7354
68	1410	3976	7582
81	1530	4042	7641
99	1629	4160	7645
125	1630	4172	7660
137	1660	4444	7664
177	1683	4515	7720
184	1749	4585	7815
233	1784	4930	7941
254	1795	4940	7948
268	1796	5101	8008
287	1797	5195	8230
305	1880	5202	8276
369	2100	5353	8274
376	2130	5442	8277
383	2177	5623	8380
410	2220	5787	8405
421	2308	6091	8408
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555	2541	6153	8736
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628	2777	6313	8885
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729	3097	6409	8894
738	3177	6486	8951
761	3314	6590	9445
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972			

SNARK:—We miss some familiar faces at our gathering this year, and I want not to establish a new custom, but to reestablish what our Constitution provides for—that the names of the members deceased during the year shall be read at this meeting. Many whom we have known and loved in the past are not with us, and I will ask you to rise while the Scrivenoter reads the list of those who have died during the past year.

(The Scrivenoter then read the following list, the members standing:)

The Deceased.

- 31—C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
- 53—W. L. Mace, Pickering, La.
- 162—A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
- 297—G. Fred. Stevens, Duluth, Minn.
- 467—J. M. Mott, Kansas City, Mo.
- 760—John A. Tuttle, Kansas City, Mo.
- 1090—James H. Rogers, Columbus, O.
- 1267—I. Shelby Weller, New York, N. Y.
- 1347—John Brady, Indianapolis, Ind.
- 1376—G. P. Hatch, Dubuque, Ia.
- 1635—J. O. Barclay, Council Bluffs, Ia.
- 1695—F. A. Swinden, Waco, Texas.
- 1852—N. M. Bell, San Francisco, Cal.
- 2187—J. P. A. Heintz, Dallas, Texas.
- 2624—R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
- 2711—W. A. Allbaugh, Massillon, O.
- 2748—L. L. Hunter, Tidoute, Pa.
- 3033—B. H. Richardson, Guthrie, O. T.

- 3092—G. N. Wiswell, Milwaukee, Wis.
- 3143—J. W. Robinson, Marlin, Texas.
- 3262—L. H. Fillmore, Joplin, Mo.
- 3408—H. I. Smith, Gilman, Ia.
- 3593—Clarence M. Hill, Duluth, Minn.
- 3712—F. J. Cooke, St. Louis, Mo.
- 3904—P. D. Smith, Lincoln, Neb.
- 3954—C. P. Mallet, Mount Pleasant, Ga.
- 3996—A. W. Newton, Colorado Springs, Col.
- 4216—A. Well, Jr., Paducah, Ky.
- 4259—A. S. Gearhart, Dallas, Texas.
- 4442—B. J. Ehnts, St. Louis, Mo.
- 4600—Charles F. Degen, Augusta, Ga.
- 5116—Charles M. Moak, Johnston, Miss.
- 5228—T. E. Pelot, Savannah, Ga.
- 5735—Herbert O. Kuhn, Monroe, La.
- 6035—J. C. Pulse, Paragould, Ark.
- 6038—F. M. Strader, Texarkana, Texas.
- 6107—W. J. Morgan, Arlington, Wash.
- 6111—I. N. Sill, Utsaladdy, Wash.
- 6126—W. B. Linn, Hazelhurst, Pa.
- 6413—H. S. Foster, Monroe, La.
- 6475—J. A. Miracle, Snohomish, Wash.
- 6613—C. E. Branning, Ahoakta, N. C.
- 6622—C. E. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.
- 6835—J. R. Branin, Brookville, Pa.
- 6904—W. R. Selby, Little Rock, Ark.
- 7120—J. G. Webb, Deckerville, Ark.
- 7401—A. H. Cook, West Monroe, La.
- 7480—J. D. Durel, Orange, Texas.
- 7493—J. C. Douglass, Myrtlestown, La.
- 7557—W. N. Satterthwaite, Brunswick, Ga.
- 7636—A. E. Frost, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 7662—T. L. Van Artsdalen, Marshalltown, Ia.
- 7791—A. F. Ellsworth, Washington, N. C.
- 7995—A. Weldmann, St. Louis, Mo.
- 8176—C. W. Eakin, New Orleans, La.
- 8363—I. N. Gideon, Paragould, Ark.
- 8388—D. W. Kinsler, Columbia, S. C.

SNARK:—I will ask the Gurdon if he will keep watch in the hall; and if any brothers are waiting, show them how to get in. I will say to the brothers that my report is in print. There are quite a number of copies, and they will be distributed, so that you can use them for reference during the sessions if you so desire. I now have the honor of presenting to you my annual report for the year. I want to say that I do not cover every topic that could be suggested; I simply touch upon those that my experience in the work of the Order for the past year seemed to me to be important and desirable for your consideration.

The Snark's Annual Report.

One of the ablest reports ever made to the Order was presented by the Snark, in which Mr. Weir talked of the wonderful growth of the organization, of its aims and its needs, and he made many valuable suggestions for its welfare in the future. The report won the hearty commendation of all who heard it, and it was as follows:

Officers and Members of Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo:

Brothers: In submitting my report, as the Executive of the Order, for the year just closing, I wish first to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation of the many courtesies and honors which the order has bestowed upon me from the first moment of my active connection with the interests and work of the organization. Absolutely without expectation or solicitation on my part, the order placed me in official position on the Supreme Nine at Denver. Again at Dallas I was honored by being placed in rank next to the Snark. The culmination was reached at Norfolk last year, when, without a dissenting voice and with the utmost enthusiasm, I was made the executive of the order, the highest honor and the highest office in the power of the brothers to bestow. A shadow passed over my spirit

as I wrote these lines and recalled that inspiring event at Norfolk. I remembered Brother Vidmer and his impassioned nomination, and it was with a feeling of unutterable sadness that I realized that I should never hear his voice again or feel the warm clasp of his hand in friendship and love.

I refer to these things, not for personal exultation, but only as a measure of my indebtedness and obligation to the order. In the experiences of a lifetime, in which there have been many pleasant epochs, I can say candidly that my association with this great order has been a source of unqualified satisfaction and pleasure and I shall carry the remembrance of the kindly consideration of the brothers with me to the end of life.

These are the motives and reasons that during the past year have inspired me to render to the order my best and most earnest service.

It has been a year of unremitting toil. The interests of the order have been on my mind and in my heart almost every day and night of the entire year. I make no claim as to results. I leave all those questions to the gracious consideration of the brotherhood, but I do claim to have labored unceasingly and to the best of my ability to uplift the order and promote, in every practical way, its best interests. While there have been differences of opinion, I can in all candor say to the brothers who have differed with me that I have had but one thought and one purpose and that was to advance the best interests of the order, and that I have adopted or adhered to no proposition or policy that I did not fully believe to be for the good of the order. Their ideas and propositions may have been better than mine, and might have resulted in more benefit to the order, but failing to realize this fact I could only pursue such a course as my own judgment indicated to me was best. I retain in my memory not an unkind thought of any member, and will say, in closing this preamble, that I have served Hoo-Hoo to the best of my ability and extend my hearty and sincere thanks to all its officers and members for their uniform courtesy and support. In my every effort I have only endeavored to repay to some extent the obligations the order has placed upon me, by the unparalleled consideration and honors it has conferred upon me.

In presenting a formal report, I shall make no attempt at classification, beyond merely presenting the conditions as they developed during the work of the year. In order to facilitate the work of the committees, I shall as far as possible confine each subject to its designated section. The first subject that presented itself to me for consideration and action was

Section 1. Vicegerents and Vicegerencies.

If the order has a "key note" with which all its work and influence and substantial progress and development is attuned, it will be found in the office and work and influence of the Vicegerent. The Snark is absolutely helpless without him. If he is active and energetic, enthusiastic and forceful, the order flourishes like a green bay tree. If he is indifferent and careless the order languishes and soon becomes dormant or dies.

Worse still, if he is unworthy and discreditable, the reflex influence soon brings the order into disrepute. The Snark can do absolutely nothing—only to ask for the resignation of unfaithful men and try to put better ones in their place. Therefore I want to urge upon officers and members to see to it that only representative men are put in these responsible positions.

The selection of Vicegerents has been the most difficult task that fell to my lot during the past year. I cannot refrain from some exultation on the success attending my efforts in this work. As a class, the order has never been represented by more capable and efficient Vicegerents than those who have honored my administration in these positions. Whatever success has attended the work of the year has been due largely to these brothers.

The selection of these officers engrosses much more of the time and attention of the Snark and Scrivenoter than it should. The brothers should render more assistance in this direction, and there-

fore I most earnestly recommend that before the close of this session the representatives of each Vicegerency submit to the incoming Snark a recommendation for their Vicegerent.

I have already presented this matter to each Vicegerency in a circular letter, and I hope that every Vicegerency is here to-day with a recommendation.

The reward and consideration given Vicegerents for their arduous labors are very meager and out of all proportion as compared with the value and importance of the office: I will refer to this point under another section.

Vicegerencies have been in many instances too large. No one man can cover them properly and develop the interest and work of the order as it should be done. Therefore I have, in all cases where it seemed desirable, reduced the size of these divisions. It seems to me a wise policy to pursue.

Early in the year I inaugurated a system of "Monthly Letters" to each Vicegerent. The results were so satisfactory and beneficial that I desire earnestly to recommend the continuance of these letters by the incoming Snark. They put me in direct touch with the work in each Vicegerency. They afforded a means of intercommunication between the Vicegerencies and encouraging reports from any section stimulated others to activity.

I would continue them for the pleasure and satisfaction which the resulting correspondence often afforded, if for no other reason.

Section 2. Officers and Elections.

The methods and conditions surrounding the election of officers is, in my judgment, seriously detrimental to the interests of the order.

The system and practice has been to take members from the floor and put them into important positions, entirely regardless of previous service and faithfulness in the work of the order and apparently without any reason or justification for their promotion. This course of action is very apt to engender strong feeling on the part of a member who has served faithfully and well in official position, or even on the floor, that his services have not received the consideration to which they were entitled, and that deserved and well-earned promotion had been denied and the honors of the order given to others, who, while worthy members, have not earned the distinction. We have already had several cases where members have felt seriously aggrieved, and justly so, by such action and their interest in the order to a large extent chilled by the failure to obtain recognition.

The best interests of the order will be advanced by a change of method. Therefore I recommend that the Constitution and Laws be so changed as to make eligible to elective office only those who have served at least one term in an appointive office.

On this basis I would make eligible to membership in the Supreme Nine only those who have served as Vicegerents.

For Snark I would make eligible only those who had served on the Supreme Nine.

This would place members rendering service in subordinate positions in line for promotion. A Vicegerent could then look forward to some recognition for efficient service. It would elevate the office of Vicegerent, add to its importance and influence, and members would be more inclined to consider the appointment as desirable.

There is at present not much inducement for anyone to accept the labor and duties of the position, beyond the slight official recognition given. At the next Annual that the Vicegerent attends he may see someone who has not done one hour's work for the order promoted over his head and given the position that he has well earned.

This is a change which I believe important for the welfare of the order, and therefore I earnestly commend it to your consideration. The honors of the order should be conferred on members who have earned and deserve them, and not be given simply as a compliment to anyone's personality.

Section 3. Organization.

My experience and observation for the past year inclines me strongly to the opinion that a stronger and more effective organization must be developed.

I do not in any manner contemplate a reorganization, but simply making the present organization more thorough and complete. No structure can stand unless its parts are "fitly framed together."

One element of essential weakness is the lack of local organizations. The peculiarity of our organization renders it impossible to remedy this difficulty. Being strictly a trade organization, our membership is confined to somewhat narrow limits. In many localities those eligible to membership are not sufficient in numbers to effect a local organization. Hence we must lose the cohesive force which this condition gives to other societies.

The only condition which we can establish to take the place of these local organizations is to develop more fully the organization in each Vicegerency, and possibly form some sort of district organization within the Vicegerency. I believe the condition herein referred to is an important point for your consideration. Lumbermen join the order and, after the convention adjourns, go home and for a time enjoy the memory of their initiation. They get the Bulletin, and the Scrivenoter's notice for dues, but it is a long time until the next meeting and then perhaps they do not attend, and hence two years or more elapse without developing any special interest for them in connection with the order, and it is not long until they are unable to realize any benefit from membership, and from indifference, neglect or oversight allow their dues to go by default and drop out. There is no special interest to hold them in the order. I admit that this is not the case where a member takes an active interest and attends the annual meetings, etc., but so many of the members do not do this. These conditions are well known to every member and I merely refer to them in order to have you consider the question of any possible remedy. I would recommend for the present that the Vicegerencies be given a more definite and efficient organization. That the Vicegerent be given more authority and more duties. That he be given a position somewhat analogous to that of "Grand Master" of the Odd Fellows and similar organizations, and that some kind of provision be made for an "annual meeting" in each Vicegerency. If such meeting is arranged for, then provide for the election of a Vicegerent for the ensuing year.

I would also further repeat a recommendation I made at Norfolk last year, to the effect that the Junior Hoo-Hoo should be a regularly appointed officer, under practically the same conditions as the Vicegerent. If the Vicegerent should be elected, then the Junior Hoo-Hoo to be elected at same time. I would give the Snark the right to remove either of these officers for cause and to fill the vacancy by appointment, in order that if an officer was inefficient or incompetent or otherwise unqualified the order need not suffer. The election by the Vicegerency would be largely in the nature of a recommendation, which would rarely need to be disregarded.

I feel that the recommendation in regard to the Junior Hoo-Hoo is the most important of any in connection herewith, and I ask your earnest and serious consideration. This officer exercises the most potent influence upon the candidates, and the impressions—good or bad—which the candidate retains emanate largely from his office and work. So important a position should not be left to haphazard chance in the selection of a member to perform its duties. I will present my views more fully if occasion arises during the session.

I would further recommend that the plan adopted the past year of dividing the country into jurisdictions and placing a member of the Supreme Nine in charge of each be made a permanent feature of the organization. In order to make this arrangement more effective, I suggest that the question be referred to a committee, to arrange contiguous Vicegerencies into nine jurisdictions, and that at the next election thereafter of members of the Supreme Nine one of these members shall be elected from each jurisdiction.

None of these suggestions are intended to in any way or manner abrogate or take from the Snark any of his present prerogatives and authority. I think that he should retain them all, but it divides the work and responsibility and gives to officers heretofore practically idle something to do.

Section 4. Ritualistic Work.

No department of the order requires more careful and serious consideration than this. I felt the need of a thorough reorganization of this department at Dallas, Texas, and in my report from the Committee on Good of the Order I recommended strongly that the question be taken up and the work entirely remodeled. The necessity for such action has only become more and more apparent, with the experiences of the two years since that meeting.

I have felt that neither the Snark nor the Committee he appointed grasped my idea in its full purport and meaning. The action taken seemed to be directed entirely to a revision of our present ritual. My thought and intent was that a new ritual with a full and complete initiatory ceremony should be provided, which should form the basis of the initiatory work in every Vicegerency and at every concatenation, in form similar to the initiatory work in the rituals of other secret societies, but developed along the lines of the business we represent.

From their standpoint, the Committee on Ritual have done their work well. They have eliminated many of the objectionable features of the old work. Have prescribed new lines of work and greatly improved the conditions. But too much is still left to haphazard chance and the inventive genius of the Junior Hoo-Hoo, which does not always materialize for the benefit of the order. The most serious objections that have been made against the order have been along the line of its initiatory work. The bad impression left by crude and disreputable work in the past upon candidates have been a lasting detriment to the order and there are many men who to-day denounce it in unmeasured terms because of the objectionable features of this work.

I have made most strenuous efforts during the past year to eliminate these objectionable features, and it has been a source of unqualified satisfaction to me that the work has been practically free from everything to which a gentleman could reasonably object. I have not had a valid complaint from any source on this point. I have expressed my appreciation many times of the work of the Vicegerents and Junior Hoo-Hoo brothers.

This condition does not alter the fact, however, that even if the work can be kept free from unsatisfactory features, it yet often fails of being impressive or entertaining, and many times is "flat, stale and unprofitable!" In many instances, if a member becomes a good Hoo-Hoo and learns to appreciate the intrinsic worth and merit of the order, it is because he has forgotten or outlived the influences of his initiation.

An initiatory ceremony should convey some instructions, should outline some principles, should teach some lessons, should illustrate some of the conditions of the interests it represents, and in every way be designed to impress the candidate with the significance and importance of the order it represents.

I recommend again that this subject be referred to some committee who are experienced in secret society work, with instructions to present at the next annual meeting a complete new ritual of the initiatory work, prepared along the lines herein suggested, and practically covering the entire work, though leaving ample opportunity for the introduction of special features, in harmony with the general plan, as occasion may require.

Section 5. Location of the Annual Meeting.

The experiences of the last year or two demonstrate the necessity of some more careful supervision of the location of the place for the annual meetings of the order. The decision is usually made amidst the pressure of other business, or at the close of the session, when it is impossible to give the subject the attention it deserves. The interests of the order should be considered in preference to every

Section 7. Our Relief Work.

There has been a growing necessity for some definite system in the management of the relief work of the order. The only means of extending relief to members in need at the present time has been a voluntary call upon the membership for contributions in the sum of 99 cents each, and this fund is disbursed under the direction of the Snark and Scrivenoter as the exigency of the case may seem to require. In the earlier history of the order a special call seems to have been made on the membership for at least one specific case and some of the members claim that this course should be followed in each case that requires our ministrations. I have declined to authorize this, as the calls were becoming too frequent to constantly burden the members with such appeals, and if such a course were adopted it would soon become ineffective and unsatisfactory by failure of responses when the calls became too numerous. Appeals of this character are desirable and practicable in cases of public disaster, like that at Galveston, but would not prove satisfactory as the basis of a system of relief.

I seriously doubt the wisdom of attempting extensive action in this line of work. We have not in our organization the necessary machinery to handle any very extensive system. We have no provision for any regular fund to draw upon for such work, and there is no method authorized of raising such a fund at present. In order to successfully manage such a department we should have to organize it under some form of mutual insurance. It might be wise to do that, but I leave that question to the order to decide. My opinion is that we should not attempt anything beyond temporary and immediate relief in urgent cases, where no other resources were available—a sort of "first aid to the wounded," to serve until other means could be provided for caring for those in need. I believe that this question should be fully understood in order that the membership would know what to expect and have no cause of grievance when they received no more than was authorized. I found it necessary during the year to make a ruling upon this subject, and I append this ruling to this report and refer the whole question to you for such action as you may deem wise.

By some members, and in some sections, the aims, methods and limitations of our work for the relief of imminent distress are not fully understood. Hoo-Hoo is not an insurance order, and it has no system of pensions in perpetuity. Its revenues are limited, as it imposes no burdensome dues on its members. It is a charitable organization, but it seeks to promote in its individual members a spirit of that best of all charity—that which begins at home, rather than to act as fiscal agent in the collection and disbursement of money; and it says to no man how much and when he shall give.

On the other hand, Hoo-Hoo as an organization has recognized the wisdom—indeed, the necessity—of maintaining a modest sum at its executive office to be drawn upon in emergencies, as "first aid" to the unfortunate in imminent distress. This little fund, as you know, is replenished from time to time as necessity demands by a call on the membership for purely voluntary contributions in sum not to exceed 99 cents.

To a just understanding of the charities of Hoo-Hoo the attention of all Vicegerents is directed to the following, and in order to reach the general membership this circular letter will be published in The Bulletin:

Under our present form of organization our relief work must of necessity be temporary in its character, and designed to relieve urgent and pressing necessities, until other assistance can be obtained for those who may be in need. We cannot, with justice to ourselves, encourage expectations on the part of our membership, which are not warranted by the conditions of our organization and therefore could not assume permanent obligations in connection with any member, beyond the general statement herein.

The duty of attending to the needs of cases calling for the ministrations of the order shall devolve

other consideration, and the location not made under the spell of the eloquence of some paid advocate of any city. Therefore I recommend that a "Special Committee" on location be appointed at each session to have the matter under consideration and to report at the ensuing session their recommendations as to where the next meeting should be held. All invitations and all personal appeals from different localities should go to this committee previous to their report.

When the report of the committee is presented the special representatives of the different localities should not be allowed to occupy the time of the session by appeals to the members, except for a limited time and then only by special permission, each representative to speak but once and then not to exceed ten minutes. If ten or more members object, they should not be heard at all.

Section 6. Condition of the Membership Limit.

The report of the Scrivenoter will show that numerically the limit of membership has been reached, or practically completed. Some action should be taken on this question at this session. The actual active membership is, of course, less than the numbers issued would indicate, owing to the fact that quite a number have dropped out from various causes. In this connection two interesting questions arise.

1. How shall new members be numbered when the limit of 9,999 is reached?

2. What shall be done with the numbers of those who have died or dropped out?

In attempting to solve these problems I have found many seemingly insuperable difficulties in the way.

After long and careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that there is no thoroughly satisfactory solution of the questions involved.

A number of propositions have been made, but none of them clear the field of all objectionable features. I am thoroughly of the opinion that the membership limit should not be raised, though I will concur in whatever may be the decision of the majority. It has been suggested that the numbers continue past the present limit, but that the actual membership be kept within the boundary. There is absolutely no way in which the actual membership can be very definitely determined at any given time. Like the waves of the sea, "they come and go."

The best solution that has presented itself to me, and I have adopted two or three different ones at different times and then abandoned them as not practicable or desirable, is

1. That the limit of membership be retained, and that when the number 9,999 is reached that no higher number be issued.

2. Members received after the limit is reached to be placed in a new series and numbered consecutively from one up. That is, open a new series to be known as "Series A."

The first member received after the limit will be "Series A, No. 1," or simply A 1, A 2, etc.

This will clearly indicate the second crop of candidates, and also show rank numerically in the order. Should it be possible that at any time in the future "Series A" should be filled to the limit of 9,999, then Series B could be opened, etc.

It occurs to me that there will be less confusion in this method than in any other that I have heard suggested.

It will leave the original numbers undisturbed, and the numbers of each series undisturbed. The numbers of deceased members will remain as a memorial of them, and the numbers of members who have dropped out can be reclaimed whenever the wandering brother desires to return.

In connection with the question of the membership limit it may be well to keep in mind the fact that when we cease initiating new members some radical changes will occur. Our revenues and expenses will both be seriously affected. The question that will arise will be of vital importance, but the time for their adjustment has not yet arrived, therefore I merely suggest them as among the problems of the future.

1. Upon the Vicegerent and members of the order in the Vicegerency wherein the case originates.
2. If the case requires more than the brothers of the Vicegerency are able to extend, then the appeal may go to the jurisdiction in which the Vicegerency is located, and it shall be the duty of the member of the Supreme Nine in charge of that jurisdiction to see that all necessary action is taken to afford whatever relief the order can extend.
3. Should the conditions warrant it, the member of the Supreme Nine in charge of the jurisdiction shall lay the matter before the Snark and the entire Supreme Nine for action.

The intent and purpose of this ruling is that each locality shall to the extent of its ability care for the needs of the membership within their care. If unable to meet the calls upon them, then they may appeal to the jurisdiction and finally to the order at large.

In all cases of appeal a full record of the case and its necessities and conditions shall accompany the appeal for the information and guidance of the officers and members not immediately in contact with the case and its conditions.

Section 8. The Osirian Cloister.

There seems to be quite a general misunderstanding as to the character and purpose of that part of the order now known as the Osirian Cloister.

Criticisms have come to me based on the theory that it was an organization for a special or select class of the membership of the order, a sort of aristocratic department for the "tony" element, and hence its influence would be detrimental to the interests of the general order. No greater misconception of its objects and purposes could be entertained.

That it is destined to be the best part of the order, no one familiar with the conditions and influences surrounding this branch of the order will for a moment question, but that there is anything exclusive or of a class character about it is most emphatically denied.

It is simply a higher degree, into which any member of the general order may be admitted, if he so desires. Its very life and vitality depends on the existence of the general order, for no one can be admitted who is not a member of the order at large. The basis of eligibility is different. In the general order any man identified with the lumber business, in the proper manner, is eligible, and this constitutes the basis of membership in the Cloister, as already stated, but admittance to the Cloister depends on two conditions.

1. Past Official Service—That is, a candidate must have served one term in an elective or appointive office.
2. A member of the general order becomes eligible on the recommendation of a member of the Cloister. At each session every member of the Cloister can recommend someone for membership in the Cloister.

In neither of the cases cited above does eligibility guarantee membership in the Cloister. The candidate must pass the ballot box just as he does in the initiation in the order. Under the conditions named, however, no worthy brother has to my knowledge been refused admittance.

I make these statements to remove some of the misapprehensions that I know exist in reference to this branch of the order.

The Cloister is destined to become the great social feature of the order. Into it will eventually be gathered all those who have abiding faith in the order and who are willing to devote their time and energies to the development of an order so rapidly growing in importance. I commend this degree to your thoughtful consideration.

Section 9.

The object and purpose of this section is to ask your careful and earnest consideration of the interests and subjects presented in the other eight sections.

I have not written a word but what has been thoughtfully considered, and I believe that in

every section will be found points of interest that relate to the welfare of the order. I believe that every point presented deserves consideration—not that I wish to press my personal views upon the membership, but because I believe that the work of the order needs attention along the lines suggested.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. WKIR,
Snark of the Universe.

(The Snark's address was received with much applause.)

MR. CLIFF S. WALKER (738):—I wish to move that a vote of thanks be extended to the Snark for his full, able, and satisfactory report, and also that it be placed in the hands of the Scrivenoter, with instructions to bring it before the business meeting, section by section, for action.

SNARK:—I will say, Brother Walker, that there are enough copies here, I think, for every member present. They will be distributed; and when the committees are appointed, the report, with others, will go first to the Committee on Distribution, to refer the different sections to the proper committees. If the committees deem best to present it, it will come before the session in the regular order that way.

MR. B. F. McMILLAN (1796):—I move that we accept the report of the Snark.

(The motion was seconded.)

SNARK:—I am not at all modest. If the brother will put the motion—

(The motion was formally put by Mr. McMillan, and was carried.)

SNARK:—The Scrivenoter will read his report.

The Scrivenoter's Report.

The year which closed with this annual meeting was the most successful one in the history of the Order, and the report of the Scrivenoter shows its remarkable advancement. His report was as follows:

Our receipts and disbursements for the Hoo-Hoo year ending September 9, 1902, have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.	
54. Balance September 5, 1901.....	\$ 4,496 72
74. Imminent Distress Fund.....	793 87
11. Concatenations.....	5,830 45
18. Merchandise (pins, buttons, etc., sold).....	875 31
47. Interest on deposit.....	37 22
59. Honorary Fees.....	818 22
69. Life Fees.....	192 70
61. Dues.....	5,556 55
73. Grip-tags sold.....	185 63
78. House of Ancients.....	8 99
119. Chas. H. Adams.....	40
Total.....	\$18,317 76

DISBURSEMENTS.	
18. Merchandise.....	\$ 2,375 00
15. Party expense.....	245 00
17. Postage and registered mail.....	394 78
19. Stationery.....	511 80
20. Printing Bulletin.....	1,530 30
21. Printing Bulletin.....	511 80
22. Printing hand-book.....	1,627 00
24. Supreme Nine.....	39 50
25. Snark's office, year 1902.....	115 65
32. Snark's office, year 1901.....	147 37
29. Refund account.....	48 94
32. Printing material and supplies.....	230 77
37. Telegraph account.....	132 40
39. Cuts and electros.....	66 28
41. Express.....	868 28
44. Insurance.....	28 50
45. Scrivenoter's clerical help.....	1,484 42
46. Office fixtures.....	9 98
49. Annual Meeting, Milwaukee.....	30 00
48. Annual Meeting, Norfolk.....	9 98
51. Good of Order.....	603 91
54. Scrivenoter's salary.....	1,838 32
71. Trunk supplies and equipment.....	148 59
72. Grip-tags.....	493 75
75. House of Ancients.....	70 20
80. Expense of Supreme Nine to Norfolk.....	67 50
84. Rent for twelve months.....	238 00
Balance on hand.....	4,477 39
Total.....	\$18,317 76

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

Sworn and subscribed to before me Sept. 6, 1902.
O. H. SHIELDS, Notary Public.

The vouchers, approved by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo are here. In each case the invoice is attached to the voucher. Any one who wants to examine these vouchers is cordially invited to do so.

Concatenations.

Seventy-nine concatenations have been held, as follows:

Number.	DATE.	PLACE.	No. of Initiates			REMITTED		
			Life.	Hon.	Reg.	Life.	Hon.	Reg.
738	8-9-01	Norfolk, Va.	4	27		\$ 133 82	\$270 27	
737	8-30-01	Hoquiam, Wash.	8				80 63	
736	8-27-01	Des Moines, Ia.	28				124 75	
739	9-5-01	Ereret, Wash.	18				64 84	
740	10-18-01	New Orleans, La.	18				80 34	
741	10-10-01	Amarilla, Texas	18				65 00	
742	11-2-01	Galveston, Texas	6				25 25	
743	11-28-01	Boston, Mass.	10				85 00	
744	11-12-01	Savannah, Ga.	2	17	40 68		80 58	
745	12-6-01	Centalla, Wash.	7				37 28	
746	12-8-01	Wheeler, W. Va.	7				40 08	
747	12-12-01	Omaha, Neb.	7				180 00	
748	12-14-01	Oklahoma City, O.T.	8				33 00	
749	12-12-01	Leadville, Colo.	19				50 33	
750	12-14-01	Houston, Texas	3	2	70 02	150 00	62 40	
751	12-14-01	Pine Bluff, Ark.	15				50 79	
752	12-23-01	Danville, Ky.	11				30 93	
753	1-1-02	Louisville, Ky.	8				15 00	
754	1-14-02	Memphis, Tenn.	5				24 94	
755	1-10-02	Columbia, S. C.	6				23 00	
756	1-4-02	Cleveland, Ohio	6				74 55	
757	1-14-02	Minneapolis, Minn.	15				40 00	
758	1-18-02	Indianapolis, Ind.	8				74 85	
759	1-14-02	Seattle, Wash.	15				80 01	
760	1-22-02	Indianapolis, Ind.	9				108 50	
761	1-28-02	Centralia, Ill.	9				135 00	
762	1-30-02	Cincinnati, Ohio	27				223 77	
763	2-2-02	Kansas City, Mo.	18				80 37	
764	2-23-02	Ft. Worth, Texas	13				33 00	
765	2-8-02	Mobile, Ala.	5				50 00	
766	2-8-02	Muscatine, Iowa	10				120 24	
767	2-12-02	Lincoln, Neb.	24				64 43	
768	2-18-02	Kansas City, Mo.	18				85 00	
769	2-18-02	Milwaukee, Wis.	13				48 96	
770	2-18-02	Spokane, Wash.	17				100 20	
771	2-18-02	Missoula, Mont.	22				50 00	
772	2-21-02	Jacksonville, Fla.	17				82 39	
773	2-22-02	Nashville, Tenn.	13				30 00	
774	2-20-02	Danville, Ark.	10				44 91	
775	2-21-02	Ruston, La.	6				24 05	
776	3-7-02	Norfolk, Va.	6				53 47	
777	3-23-02	St. Louis, Mo.	10				39 32	
778	3-23-02	Nashville, Tenn.	9				27 55	
779	4-4-02	New Castle, Pa.	9				158 20	
780	4-4-02	Fargo, N. D.	6				90 00	
781	4-12-02	Charleston, S. C.	9				118 54	
782	4-9-02	Houston, Texas	1	63	28 93		67 87	
783	4-18-02	Charleston, S. C.	1	8			64 37	
784	4-23-02	Atlanta, Ga.	5				25 05	
785	4-19-02	Meridian, Miss.	30				38 31	
786	4-18-02	Ruston, La.	15				75 00	
787	4-22-02	Buckley, La.	17				30 00	
788	5-3-02	Fayetteville, Ark.	17				100 20	
789	5-23-02	Osaka, Ill.	15				9 98	
790	4-10-02	Spokane, Wash.	19				45 11	
791	4-23-02	Buffalo, N. Y.	5				30 00	
792	4-23-02	Sioux Falls, S. D.	11				116 00	
793	5-30-02	Sioux Falls, S. D.	9				60 12	
794	6-18-02	Terre Haute, Ind.	15				55 00	
795	6-17-02	Tifton, Ga.	6				88 58	
796	6-24-02	Columbia, S. C.	2				129 38	
797	6-24-02	Olympia, Wash.	9				95 00	
798	6-25-02	Alva, O. T.	18				46 91	
800	7-16-02	New Orleans, La.	9				80 00	
801	7-18-02	Denver, Colo.	9				85 00	
802	7-20-02	Little Rock, Ark.	14				90 88	
803	7-23-02	Tifton, Ga.	14				45 00	
804	8-8-02	Fayetteville, Ark.	12				129 38	
805	8-9-02	Lake Charles, La.	1	86	88 56		70 00	
806	8-15-02	Fairbairn, W. Va.	17				85 00	
807	8-23-02	Orange, Texas	14				89 58	
808	8-21-02	Milwaukee, Wis.	18				116 00	
809	8-21-02	Seattle, Wash.	28				50 00	
810	8-23-02	Jacksonville, Fla.	1	10	25 54		120 24	
811	8-23-02	Orange, Texas	24				117 23	
812	8-24-02	Larkin, Texas	23				49 87	
813	9-4-02	St. Louis, Mo.	7				60 87	
814	9-2-12	Buffalo, N. Y.	12					

* This is a fictitious concatenation, made necessary to straighten roll; one of the initiates of Concatenation No. 738 was left out by the Vicegerent in reporting that meeting, an omission not discovered until No. 739 and one other concatenation had been enrolled on my books.

† The gross receipts of the concatenation at Missoula, Montana, and of the first one held at Spokane, Wash., were allowed by the Supreme Nine for expenses, a corps of men having come over from the Coast to hold them. This explains why no remittance was made for these two meetings.

It will be noticed from the foregoing that 1,131 regular members, 6 honorary members and 8 life members have been admitted. This far exceeds the record of any previous year since I have held the office of Scrivenoter. The number of men initiated and the number of concatenations held since I have held this office have been as below:

1897.....	68 concatenations,	687 men
1898.....	74 concatenations,	756 men
1899.....	85 concatenations,	861 men
1900.....	83 concatenations,	928 men
1901.....	70 concatenations,	747 men
1902.....	77 concatenations,	1131 men

The average number of initiates at concatenations for the several years since I have held this office is as follows: 1897, 10.10; 1898, 10.21; 1899, 10.10; 1900, 11.18; 1901, 10.67; 1902, 14.44. It will be seen, therefore, that the year now being reported exceeds all previous years by a goodly number in the average number of initiates at concatenations, showing that fewer very small concatenations have been held. These very small concatenations are usually poor concatenations, since they are hurriedly and imperfectly worked up. The present Supreme Nine has strenuously sought to guard against these hurriedly arranged-for and slovenly meetings, and is gratified at the results shown. We recognize that it is quality and not numbers that is the first consideration; but this Supreme Nine has also recognized that it is at the most carefully worked up concatenations that the quality of the initiates is best. The division of the Hoo-Hoo territory into jurisdictions under the immediate supervision of the several members of the Supreme Nine has greatly aided in the work of closely looking after concatenations before they become au fait accompli, and the truth of the old adage has been demonstrated—"An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Record of Work in the Vicegerencies.

The record of work done in the various Vicegerencies for the year is as below:

VICI GERENTS.	Concatenations.			Honorary.	Life.
	Concatenations.	Regular Initiates.	Honorary.		
Alabama (Northern Dist.)—Joseph H. Scruggs.....	1	5			
Alabama (Southern Dist.)—H. W. Wylie.....	1	5			
Arkansas (Northeastern Dist.)—Frank W. Wingo.....	1	7			
Arkansas (Western Dist.)—James Brizola.....	1	7			
Arkansas (Southeastern Dist.)—H. G. Cady.....	1	13			
California—W. W. Rowlett.....	1	13			
Colorado—C. E. Hampton.....	2	23	1		
Florida (Eastern Dist.)—H. H. Richardson.....	2	63			
Florida (Western Dist.)—V. E. Wright.....	2	28	1		
Georgia (Southeastern Dist.)—Geo. Denny.....	1	17			
Georgia (Southwestern Dist.)—J. Leo Eudgen.....	1	24			
Georgia (Northern Dist.)—C. A. Cowles.....	1	6			
Illinois (Northern Dist.)—J. L. Lane.....	1	5			</

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	Concates-nations.	Regular Initiates.	Honorary.	Life.
Texas (Northern Dist.)—B. F. Orr.....	2	26		
Texas (Southern Dist.)—J. S. Bonner.....	5	116	2	4
Virginia—J. E. Duke.....	1	27	14	
Virginia—L. F. DeBordenave.....	1	8		
Washington—A. H. Calder.....	1	21		
Washington (Eastern Dist.)—P. T. Contino.....	1	18		
Washington (Western Dist.)—V. H. Beckman.....	8	180		
West Virginia—E. Stringer Boggess.....	1	29		
Wisconsin—T. S. Wilkin.....	1	18		
Wisconsin—J. J. Williams.....	1	18		
Total.....	70	1181	6	8

*The concatenation here credited was held at Terre Haute, Ind., and being in the district of the Vicegerent for Southern Indiana, it is credited to D. R. MacLaren. As a matter of fact, the concatenation was held by ex-Vicegerent Charles Wolfen, assisted by W. P. Hubbard, who had made all preliminary arrangements.

†Both the concatenations in the Northern District of Louisiana, though credited to Vicegerent E. W. Anderson, were really in great part arranged for and held by Brother S. R. Cloud, of Houston, La. A famous soldier of France, who never held a commission, is to this day known as the "First Private of France." The good work done by Brother Cloud ought at least to entitle him to be called the "First Private of Hoo-Hoo."

‡The State of Mississippi is credited with one concatenation, divided equally between its two Vicegerents. This meeting was held at Meridian, and was a notably successful one, both the Vicegerents for Alabama having come over to participate, as did also ex-Vicegerent W. C. Fellows, of Birmingham. The meeting was worked up by Brothers E. M. and E. J. Martin, assisted by other members at Meridian.

§This credit to Vicegerent Bookman includes twenty-two men initiated by him at Missoula, Mont., assisted by Supreme Jabberwock T. H. Claffey, E. Clark Evans, of Seattle, Walter O. Barnhart, of Tacoma, and James A. Clook, of Portland, Ore., who made the long trip especially to introduce Hoo-Hoo among Montanians.

||The four men here credited to Mr. Duke as Honoraries were taken in at the annual concatenation at Norfolk September 9, 1901, under the old provision of the Constitution governing Honorary membership. They paid the old fee of \$33.33 each. Under the new provision made at the Norfolk annual meeting only two Honorary members have been admitted—both by Vicegerent J. S. Bonner, in the jurisdiction of the Senior Hoo-Hoo.

It will be seen from the foregoing that Vicegerent Victor H. Beckman, of the Western District of Washington, bears off the palm, both as to number of concatenations and number of initiates. He has to his credit 8 1-2 concatenations and 130 men. Vicegerent J. S. Bonner, of the Southern District of Texas, is second, with five concatenations, 116 regular initiates, 2 honorary and 4 life members. Mr. Bonner leads in the matter of life and honorary members. Vicegerent James Brizzolara, of the Western District of Arkansas is third by a good working majority, having to his credit five concatenations and 71 initiates. Vicegerent E. A. Donnelly, of the Southern District of Louisiana, holds fourth place, with three concatenations and 58 men to his credit.

In comparing these "place" men with the flying leader from the Pacific Coast, it is but fair to say that in many instances the "place" men have had as "districts" a geographically smaller territory than Brother Beckman; but on the other hand, Mr. Beckman invited this expansive geography by an early manifested disposition to cover it.

The largest concatenation of this Hoo-Hoo year was held by Vicegerent J. S. Bonner at Houston, Texas, where the number of initiates was 52. The second largest concatenation was held at Kansas City, where Vicegerent S. Ray Oliver initiated 44 men. Vicegerents J. H. Doppes, C. D. Rourke and E. A. Donnelly have all had notably large and notably successful meetings, demonstrating the effectiveness of thorough preliminary work.

Before leaving this matter of the work in the Vicegerencies I cannot refrain from calling attention to the gratifying geographical distribution of these concatenations, and to invite attention to the very small number of Vicegerencies in which no concatenations have been held; and in nearly every one of those Vicegerencies in which no concatenations were held there were local or unavoidable causes—illness, long absences, etc., of the Vicegerent.

Another very gratifying feature of the year's work is the very hearty and vigorous co-operation of the

lay members. In many instances the success of some of the very best meetings was due to the earnest efforts of these faithful volunteer workers.

A Vicegerent who creditably acquires himself during one term of office is deserving of the highest praise and the hearty thanks of the Supreme Nine, but when a man willingly and faithfully serves as a Vicegerent for two successive years, he shows a degree of devotion that puts the Order under lasting obligation. Vicegerent E. Stringer Boggess, of West Virginia, and Vicegerent H. H. Richardson, of the Eastern District of Florida, have each just closed his second term of office, as has also Vicegerent J. Moetzel, of the Southern District of Iowa.

Record of Work by Jurisdictions.
The record of work by jurisdictions is as below:

JURISDICTIONS.	Concates-nations.	No. of Initiates.		
		Reg.	Hon.	Life.
(1) Snark, A. H. Weir—Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and Republic of Mexico.....	7	107		
(2) Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Norris—Arkansas, Oklahoma Territory, Indian Territory, Louisiana and Texas.....	30	374	2	5
(3) Junior Hoo-Hoo, Geo. B. Maegley—Iowa, Missouri and Kansas.....	6	96		
(4) Bojum, J. E. Duke—Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland.....	5	62	4	
(5) Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird—Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi.....	7	77		
(6) Jabberwock, T. H. Claffey—California, Oregon and Washington.....	12	170		
(7) Custocatian, B. E. Neal—Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.....	10	100		8
(8) Arcanoper, C. H. Stanton—New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio.....	6	68		
(9) Gurdon, G. F. Bruffett—Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....	6	77		
Total.....	79	1181	6	8

It will be seen from the foregoing that Jurisdiction No. 2, under the supervision of Senior Hoo-Hoo W. H. Norris, leads, with twenty concatenations and 374 regular, 2 honorary and 5 life initiates. Jurisdiction No. 6, under the supervision of the Supreme Jabberwock, T. H. Claffey, is second, with twelve concatenations and 170 initiates. Jurisdiction No. 1, under the supervision of the Snark of the Universe, A. H. Weir, is third, with seven concatenations and 107 initiates. The Jurisdiction of the Custocatian, Junior Hoo-Hoo, Gurdon, Scrivenoter, Arcanoper and Bojum follow in the order named, the Scrivenoter and the Gurdon having an equal number of initiates—77.

Deceased.

We have had reported the death of fifty-eight members, as below:

81. C. W. Goodlander.....	Ft. Scott, Kans.
83. W. L. Maeo.....	Pickering, La.
152. A. A. White.....	Kansas City, Mo.
297. G. Fred Stevens.....	Duluth, Minn.
407. J. M. Motz.....	Kansas City, Mo.
760. John A. Tuttle.....	Kansas City, Mo.
1000. James H. Rogers.....	Columbus, Ohio.
1297. I. Shelby Weller.....	New York, N. Y.
1847. John Brady.....	Indianapolis, Ind.
1878. G. P. Hatch.....	Dubuque, Iowa.
1888. J. O. Baraby.....	Council Bluffs, Iowa.
1895. F. A. Swindson.....	Waco, Texas.
1892. N. M. Bell.....	San Francisco, Cal.
2187. J. P. A. Helntz.....	Dallas, Texas.
2624. B. H. Vidmer.....	Mobile, Ala.
2711. W. A. Allbaugh.....	Massillon, Ohio.
2748. L. L. Hunter.....	Tidoute, Pa.
3083. E. H. Richardson.....	Guthrie, O. T.
3092. G. N. Wisniewski.....	Milwaukee, Wis.
3143. J. W. Robinson.....	San Antonio, Texas.
3202. L. H. Fillmore.....	Scalia, Mo.
3408. E. I. Smith.....	Gilman, Iowa.
3529. Clarence M. Hill.....	Duluth, Minn.
3712. E. J. Cooke.....	St. Louis, Mo.
3804. P. D. Smith.....	Lincoln, Neb.
3934. C. P. Mallett.....	Mt. Pleasant, Ga.
3990. A. W. Newton.....	Colorado Springs, Co.
4216. A. Well, Jr.....	Paducah, Ky.
4259. A. S. Gearhart.....	Dallas, Texas.
4442. E. J. Ebbs.....	St. Louis, Mo.
4529. Chas. F. Degen.....	Augusta, Ga.
5118. Chas. F. Degen.....	Johnston, Miss.
5228. T. E. Pelot.....	Savannah, Ga.

5785. Herbert O. Kuhn.....	Monroe, La.
5928. J. O. Pulso.....	Paragonia, Ark.
6363. F. M. Strader.....	Texarkana, Texas.
6107. W. J. Morgan.....	Arlington, Wash.
6111. I. N. Hill.....	Utsaladdy, Wash.
6120. W. B. Linn.....	Hazlehurst, Pa.
6413. H. S. Foster.....	Monroe, La.
6475. J. A. Miracles.....	Sachomish, Wash.
6513. O. E. Branning.....	Absolite, N. C.
6522. C. E. Smith.....	Memphis, Tenn.
6885. W. R. Brelly.....	Brookville, Pa.
6904. W. R. Selby.....	Little Rock, Ark.
7120. J. G. Webb.....	Decker, Ark.
7401. A. H. Cook.....	West Monroe, La.
7480. J. D. Durel.....	Orange, Texas.
7492. J. O. Douglass.....	Myrtle, La.
7557. W. N. Satterthwaite.....	Brunswick, Ga.
7680. W. E. Frost.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
7682. T. L. Van Arsdale.....	Marshalltown, Iowa.
7791. A. F. Ellsworth.....	Washington, N. C.
7995. A. Weidmann.....	St. Louis, Mo.
8176. C. W. Ealdn.....	New Orleans, La.
8385. I. N. Gideon.....	Paragonia, Ark.
8885. D. W. Kinsler.....	Columbia, S. C.

Resigned and Expelled.

Resignations have been accepted from twenty-eight men. No man has been expelled during the past Hoo-Hoo year.

Suggestions.

I take the liberty to make the following suggestions:

First. I heartily endorse the suggestion of Snark Weir, that the apportionment of Hoo-Hoo territory among the different members of the Supreme Nine, tried this year as an experiment, be continued and made a permanent feature of Hoo-Hoo. It has worked well as an experiment, not only in the matter of concatenations held, quality of initiates taken in, but in many other ways. It has facilitated the work in the Scrivenoter's office—most notably so in the matter of prompt and efficient investigation of calls for relief from our Distress Fund, in the matter of collection of delinquent and current dues, and generally in keeping up and promoting the right spirit in Hoo-Hoo throughout the whole territory.

Second: The apportionment of territory to different members of the Supreme Nine has put a greater amount of work on the members of the Supreme Nine than ever heretofore. At the Norfolk Annual Meeting the Constitution was changed, whereby the expenses of the members of the Supreme Nine are no longer to be paid to the Annual Meeting. I opposed this change at the time, and I respectfully recommend now that the action taken at Norfolk be rescinded. It has been urged that the honor is a sufficient recompense for the duties of a member of the Supreme Nine, however onerous. This honor, however, is, or can be made, reciprocal. We want men on the Supreme Nine who will honor Hoo-Hoo, and it is little enough, I think, that the actual traveling expense of these men to the Annual Meeting be paid. There should be at least one full meeting of the Supreme Nine during the year. If it should be called at some other date than the Annual Meeting, the expenses of the nine men would be paid. What better time for an effective conference of the Supreme Nine could be selected than at the Annual Meeting? This Supreme Nine has not hesitated to spend some money for the "good of the Order." I believe that money devoted to paying the expenses of the Supreme Nine to the Annual Meeting would be well spent for the "good of the Order."

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

SNARK:—I am sure the members appreciate the condition of the Order as set forth in the Scrivenoter's report. It is exceedingly gratifying. The open session should occur in about ten minutes. We do not want to delay the reception of the gentlemen who represent the committee, and, therefore, I will postpone everything, except the appointment of the committees, so that they can be at work, and the distribution of these reports. I will ask Brothers Snell and Maegly if they will take these reports and distribute them among the members.

MR. F. N. SNELL (1795):—I would like to make an announcement at the request of the Entertainment Committee. The chairman of that committee says that quite a number of the Oalrians did not pay up, and he is short about \$18 on the expenses of last night's banquet of the Cloister. If there are any members present who have not paid, will you please call upon—but Brother Call will make the announcement.

MR. D. T. CALL (1390):—Brother Yeager, Brother Adams, or I will receive any payments.

SNARK:—If any of you did not pay your proportion of the banquet last night, will you please attend to it? They are short \$18.

SNARK:—I would like to announce one committee, the Committee on Distribution of the subject-matter of these reports. That committee will be:

Committee on Distribution.

- C. V. Kimball, chairman, Illinois.
- J. R. Roper, Michigan.
- J. J. Campion, Ohio.

These gentlemen will take these reports and see that the subjects are distributed.

MR. E. R. COOLEGGE (376):—In regard to Mr. J. R. Roper, I wish you would correct that. That is Mr. J. R. Roper, of Minnesota, and not of Michigan.

SCRIVENOTER:—He gave me his address himself; and I have his card.

MR. COOLEGGE (376):—All right, then; I am corrected. SNARK:—Brother Baird suggests the appointment of the Auditing Committee, so that they can audit his financial report. That committee will be:

The Auditing Committee.

- D. T. Call, chairman, Texas.
- O. E. Yeager, New York.
- W. C. Fellows, Alabama.

SNARK:—I would like to say one more thing: If we are at all crowded, there is a larger room provided, to which we can adjourn whenever this room is too small. The chairman of the Local Committee wants to make some announcement in regard to arrangements. Mr. Snell! (Mr. Snell was greeted with great applause, and all the members spontaneously gave the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

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

MR. SNELL (1795):—I thank you, gentlemen. I wish merely to say this: That all of you have got the official programme in your pockets—if you have not, you should have—and it tells what the programme is in detail. The steamboat will be ready at the Grand Avenue Bridge dock, at the Pabst Building side—which is the right-hand side as you go down to the bridge—at 3 o'clock this afternoon. We want every Hoo-Hoo and every lady here to take that trip with us. You will all enjoy it. This evening there will be a theater party for the ladies at the Davidson; but all the men, of course, will have to go to the concatenation. We want you all there. We hope to give you a good time. The concatenation will be held just across the street, a block away, in the Masonic Temple,

Jefferson street, which is about a block and a half from here. The room is large enough to seat seven hundred and fifty people comfortably, so you can all come. [Applause.]

SNARK:—I want to suggest that you all be there on time. We do not want to keep you late.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I will say one thing further: The boat will leave at 3 o'clock, and those who are not there will not get on; do not forget it. [Laughter.]

A MEMBER:—Are you on?

ALL MEMBERS:—He's all right. What's the matter with Snell?

RESPONSE BY MEMBERS:—He's all right. Who's all right? Snell!

SCRIVENOTER:—I want to make an announcement in regard to these railroad certificates: I wish you would bring them to my desk before you go out. Another announcement is in regard to the payment of dues, or the purchase of pins, grip tags, or souvenir spoons, or any business connected with the Scrivenoter. There has always been some confusion in the way in which money has been handed to me at other meetings. This year I have brought along Brother William A. Binkley; he is a good Hoo-Hoo and a good accountant. He is in the room downstairs just off the elevators. You can stop in there, and he will give you a receipt for whatever money you pay. That will be much better than handing me the money at random during the sessions.

SNARK:—I wish to say that we expected Brother Stillwell here to preside during this meeting. I have received a telegram, which is as follows:

Boston, Mass., September 8, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis: Greeting to our Milwaukee friends and brother Hoo-Hoo assembled! I am unexpectedly and unavoidably absent in person; believe me present in spirit. With earnest wishes for great success for the Annual; great good for Hoo-Hoo; and Health, Happiness, and Long Life for all.

B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,

WILLIAM B. STILWELL.

SNARK:—Brother Stillwell was to preside at the open session, and, in his absence, we wish to ask ex-Snark Gladding to take his place and conduct the exercises, if he will do so. The time for the open session has not yet arrived, and we will declare the meeting in recess for a few minutes.

MR. CALL (1390):—I would like to ask Mr. Yeager and Mr. Fellows to meet me in Room 64 immediately after the adjournment of this meeting.

MR. SNELL (1795):—Just a moment! I wish to say that the tickets for the theater party for the ladies will be distributed on the boat this afternoon.

(The Snark then declared the meeting in recess, but requested all members to remain. After a few moments' intermission, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Gladding.)

THE OPEN SESSION.

MR. N. A. GLADDING (99):—Ladies and Gentlemen: Will you please come to order? I will wait just about a minute for you all to get seated. There are plenty of seats up here in the front; kindly come forward. The ladies in the rear there will find comfortable seats up here in the front of the house. I will be very glad if those in charge of the door will see that there is no loud talking during the speechmaking; those in the room would like to have everything quiet out there. There are several more vacant seats up here at the front.

(When the front seats had been occupied by the ladies and quiet was restored, Mr. Gladding continued:)

MR. GLADDING (99):—Ladies and Gentlemen: I regret very much, indeed, to announce that the pleasure that we expected to have from listening to Mayor Rose, of this city, will have to be given up. The Mayor received an urgent call this morning to look after some of his political fences up in the northern part of the State. He took an early train to get out, with his keg of nails and hammer to fix them up, I suppose. But in losing Mayor Rose and his welcome on the part of the city of Milwaukee, we are to receive a greater pleasure in having a welcome from the entire State of Wisconsin on the part of ex-Governor Upham, who will now address you. [Great applause.]

Ex-Governor Upham's Welcome.

GOVERNOR UPHAM:—The Snark, Concatenated Hoo-Hoo, Ladies and Gentlemen: I sincerely join with the presiding officer, who has just introduced me, in regrets that Mayor Rose is absent, but you will please remember the adage that "a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." [Laughter and applause.]

Now, it was with great pleasure that I came to Milwaukee, but I came expecting to be only a participant, and not a contributor. At my age I expected to sit with my paws toasting before the fireplace and look at the kittens play; the old cats to be silent, and spectators of the programme. To you people who are visiting Milwaukee, we want to say that you are visiting one of the most beautiful and cleanest cities between Lake Superior and the Gulf of Mexico, with inhabitants who are full of hospitality; their ladies are beautiful and their beverages are frequent and numerous. [Laughter.] Yes, they are unlimited. Unfortunately, I am located in a part of the State which is devoid of any scenery of water, and those who are familiar with my neighborhood know that, being engaged in manufacturing, I have been struggling for twenty years to find enough water to keep the boilers full. Whether you come from far or near, I want to say that the Commonwealth of Wisconsin stands the peer of any other Commonwealth in its history as a State, the enterprise of its people, and its prosperity. If you want scenery, we are dotted with beautiful lakes and blessed with a cool temperature in the summer. The citizens of Chicago, St. Louis, and other neighboring cities and States come up here for cooler weather in the summer, and then send their children to our university, at Madison, for their education. The variety of our resources is unlimited, both of the soil in the way of agriculture, and in timber, minerals, and other things.

Now, while I can give away cheerfully anything that belongs to the other fellow, and perhaps some of my own things, I want to say in behalf of the Mayor (for I know that he will indorse every word that I say and every offer that I make) that the city of Milwaukee is open for your benefit and enjoyment, and should any of you be in any difficulty with the municipal authorities at any time, I know that he will cheerfully pardon you out. [Laughter.]

You know in your experience as lumbermen that you have had a variety of experiences, and for some of you it may have been your good fortune to sell stuff in Chicago. Now, I have lots of friends in Chicago. Chicago has been built up of the contributions of us fellows from the country to the material prosperity of that municipality. [Laughter.] And in the variety of business dealings in Chicago I have sold there lumber, flour, feed, and furniture—all articles which we manufacture—and now and then I have had a loss; but when the loss occurred, I have never sought to recover it, because it was gone—utterly gone. [Laughter.] But it was never in any large amount so that it would break me.

One sultry day in June, while I was in office at Madison, I was called upon by a lady, unaccompanied by an attorney, and I said: "Good afternoon, madam! Won't you sit down? What can I do for you?" She said: "I am in trouble." I said: "What is the matter?" "Why," she said, "my husband is in the House of Correction at Milwaukee; he is taken up for a year, and he has been there six months." I said: "Madam, what is the crime?" She said: "He robbed a Chicago man of \$100." I said: "Madam, that is no crime in the State of Wisconsin; you can have that pardon." [Great laughter and applause.] She said: "Can I get him to-night?" I called the secretary in and said: "Please telephone to Milwaukee to re-

lease that man, and we will send the papers in to-morrow morning." About a month afterwards I was coming down Grand avenue, and I saw a lady approaching a block off. She smiled the minute I got in sight. I saw it was the same lady. I said, "Good morning!" without halting in my walk. "Did you get him?" She said: "I did." [Laughter.]

While you are here in the city of Milwaukee, I hope that you will enjoy yourselves; and if Milwaukee does not provide sufficient for your maintenance and enjoyment, make draft on us people in the country, and we will add whatever Milwaukee lacks. [Great applause.]

MR. N. A. GLADDING (99):—Ladies and Gentlemen: I am sure we have all enjoyed this hearty welcome on behalf of the State of Wisconsin and the city of Milwaukee, and I propose the Hoo-Hoo yell to the Governor.

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

MR. GLADDING (99):—It now gives me pleasure to introduce to you one whom you all love and all know, our present Snark, Mr. A. H. Weir, of Nebraska, who will respond on behalf of Hoo-Hoo to this welcome. [Great applause.]

Mr. Weir's Response.

MR. A. H. WEIR (2505):—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, and Brothers: The absence of Mayor Rose disconcerts me somewhat, for I had arranged, as is often the case, a little address in which his personality and his name had some place. Of course I cannot use that in his absence. I am glad, however, on behalf of the Order, to have received such a welcome as has been extended to us by the ex-Governor of the State, not only on behalf of this beautiful city, but on behalf of the entire State.

I want to say, Governor, that when it was decided to come to Milwaukee we were all glad, because we had heard of Milwaukee in various ways and at various times and under various conditions. We had heard of its beautiful parks and its streets and its buildings, of its beautiful ladies—and that is always an attraction for Hoo-Hoo—and we had heard of many other things in connection with the city and its generous, open-hearted, and hospitable people. Milwaukee has been famous, according to a well-known advertisement, for years, and we come here to take part in that fame and that record and to make it still more famous, as I have said during the past year, by making this the greatest demonstration that our Order has ever known; and the indication thus early, in these first hours of the opening session, is that that fact will be realized.

We come, sir, representing a business organization that is unique in its every part, unique in all its history, representing a business with which you yourself are familiar, and known and recognized all over the country as one of the most important in our commercial life.

The casual citizen would not recognize us under our disguised name and our paraphernalia, but these are merely the outer drappings that conceal from the public gaze an organization that is destined to wield a potent influence in the lumber and financial and business interests of the country in time to come. We are glad, sir, to come to Milwaukee, and we know from the attentions that we have already received that we shall have a pleasant and profitable visit. We are glad that you have mentioned the municipal conditions on behalf of the Mayor. I want to say that that is unnecessary, however, because I have never seen a Hoo-Hoo who was afraid of any policeman or any municipal officer. [Laughter.] If they attempt in any way to interfere with our rights and prerogatives, so much the worse for them; Hoo-Hoo will take care of itself. [Laughter.] But we appreciate the disposition that tendered this concession to us, and I am sure that when we get away Milwaukee will have no regret that she has made us welcome to her beautiful limits and that we have enjoyed the hospitality of her people and the pleasures that we know will come from this visit. We come to consider important interests in which this city itself is largely concerned. We come not only for pleasure, but for business, and I believe that the result of this session will be of good to Milwaukee, and I know it will be of good to our great Order and to every individual member.

As you have observed, our Order has, in connection with it, a class of—not members, but "attachés," if I may so designate them—the ladies, who are present in quite large

numbers this morning. I wish they were all here; and I want to say, sir, as you have referred to the ladies of Milwaukee, that we challenge the comparison. We do not claim anything that will exceed the loveliness of the Milwaukee ladies; but we would like to place them all on exhibition, and I believe, sir, that you will say that both sides will present as handsome a picture of loveliness in that direction as you have ever laid eyes upon. [Laughter and applause.] We are proud of our ladies, and we are proud of the reception which the ladies of this city have extended to them during their presence here. I believe that we shall go away with the kindest remembrances of this city, of its people, and of their hospitality.

I believe, brothers and sisters, and others, that these being entirely extemporaneous remarks, spoken on the spur of the moment, it is not wise to make them too long. So again thanking you for the hospitality extended to us, I hope that when we go away it will be your feeling that Milwaukee has entertained angels, although she might not have been aware of it when we came. [Laughter.] We want to leave impressions of good, not only for ourselves, but for our Order; and on behalf of this great Order, representing the entire United States of America and a part of Mexico, I again thank you and assure you that your courtesy is most heartily appreciated. [Applause.]

MR. GLADDING (99):—As we all know, the Order of Hoo-Hoo contains many prominent men in all lines of trade. We have governors and statesmen, prominent business men from all over the country. Among other things we have numerous orators; and one of the most prominent of these is our good friend and brother, W. I. Ewart, of St. Paul, who will respond to the address of welcome on behalf of the Osirian Cloister. I now have the pleasure of introducing Mr. Ewart. [Applause.]

Mr. Ewart Responds for the Cloister.

MR. W. I. EWART (137):—Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I do not know of anything quite so well adapted to place a man in a state of comfortable feeling as the sort of introduction that has just been given me. I think my friend Gladding is trying to get even for something that I did to him last evening, when we were arranging for the Osirian banquet. I intimated to him that I would expect him to say something regarding our lady guests, and I had him walking the floor for two or three hours, trying to make up his mind on the subject, as to what he had better say; and now he is retaliating by giving me less notice and putting me before you in a rather embarrassing way by the laudatory remarks with which he has presented me.

I assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that I make no pretense to oratory, and it is simply that I have the privilege—I won't say "pleasure," because it is not that—of appearing before a company of people that I assume the rôle of speaker, although I know of no class of people nor any company that I would like more to address than this of our membership in Hoo-Hoo and the Osirian Cloister and their friends.

I am very glad on account of the sense of embarrassment that I experience myself to have followed the Snark after he had been somewhat upset in his plans, and I cannot help feeling gratified that Mayor Rose did not show up this morning and that the Snark got a little switched off the track also. [Laughter.] I should have felt more embarrassed still if I had been compelled to follow one of his ornate addresses, such as he gets off extemporaneously occasionally, when he has had about six months' time in which to prepare it.

I am very much pleased to have been able to attend this gathering at Milwaukee. As the Snark intimated in his address, this is a famous city. At least, I so infer from the placards that I have seen up and down the land, in various directions and throughout different States. It has often been a puzzle to me to know what those placards mean. I am not very good at conundrums, and I have allowed that thing to puzzle me for years. I have noticed in passing through various towns, villages, and cities of the United States, on the corners of buildings and such places, a placard that would make an announcement about something that has made Milwaukee famous. Frequently I have thought of stopping and dropping in and inquiring about it, but being a very busy man, and having learned in my youth that it is always best to go to the fountain head for

information, I concluded that I would defer my inquiries until some time when it might happen that I could visit this city in person—and I am very glad on this account to be here. [Laughter.] I have had no opportunity of seeing anything of Milwaukee thus far, but I hope before leaving here to be able to get out of the hotel and to satisfy myself on this question I mention. I want to know on what the fame of Milwaukee rests, and I have been assured by the Local Committee that before I leave your city they will satisfy me fully on this point. [Laughter and applause.]

I did not expect to address you this morning on Hoo-Hoo matters, as that portion of Hoo-Hoo with which I am connected has already finished its labors, or practically so. We have in Hoo-Hoo an upper chamber, or degree, known as the "Osirian Clolster," of which I have the honor of being at present the presiding officer, known as the "Chief Priest." It was my expectation at our yesterday's session that I would be duly decapitated; in fact, I had made application for that operation; but, contrary to my wishes, I was not made the victim, and I, therefore, appear before you as a full-fledged Chief Priest instead of a decapitated reminder of that office, as I expected to have been this morning. And with such expectation I, of course, had no thought that I would be called upon for any remarks before you, as a decapitated Priest doing a stunt on a public platform would be something quite unusual. [Laughter.]

I would say that we have in Hoo-Hoo and in the Osirian Clolster, so far as I know, the best fraternal Order which has to do with any single industry and its allied interests, and which confines itself to those who are in direct or in indirect connection with those interests. Our Order is composed exclusively of lumbermen and those engaged in the allied industries, and when we come together, it is like a commercial meeting with the commercialism thrown out. We come together to get acquainted, to know each other, and to develop the fraternal spirit among those who are engaged in the same business throughout the various States of the Union. The reports which have been read this morning certainly indicate that our career has been a successful one, and we believe that our future promises more along these lines than we have ever yet reached.

We appreciate the welcome which has been accorded us in Milwaukee. We have been most generously met by your local committees. They have made the fullest arrangements for our entertainment, and we feel well assured that before leaving here we will know all about the fame of your city, and we will be ready to carry that fame to points where, possibly, it has not heretofore reached. We are pleased to know, through the remarks of the Governor, that we shall be comparatively safe while in your city. I assume that he stands ready to duplicate the road offices that he exercised when he released the Wisconsin man who "did up" the man from Chicago. [Laughter.] And if any of our brothers shall have occasion to call for clemency, we shall expect to have it as promptly forthcoming as it was extended in that case. [Laughter.] I thank you, gentlemen, for this welcome which has been accorded us. [Applause.]

MR. GLADDING (99):—The people of the United States have from time to time discussed the question, as you all know, "What shall we do with our ex-Presidents?" and there have been very many differences of opinion as to what would be the best thing to do with some of them. The Order of Hoo-Hoo solved a similar problem at the outset. It said we will take our ex-Snarks and make mummies out of them. [Laughter.] We will set them away in the catacombs of Egypt, where they will never be heard from again. But I tell you they cannot keep us down. There are some good figures left yet; they rise from the dead and they will have their say. We have with us this morning one of our ex-Snarks, who has been mummified several years. You would not think it to see him. It gives me pleasure to introduce to you Mr. James E. Defebaugh, of Chicago, who will respond to the address of welcome on the part of the mummies. [Laughter and applause.]

A Voice from the Tomb.

MR. J. E. DEFEBBAUGH (6):—Mr. Chairman, Snark, Ladies and Gentlemen: Whatever may have been the purpose of the Order in laying away the Snarks after they had concluded their year's service in the exalted station at the

head of the Order, they have not allowed the communities in which the Snarks have been placed to sell them gold bricks, as was evidently done to the ex-Governor of Wisconsin when he went to Chicago. [Laughter.] Otherwise he would not have felt so much aggrieved, nor be inclined to cast so many slurs upon the city at the other end of the lake.

Now, the House of Ancients, or the representatives of it who are here to-day, wish to very heartily express their appreciation of the kindness of the good people of Milwaukee, and we are disposed to thank Governor Upham for his kindly words, except those which reflect on the community previously mentioned. [Laughter.] He says that for some years he has been engaged in the business of supplying feed, lumber, and various other things to the communities to the south of us. If he had sent us first-class feed, he would have had no trouble. [Laughter.] We get it here from Charley Pfister, and it is the genuine Wisconsin brand. [Laughter.] All of those who visit Milwaukee on this occasion will certainly appreciate their stay in the city. There is a kindness and a breadth of fellowship among the Milwaukee people that perhaps cannot better be typified than in the character of the chairman of the Local Committee, Mr. Frank N. Snell. Mr. Snell has been writing brief, perfumed epistles to me for some weeks past with reference to the entertainment and the gathering in which we are now participating, and I know that his zeal and his constant effort (which is simply representative of the other members of his committee) will result in our comfort and pleasure as long as we shall stay. You will find the eminent relics representative of the House of Ancients present upon all occasions.

I want to say, further, that it was my privilege and pleasure at Norfolk, Va., last year to participate in the movement to bring the Annual Meeting here this year. I have no apologies to offer to any one, not even to my friend Treat, of Buffalo, with whom I join most heartily in seeking that this body will go to Buffalo next year; and then, if you will pardon another word, we will meet at St. Louis through a concerted plan now in operation for the construction of a home for Hoo-Hoo, temporary though it may be, which will give us a completed building at the fair grounds, where we can all meet again, the ladies particularly, and the gentlemen, for I like to see them together always. Some of us, particularly the newspaper men, cannot always afford to bring our families with us; but we hope on that occasion to be privileged to do so, and I appeal to the gallantry of every man present that he will display his interest in Hoo-Hoo to the extent of at least one membership, in order that his family may be properly cared for when in that city to witness the greatest exhibition we will ever have. [Applause.]

(This closed the open session, and, thanking Mr. Gladding, Mr. Weir resumed the chair.)

First Business Session.

SNARK:—I wish to say that no one need leave the room. We are glad to have all our governors and orators remain. I want to announce a little change in the programme which, Chairman Snell has informed me, will be necessary as well as desirable. He says that the lake is so rough he is afraid to take us people from the rural districts out upon the waters for fear of the results internally; disasters of various kinds may follow. [Laughter.] Therefore he wishes that we could arrange to take the Allis-Chalmers-Filer-Stowell ride this afternoon instead of Thursday afternoon, and the steamer ride on Thursday afternoon instead of this afternoon. It was arranged to reconvene this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and adjourn again at 3 o'clock, so that we would have very little time for business this

afternoon. As a matter of fact, you cannot do much more business to-day than has already been done. As you are aware, there has been considerable business presented at the first day's session. The most important thing that we can do to-day is to get the organization ready for work. That would be the appointment of committees, and I trust that the committees will take hold at once and be prepared to report promptly at the morning session on all business in their hands, so that we can go to work on it. I think the results will be beneficial; therefore I will present the names of committees. Let me say that I asked Mr. Baird to present these names, because his knowledge of the membership is far more perfect than mine and he is more familiar with the workers; but I heartily indorse the names that he has suggested. I will name these committees now instead of after dinner, and I trust that the Committee on Distribution will promptly refer all matters pertaining to the work of the Order to these committees, and they on the ride this afternoon and elsewhere can consider the various points.

SNARK:—The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws is as follows:

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

W. E. Barns, chairman, Missouri.
George W. Schwartz, Missouri.
M. M. Vietmeier, Pennsylvania.
C. F. Braffett, Illinois.
E. Stringer Bogess, West Virginia.
W. M. Stephenson, Minnesota.
George V. Denny, Georgia.

SNARK:—Before I name the Committee on Ritual, I want to say that it is not my intention of having them adopt and carry into effect my recommendation unless they see fit to do so. It is simply for them to take up and consider the matter. The committee is:

Committee on Ritual.

Platt B. Walker, chairman, Minnesota.
B. A. Johnson, Illinois.
J. E. Defebaugh, Illinois.
Cliff S. Walker, Ohio.
Carl F. Drake, Texas.

SNARK:—The Auditing Committee has already been appointed. The Committee on Resolutions and the Press Committee are as follows:

Committee on Resolutions.

F. H. Gilman, chairman, Minnesota.
R. W. English, Colorado.
C. G. Rourke, Illinois.
Harvey Avery, Iowa.
Joseph Myles, Michigan.
George V. Watson, Missouri.

Press Committee.

B. F. Cobb, chairman, Illinois.
Sam. K. Cowan, Tennessee.
C. A. Newning, Texas.
Charles H. Adams, Michigan.
A. M. Ramsey, Georgia.

SNARK:—As to the Place of Next Meeting. There was such a committee suggested in my report. If that recommendation is adopted, it will go into effect hereafter as to the location of the next Annual; but it is thought well to appoint a committee on this subject now, to present a report when they deem best—probably the first thing in the morning, as we hold no afternoon session. On that committee—which is a temporary matter, to consider the question and make recommendations to the body itself for adoption or otherwise, as you think best—I have named:

Committee on Place of Next Meeting.

F. N. Snell, chairman, Wisconsin.
Curt M. Treat, New York.
C. H. Johnson, Illinois.
T. W. Griffiths, Jr., Texas.
Joseph Oppenheimer, Illinois.

SNARK:—The Committee on Distribution has already been named. The Committee on Complaints—that is, any complaints during the year of any kind or character should be referred to this committee for investigation and report—is as follows:

Committee on Complaints.

T. W. Dobbins, chairman, Ohio.
B. F. Williams, Texas.
B. F. McMillan, Wisconsin.

SNARK:—The Committee on Legislation. These reports, as you know, may involve some new legislation which will go to a committee for report before action. That committee is:

Committee on Legislation.

N. A. Gladding, chairman, Indiana.
C. H. Moore, Texas.
M. A. Hayward, Ohio.
H. H. Hemenway, Colorado.
James Brizzalara, Arkansas.
SNARK:—The last is:

Committee on Good of the Order.

George B. Maegly, chairman, Kansas.
J. Lee Ensign, Georgia.
C. H. Stanton, New York.
Harry Gorsuch, Missouri.
James Wilson, Jr., Ohio.

SNARK:—Now, I will state that if there is any business that ought to be presented before we adjourn, we have ample time left. The exercises of the open session did not take as much time as I anticipated.

MR. D. T. CALL (1390):—The Auditing Committee is ready to report.

SNARK:—We will take time to hear that now, and dispose of it. If there is no objection, we will hear the report of the Auditing Committee.

Report of Auditing Committee.

MR. CALL (1390):—It is as follows:

To A. H. Weir, Snark: We, your committee appointed to audit the account of J. H. Baird, Scrivenator, have examined and found same correct, also certified check of the Merchants' Bank of Nashville for \$4,477.39 attached.

D. T. CALL, Chairman;
O. E. YEAGER,
W. C. FELLOWS,
Committee.

SNARK:—What will you do with the report of this committee?

MR. JAMES BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move that the report be adopted and that the same be filed as part of the archives of the Order.

(The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.)

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject-matter.

SNARK:—The committee is discharged when its report is accepted without any formal motion.

A brother informs me that the youngest Hoo-Hoo is present, and would like to be presented to this gathering—a Hoo-Hoo baby nine months old. If you consent, I will have him presented. [Laughter and applause.]

The Youngest Hoo-Hoo.

(In a moment Mr. J. J. Williams (1784), of Milwaukee, chairman of the local Reception Committee, brought in a strapping, healthy, cool, and singularly self-possessed young gentleman, who gazed at the assembled Hoo-Hoo with mingled curiosity and disdain. The famous Hoo-Hoo yell that had cheered other appearances before the speaker's platform greeted him, but he never blinked. His actions plainly said that he thought that that at least was what was due him, and he would not take anything less. Not

being quite ready to respond to his cordial welcome, Mr. Williams introduced him in a few pleasant words. He said:)

MR. J. J. WILLIAMS (1784):—Ladies and Gentlemen: I think that we have the youngest Hoo-Hoo now in the room. It belongs to Mr. Green, of Kentucky. The baby is now just nine months, nine days, and nine hours old. [Great laughter and applause.] His name is "John." He has nine teeth, and he was raised upon McMillan's food. [Laughter.]

A MEMBER:—Mellin's Food.

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—No; we are going to call it "McMillan's Food."

(Mr. Baby had stood there through the chaff and the laughing, taking it all in with wide-open eyes, and wondering what it was all about. The fact that Mr. Williams was cautioned from several parts of the room not to "pinch that baby" and to "stop" may have worried Mr. Baby's mamma or his colored nurse, who were standing by the door, but it did not trouble Mr. Baby one bit. When Mr. Williams got a chance to say something, he remarked that they were going to call that stuff "McMillan's Food" in the future, because of Mr. McMillan's fondness for children. The baby incident was a source of much enjoyment and laughter until he was withdrawn.)

MR. W. E. BARNES (3):—In regard to that Committee on Constitution and By-laws, I want to say to my fellow-members of the committee that they have a lot of hard work before them, and I would like to meet all members of the committee this afternoon at some hour that they may designate, so we can get to work right away. There is a great deal to do, and they had better get ready for hard work.

SNARK:—You have heard the request of Mr. Barnes, of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. I trust that the members of the committee will confer with him at once. If there is any other business that can be transacted during this session, we will hear it.

A MEMBER:—Got any other babies? [Laughter.]

SNARK:—That is all, I believe.

A MEMBER:—Sorry. [Laughter.]

MR. W. E. PRIESTLEY (1368):—Ladies and Gentlemen: Will you please give me your attention for a moment? We have secured tickets enough for the theater to-night for all the ladies that are registered here. We have not secured tickets for the gentlemen for the theater. There will be a committee of gentlemen from the city that will take good care of the ladies to-night at the theater, and we want every lady to have a ticket, and go. Now, if the gentlemen break in and take tickets, or if they work us for tickets through some of the ladies, in some way, they are going to deprive some lady of the pleasure of going to the theater. That we do not want done (I do not think any gentleman intends to do that); for if we get too many tickets out for the children or men, we will not have enough for the ladies. We want the ladies to go. Mr. Landeck or I will give each one a ticket for to-night; but please do not ask us for tickets for your husbands, because I believe that Mr. Landeck and I are just as good-looking men as any husband who is here. [Laughter and applause.]

MR. B. F. M'MILLAN (1796):—I think that the gentleman, Mr. Priestley, neglected to tell us where we would find him and Mr. Landeck; and as the city is rather large and they are known to be men who fall into all kinds of holes, I do not think that the ladies want to go hunting after them. Therefore I think Mr. Priestley should say where he and his friend can be found.

MR. PRIESTLEY (1368):—Mr. Landeck and I will be in the parlor right after this meeting. We are going there right now.

A MEMBER:—We will watch you.

A MEMBER:—That is another one of his dodges.

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—Now, that is just like him; he says "in the parlor;" don't we know there are a good many parlors at this hotel?

MR. PRIESTLEY (1368):—Now, Mr. McMillan, we have a reception parlor provided by this hotel, where every lady has been and met myself. If the ladies will only come down right after this meeting, we will treat them the best we can; and we certainly will not do them any harm.

A MEMBER:—Mr. McMillan wants to introduce "McMillan's Food." [Laughter.]

SNARK:—If there is nothing further, then we will declare the session adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:09. Be here promptly and take charge of the business.

(A motion to adjourn was put and carried.)

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

(The session was called to order promptly at 9:09 by the Snark. The Scrivenoter proceeded to get the numbers of the members present when the gavel fell, the result being as follows:)

2	1660	3140	7181
32	1776	4585	7292
376	1796	5139	7354
408	1880	6157	8008
420	2177	6313	8408
612	2505	6909	8736
646	3097		

(The hour was evidently a little early for most of the members, particularly those who had been at the concatenation, several of whom looked in on their way down to breakfast. As the session progressed, the hall gradually filled.)

SNARK:—Brother Adams (7292), will you act as Gurdon and take care of the door as the members come in? You will see that all who come in are members of the Order. You know most of them.

I would like to ask if there are any of the committees ready to make a report? I will not call them in order, because I have not heard from any of them as being prepared to report. If there is any one present representing a committee, we will hear him. I know that several of them are engaged on their reports. While waiting for the committees, any general business will be in order.

SCRIVENOTER:—That Committee on Place of Next Meeting ought to be ready to report. I think they have but one thing to report. I would suggest that the Scrivenoter go down and announce that we want the people up here to do business.

SNARK:—Yes; we want every Hoo-Hoo in the council chamber. [After the Scrivenoter left the room, the Snark continued:] If any one has any business to present, we will hear it. It would be a good time for any one who has views to suggest for the good of the Order to present them now. If you would like to present them, you can give the brothers an idea of what you think should be done.

MR. BOLLING ARTHUR JOHNSON (2):—Are we in session?

SNARK:—Yes, sir.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—The matter that I have to bring before you is not business; it is not in the nature of business. I have a communication here dated at Chicago, the ninth day of the ninth month, from the Michael Reese Hospital, which says: "Extend my greetings to Hoo-Hoo. I have been in this place since August 1, and am just recovering from a most serious operation for intestinal troubles. I am still flat on my back. Give my love to all of the boys and to the stuff that made Milwaukee famous. I am thankful that I am living, and I hope to be able to attend the next Annual Meeting. B. T. T. O. T. G. B. C., Charles D. Benedict."

MR. L. E. FULLER (612):—I would like to make a motion that the sympathy of the members present at the Eleventh Annual Session of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo be extended to Brother Benedict, with their hearty wishes for his speedy recovery, and that this time it may be a permanent recovery. This is the second time he has been operated on, and he is in a very serious condition.

(The motion was seconded by several members.)

SNARK:—That the sympathy of this gathering be extended to the brother and that we express hopes for his speedy and permanent recovery. Are you ready for the question?

MANY VOICES:—Question, question!

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

SNARK:—If there is no objection, we will ask the Scrivenoter to send that in the form of a telegram. If any one has any business matter to present, we are ready to hear it. This is the hour for the reports of committees, but none of them being ready, general business will be in order.

Sympathy Extended Brother Benedict.

(In accordance with the motion adopted, the Scrivenoter sent the following telegram to Brother Benedict:)

C. D. Benedict, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Ill.—It is moved that the sympathy of the members present at the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo be extended to Brother Benedict, with their hearty wishes for his early, complete, and permanent recovery.
J. H. BAIRD, Scrivenoter.

Place of Next Meeting.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Johnson can report for the Committee on Place of Next Meeting.

SNARK:—Mr. Johnson, is your committee ready to make a report?

MR. C. H. JOHNSON (9445):—The Committee on Place of Next Meeting reports unanimously in favor of Buffalo for the next Annual Meeting.

SNARK:—You hear the report of the gentleman of the Committee on Place of Next Meeting. He makes a unanimous report in favor of Buffalo.

MR. E. M. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the committee's report be received and that the next Annual be held at Buffalo.

MR. C. H. ADAMS (7292):—I second that motion.

SNARK:—You hear the motion, that the report of the committee be adopted and the next Annual Meeting be held in Buffalo. Are you ready for the question?

MANY MEMBERS:—Question, question!

(The Snark then put the question, which was carried unanimously.)

SNARK:—I want to say, in connection with this matter, that my friend, Mr. Treat, took to heart a little the statement in my report yesterday about listening to the "paid advocates of any city." I had no reference to Mr. Treat whatever; in fact, I did not think of him. It was just a general condition to which I was referring, and probably he was a little sensitive and thought I was referring to him personally, which was not the case in any way.

MR. O. E. YEAGER (7354):—In behalf of Buffalo, I thank you for the honor extended us, and we will try to take the best possible care of you when you come to our city next year.

Discussion of Snark's Recommendations.

MR. W. E. BARNES (292):—The Committee on Constitution and By-laws are not ready to make any final report; in fact, they are not in shape to do so until they can advise with all of the membership who have heard and considered the recommendations made in Snark Weir's annual report. I suppose that all of you heard it and that many of you

have read it since. The Snark has carefully considered these matters—not only during this year, but during his term as Senior Hoo-Hoo; and this document is very elaborate and well thought out, and he makes a number of suggestions which, if adopted, would change the work of the Order very materially. The Committee on Constitution and By-laws have considered some of these recommendations, and they have been unable to agree with the Snark about certain of them; and so long as there is nothing important on here this morning, we, as members of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, would be very glad, indeed, to receive from anybody here, either in writing or orally, any suggestions that he may have looking to any changes in the Constitution and By-laws.

If you will refer to this document—which is in print, and I presume that all of you have it—you will notice that there are a number of matters discussed that really affect the vital entity of the Order. It would change it very materially in a number of particulars if these recommendations were adopted, and I think it would be only right that we should bring up these matters and talk them over now in a friendly way, and give the Snark an opportunity to more fully explain his position on some of the points. I do not think that we could devote the time to better purposes than to carefully consider the matters which he has suggested here as vital to the better growth of the Order.

One of the members here has asked me to state some of the points that are brought up. If you will refer to page 4, Section 1, you will find the question of Vicegerents and Vicegerencies mentioned. I will read one little paragraph from that:

[The Snark's annual address had been printed in pamphlet form, a copy of which Mr. Barnes had in his hand. What he read was paragraph 4, under the subhead "Vicegerents and Vicegerencies," in the Snark's address, as now printed on a preceding page of this paper.—Editor.]

MR. BARNES (continuing):—Now, theoretically, that is all right; but there are some of the States with possibly only one representative here, and some States are not represented at all. Now, it makes it impossible for the man who is here to make the proper recommendation; it is only his personal recommendation. He may be the very man who should be made Vicegerent, and yet he is too modest to put himself forward; or, on the other hand, he may be overambitious and suggest himself, and he not be the man for the place at all. This matter of Vicegerents has probably given more trouble to the Snark and Scrivenoter and the Order at large than any other point. Now, on that matter your talk might bring up the difficulty and the methods to change it.

SNARK:—Brother Barnes, will you allow me to add a word further on that, so as not to get matters confused? You should have read the next paragraph after that. [See bracketed note above.—Editor.] I issued letters nearly every month to the Vicegerents, and I asked them to present the matter to the members in their Vicegerencies, as far as they could reach them, and to make some selection or recommendation. I know that every State cannot be represented here; it has never been done and will probably never be. When a State is represented, it is frequently represented by only a small proportion of its membership. The idea was that the Vicegerencies should take the matter up and consult as to who will be the best Vicegerents, and it would be a great relief to the incoming Snark to have it done. It would extend to him all the aid that could be given in that direction, and yet not make a rule that was inexorable or that would in any way interfere with the work. It is simply to get the same action on it that is taken after the Snark goes to his home. He has to reach these Vicegerencies—the members of the Order in differ-

ent States and Vicegerencies—in order to make selections. I asked them to do all that work beforehand, to have that preliminary work out of the way. If they are not here with their recommendations, the new Snark will have to go through the same routine that I did to select them, and it takes weeks of time and a large amount of correspondence. It is simply to relieve him of any unnecessary work.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will say that I have quite a number of communications making recommendations as to Vicegerents, several of which reached me at Nashville before I left, and quite a number have been received since I arrived here.

MR. B. F. MILLAN (1796):—I arise to ask if there is any rule which would prevent a State from recommending one for the office in question?

SNARK:—Not at all; that is just what we want.

MR. MILLAN (1796):—Then, if there is no rule against it, why do we not call for it? Why cannot we take that up as a matter of policy and have that without making an iron-clad rule? Of course, custom makes all the difference in the world. It has been customary, I presume, for the Snark to appoint the Vicegerents.

SNARK:—He appoints them now.

MR. MILLAN (1796):—And I think that he could appoint them without taking any action on the matter; the present Snark could call for recommendations, and that would be all that was necessary.

MR. C. H. ADAMS (7292):—I have thought over that matter considerably, and I think a nice way to help the Snark in that would be to have the Scrivenoter mail a double postal card to each and every member in the different States, with the questions printed on one portion of the card and the answers on the other, and blank space left to fill in as to the member's first choice and second choice. Detach the remaining card and send it to the Scrivenoter—a majority of such votes to be the selection for Vicegerent. [A Member:—"Expense, \$50."] We should not put all that work on the Snark. Let the Scrivenoter report to the Snark that the majority from such a State is so and so. That gives every member in the State a chance to vote on it, think it over, talk about it, and act on it.

MR. BARNES (3):—Understand that we are simply seeking to bring out points and objections so that we can be guided in the Committee on Constitution and By-laws.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—That is what I was offering it for.

MR. BARNES (3):—In Section 2, page 6, there are two or three recommendations that should be considered by the Order at large. I will not read the whole of it. I will take it for granted that you have read it; but the part I refer to is this:

"The best interests of the Order will be advanced," etc. "On this basis I would make eligible," etc. [Mr. Barnes directs attention to paragraph 5, under subhead "Officers and Elections," of Snark's address.—Editor.] Then the reasons follow. On that matter we do not think it would be desirable to make any change in the Constitution and By-laws, because there might be cases where it would be desirable to put a man on the Supreme Nine who had not been Vicegerent. If that rule had been adopted two or three years ago, I do not believe that Brother Weir would have been Snark. [Laughter.] And we found it very desirable to have him as Snark. But all along he had shown his interest in the Order in other ways. We do not think it necessary to make any iron-clad rule of that sort. "For Snark I would make eligible only those who have served on the Supreme Nine." We do not think it desirable to put that in the Constitution. The fact is, the Constitution and By-laws have grown until they are very bulky. There is a whole lot of stuff in there that we cannot very well get along without, and yet we do not want to add to it. Now,

this eligibility business is put in there so explicitly and so fully that there can never be any mistake about it, and yet it seems to be unnecessarily long; and if we keep adding things to the Constitution and By-laws, it will take up half of the book. We want to avoid the addition of anything; we want to keep as near along the old line as possible.

MR. B. F. COBB (32):—I think that this idea recommended by the Snark is a good one. I do not know that I was the instigator of it, but I did write to the Snark last year that I thought that no one should be put on the Supreme Nine unless he had served as Vicegerent. One reason for this was, it is very hard to get Vicegerents to serve. It is very hard to get them to take interest; and when a man has served one year, two years, or three years as a Vicegerent (as some of them, perhaps, have) and has worked as hard as he could for the Order, to have somebody then put from the floor over his head is not pleasant to him, and he does not work very hard for the Order. I think that that is no more than right, and it is in line with, perhaps, an unwritten law in almost every order.

MR. A. M. RAMSEY (6590):—May I be permitted to say a word? I think it would be a great mistake to take away from any member of this Order eligibility to any office within its gift. I think any member ought to be eligible to any office, and leave it entirely to the discretion of the members whether he is fit to fill that office. [Applause.] That is the spirit and form of our government.

MR. CLIFF S. WALKER (738):—I have been a member of Hoo-Hoo for a great many years, though it does not seem very long, and in looking over the list of the effective workers of this Order, I think fifty per cent of them would be found men who could not by any possibility expect to act as Vicegerent Snarks—men who have spent their time and their money, whose hearts and good will are with the Order. I know at least ten persons in this room who, to-day, are the most loyal Hoo-Hoo imaginable, but not one of them by any possibility could take the position of Vicegerent Snark. I am opposed to any limitation in that line. [Applause.]

SNARK:—Allow me to add this as we go along: That I am not committed, personally, to any of these propositions. I shall be perfectly and entirely satisfied with any action that the organization may take. I simply give them, as the result of my own observation and experience, as to what I believe to be best for the Order. One side is sentiment, and the other side is business from the word "go;" and I believe that I have not made a recommendation but is warranted by the actual experiences of the year. There are at least three distinct cases during the last year where an earnest brother has been lost to the Order by just these things I mention. Brother Cobb is responsible for the recommendation in only one instance where the matter came up. I did not refer to him, nor did I have him specially in mind, but the general subject. Every brother is eligible, but I found it very difficult to get qualified and competent Vicegerents; they hesitate to accept, and a brother who can accept can certainly almost always get it. We are glad to have him; we want to get somebody to take it. Having accepted, it looks like a matter of promotion and reward for his services. I trust that in any of these suggestions I am not standing back of them or vitally interested any more than any individual member of the Order. It is based only on my experience in the work.

MR. BARNES (3):—I think that the thanks not only of those present, but of the entire Order of Hoo-Hoo, are due Snark Weir for the thought and detail that he has given to these very suggestions. The trouble has been at most of our meetings that we got into a run of entertainment and did not sit down and calmly consider these things.

That is what we want to do this morning. We want the consensus of opinion of the members who will sit down calmly, when there is no other business on hand, so that these committees may be prepared to consider the questions when they come up. There is no criticism of Snark Weir; we might have honest differences of opinion.

SNARK:—No; I want you to feel that we are perfectly free.

MR. COBB (32):—I ask Brother Barnes to give way just one minute. I want to say one word in regard to what Brother Walker has said, and it is this: I do not believe there is a man in this room whose time is more taken up than mine. I do not believe that there is a man in this room, and hardly in this Order, who can less afford to give time to Hoo-Hoo than I can, and yet I have given one year and part of another as Vicegerent, and there is no one in the first five years of the Order who worked any more in it than I did. I disagree with him thoroughly, and I think that his view is more a matter of sentiment than business. I am going to talk for myself, anyhow. [Laughter and applause.]

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I take exceptions to that. Michigan did not have any Vicegerent last year, did it?

SNARK:—It did not. We could not get any one to take it.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Now, we think that we can by offering them a plum. We do not have to do anything. I think that the Scrivenoter's report is some Vicegerent's work. There are some men who cannot be Vicegerents; still, they get out and help the Vicegerents in other States, work up classes as they go along, and talk the good of the Order. I do not think it is right to offer a prize to a man to be Vicegerent.

MR. RAMSEY (6590):—Right in my own State I remember that the Vicegerent in the Southwestern District of Georgia for the last year—not the year just closed, but the year before—depended entirely on the rank and file to get up a concatenation. While he stands as high in our section as any man, at the same time he was too busy to devote his own time to getting up concatenations, and the work was done almost entirely by other members. Of course, every man's own business is most pressing; but my objection to this recommendation of the Snark is, with all due respect, that it is contrary to the spirit and form of our government.

MANY MEMBERS:—That's right! O. K. Absolutely!

MR. RAMSEY (6590):—There ought not to be any line of promotion here at all. The newest member of this Order is eligible to any office, and we do not want to take away any of his rights.

MR. BARNES (3):—Taking up "Organization," Section 3, particularly the portions on page 8, I will read them hastily. [Mr. Barnes then read nearly all of Section 3 of the Snark's address, under the subhead "Organization."—Editor.]

MR. C. D. ROURKE (421):—I do not agree with that—appointing a Junior Hoo-Hoo. I went through the mill once or twice on Junior Hoo-Hoo work, and it was bad enough then; but if I had been appointed for one year as a professional funny man, it would have been a whole lot worse. It was rotten enough as the thing went. [Laughter.]

MR. BARNES (3):—And that is one of the best Juniors we have in the whole Order talking right now.

SNARK:—Any further remarks?

Discussion on Membership Limit.

MR. BARNES (3):—I will pass over one or two of these points and come to the "Condition of the Membership Limit." That was a matter we had up (it is on page 11

of the Snark's report), the question of what we shall do after the numerical 9999 has been reached. The Snark has two or three suggestions about that. I will read from page 12. [Mr. Barnes read practically the whole of the suggestions of the Snark on this subject.—Editor.] The Committee on Constitution and By-laws are very unanimous on that point, and we could just as well make a formal report on that question now as at any other time. As you know, the Constitution provides that the Order shall be limited to 9999 living members in good standing. Taking the report of the Scrivenoter, the amount of dues received during the past year and the number initiated would indicate that our membership is in the neighborhood of 6700. Is that right, Brother Baird?

SCRIVENOTER:—Approximately.

MR. BARNES (3):—So that while our latest number is about 9400 and something, the highest number given out, we have only—deducting the dead and those who have dropped out or resigned or have been expelled—a net membership of about 6700. So if we increase at the same numerical ratio, and the dead ratio obtains as it has in the past, it will probably be about four years before we reach our actual limit. And our suggestion is, simply, that after we have reached 9999 we go right ahead and number them 10000, 10001, 10002, and so on; so that while a member might have No. 11112, we would avoid all of this "Series A" and "Series B" and a repetition of numbers—for instance, 21-A, and then it is a 21-B some time. We think the plainest and best way is to carry the numbers right straight ahead. Our Scrivenoter can tell at any time within fifty, say, of how many actual members we have. There may be a number as to the death of whom we have not received reports. As a matter of fact, we are not near our actual limit yet. The point is that we have to provide now, because in the next year we are going to pass the numerical limit. Our suggestion is to put on our records here as the understanding of this Hoo-Hoo Annual that that course is to be pursued in the future—to continue the numbers right along until the membership reaches 9999 actual live members in good standing.

MR. MILLAN (1796):—Gentlemen, I do not really think that it is wise for us to change our number now. I think it would be a great deal more proper to have a waiting list, giving those on the waiting list the right to participate (to be initiated and participate in our meetings), the right to vote at any meetings, and the right to hold office until they are placed in the original number—

MR. BARNES (3):—But, Mac, just one moment—

MR. MILLAN (1796):—Just half a minute! Wait until I get through, and I will let you have the floor. I do not think it would be wise to continue our number with large spaces between—numbers going up, up, and up; but I believe in keeping the ranks filled—keeping them filled from 1 to 9999. Now, my reason for that is that a man who does not pay his dues—the man who does not take interest is not worthy to be a member of this Order—should be dropped out, and should know when he is dropped out that somebody is here to take his place, and it will make him a great deal more anxious to retain his own number and to stay there. Another thing: If a member is dropped out for any cause, he should not be reinstated, but should come around and take his turn in the waiting list; and he should not get on the waiting list unless he is recommended about as candidates are now. I think that would be far better than to increase our number to an unlimited extent.

MR. BARNES (3):—I just wanted to explain to Brother McMillan—I did not want to interrupt him—that we did not propose for a minute to increase the membership beyond 9999. It was simply to provide for contingencies that have arisen in regard to the giving out of numbers. We

have 6700 members in good standing, and they are alive. Brother McMillan's suggestion about filling in those numbers that have dropped out would be impossible for several reasons. In the first place, members may come back. In the second place, a new member coming in, say this year, might get No. 21, for instance; he would lose his entire identity as to the matter of time in the Order. The man who came in at No. 21 came in the first year; we know that when he announces his number; but if he was somebody who was initiated in Brother McMillan's own time and was given No. 21, that would be ten or eleven years after. There would be no honor in these earlier numbers. A man may come back in a year or two by the payment of his dues. Some members have been expelled. We would not want to give a member the number of one who had been expelled. The Order, since its organization, has had a growth of about one thousand members a year. So when a man comes up and says, "I am No. 4012," we know when he came in; if he came in about 6000, he came in the sixth year; and so on down the line. I do not think that it would be feasible, and I am quite sure that the Scrivenoter will back me up in that. It would be impossible to go back and fill up the numbers going back. We do not propose to increase the membership limit in the least, but we do want to provide for that gap in our actual membership, made by members who have dropped out or who have been expelled, in such a way that it can be filled. We are not going to have a waiting list for at least four years. Whenever we get to a point where we have 9999 members in good standing, then I will agree with Brother McMillan that we have a waiting list.

MR. W. E. BEAL (8736):—I feel somewhat embarrassed to enter an objection to the opinion of some of our oldest brothers; but when I remember that all the kittens are on equality, I may be pardoned. I am very much opposed to a waiting list; this thing of waiting for a dead man's shoes does not suit me; and I am somewhat opposed to our brother's proposition here of increasing the membership. I think Brother Weir's suggestion suits me better than anything that has been presented yet. But I am in favor of increasing the numbers rather than having a waiting list. It seems to me, sir, that to invite men to join our Order and pay in their money and give them no identity, no name, no number—what can they expect until some of us fellows die? I do not think it is practical at all. I do not think it is best for the Order.

A MEMBER:—Whose proposition is that?

MR. BEAL (8736):—Brother McMillan makes that proposition, or suggestion. I hope that this question will be settled satisfactorily, because I consider it an important one. I think that if the waiting list were adopted it would retard the growth of our Order very much. I am very much in love with the Order, and I believe that it will grow to vast proportions; and if it should grow with the waiting list, that end of the Order would be far the greater after a while. I would hope so, but I am afraid that it would retard the growth of the Order. It does not seem to me that we would have enough to offer to induce people to join us.

MR. C. F. DRAKE (58):—Gentlemen, I want to indorse what seems to me the recommendation of the Snark, if I understand it. Now, Brother Barns has told us that members who have dropped out for nonpayment of dues should have an opportunity to come in and refill their numbers. I believe that is wrong. I do not believe that any man who cannot pay his 99 cents every year should be eligible to Hoo-Hoo a second time. [Applause.] I believe that his number should be taken from him, and given to another man; but it should not be given to another man in the same series, because as No. 58 I am proud of it. I am proud

that I am an old Hoo-Hoo, and I would hate to have a man come in and take No. 21, as was suggested, and call himself "No. 21;" but I do think he can come in and take "21-A" and fill that place. [Applause.] It is a damnable disgrace to a Hoo-Hoo who is too poor to pay his 99 cents a year and stay with the Order. Now, Brother Beal speaks of wanting to see this Order grow to immense, grand proportions. I do not want to see it grow that way. I would rather have it decent and respectable and exclusive. [Laughter and applause.] And as long as I have got a hair on my head and a tongue in my mouth, I am going to come to Hoo-Hoo meetings and oppose the members running over 9999. [Applause.] I want to see that limit, and when it is filled, I want to see a waiting list down yonder with its thousands. Then Hoo-Hoo will be something; then Hoo-Hoo will mean something. It will mean that people are ambitious for Hoo-Hoo—not that you can go out and gather in concatenations of thirty or forty, putting men in under all sorts of excuses because you want to make members. [Applause.] I do not want so many members, but I want every man that I know is a Hoo-Hoo to be one that I can go up to and borrow twenty dollars from. [Laughter and applause.] I do not believe in raising the membership limit from 9999. [Applause.]

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—The objection that Brother Barns makes to taking these numbers can be avoided, I think, by putting a letter before the number to show that it was one who had taken a number in place of one who had dropped out. I do not know that I understand your recommendation; maybe that is what you mean by it. But I think we want to give all the inducement that we can for men to join this Order and to keep our working numbers filled; and I think that it is policy to keep the back numbers up and in place. If you want to designate them from the old, original numbers, you can put an "A" or a "B" in front of them, as "A-21," "B-21," and so on; then we would know how many had held the old No. 21 before him. When you say to a man, "You must get in now, or you will have to wait until there is a chance for you to get in," it makes him quite anxious. I notice that every man is striving for something that he has not; and when he gets it, he does not care half so much about it as if he did not have it. Now, I think it is just as true as the world if we will put up the waiting list and say you must wait until somebody dies or somebody is turned out before you come into this Order and hold an office—I think that it would have a tendency to increase the growth of the Order. I agree with Brother Drake. I do not want to see the number increased, not a single number; I want it held down to the original limit. I think it is well to discuss these things. It is well for us all to get up and talk. I think this is a place where every man should get up and express himself—as is said at weddings: "Let him now speak, or else forever hold his peace." [Laughter and applause.] I think that discussion on these points is good, and I am glad to have you criticize any suggestions that I may make. I am in "for the good of the Order," and not for any bad idea that I have got. I make these suggestions only because I think it might bring up a discussion. We do not want to have this thing to go by on one side without any different ideas brought up. I would like to hear somebody else bring up something. I do so that we may discuss it.

SNARK:—Let me add another word in connection with Brother Drake's point: You should not condemn too severely those who are dropped out. There was Brother —, who was out on the road, and our departed ex-Snark White had instruction to take care of his dues until he came in. Brother — did not get those notices, and he was dropped. There was not a better Hoo-Hoo than Brother —. There

were two or three notices for dues that he had overlooked, and he at once reinstated himself. Now, his number should not have been given to anybody else. He said that if he could get reinstated he wanted his old number. Some members drop out in that way—not through carelessness or indifference, but through oversight. He thought that Brother White had attended to it, and Brother White had overlooked it.

(Both Mr. Cobb and Mr. Drake addressed the Snark at the same time, but Mr. Cobb obtained the Snark's recognition.)

MR. GOBB (32):—I am glad that I got ahead of Brother Drake that time. There are some things which he said there that are radically wrong, the same that all other lawyers do. According to our Constitution, any one who drops out has a right to get back in again if he pays up his dues. That is a constitutional right that all have, and we cannot help it. There is one other point, and as long as there are a good many on the line of sentiment this morning, I want to speak of it. I would like to know if Brother Meginn is in the room.

MR. J. E. MEGINN (33):—Yes, sir.

MR. COBB (32):—I would like to know if he would like to see somebody else come in and take Leroy's number.

MR. MEGINN (33):—No.

MR. COBB (32):—The idea of anybody's taking Charley McCarer's number—No. 1! It does not make any difference what you feel about it. We do not want it. [Applause.] That is one thing that has been forgotten—our dead. And we honor our dead! I think some of them worked as hard for the Order as anybody who is living to-day. [Applause.]

A MEMBER:—That is right.

MR. COBB (32):—While we are on the matter of sentiment we might as well take another view of it. In the real earliest time—I am among those who belonged to the old shouting gang of Hoo-Hoo—whenever we started out, on every dead wall we wrote the figure "9," and we taught everybody. In the old days of the stickers we pasted the figure "9" wherever we could paste it; and we want that old "9," and we do not want to make "1000," or whatever it is going to amount to. It is nothing against Charley McCarer, the dear old boy, that somebody has got "A-1;" he was simply "1," and a good old "1" he was. [Great applause.]

MR. DRAKE (58):—I would not take a thing in the world from him or his memory or from any other dead man, because I revere the memory of those old fellows who worked for Hoo-Hoo; but I came in right behind, and I think it is no disgrace to me, it is no disgrace to any other man in Hoo-Hoo, that he or I have the number "1," the number "401," or the number "4001," provided it has a prefix which distinctly explains to every other man in Hoo-Hoo land that that number is not the original number, but the number of one who has passed on over the way and given up his life work in Hoo-Hoo, and has sent a substitute to take his place. Now, Brother Cobb calls attention to the fact that under the Constitution of this organization a man has a right to drop out and not pay his dues year after year, and still come back whenever he sees fit and reclaim his old number. If you are going to have an infernal clause in the Constitution which allows a man to pay his dues whenever he pleases, then when he does come back he ought to be willing to go to the shrine and kneel down and take any old number on earth that you are willing to give him. [Laughter and applause.]

SCRIVENOTER:—I would like to say, with all deference to Brother Drake and the others who have spoken, that it is in the experience of my five or six years in the Scrivenoter's office that if you reduce this to a strict business basis—60 days, or 2 per cent off for cash—you are going to disrupt the Order. It is a very small sum to most of our members, and they are scattered from Maine to California.

If you are going to fix an exact date and then allow only 60 or 90 days for the payment of dues, you are going to drop a very valuable proportion of our membership. It seems to me that we have got off the thing that confronts us, anyway. We have not reached the actual limit of membership. As Brother Barns has said, we have only about 6700 actual members—that is, excluding men who have been suspended and who have died. On the numerical roll we have reached about 9400 or 9500. About January we will reach 9999. Then the question will come up as to how we are going to number the men of the next concatenation. It is urgent; it is important; as Mr. McKinley would say, it is a paramount issue now. There are two things that we can do, and either would be satisfactory, it seems to me.—as Brother Barns suggests, continue numbering consecutively, as we are now doing, always understanding that the actual number of members shall be kept down in the Scrivenoter's office to 9999; or we can stop at 9999 and begin a new list, prefixing each number with an "A" or any arbitrary symbol. That is the question: Which would be best to do, start the new list or continue the old one? It matters very little which we do. I would have it understood, though, whatever we do, that one should have at least a year in which to reinstate himself after being suspended and in which he could get back his old number. We are on the up grade now; we are reinstating many of the old ones who dropped out four or five years ago. We have reinstated a number since this meeting began, some of them being high officials and men prominent in their neighborhoods. Almost always these requests for reinstatement come with explanations as to how it happened, and asking if they can get back their old numbers. It is not like meeting a note in the bank. I think that there ought to be a year, or two years, if he pays up everything, in which a suspended member can get back his old number. This delinquency is not usually a question of money. They not infrequently send a check for \$5, or some such sum, saying: "This will reimburse the Order for the amount you have expended in sending me notices." It is not penuriousness, but oversight and mere neglect. I trust that whatever plan is adopted there will be a good margin in which these people can come back.

SNARK:—A member cannot be reinstated by only paying his dues. He has to have the approval of the Vicegerent and Scrivenoter.

MR. BARNES (3):—The latter part of the Scrivenoter's talk would indicate that he did not intend, in case they had prefixes, to number consecutively. I do not see how you can ever go back; for instance, in the case of a man who is expelled or dropped out, I do not see how you can go back and get another man in his place at all. If you have the "Class A," you have got to affix that symbol to one, two, three, and four, and right along, regardless of everything—

SCRIVENOTER:—Certainly.

MR. BARNES (3):—And leave the old members entirely as they are. If they have dropped out, they dropped out absolutely; so that their reinstatement or suspension would have no reference at all to the new series numbers.

SCRIVENOTER:—Not at all. Only I thought perhaps it might be the view of this assembly that it would be a good idea to fix some date beyond which those who are now delinquent could not reinstate themselves and get back the old numbers. There are a great many men whom I think it would not be desirable to reinstate if they came back with the money in hand. They are men who ought not to have been initiated, and they have dropped out. I think, however, that it would be well, perhaps, to fix some limit of time beyond which a man could not be reinstated and get back his old number.

MR. BEAL (8736):—I want to ask a question. If you start a new series, suppose that I am 8736 and I am dropped out; I go on for a year or so, and I want to be reinstated, and you have a new series; would I have to take a number in the new series, or could I have my old number back? And would it not be well enough, if we could arrange it, to let a fellow pay a little extra for the privilege of getting his old number?

SNARK:—I have made that recommendation. The report states distinctly that we shall leave the old numbers undisturbed, and if the member comes back, he can reclaim his number. A new series would apply only to new members entirely. "A-1" would be the first one initiated after 9999 had been reached. The idea was that those old numbers should remain undisturbed and intact. There is no confusion in it. I have some connection with the telephone service. My number at home is B-998; I remember I tried to get 999. Now, nobody calls for A-998 or C-998. They are just as distinct as numbers alone can be. That is what suggested it to me.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—I have listened very carefully to the discussion which you have had here, and it seems to me that it has resolved itself into two propositions. One is: Shall we increase the membership above 9999?

SEVERAL VOICES:—No!

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—Well, that is the proposition as I look at it. Shall we carry our numbering beyond that? If we do, we carry the membership beyond. We cannot be 10000 or 11000, and the fact remain that we limit it to 9999—

SCRIVENOTER:—In good standing.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—We could not carry higher numbers than 9999, because it would not be correct on the face of it. It strikes me that if we are going to draw the line at 9999 we have got to go into that list and expel the members who have not paid their dues, and we have got to begin a series of numbers that will correspond exactly with the numbers that we have dropped. There are only two propositions. One of them is: If we are going to hold to 9999, we will have to go into that list and weed it out; we will have to get the strongest committee that we can find and go over that list in the handbook and take off all the members who owe dues and drop them forever; and then, if they come back again, as the gentleman over there very wisely said, let them take other numbers. They have held out four or five years, some of them, and have not taken any part in Hoo-Hoo. It would be just right that they should drop in behind us. I have a pretty high number myself, but I would not want to go back to a lower number than the people who have done more for Hoo-Hoo than I have. I think that after we have reached 9999 we should have a report of a special committee and some arrangements made so that the delinquents can be dropped and the new members take their places in making up the 9999 actual members.

MR. MEGINN (33):—I have been thinking this over. I came into Hoo-Hoo just about the time that Brother Cobb spoke of. Since thinking it over, I will give a little experience of my own, which may give some light on this case. There are none of our best societies but have at some time or other had members who, either through sickness or neglect, have been thrown out. I am a member of the Chicago Commandery. Through neglect I got thrown out. I remained out for nine years. I then went back and was reinstated, and I was put back in the old list where I belonged; I took my place where I was at first. I am living a long way from here, and the Scrivenoter may send me a notice; I may not get it. He may send me a second notice. Everybody knows our postal service in Mexico is

very bad. I may not get either of them; and as a business proposition I may forget all about it, as I have done. I just paid my last year's dues since I came here; I paid my dues at Dallas when I went there two years ago. With Brother Cobb, I was one of the Hoo-Hoo who were initiated at New Orleans. Well, we had no initiation; the original Nine at that time asked if we would not help to start this organization, and we did. Most of them are the older men who met at that meeting in New Orleans in 1892. I would be very sorry to lose my membership. I might be sick, I might be away; I expect to go to Europe for a year or two, and I will not be where I can pay my dues. I would hate to see another man take my number while I live; after I pass away, I would still object to it if I could. [Laughter.] I did not fully understand what Brother Cobb said about lettering "A." I think that would be all right; I do not think there would be anything wrong in that. I do not believe in increasing the membership; I think that 9999 is all right. But I think, as Brother Baird does, that we should start in at "A-1" and "A-2."

MR. C. H. STANTON (3140):—We have with us to-day at least two of the original Nine who organized this Order—Brother Defebaugh and Brother Johnson.

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—And Barns.

MR. STANTON (3140):—Brother Barns has already expressed himself. We have at least two more of the original Nine, and it seems to me that they must have given this subject some thought when they originated the Order. I would like to hear from Brother Johnson and Brother Defebaugh.

SNARK:—Johnson and Defebaugh are called for.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):—I think that we have had a very good discussion of the subject, and it is not before the house for any action at all. It was brought up so that the committee might go to work and formulate some sort of a report, and I think now that we had better await further discussion until the committee formulates the report. They know pretty nearly the sentiment of the meeting. With your permission, I would like to introduce something else and let this committee go to work and bring in a final report.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—It has all been said. If the committee cannot now lead us out of the wilderness, we will have to remain there. I, for one, believe we have discussed the problem from every possible side. I have no opinion to give, and I will say to Brother Stanton that possibly when we organized Hoo-Hoo we had no plans up as far as this year. [Laughter.] We meant to give this trouble, and I am very delighted to see that we have done it. Now, you fellows get out the best way you can. [Laughter and applause.]

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—The Snark—

SNARK:—It was decided, Brother McMillan, if you will allow me to say, to drop this matter.

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—I would like to ask one question, with your permission.

SNARK:—All right.

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—Since this discussion has been going on, I find that in my plan there was a hole. [Laughter.] It is well to look at these things right. We are not here, as I said before, to get a bad idea crowded into our Constitution. Now, if we have a waiting list, No. 4 dies or is removed or has gone and we put a man there. No. 8000 dies and we put a man there; his number is 8000. You go back to 400 and he dies. So that the fellow who comes in behind would get the lower number. He would be ahead. [Laughter.] Now, you see, I do not think my plan would be good. [Continued laughter.]

The House of Hoo-Hoo.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):—I do not want to be considered a crank, but I had an opportunity and utilized it to speak briefly of the House of Hoo-Hoo at the banquet night before last in the Cloister, and just a word on one other occasion. I have prepared a brief article on the subject, in order that it may become a part of the records of Hoo-Hoo, and it will be useful to some of those who cannot be here, inasmuch as it sums up briefly the situation, and, I think, presents in a hurried argument why we should be interested, although there shall be no application and no action taken and no party identified with it who does not feel like voluntarily doing so. It is a club, and will be for the benefit of lumbermen, railroad men, and newspaper men who will go to the Exposition.

Preliminary to reading what I have prepared, I will present some resolutions, which I would request you to act upon after I am through, or after the convention is through with the subject.

Mr. Defebaugh's Resolution.

Whereas the primary object of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, as exemplified in its motto—"Health, Happiness, and Long Life"—is to promote a feeling of good fellowship and to bring out the social qualities among those in similar lines of trade, making them eligible for membership; and

Whereas the organization of the House of Hoo-Hoo has been completed, the same having for its object the building of a clubhouse on the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, to be held in St. Louis in 1904, this clubhouse to be a home for Hoo-Hoo and all who are eligible for membership in Hoo-Hoo; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that if the objects of Hoo-Hoo are worthy, those of the House of Hoo-Hoo are also worthy—that the building of a home for Hoo-Hoo is a furtherance of the fundamental principles of Hoo-Hoo; that it is a worthy method of promoting the interests of the Order and should be supported by all members of the Order. Be it further

Resolved, That this meeting does hereby indorse the plans and objects of the House of Hoo-Hoo, deeming them in full accord with the objects of the Order; that it believes much good can be done for the Order by the erection and maintenance of this building; and that it recommends it to all Hoo-Hoo, with the request that they become members of the same.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):—I have prepared a brief address, which I think you will pardon me for reading:

House of Hoo-Hoo Explained.

Dear to the heart of every good Hoo-Hoo (and there are none others here) is that proposition which evidently will make for the aggrandizement of the whole Order. It is of such a proposition that I have to speak, and I hope that before I shall have finished you will be convinced that the proposition is one designed for the substantial benefit of Hoo-Hoo as an entity and the particular benefit of those who may become practically interested in it. I speak of and for the House of Hoo-Hoo, that grand scheme designed as a prominent feature of what promises to be the greatest exposition of intellectual and material resources and advancement that the world will ever have seen by the end of the year 1904.

The idea of the House of Hoo-Hoo, born in a Southern city within recent months, was that lumbermen should construct a home or clubhouse on the grounds of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, the main idea being to have a home for lumbermen at the big fair, at which those in this and allied trades could obtain exclusive privileges in the way of bodily comforts, and not be forced to take "pot-luck" with the thousands of others who would visit the fair. Most of you, if not all of you, are unpleasantly familiar with the discomforts, and even the dangers, that are inseparable from attendance at such expositions. One instance of such discomforts came almost directly under my personal observation: A similar attraction had crowded the already overcrowded city of London with visitors. One of these was an elderly lady of distinguished appearance. She was riding in an underground railway, and as it neared

a stopping point, she appealed to a fellow-passenger, a touring American lumberman. "Will you help me to alight?" she asked. "I have a physical infirmity that compels me to descend from these carriages backward. Every time I try it the guard mistakes my intentions, hustles me back into the carriage, and starts the train." She had twice made the circuit of the line, at each station presenting her rear elevation to the gaping public! This instance is, of course, typical of only the minor discomforts inevitable at an exposition; but it is these and the weightier discomforts, as well as the grave dangers of the crowd, that the House of Hoo-Hoo is intended to and will obviate.

The father of the scheme in its practical shape was the father of many ideas of practical value to Hoo-Hoo—the sincerely and deeply lamented Alson A. White, of Kansas City. For some occult reason, he solicited my interest in the matter, the others whose assistance he sought being all Missourians. These are the Board of Directors, bearing the names, besides that of Mr. White, of Norman W. McLeod, St. Louis; Benjamin L. Winchell, St. Louis; William A. Rule, Kansas City; William E. Barns, St. Louis; H. L. Harmon, J. B. White, Will. A. Pickering, Kansas City; J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago; to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. A. A. White, Franklin N. Smith, of St. Louis, was appointed. It was recommended by the committee that no one class of lumbermen should be excluded from membership, but that the lines be as broad as the eligibility clause of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo—to include lumbermen, railroad traffic officials, sawmill supply men, and lumber newspaper men.

The House of Hoo-Hoo has been so planned as to include all lumbermen. The club privileges are such as will be found in any well-conducted club, and will include a dining room, in which a better and lower-priced meal will be served to members than can be obtained at any restaurant on the grounds; and there will not be the overcrowded condition and slovenly service which are always characteristic of a great exposition restaurant. Despite its broad lines, it is to all intents and purposes a strictly Hoo-Hoo proposition, in which the privileges are extended to those on the outside who are eligible to membership in the Order. And I want to interpolate right here that it may be made to serve admirably as a means for selecting the best possible class to recruit the gaps in the ranks of Hoo-Hoo. It will advertise the Order in a permanent way; and, for the first time in its life, at the Annual to be held in St. Louis in 1904 Hoo-Hoo will be "at home."

Much of a substantial nature has already been accomplished, and the organization has been placed on a sound footing. Members have been recruited in Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. Of these States, Missouri thus far heads the list, with 115 members; but there is a definite proposition to secure something more than 500 members in St. Louis alone. It is not necessary to raise nearly the amount of money permitted by the charter; but the nearer the subscriptions come to that figure, the more can be done in the way of making the club a popular and entertaining place of assembly. It is strictly a social proposition, with business as a side issue, and it is on such a low-price basis that it cannot be other than popular with the trade at large. More than this, it will richly pay a member in the benefits received.

In bringing up the subject of the House of Hoo-Hoo at this time, I had an especially specific object—to enlist your practical cooperation in the scheme. I have mentioned the already assured and prospective relatively great membership in Missouri. I am authoritatively informed that certain of the larger lumber enterprises in that State—possibly in other States—purpose to invest heavily in the stock of the House of Hoo-Hoo, which is incidentally an indication of the estimation in which business men hold the scheme. It is, however, the intention that every lumber section of the United States shall be largely represented in the membership by the numbers enrolled from each section. Therefore, in view of the already assured large membership and the certainty of securing all the needed finances, it is essential that all who wish should identify themselves at the earliest possible moment with the scheme. The books are ready now for enrollment, and the wise man who has any idea of attending the World's Fair in 1904—and who has not?—will subscribe his name before it may be too late. The House of Hoo-Hoo, it is intended, shall

be representative of every community in our broad land; it is incumbent upon you and upon your early action that that intention shall materialize. The small boy gave as a reason why lightning does not strike twice in the same place the explanation: "It don't haf to." It may be—evidently it will be—unnecessary to repeat this suggestion to you. The danger that lies in delay is emphasized because in it lies a possible disappointment to you—a disappointment that may be keenly felt. The House of Hoo-Hoo is a certainty, as far as any human project can be regarded as a certainty. Equally a certainty are the numerical membership and the funds. That membership will take care of its friends, and the capacity of the House of Hoo-Hoo will have limitations. It may be—it is within the bounds of probability—that the club will find it necessary to restrict its membership and its guests; and therein lies your disappointment when you may find that owing to your dilatory consideration of your membership the gates of the most desirable building on the grounds are closed to you and to those whom you may wish to entertain.

From the date of its birth, Hoo-Hoo has been largely an intellectual or moral force, with little, if anything, of the material about it. To the unenlightened—those walking in the outer darkness—It has been known vaguely as an Order composed of lumbermen. It has had little of the substantial or tangible to advertise it or its merits or to insure for it the place of dignity to which it aspires and which it deserves. For the first time in its history there is offered, through the House of Hoo-Hoo, a visible, tangible evidence of the existence, aims, and objects of a great Order composed largely of the most substantial business men of the nation. In the popular vernacular, it is "up to" the membership to take advantage of this, the best method of advertising the Order that it has had.

I want to touch upon a matter of sentiment, but one that is dear to the heart of every Hoo-Hoo here. The tourist in London who visits St. Paul's Cathedral will find in it a tablet covering the remains of Sir Christopher Wren, the architect of the cathedral. All of him that could die sleeps under the marble. The tablet is inscribed: "Would you see his monument? Then look around you." Alton A. White was a great soul; he was a great Snark. In a quiet way he was one of the greatest factors in the perpetuation and the improvement of Hoo-Hoo from its infancy. Those who knew him well remember the kindness in him, the toleration he portrayed, the generosity of his life, the magnanimity of his friendships. The last time I saw Alton A. White I perpetrated a joke. I said: "Mr. White, I am here because you urged me to accept a place on this board, and I am glad to see you. You always remind me of the expression used by John Quincy Adams when speaking of Rhode Island: 'She is to be measured not by the smallness of her stature, but by the loftiness of her principles.'" Alton A. White has a fame undying in the heart of every Hoo-Hoo; it should be supplemented by a more material one. In its conception and largely in the plan of its erection, he was the architect of the House of Hoo-Hoo; and if my cooperation in the effort can insure it, I want a tablet of enduring material to be inserted prominently in its walls recounting the everlasting debt the Order owes to him.

I want, dear friends, that this house shall be built; when you shall have appreciated its scope and what it signifies to Hoo-Hoo, you, too, will want it built. It may become the delightful home of a fellowship as wide as the country, as symbolical as the ideal family circle, and a place where lumbermen and their cohorts will gladly congregate. The good time is now; lay a little aside to build a temple where we can go and at least imagine that the world is ours and the fullness thereof.

By the mysterious ordering of Providence, the sponsor for this project cannot enjoy the House of Hoo-Hoo; he has gone home to rest; but when we meet at St. Louis, may the good Lord inspire us with the kind of brotherhood, of altruistic principle, of which Alton A. White was a healthy type.

We may not be able to erect such a building as we would like—it may not prove possible to build a great and an expensive structure—but let one and all participate in this enterprise; and when we arrive at St. Louis and go over the wonderful exposition, the Hoo-Hoo can say, "This is our private, peculiar place of rest;" to paraphrase Touchstone: "A good thing, sir, and our own." Traveling in Italy is a delightful experience. One of the country's great sights is Vesuvius. An Englishman and an American were contemplating it together, when the former taunted the American with having nothing of the kind in his country.

"No," rejoined the American, "but we have a cataract that could put it out in five minutes." The exhibitors from other climes may have peculiar institutions with which we cannot have the earth and the fullness thereof, but we can this country which they cannot rival—the Order of Hoo-Hoo, whose like is not in any other country of the earth, and of which the House of Hoo-Hoo will be its "outward and visible sign." We will meet and we will be happy there, and it will be in our home, built of our substance. It will be mine, yours; it will belong to the lumbermen, the railroad men, the newspaper men—in a word, to Hoo-Hoo.

We cannot have everything our own way altogether. We cannot have the earth and the fullness thereof, but we can have a share of it; and we can have a home at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, practically in all that the word "home" implies. That exposition will see many things far in advance of similar enterprises, and the House of Hoo-Hoo will permit of enjoying that exposition in a way that no other means will afford.

Let me argue from a standpoint on which every Hoo-Hoo is vulnerable—the standpoint of gallantry. I doubt if there will be one of you who will not attend the exposition in the company of his sister, his daughter, his wife, or his sweetheart—or some other fellow's sweetheart. Exhausted, bedraggled womanhood appeals to the chivalrous emotions of every Hoo-Hoo, and his first instinct is to mitigate feminine distress. The means, unequalled within reach, will be found in the House of Hoo-Hoo. Here the lady may rest; here she may repair her torn lace; here she may brush the disheveled hair and bathe the heated face—even in rare instances put on a dainty kiss of powder—that is, the other fellow's girl will, as, of course, yours will not; and here she may dine healthfully amid congenial surroundings. And then that formerly distressed, but now refreshed, lady will call you "blessed," and you will bless the foresight that induced you to become a member of the House of Hoo-Hoo.

Here will our brotherhood gather in delightful converse; here will old friendships be strengthened and new ones formed; here will be our point of rendezvous; here we will meet our friends from all over the world, and point out to them the features of a structure of which we will be proud and an edifice that is our very own, under our own vine and fig tree; and here we will find the arboreal treasures of the earth, and will enjoy them all the more for having been, each of us, a factor in the project that will have made all these things possible.

Gentlemen, the project is one that appeals to your pocketbooks, your solicitude for the well-being of the fair sex, your appetites and your stomachs, your business ambitions and your social aspirations; and, too, it appeals to your loyalty as Hoo-Hoo. Now is the accepted time to avail yourselves of all that I have offered without one word of exaggeration.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—Some printed matter has been distributed which will give the practical phases of the subject. In the first place, the membership dues are \$9.99. That entitles one to the entire privileges of the club for the period during which the exposition will be open.

SNARK:—Brother Defebaugh offered some resolutions for your adoption. What will you do with them?

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the resolutions read by Brother Defebaugh be adopted.

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—Question, question!

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I would like to know if the Order of Hoo-Hoo indorses the House of Hoo-Hoo? Do we intend to be as generous in building that house as the Order is in giving bouquets to some that cannot have them? If I listened to that correctly, there was a point in that plan that if we do not take advantage of it now we might go there and find that we could not get it. Gentlemen, that is going to hurt a whole lot. I think if we indorse that House of Hoo-Hoo, those who have given enough should see that some of us who cannot take stock will have a place to lay our heads when we are there.

MR. BARNES (3):—If you are there when I am there, I will take you in.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—If I go there, I am able to pay for it. I am speaking for the Order at large.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—It is absolutely necessary for

the Board of Directors to make their financial plans at an early day. The World's Fair officials have entered into it very heartily. They are kind and generous and have given us a splendid location, and will assist in every way possible; but the Board of Directors cannot build it on paper alone. Some of us subscribed, and will stand as much more as is necessary. Now, every Hoo-Hoo will be invited. I gave a subscription equal to my number, and my number is 6. I am willing to give \$6 more in the erection of that building. Every Hoo-Hoo will have an opportunity to make a subscription, whether it is \$1 or more. For some reason, some of you may want to present shares of stock to associates, friends, or employees. The main object, which I have not touched on very much, is that we want to make a home for our ladies when we go to St. Louis; and I guarantee that it will be a home in every sense of the word, and it will be conducted as a home ought to be conducted for good people.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Let me explain it this way: I know that we have a Scrivenoter good enough to notify all members in this Order when their dues are payable—that is, when they are due. They do not attend to them; they neglect to pay them. Now, we get a notice from this Board of Directors; every Hoo-Hoo gets a notice, and he neglects to take up that stock when it is offered to him. He goes to St. Louis, but, not like the Order of Hoo-Hoo, he cannot be reinstated; he has no stock, and he cannot get in. That is what I am looking at. It is not from a personal standpoint at all. I have always been able to get in when I went to a place.

SNARK:—I do not think you need to worry. They will take your money when you get there.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Fix it that way.

MR. ROURKE (421):—I agree with Brother Defebaugh that in this, to use a very old, old phrase, "money makes the mare go." They have got to have some of that money now, and if we put it off until the building is erected and furnished, while they probably would not refuse a Hoo-Hoo's \$9.99, still it will be much nicer if the subscriptions get in earlier, so that they will know just what to count on.

MR. E. R. COOLEIDGE (376):—I should like to see a resolution introduced that the Scrivenoter be authorized to demand an assessment of from 50 cents to 99 cents from every member of the Order, so that every man who belongs to the Order may be able to use the clubroom at St. Louis. I think everybody in the Order would put that amount up. It would be almost \$9,999 that we could have for the building. A good many Hoo-Hoo will go there who neglect to take out any subscription. I think that if the building is called "The House of Hoo-Hoo" and a lot of Hoo-Hoo go there who cannot get into the building, it will hurt the Order. It ought to make an assessment upon its members for such an object as that.

MR. DEFEBEAUGH (6):—The House of Hoo-Hoo is a corporation, duly organized under the laws of Missouri. It is not a sentimental organization; it is, to-day, a concrete, financial organization; it has funds; it is about ready to begin; it has its plans made, and has paid its architect to make those plans; it is paying as it goes, and any one who puts up his money is entitled to participate just as he does in this Hoo-Hoo. If, after it is organized, it is found that it is possible to take in the entire organization, that is another matter; but it will legislate as it goes, and not anticipate sentimentally what may happen that year, in the mere matter of indorsement by this organization. That will cut no figure with it. Every one is invited, and I propose to take a number of my friends who may or may not be members of it, if I take enough shares in it to make it possible to do so.

MR. DRAKE (58):—Brother Defebaugh has just told you that he has taken the name of Hoo-Hoo and has organized

a concrete corporation under the laws of the State of Missouri; that he has gone into the business of supplying a clubhouse on the World's Fair grounds at St. Louis, Mo., without asking Hoo-Hoo—not by the law of Hoo-Hoo, not with the consent of Hoo-Hoo, but simply by the consent of Brother Defebaugh and a few of his associates. Now, Brother Cooleidge moves that we make an assessment. I join you on that proposition. Put up the building on that ground and call it "The House of Hoo-Hoo;" and if you wish to build there, you have a right to call it "The House of Hoo-Hoo." Then say that you will take in only Hoo-Hoo; but do not go out and take in lumbermen and machinery men who are not Hoo-Hoo, and then let the machinery men and the lumbermen who are not Hoo-Hoo buy one share, two shares, four shares, five shares, ten shares, or twenty shares of stock, and distribute it to anybody to whom they see fit to give it, and yet do it in the name of Hoo-Hoo. Will that elevate us and carry us to a higher work than we are doing now? I do not believe it. I believe in Hoo-Hoo, and I believe in that building; but I want that building built by Hoo-Hoo, I want it kept for Hoo-Hoo, and I want it run for Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]

MR. BARNES (3):—There has never been any thought of admitting anybody under those circumstances. I think Brother Drake is unnecessarily excited about the matter. There is no proposition of that kind. There is no stock for sale. It is simply membership; that is all. Any lumberman in the country who is eligible to Hoo-Hoo—with the idea of bringing in all the best elements that we possibly can—may in this way become a member. If you have five shares of stock and wish to give your customers a share, you can do so. Suppose you have four or five customers. You say: "I have a membership in the House of Hoo-Hoo in St. Louis. This will entitle you to the privileges of that club while you are there." That makes him a member of it while he is there; moreover, the minute that he is there, if he has a friend who is eligible to Hoo-Hoo, he can issue a membership card, just as you do for your clubs, and give him the privileges of it. This is a public building, as far as the public is concerned, to examine. It is proposed to finish each one of these rooms in a different kind of wood—to make the greatest display of woods ever made in this country—and I want to say that there has been no sort of interest or friendship or anything of the kind. It is simply to benefit the Order. I want to say that almost the very first man who took a membership in this was Mr. Charlton H. Bean, who is at the head of the Forestry Department. I have a letter from him, received just before I left St. Louis, in which he says: "I hope you are getting along in fine shape." It is not to be a commercial exhibit. It is to show to the world; the public can come in there; and you will see that you will open a popular exhibition under the very best conditions possible. I want to say to Brother Drake that the president of this corporation is a Hoo-Hoo; and, so far as I know, almost every man in it is a member of the Order Hoo-Hoo. I want to say that Brother N. W. McLeod, president of the Southern Lumbermen's Association, is now in the building; he will be here in the course of a few minutes, and may have something to say on the subject.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I think that if it is to be called "The House of Hoo-Hoo" every Hoo-Hoo ought to have the privilege of going to it; if it is a lumbermen's club, say so; if it is a Hoo-Hoo club, let the Order vote money and everybody have a chance to go there.

MR. MEGINN (33):—On this subject of the House of Hoo-Hoo; when they submitted it to me and asked my advice about it, I wrote a little note which, I believe, was published in one of the papers, and I put it this way: "I went to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893 with my wife

and daughters; and although I had been there before, when I got on the streets I found myself in a shape where I could hardly locate the grounds without help. I would ask a question, and then I would be answered in a short way." When they wrote me about it, I thought it would be one of the best things that could be done. Let me explain the way I understand this circular that came to me: That the lumbermen who are Hoo-Hoo are going to subscribe this \$9.99 for a share, or four or five shares; that they can take those shares and give them only to Hoo-Hoo or men who are eligible to Hoo-Hoo. I believe it states that positively in the circular. Now, I have a partner, and he is crazy to come to St. Louis to this exposition. We have already taken, or expect to take, four or five shares. One of our biggest lumbermen down there wants to come with his wife. I shall have a share and lend it to him, but not give it to him. Some other brother lumberman I may send on a share. I have a share, and I can take another friend there and let him use it. But, as Brother Barns says, take our club down in Mexico (I believe that one or two of you have been down there). Now, when a friend comes there, I can give him a club card for two weeks, and that gives him all the privileges of that club. It is the same way with this: I can give him a card to the House of Hoo-Hoo while he is there. That is the way I have understood it from the start, though I may be wrong. I do not understand why a thing like that should not be supported in every way it can be. You do not know what trouble we will have there in not being taken care of.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—The only point is: You can bring out your Mexican friends and take them in there, while a good many Hoo-Hoo who do not subscribe stock cannot get in.

A MEMBER:—Now, right there: I do not know that Brother Cooleidge understands it, but I do not think that is so.

MR. D. T. CALL (1390):—I think that Brother Cooleidge is just about right in his sentiment. I believe that every Hoo-Hoo ought to be assessed 99 cents and, if he is there, be permitted to enter. There are a lot of good Hoo-Hoo who are not stockholders. If they are there, they ought to enter, especially if it was named "The House of Hoo-Hoo." I would feel pretty bad if I was in St. Louis and could not go in.

MR. BARNS (3):—Anybody can go in.

MR. J. M. JANSEN (1775):—I would like to ask if permission was granted to use the name "Hoo-Hoo."

MR. DEFBEAUGH (6):—Permission from whom?

MR. JANSEN (1775):—From the Order.

MR. DEFBEAUGH (6):—No, sir.

MR. W. M. STEPHENSON (2676):—The Order of Hoo-Hoo has the right to use the word "Hoo-Hoo" only in regard to secret organizations. If I owned an organization or wanted to organize a business house or any other corporation, I could use the name "Hoo-Hoo." There is no law in the country that could stop me.

MR. DEFBEAUGH (6):—They are all good Hoo-Hoo who have thus far become interested.

MR. BARNS (3):—I would like to say that Brother McLeod, president of the House of Hoo-Hoo, president of the Southern Lumbermen's Association, and one of the largest lumbermen of the country, is here, and I am sure all of us would be glad to hear from him on this matter. He may throw more light on the subject.

Mr. McLeod's Talk.

MR. N. W. M'LEOD (9534):—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: I am, as Brother Barns says, from St. Louis. I presume that it would be proper just at this time to tell you that I am not a member of the City Council there and that my business here is in the interest of the House of Hoo-Hoo solely. I am unfortunate in not having been here this morning, so as to hear the discussion, and I hardly

know what to say to you. The few words I have to say may not be to the point at all, and may not be of much interest on account of what has preceded. The conception of this House of Hoo-Hoo matter was largely brought about by Brother A. A. White. Brother White was deeply interested in the matter, and came to St. Louis and tried to interest a number of gentlemen there in the project. He felt that we all would go to the World's Fair in 1904, and that it would be proper and appropriate to have a place where the members of this Order and such persons as might be eligible to membership could go and feel at home. Many people have gone to Chicago, or to other places where there were large crowds assembled on account of fairs or conventions, and found the accommodations inadequate, found that their pleasure was greatly marred by not having a place where they could go and feel perfectly comfortable and at home. We are going to have in St. Louis, I believe, the largest and best fair that has ever been held. We have the financial matters all taken care of. We have the illustrious example of Chicago and its fair to enlarge upon, and we believe that we can make a fair that will be a pride to every one in the United States, and one that will be of sufficient interest and importance to justify our attending ourselves and taking our wives, our daughters, or some other man's daughter, and visiting this fair. Having a building such as has been proposed—one that will afford accommodations for recreation, for rest, to obtain meals during the day and evening—will add, I believe, very largely to the comfort and pleasure of those who attend the fair. As has no doubt been explained to you, a room above the main reception hall that will seat seven hundred people has been provided; and this room, I presume, will be partitioned off with numerous fences, so that the kittens may sport in their usual manner. This room will be used for conventions and for meetings of this Order, and it is proposed to spend all of the money that the corporation receives for the benefit and entertainment of its members. There are no salaried officers in connection with it, except the assistant secretary, who devotes his entire time to it. All of the other officers are on exactly the same basis as any individual member. They pay their own expenses and are stockholders and shareholders exactly as all others are. It would be impossible to accomplish maximum results in this matter of the House of Hoo-Hoo, unless there is sufficient support—not only financial support, but the moral support that an undertaking of this kind should have. If the Order of Hoo-Hoo wants such a building, if it wants to be represented in that manner for its membership, to those who are eligible to the Order, I think that the principle is a grand one.

If I had been fortunate enough to be here this morning, I would have tried to talk to you on some points that may have been omitted in presenting this matter; but not having been here, I feel that it would be presumptuous on my part to go into details now, because it might be simply a repetition of what you have already heard. I trust that this Order will give the matter its full support. [Great applause.]

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Before we pass from this subject, I would like to say, if it is not out of order, that I am very much in favor of the resolution that our brother has just spoken of, provided it guarantees to all Hoo-Hoo admittance into that house. I do not share with the sentiment or feeling that has been expressed here by one other of our brothers. I have too much confidence in the men at the head of this undertaking to think that they would do anything that would bring reproach upon the Order. I think that it would be perfectly safe, and the Order would be perfectly safe; but I do not know, if we were to pass the resolution and make an assessment of that sort, whether it would do any good for the brothers who go there. I want to go to that exposition and take my family, if I can; but if I do not, I am willing to pay my part of the assessment, and any brother here within the sound of my voice is welcome to my place. I would give a dollar any day to see a Hoo-Hoo have a good place to sit. I would like to see a resolution of that kind introduced here and passed.

MR. BARNS (3):—I would oppose the taking of any funds of this Order in such a way, because we want this thing to be voluntary and those who receive the benefit (and their friends, of course) to pay for it. I would not, for a minute, favor the giving of any money of the Order or any-

thing of that kind, because it would be foreign to it and unnecessary. I will only say this: That if there is any member of the Order who comes here and has not a membership certificate I will guarantee you this—that I will see that he has the privileges of that clubhouse. [Applause.]

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—The point of making an assessment on the Order or on each individual member is this: Where is your right in the Constitution and By-laws to make any such assessment? You have not got it. They have organized the House of Hoo-Hoo; they have sent out circulars asking us to become members. It is up to us to say whether we become members. All that they want is an indorsement. If the men outside of Hoo-Hoo are willing to put their money into a building and call it "The House of Hoo-Hoo," we should be glad of it and indorse their efforts. [Applause.] It is a shame when any member of the Order would get up and object to any outside man's putting his money in a building that would benefit the Order. [Applause.]

MR. F. M. SMITH (1121):—I want to say that I am for many reasons heartily in favor of the resolutions that were read. I consider that this promotion of the House of Hoo-Hoo is distinctly a Hoo-Hoo enterprise. It is a Hoo-Hoo enterprise not only in name, but in the whole list of the promoters. Their executive board and all their auxiliary boards of all the States are distinctly Hoo-Hoo, and I think that the gentlemen at the head of this enterprise and who are back of it and who are promoting it are entitled to a great deal of consideration at the hands of Hoo-Hoo; and all who can, ought to be willing to subscribe to the stock.

MR. DEFBEAUGH (6):—Providing they expect to go to St. Louis and want to be identified with it. It is hardly wise to ask a man to subscribe and be interested financially unless he expects to share its benefits.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—I am from Missouri. I want a little information. I want to ask the object of assessing the Order \$9999. Do these gentlemen contemplate that that 99 cents apiece will entitle them to the benefits of that club?

SNARK:—There has been no such proposition before the house.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—Do they think that the House of Hoo-Hoo can be built for \$9,999? That is what I would like to know.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I merely brought up the suggestion from your own standpoint. I think that the Scrivenoter will back me up in what I say. I have tried hard to re-instate four or five members the last few years. They are good members; they are members whom we can meet and with whom we can shake hands and of whom we can be proud anywhere we see them. I have had to talk a good deal in order to get some of those four or five men back. I want to ask a question—I have got a whole lot of information by asking questions. [Laughter.] My question is: Is that going to be another obstacle thrown at me when I talk to some men I would like to get in? I have reference to the Scrivenoter's sending out the duebills and so many of us forgetting it and saying we get notices and forget them. Now, Brother Barns has covered that; he tells us that he will take care of all who may be there, and I think that he will.

MR. OPPENHEIMER (1180):—I arise to know what is before the house.

SNARK:—The resolutions offered by Brother Defbeaugh.

MR. OPPENHEIMER (1180):—The motion of Brother Cooleidge is not in order.

SNARK:—Out of order.

MR. COOLEIDGE (376):—I made no motion.

A MEMBER:—What effect would this assessment have if a member should not pay it?

SNARK:—There is no question before the house about that.

SCRIVENOTER:—I would like to ask Brother McLeod a question myself—not that I do not understand it, but I think it may throw some light on the subject to some of the members who do not understand. I expect to subscribe for some shares of stock in the House of Hoo-Hoo. What privilege does that give me when I come to St. Louis with my family—not as a newspaper man, but as a Hoo-Hoo?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—It gives you the privilege of the House of Hoo-Hoo, just the same as though you were a member of your local club. You are a part of the organization; you are a stockholder and have all the privileges that any one connected with it has. You take your family there, and you are provided with a place to rest; your wife and daughter may have private apartments, where only ladies are allowed to go; and you have every convenience and comfort for yourself and family that you could have in a strictly high-class city club that is a family club. You would also have this privilege: If you met a friend and wanted to show him the courtesy of that club, you could go with him without any card. It does not make any difference who it might be. The club holds you responsible for the people you introduce there, and any friend that you may have may come there and you can give him all the privileges of that club. It is nothing more nor less than a strictly high-class club that is not projected for profit. The refreshments, meals, etc., will be served at cost, without profit. It is proposed that the officers of the association—unless they give to their members benefits in the way of service so that they will expend the money in service over the amount actually required for the building—will be derelict in duty, unless they have spent all of that money for the benefit of the members who visit there.

SCRIVENOTER:—In your remarks about the privileges of the club, you are assuming that a friend accompanies me there?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—Yes, sir.

SCRIVENOTER:—In that event I would be at liberty to have my friend accompany me, and pay whatever debts I incurred.

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—Yes, sir.

SCRIVENOTER:—How about the billiard room? Could I take my friend in there?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—Yes, sir.

SCRIVENOTER:—And if I was not a member of Hoo-Hoo, but was eligible to the Order, would I have the same privileges?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—Yes, sir. Your friend, however, would have to accompany you to get the privileges of the club.

SCRIVENOTER:—Suppose I was a lumberman, and not a Hoo-Hoo; could I subscribe for stock in this House of Hoo-Hoo?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—Any one who is eligible to membership in this organization can. The project was launched by Brother White with the idea of benefitting this Order; and everything that has been done in the House of Hoo-Hoo has been done with the view of magnifying and advancing the interests of this Order, giving its members pleasure and comfort in their visit to the World's Fair in 1904, and advancing in a proper way the interests of the Order of Hoo-Hoo.

SCRIVENOTER:—Now, then, Brother McLeod, on that basis, perhaps one share, two shares, or three shares of stock might be adequate for anything that I might want; but if I had the knowledge that every member of Hoo-Hoo could make his home at the House of Hoo-Hoo while attending the exposition, could eat at the café and pay his bills just

as I do, I would subscribe for more shares of stock, in order to give that privilege to every member of Hoo-Hoo. I do feel quite desirous—after hearing everything that has been said here and in view of the character of the men who have conceived this enterprise and who have carried it forward to such successful progress—that every member of Hoo-Hoo being in St. Louis with his family should have the privileges of the House of Hoo-Hoo, if it can be arranged. I think it can be arranged, because I am sure that there are enough Hoo-Hoo who will subscribe for more shares of stock if they know that it carries that benefit to the rank and file of the members. Brother Barns has said that he would personally assure a welcome to every Hoo-Hoo who goes there. I know that you St. Louis Hoo-Hoo are not going to let any good member not get everything that is coming to him; but if our members take certain shares of stock, could not the House of Hoo-Hoo make some sort of a guarantee that every Hoo-Hoo going there would have the privileges of the House of Hoo-Hoo?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—I am only one of the Board of Directors and can only speak from an individual standpoint. We have made very careful estimates of the amount of money that will be necessary to successfully carry this project through. After having secured that amount of money, I have not the slightest doubt but that every member of the board would vote to throw the House of Hoo-Hoo open to any members of the Order who are not stockholders in the House of Hoo-Hoo and give them the same privileges by right instead of by courtesy. They will have it, anyway. There is no Hoo-Hoo going to St. Louis whom the resident Hoo-Hoo of that city or of this organization will not treat courteously and show every pleasure; but to get the fullest pleasure they ought to be stockholders. After we have acquired all the money we want as the House of Hoo-Hoo, there would be no objection to throwing the house open as a matter of right instead of a matter of courtesy.

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—I would like to ask Brother McLeod how much they want. What will be the cost and expense of this thing?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—It will cost about \$35,000 to build the House of Hoo-Hoo; it will cost from \$15,000 to \$20,000 to furnish it; and we expect to spend from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in entertaining the members of the organization.

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—Then you want about \$75,000.

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—We want 9,999 shares at \$9.99 apiece; we want practically \$100,000.

A MEMBER:—How much has been subscribed?

MR. M'LEOD (9534):—I could not answer that question.

MR. BARNES (3):—In that connection, I will say that quite a number of applications were received just before I left home. A large concern in Kansas City and a man who has served on the Supreme Nine took thirty-three shares; I have another application from a member, saying that he wants nine shares; and while many are coming individually, many are taking nine shares, so that they can distribute them as they wish, with the limitations that have been set forth.

SNARK:—The resolutions are before you; are you ready to act upon them?

MANY VOICES:—Question, question!

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—I think from the character of the men who have that in charge that this organization should have no fear of the care they will receive when they reach St. Louis. If it is necessary to raise \$100,000—and I think it is—then it is nothing more than proper that those gentlemen who are at the head of this organization should use their best efforts to raise that amount. It is a large amount; yet, individually, it is a small amount for the members. Now, I believe that the resolutions are all right. Per-

sonally, I shall subscribe for the shares that, according to my judgment, will be necessary for me; and I hope that every Hoo-Hoo who can consistently do so will subscribe for shares, so that they can get that House of Hoo-Hoo built before September, 1904. Have it in hand. Now, there is no use of undertaking an enterprise of that size unless they have the money to do it. They cannot wait until we go down there and pay it. We must pay it ahead and take chances on whether we will go or whether we are so situated that we cannot go down there and enjoy it. Now, for my part, I do not think that there is one on that board, from the character of the men who represent it here today, who would pollute the House of Hoo-Hoo in any way, shape, or manner. They are men with whom you could trust your families, your daughters, or any of your friends, and I feel, gentlemen, that we ought to support it. The Order of Hoo-Hoo—we ought to be proud to give them the name; we ought to be proud to have it stuck up on the building. They will put up a building there that will be a monument to us, and I hope every member who can will support the resolutions, and not only support the resolutions, but support the building of the House of Hoo-Hoo. [Applause.]

MR. GLADDING (99):—There are quite a number of gentlemen who have come into the room since the resolutions were first read, and there have been several requests from the back part of the room to hear these resolutions again. Will you kindly have them read again?

SNARK:—Mr. Scrivenoter, will you please read the resolutions?

(The Scrivenoter read the resolutions offered by Mr. Deebaugh.)

MANY MEMBERS:—Question, question!

(The Snark then put the motion to the members, and the resolutions were carried unanimously, with great applause.)

SNARK (reading):—I will ask the members of the Illinois delegation to meet me after adjournment.

A MEMBER:—Does it say where?

SNARK:—It does not say where, but I presume that this hall will be a convenient place. It is about time for adjournment.

MR. CALL (1390):—I would like to ask that those from Texas meet in Room 64 immediately after adjournment.

SNARK:—The Supreme Nine prepared some resolutions in reference to the death of ex-Snark A. A. White, and they have been going the rounds. If you would like to hear them read, I will read them to you, or they are here for inspection. We will not adjourn now, if you can wait just a few moments in deference to these resolutions of respect to Brother White.

(The resolutions were then read by the Scrivenoter.)

Resolutions of Supreme Nine on A. A. White's Death.

[The resolutions presented by the Supreme Nine were very handsomely got up, consisting of four engrossed pages, with beautifully illuminated cover. The cover design embodied the emblem and colors of the Order. The resolutions bore the autograph signatures of the members of the Supreme Nine. The text of the resolutions is as below.—Editor.]

Whereas the officers and members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo have learned with sincere sorrow of the untimely death of Alson Alexander White, a prominent and beloved member of this Order; and desiring to express our feelings in reference to this sad event, and believing that it would be a consolation to the loved ones, on whom this loss falls so heavily, to know that they have our heartfelt sympathies, and that there are thousands of loyal Hoo-Hoo hearts that would gladly bear this burden for them if they could, therefore be it

Resolved by the officers of the Supreme Nine and the general membership of the Order of Hoo-Hoo, That we extend to his beloved wife, Mrs. Alson A. White; his children, and all members of his family, our loving sympathy and condolence, and the assurance that if human hands could lift their burden we would gladly bear it away from them. We realize our impotence; we realize how little we can do to assuage the grief or dry the tears of sorrow; but we want to assure the stricken widow and the family he loved so well that, so far as we are able to realize their loss, our hearts pulsate with the same sorrow that to-day oppresses them. We can only place beside their own our tribute of affection for the one who has gone before, and with them pray for grace to see the sunlight shining on the grave.

Resolved, further, That in the death of Alson A. White the Order has lost one of its most active, energetic, and faithful members. His interest in Hoo-Hoo was firm and abiding, and he never missed an opportunity to render it service. As a member of the Order, as a member of the Supreme Nine, and as Snark of the Universe, his hands and brain were ever at the Order's command, and no call for service ever fell upon his ears unheeded. The memory of his loving presence, wise counsels, and good work will linger with all who knew him until they, too, shall pass to the great beyond. As a man and a citizen, as a husband and father, as a member of the Order, and in all the varied relations of life, Brother Alson A. White was one of God's noblemen. We can say no more. We place this tribute to his memory in the desolated home, and embalm it in the archives of Hoo-Hoo as a guide to those who may attempt to follow in his footsteps, to lead them in the paths he trod, which were ever in the line of duty, service, and honor.

SNARK:—I tender these resolutions to you with a view to having your approval of them.

MR. SMITH (1121):—I move that the resolutions just read by the Scrivenoter be indorsed by this Order as an expression of our sincere and profound regret at the death of our ex-Snark A. A. White and I move, sir, that these resolutions be adopted by a rising vote of this body. (The members silently arose, and the Snark said: "It is needless to say that the resolutions are carried unanimously." The Snark then announced that the session stood adjourned to 1:30 P.M.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

(It was past 2 o'clock before the members had finished their dinners and gathered in the Council Chamber. The Snark made one or two attempts to call the meeting to order, as there were more than nine present, but the pleasures of the delayed dinner kept many of the members away. Finally he announced the meeting in session.)

Mr. Barnes' Addition to Archives.

MR. BARNES (3):—One of the duties, and the principal duty as set forth in the Constitution of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo and the House of Ancients, is to collect and preserve the archaeological and historical lore in connection with the Order. During last year we collected from every possible source everything that we could possibly find relating to the Order, in order that it might be kept for the future historian. I have here before me a number of volumes which relate to the history of the Order; for instance, in this volume which I have here we have the programmes issued at the Annual Meetings, the documents that have been issued by the Vicegerents, the postal cards, etc. On page 1, Volume I.—there, gentlemen—is an account of the first meeting of Hoo-Hoo, held in Gurdon, Ark., on January 21, 1892. That was made at the time. In this book we have every clipping from every source that it was possible to secure relating to this Order. We have a full file of "The Bulletin" which has been issued during the history of the Order; and we have a full set of handbooks, commencing with a little bit of a handbook in which

there were only four or five hundred names. I bring this up for this reason alone—to ask you, as members of the Order or as Vicegerents or other officers, whenever you issue a postal card or hold a concatenation and there is an account of it in the local papers, that you will kindly put the notice in an envelope and send it to me at St. Louis; the House of Ancients will be under very great obligations to you, I am sure. I would like you to examine these carefully. In this volume, made up by the Scrivenoter, there is a set of the various blanks that are issued by him in sending out notices; so that, as a matter of fact, we have in these volumes here the history of Hoo-Hoo from the very date of its inception.

SNARK:—We are ready to entertain any business that may be presented. Are there any committees to report or any general business?

MR. T. W. DOBBINS (646):—Your Committee on Complaints is ready to report.

SNARK:—I am glad to hear it.

MR. DOBBINS (646):—That committee submits the following for your consideration:

Rather Salty, This.

Your Committee on Complaints respectfully reports as follows:

The most serious complaint that has been submitted to us is that the Committee on Arrangements for the Eleventh Hoo-Hoo Annual has been doing its best to annihilate the members of the Order attendant upon this meeting with a superabundance of pleasure and entertainment.

Another very serious complaint has been entered against one of our oldest and most stuffed-up members, who has perpetually blocked the way to the buffet, giving other Hoo-Hoo no opportunity to refresh themselves; that he has stood at the entrance to the elevator making goo-goo eyes at members of the fair sex; that after the concatenation last evening, he visited the Jahrmaket, and the police force was called upon to remove him in sections; and his friends complain that he was not incarcerated in duration vile sufficiently long to afford them a much-needed rest. We refer to No. 376.

We have not received any complaints against the present officers of the Order, although we have been momentarily expecting complaints to be filed. We would recommend, however, that these officers be permitted to retire peacefully from their positions at the conclusion of this Annual Meeting and that capable members be selected to take their places.

T. W. DOBBINS (646), Chairman;
B. F. M'MILLAN (1796),
B. F. WILLIAMS (4932).

(Report was received with great laughter and applause.)

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the report of the Committee on Complaints be received in the spirit in which it is intended it should be and that the committee be discharged, with thanks.

A MEMBER:—I move that No. 376 second that motion.

SNARK:—Probably he is at the buffet now. [Laughter.] You hear the motion. Those who are in favor of it will say so. [Much laughter.] Those who are opposed to it will vote "No." The motion prevails. There will be more business in this line when No. 376 learns of the action.

I think that you were a little premature in discharging the committee. I do not think that the mover intended that. There may be some matters to go before the committee. We will consider the committee still on duty. Is there any other business?

MR. BARNES (3):—In the absence of anything exciting, I think that I can open up a discussion here right now.

A MEMBER:—Wait until some of the old members get here.

Discussion on Scrivenoter's Suggestions.

MR. BARNES (3):—This is a matter that really is of serious interest to all members. It is contained in the suggestions of our Scrivenoter, in the latter part of his report: I am going to bring it up, so that we can all discuss it, if there is nothing on right now: "The apportionment of territory to different members of the Supreme Nine has put a greater amount of work on the members of the Supreme Nine than ever heretofore. At the Norfolk Annual Meeting the Constitution was changed, whereby the expenses of the members of the Supreme Nine are no longer to be paid to the Annual Meeting. I opposed this change at the time, and I respectfully recommend now that the action taken at Norfolk be rescinded. It has been urged that the honor is a sufficient recompense for the duties of a member of the Supreme Nine, however onerous. This honor, however, is or can be made reciprocal. We want men on the Supreme Nine who will honor Hoo-Hoo; and it is little enough, I think, that the actual traveling expenses of these men to the Annual Meeting be paid. There should be at least one full meeting of the Supreme Nine during the year. If it should be called at some other date than the Annual Meeting, the expenses of the nine men would be paid. What better time for an effective conference of the Supreme Nine could be selected than at the Annual Meeting? This Supreme Nine has not hesitated to spend some money for the 'good of the Order.' I believe that money devoted to paying the expenses of the Supreme Nine to the Annual Meeting would be well spent for the 'good of the Order.'" As this involves a change from the present Constitution, the Committee on Constitution would be very glad to hear from the members on the subject.

SNARK:—You have heard the statement from the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. Do you wish to discuss the point?

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I would like to have the Committee on Constitution and By-laws change that. I think that the Supreme Nine's expenses should be paid. If they can fix it so that this past year's Supreme Nine can get it, I would like to have that done, too. I think that it is asking a great deal to ask men to leave their business and devote a week to the interest of Hoo-Hoo and not be paid for it. I am not doing anything, but I get paid, and I want the rest of you to get paid. [Laughter and applause.]

MR. ROURKE (421):—I rather agreed at the Norfolk Annual Meeting that the honor was enough. I do not like to bring personality into this thing, but can you show me a man aside from the Supreme Nine who spends any more of his own money than the Vicegerents do in going around to the various concatenations and to these Annual Meetings? If there has ever been one Vicegerent who thought of getting his expenses paid, I do not know who it was. I know that mine always went in "0-0" for Vicegerent's expenses, and the rest of them generally put them in the same way.

MR. BEAL (8736):—I am in favor of paying these expenses. Honor is a good thing, and we all like it; but it takes a good deal to keep up a family, and I believe that we ought to pay these expenses if it can be put in the Constitution. If it can, and we can fix it that way, I think it will be right.

MR. E. H. DEFEBAUGH (46):—This report embodies one point that interests me. I believe that the Supreme Nine have done more this year than in several years past, because they have worked together. They have realized that there was something to be done. We have the results. It seems to me that if the Snark desires to hold a meeting during the year it would be a good thing for the Order to pay the expenses of the Supreme Nine to come together. I believe that it would be a benefit to the Order for the officers to get

together once or twice a year and talk over matters that need attention. The officers of any large corporation or other organization naturally have to do the work. The Snark and the Scrivenoter often desire the counsel of the other gentlemen in office, and it seems to me that it is a good point to have at least one meeting a year of the Supreme Nine, if the Snark considers it desirable.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I take it that Brother Defebaugh means one meeting besides the Annual.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):—Yes.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—That is provided for; they can collect for that. They provided for that in the Constitution and By-laws at Norfolk; but they did not allow them anything to come to this Annual Meeting.

SNARK:—The Snark has the right now to call a special meeting, and that entitles them to pay. I thought of doing that at this Annual, but out of deference to the action taken at Norfolk, I did not want to seem to impose a condition to which the vote at Norfolk was in opposition, and, therefore, did not issue any call; but I should have been glad for my own satisfaction to have had a meeting of the Supreme Nine. There is no better time than just prior to the Annual for a conference of the Supreme Nine. If it had been called, it would have been for last Monday. It is best to have them here in advance. Something might require their meeting some time during the year, but I do not believe that it is likely to occur; but if they could be brought here the day before the Annual Meeting, they could attend to matters of business and the new Nine could hold a meeting.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I believe that it is fair to a good many brothers here to state what brought this about at the Norfolk Annual last year. I do not think that you were all there. I was there, and I found that there was an economical streak on all the way through the meeting; they wanted to cut down expenses everywhere. I do not know for what reason. I did not know then, and I do not know yet, just what we wanted to get this big bundle of money in the treasury for.

In the handbook, you made a cut down—you labored over that for a couple of hours—as to covering and contents. Brother Baird was not authorized to do it, but he cut it down; pretty measly cover, too. This was because of the expenses that had been allowed previously for the Supreme Nine. I do not know why that economical streak existed there, but they thrashed everything over to cut down expenses.

SCRIVENOTER:—I have heard all the discussion on both sides of this question that has ever occurred. Up to the Norfolk Annual Meeting, the expenses of the Supreme Nine had been paid to all the Annual Meetings. There had been in the early days of the Order some called meetings of the Supreme Nine, but there has never been a called meeting of the Supreme Nine since I have been Scrivenoter. Before that I think some urgent matters came up during one year, and perhaps two years, and there was a called meeting of the Supreme Nine. At the Denver Annual Meeting there was some discussion of the matter. It did not come up on the floor of the house, but some people were there who did not seem to know that the expenses of the Supreme Nine were being paid to the Annual Meetings, and they expressed disapproval, making about the same argument that Brother Rourke makes, and I admit that it has some force. The Vicegerents do a great deal of work and do not get their expenses paid. The discussion at Denver did not come to a head; but at the Norfolk Annual Meeting it did, and about the same argument that Brother Rourke makes was made there, and the Constitution was changed, whereby their expenses were not to be paid. In thinking it over, it occurred to me that it would be money well spent. It would involve

some \$400 or \$500 to pay the expenses of the Supreme Nine. I think we ought to have them all present once during the year, and I believe that the conference of the Supreme Nine would be more effective at the Annual Meeting than at any other time. The men are usually distributed over the country. We make it a point to distribute the Supreme Nine geographically; that puts some of them away down in the Southwest, some in the Southeast, and some on the Pacific Coast. We are fortunate at this Annual Meeting; we have a number of men from Colorado and some from the coast. But I have been at meetings when that whole section of country was not represented. It seems desirable to me that we take some step, which is not too extravagant, to have these sections of country represented at these meetings. There should be a conference not only between the old Nine itself, but with the incoming Nine. I am not disposed to make any fight on the matter at all, and I merely recommended it as a direction in which we can expend some money that I think would be for the good of the Order. We have a good many rich men in the Order, but in all the talk I have heard of Hoo-Hoo politics, I have never heard a man talked of being put on the Supreme Nine because he has money; it is not a money oligarchy. I would like to hear Mr. Barnes.

MR. BARNES (3):—I am only speaking here as the chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. We want just as much light on this subject as possible, to ascertain whether it is desirable to make any change in our recommendations about it; and in this connection there is still another matter that could be just as well discussed at the same time. Until within two or three years it was the custom to allow from each initiate the sum of \$3.33 to be expended by the Vicegerent in his legitimate expenses and in having a spread. Some two or three years ago that amount was changed so that we now allow one-half of the initiation fee to go to the Vicegerent for entertaining and other expenses. As a matter of fact (and this is probably pertinent to the discussion), the whole of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is run on an exceedingly plain, matter-of-fact basis. When a man becomes a member of the Order, we ask him for \$9.99 initiation fee, and 99 cents for each succeeding year. We take one-half of the amount that we receive from him, and he receives his portion of it back at once in the form of a little "blow out" of some kind. Then, out of the other half, we give him a button which costs about \$2, does it not?

SCRIVENOTER:—No, not so much as that; it is \$1.62.

MR. BARNES (3):—Then we give him a handbook and "The Bulletin" and send postal cards and all notices to him, and he has the privilege of all future banquets, or "sessions on the roof;" so that if a man belongs to the Order for four or five years and journeys around, just in his eating and drinking he gets back ten or fifteen times what he puts in. We have been talking a good deal this morning about what may happen. It has not yet come, but the day will come when our membership will be actually filled; and when it is actually filled, we will be up against one of two propositions: We will have to increase our membership over 9999, or we will have to increase our dues to meet current expenses. As a matter of fact, our dues of 99 cents a year, amounting to \$5,688, are not a sufficient amount to pay the legitimate running expenses of the Order. So that, even if we should have an accumulation here of \$4,000 or \$5,000, if we do not raise the limit, then we will have to raise the dues; and on this very point the Committee on Constitution and By-laws would like to ask you, as members, Vicegerents and otherwise, to give an expression—whether the amount that we take for the Vicegerent and for the subsequent "session on the roof" is too much; whether we ought to go back to \$3.33 or let it remain as

it is now, one-half the amount. This "session on the roof" is no necessary part of Hoo-Hoo, as you know, and yet it is an exceedingly desirable thing, because it is the one thing that brings us together in social intercourse, and if we have nothing except the bare initiation, there is very little opportunity to get together; and it is characteristic of men, at least, that they do not get thoroughly acquainted and mix up until they have put their feet under the same table, or have had an informal lunch, or possibly have had something to drink. So that it seems to be a valuable part of it. Now, if we should do away with the "session on the roof," then, of course, there would be a large saving in the amount that we pay out every time to caterers. We have initiated this year 1100 people, and we have taken from them \$10,000 in fees, practically. One-half of this has been used for hall rent, for the traveling expenses of the Vicegerents, and to pay the caterers. Now, is that a good plan? Is that a good thing? Is it necessary? Is it a part of Hoo-Hoo? As a matter of fact—and I am talking a little off the subject, perhaps—I will say that as a rule, we hold too many concatenations; the Vicegerents undertake to hold too many in one year. I have in mind one city in the Southern District of Illinois that has made it a rule for a number of years to hold but one concatenation each year. The date of that is announced at least two or three months ahead; it is fixed on Saturday, and is generally held at Cairo. Arrangements are made there a long time in advance, and people are invited from Memphis, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Chicago; and they come. Instead of having just simply an informal lunch, it has been the rule until this year to have rather a set spread at the hotel and to have some set speeches. Railroad men, who are members of the Order, are invited there to make addresses on some set subject. It is an event; it is an occasion. The hall is as elaborately prepared for that concatenation as if it were a Masonic event; but if the man does not come in on that occasion, his opportunity, as far as that particular section is concerned, has gone by for a year. But I want to say that the concatenations at Cairo, under the circumstances which I have described, are the events of the year. They amount to something; they are conducted as they should be. The probability is that we have too many hasty concatenations, got up on the spur of the moment, where we have three or four men to initiate and only a few members present. A concatenation was announced for one of the large cities not so very long ago. Many members said that they would be there; yet when it came to a show down, one person was there, and the Vicegerent was saddled with an expense of \$60 or \$70. I think that the suggestion of the Snark in his annual report on that subject is a mighty good recommendation, and we would like to hear from other members of the Order their opinions as to whether the expenditure of one-half the amount received from initiations in a "blow out" should be continued, or whether it should go back to the old figure of \$3.33.

MR. ROURKE (421):—They do not always use the full amount allowed, do they?

MR. BARNES (3):—Not always, but they come right near doing it.

MR. ROURKE (421):—Do you remember what the expenses were at Centralia?

SCRIVENOTER:—I do not remember. I can readily ascertain, however, the exact amount sent me.

MR. STANTON (3140):—With an experience of two years as Vicegerent at Buffalo, it is my opinion that the amount given out is none too much. When a Vicegerent starts in for business, he wants to make as good a showing as he possibly can. At Buffalo we held our "session on the roof"

at the Iroquois Hotel. We started out that way, and we have to keep it up; and it has got so that the new initiates who come in expect to go to the Iroquois. My two years' experience is that the most successful concatenation is where we have only about ten candidates. Then we do justice to them before we get through with them. With more than that the ordinary Vicegerent cannot. That will give, under the rule, only \$50. Each Vicegerent has an ambition to have all the travelling men and all the friends that he can possibly get, to come to his concatenation. It was always my rule to invite all the Vicegerents, every travelling man, and every Hoo-Hoo in the United States to come, and I expected them to be there. If they came, we had to take care of them, and we would take care of them, too. I never did come out even on any concatenation that I held. I had to pay money out of my own pocket or else ask the boys to contribute. I do not believe in a Vicegerent's being obliged to ask anybody to contribute. I do not think that it is the right thing to do, when you invite a man to go to a "session on the roof," to ask him to pay for his own dinner. Therefore I would advise that the Vicegerents be allowed all the latitude that is possible.

SCRIVENOTER:—I can answer Brother Rourke's question in regard to the Centralia concatenation. He had 26 men, and he remitted to my office \$168.59. He also remitted 99 cents for each man's dues. That, divided by 26 men, makes \$7.40 for each man initiated, when the constitutional requirement is \$5.99 for each man—an over amount of \$1.49 on each man initiated. I can give you a few other figures that might be of interest.

MR. BARNES (3):—While Brother Baird is looking that up, I would like to ask if there is a committee appointed to prepare any resolutions regarding our deceased members of this year.

SNARK:—No; none specially.

MR. BARNES (3):—I would move you, Mr. Snark, that a committee be appointed to prepare a short memorial that would refer to our deceased members of the last year. In looking over this list it seems to me that there are many whom we have had with us from year to year, who have been at these Hoo-Hoo Annuals from time to time, and whose faces we miss. We commence right here with Charley Goodlander; A. A. White; Fred. Stevens; Shelby Weiler, a man who probably worked more at Denver than any other; Dick Vidmer, whom we all remember and love; L. H. Fillmore and Fred. Cooke, who two years ago at Dallas prepared these very memorial resolutions; and so you can continue right along here—58 whose deaths are put down. It seems to me only right and proper—in fact, if we could do it, I do not think it would be any more than right that we should devote an hour to the memorial of these departed ones.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will say, Mr. Snark, that I heartily favor the appointment of that special committee. It would give prominence to our regard for these departed members. The Committee on Resolutions have supposed that they are to cover that, but I think it would be well enough to advise them that a special committee will be appointed. I think that we ought to have a special report from a special committee on these deceased brothers.

MR. BARNES (3):—If it is the understanding that the Committee on Resolutions will bring in something like that, I will withdraw my motion.

MR. ROURKE (421):—The Committee on Resolutions—and I think I can speak for the committee—will be only too glad to have such a special committee appointed; and I think it would be better to let that portion of the resolutions go to a special committee. I speak as a member of the committee.

SNARK:—If it is in accordance with the desire of the body, I will appoint such a committee, I hear no objections, and I will appoint as such committee:

Committee on Memorial.

B. F. Cobb, Illinois.
W. E. Hall, Texas.
E. H. Defebaugh, Kentucky.

SCRIVENOTER:—Reverting to that matter of the amount remitted for the men initiated: We had last year 1131 men initiated and \$5,335 remitted. That is \$5.15 average for each man, slightly overrunning the constitutional requirement, which is \$5—that is, for "concatenations" proper. This is the first time since I have had to do with the Scrivenoter's office that we have actually collected all or more than was coming to the office under the Constitution. We have always been a little short. I will say that there are several of the Vicegerents now holding "overs," in view of expenses that will occur in holding concatenations at distant points. I have allowed some Vicegerents to hold small "overs" on that account.

MR. ROURKE (421):—Speaking of the \$5 question and the Centralia meeting, we might refer to another meeting at Cairo, which was the finest one we had. We had total expenses running up to pretty near the full amount, and then remitted the \$5, or whatever was due, exactly. That was caused by the way they always do things in Cairo.

MR. BARNES (3):—I would ask the members of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws to meet in Room 102 at the close of the meeting.

MR. WALKER (48):—I have here the report of the Committee on Revision of the Ritual; but before I present it, I want to make a short announcement, together with a short explanation: Most of you know by the programme that on Thursday evening occurs the installation of officers under the direction of the Seer of the House of Ancients, Bolling Arthur Johnson, and following this is the embalming of the Snark by the Osirian Cloister. Brother W. I. Ewart, the Chief Priest, has had this matter in charge and has made elaborate preparations to give you an excellent entertainment. Unfortunately, last night he received a telegram which required his leaving this morning. He asked me if I would attempt to carry out that entertainment on this short notice. It will be necessary to ask for volunteers from the Cloister and have the active cooperation of quite a number. I have spoken to some Cloister members and asked them to be sure to meet me at a first rehearsal at the Pabst Theater at 4 o'clock. I would like for not less than half a dozen or more members of the Cloister to be present to assist us in such duties as we may have to ask of them. I want to impress upon you that we do not want, for the reputation of the Cloister or the good of Hoo-Hoo, to make any failure. If you will help us, we will make it worthy of our Order. I have selected certain of the High Priests to take ritualistic parts, but I will want not less than six or eight Osirians present to assist us. We can use double that number if they can come, but we must have that number, sure.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Is this a proposition that Brother Walker makes—whether we do this or not at this short notice?

MR. WALKER (48):—Gentlemen, I thought I made that plain. I gave my word to Brother Ewart that I would do all I could to make it a success, and I have not yet thought of failure. Of course, if it is the wish and instruction of this meeting or the Cloister that this entertainment be postponed, why, I will cheerfully acquiesce.

SCRIVENOTER:—We have all the paraphernalia here, and it has already been delivered at the Pabst Theater. If we can effect some way by which we can have one or two rehearsals, I see no reason why it should not be a complete success. It will be almost impossible for me to go this afternoon, because I have an engagement with the railroad agent to sign these certificates.

MR. WALKER (48):—I wish to impress this upon those I have spoken to: to be on hand promptly.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Brother Walker is absolutely correct in his insistence that we be present; and a rehearsal is necessary, if it is nothing but to walk across the stage. He is very mild in his statement that he desires success. We should have twenty-five or thirty members of the Osirian Cloister to come down there to understand the arrangement of this matter. It is no jest to hold the ritual that we have got to go through. In days past, when we did this work—when we did it successfully—we had two Snarks, one to cremate and one to embalm. The ritual is written for that purpose, and unless we do have a rehearsal and go into this thing earnestly, it will not be a success; and I speak by the book. I have suffered through this thing twice; I have suffered a lot more than any Snark who was ever embalmed. I do not want to throw cold water on anything; I will be there to take my part; I will attend every rehearsal whenever it is called, whatever happens. But it is announced that I, the Seer of the House of Ancients, am expected to take charge of these ceremonies. Gentlemen, you cannot take charge of an empty stage and throw up some electric lights and run a curtain up and down and entertain an audience. I believe that unless you people will take it up—if you will not come there and rehearse with us—it had better be postponed. I am not advising or asking postponement under any circumstances, but I want to try to impress upon you as seriously as I can the necessity of our appearing properly in this ceremony. It had much better be well done next year than poorly done this year. It is in the interest of the Order that I speak.

MR. CALL (1390):—I oppose any putting off of this thing. We have made our arrangements for this entertainment, the cards have gone out, and I think we must have it. We must get together and do this. We must get there at 4 o'clock and have a rehearsal; and, if necessary, we must have another rehearsal later on. [Applause.]

MR. WALKER (48):—With a view of ascertaining what we can depend on, will some Osirians, or even enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo, who will be with me and the others who have promised at 4 o'clock, make some sign?

SCRIVENOTER:—I will be there, provided this engagement with the railroad man does not absolutely hold me. Now, how many Osirians? Stand up! Can't I depend on more than that?

(The Scrivenoter announced that eleven had responded by arising.)

MR. WALKER (48):—Well, that is pretty good. But I think if each one of those enthusiastic men will endeavor to bring some Osirian or some Hoo-Hoo with him, they will be of great assistance.

MR. DRAKE (58):—Where does this take place?

MR. WALKER (48):—At the Pabst Theater, promptly at 4 o'clock.

MR. DRAKE (58):—Where is the Pabst Theater?

MR. WALKER (48):—I will try to go as guide.

MR. SNELL (1795):—The Pabst Theater is reached this way: Go down this way, and two blocks that way [indicating different directions]. You can walk it. You can jump on a street car at the Pfister door, tell the conductor that you want a transfer to the Pabst Theater, and the street car will take you there. It is only five blocks if you walk.

A MEMBER:—Do I understand that we meet at 4 o'clock to-day?

MR. WALKER (48):—Yes; we meet at 4 o'clock in the rotunda of the hotel and will go to the theater in a body—as many as possibly can. Those who cannot meet us at that hour may come later, but we want to start promptly.

If we can start by 4:15 or a little later, it will not take us more than an hour; the ceremony will be short.

MR. SNELL (1795):—If you gentlemen want to go in a body at any time, I will have one of our committee go with you.

MR. WALKER (48):—That is good.

A MEMBER:—I think that is a wise move.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—In connection with this matter, I will ask: Have any arrangements been made for the installation of the officers? The embalming is an Osirian matter, but is the Osirian Cloister responsible for the installation?

MR. WALKER (48):—No, sir.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—That takes a lot of preparation. I asked about that because I am mixed up in it. I am supposed to have something to do with that, I believe, in the way of a speech or two, or something of the sort, and I am asking for information. We expect to install the new officers in the presence of several hundred Milwaukee people. A great many of us want this, but do they want it under that situation?

A MEMBER:—There will be about two thousand people there.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Yes, sir; but there will not be two thousand on the stage.

MR. SNELL (1795):—The programme that was given to me stated that the installation of officers would take place by the Seer of the House of Ancients, Brother Johnson. That was as far as I understood there was anything for me to look after.

SCRIVENOTER:—That was all.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I have had no opportunity or time to make any preparation for the installation of these officers. There has been no committee appointed to do this work. In the past that has been taken care of by committees who have worked many weeks to make many arrangements, and I do not see at this time how it is possible under any circumstances.

MR. SNELL (1795):—May I ask of Brother Johnson what necessary preparation he wants?

MR. JOHNSON (2):—More things than you could get together in two weeks' time. I cannot explain it all. It is not possible to do so. It is a stage show and has considerable trappings.

MR. SNELL (1795):—The stage director is there all day. He has everything there in the way of stage trappings—everything that is wanted—and he is under your direction to put up and set up everything that you may want.

MR. WALKER (48):—You have done your part.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—This is a matter for the Osirian Cloister. I am only setting myself straight before the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo as the Seer of the House of Ancients.

MR. WALKER (48):—This morning I devoted a good deal of time to a visit to the theater. There we have arranged everything as far as possible. I think that all the paraphernalia and trappings Brother Johnson requires are already in place. I think that he overestimates the necessity for preparation on his part. He has gone through that ceremony two or three times, and can say nothing as well as any other man on this floor or any other floor. That is all we require of him. To postpone this entertainment after making the announcement that it would come off would be a serious reflection upon us and upon the Order. I think that we can, without any doubt, depend on Brother Johnson. He will need at least nine men who will impersonate the Supreme Nine. Heretofore we have never required the true retiring Nine to be on the stage; we could hardly ever get them there. Brother Johnson will need those, and numerous other little duties will have

to be assigned to some one. If we get together any sort of a representative attendance there this afternoon, we can go through with a good deal of rehearsing. I will tell you, as a little piece of information, that I have got the services of a gentleman who has had considerable experience in dramatic work and secret-service ceremony. He is going to assist me very materially. We have got all the principal parts to be assigned to the Osirian Cloister taken care of, and the gentlemen who will be there will be most agreeable. I do not think that you need feel any uneasiness that they will disgrace you.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Allow me to say further, in this connection, that there is no desire on my part to shirk my duty. I am standing up for that, and I desire to set myself squarely before you in this matter. I come before you this year in a different attitude than heretofore. I am a working newspaper man, with duties that I have not had right along. You may know that it takes from two to three weeks to make these preparations; you will know it, if you watch any flagging sort of attempt to install these officers without that preparation. This is no matter of sport, I assure you. I do not want to disappoint anybody, and I am not disappointing anybody. This is the first time that the question has been brought to my notice, here in this open meeting, that I was supposed to take charge of the stage directions and stage show. Those things cannot be jumped up in a minute, like a jack-in-a-box; and it had better be postponed, or the programme lengthened so that it will be an entertainment. The embalment can be performed, because Brother Walker has given that some attention; but for me, at this late hour, to undertake to do my work and make arrangements to have a spectacular and proper installation of officers on the stage of the Pabst Theater is an absolute impossibility, physically and mentally. I have before devoted much time—once, as much as four weeks; another time, as much as six weeks—to these arrangements. Now, there are some people here who know that. Scrivenoter Baird knows it and Brother Maegly knows it, and I ask for them to make some statement about this matter. I therefore call on Brother Maegly.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—I hardly know what to say about this. In line with what Brother Johnson has said, it certainly takes some preparation to produce a show of that kind. If we are going to put this show on the stage, we want to put it on in the right way. We do not want it to be any half-balled-up arrangement; but it occurs to me that some arrangements have been made, and if you can get the men here who will volunteer to go down to that stage and have a rehearsal, you can decide at that time whether you can hold the meeting or not. That is what I would suggest—if you can get enough men down there to take the parts of the retiring officers of the Supreme Nine, you can then see what you are shy of in the way of trappings and stage effects; and you can decide in five minutes what you can do and what you cannot do.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I do not want any responsibility upon my shoulders. I will go with any committee or any number of gentlemen who desire to look into this matter.

MR. DRAKE (58):—I move you, sir, that the Gurdon be instructed to close the door and that the convention stand at ease for fifteen minutes, giving Brother Johnson and Brother Walker an opportunity to select such members as they want to go to the Pabst Theater, and that at the end of fifteen minutes we stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:09 o'clock.

SNARK:—Brother Walker has a report to present.

SCRIVENOTER:—Read the report.

(Mr. Walker read the report of the Committee on Revision of the Ritual, which is as follows:)

Report of the Committee on Revision of the Ritual.

It is manifestly impossible for your committee, in the limited time allowed them, to attempt any material revision of your Ritual, much less write a new one. This report will, therefore, be confined to suggestions.

For the purpose of convenience, this subject will be subdivided into three sections—namely, the ritualistic, the Junior work, and the secret session.

We do not believe that it is advisable to change very materially the ritualistic part of the work under which our initiations have been conducted for a number of years, for the reason that only by acquaintance and familiarity with any ritual can any body of men expect to conduct an entertaining or impressive initiation. We would, however, suggest that this Ritual be revised and made to conform with the advanced ideas which the Hoo-Hoo Order reached through study and experience.

The report of your Committee on Revision of the Ritual, made a year ago, was confined exclusively to a discussion of the Junior work. We heartily indorse the sentiments and recommendations made at that time. This section is devised for the purpose of affording amusement to the members present; but, unfortunately, through the exuberance of some of the members or officers, candidates are sometimes subjected to indignities or personal violence. We, therefore, recommend some regular form of initiation to be supplied for the Junior work, with a limitation placed upon any special features which are introduced.

The secret work is crude, and much of it is obsolete. This should be remedied.

We would recommend that a Special Committee on Revision of the Ritual be created at this session, and that the House of Ancients be selected as such committee.

PLATT B. WALKER, Jr., Chairman;
B. ARTHUR JOHNSON,
J. E. DEFEBAUGH,
CLIFF S. WALKER,
CARL F. DRAKE.

SNARK:—You hear the report; what will you do with it?
MR. SMITH (1121):—I move that the report be accepted and approved.

(The motion was seconded, and was unanimously carried.)
SNARK:—The committee will be discharged, as their report is accepted.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Was it your motion, Brother Drake, that after a session of fifteen minutes we stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at a certain hour?

MR. DRAKE (58):—My motion was that we close the door and not let anybody out of here, and to give you and Brother Walker fifteen minutes to mingle among the brothers and select such men as you want for your work; and when you have done that that we stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:09 o'clock to give you ample opportunity to take these people down there.

(The motion was seconded.)

SNARK:—The motion has been seconded that at the end of fifteen minutes we stand adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9:09 o'clock.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—If you will look at the Constitution, you will observe that the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is taking out of the hands of the Osirian Cloister, whose High Priest is not here and which body has disintegrated and adjourned for the year, a prerogative which belongs to the Cloister. Now, that is not a technicality that I am bringing up; but you are voluntarily endeavoring now to fill an emergency, and it must be understood that this is an emergency case and that you are taking away from the Cloister that thing which it has dropped absolutely. Not that it has not attempted it, because it has, but the Cloister has attempted it in a very half-hearted way. Brother Walker, Brother Ewart, and a few others have been very much in earnest about it, but the Cloister, as a body,

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(On the third day the Snark was promptly on hand to call the meeting to order before most of the members were present. He was there before 9 o'clock, but in his official capacity he did not begin to get uneasy until after the clock indicated 9:09. Then he said that there were members enough for business. He continued: "We will listen to any new business. First, let us take down the numbers of the members who are present this morning.")

(The Scrivenoter then called off as the numbers of those who were present:)

Present at Roll Call.

28	1616	3609	6146
32	1653	3937	6313
184	1746	4160	6590
233	1749	4515	6959
305	1880	4585	7181
322	2100	4893	7197
642	2106	4932	7292
646	2130	4990	7863
1111	2177	5442	8736
1355	2505	6091	
1390	2714		8860

SNARK:—I do not see the Gurdon present, and will again ask Brother Adams to look after the door. The session is ready and open for any business that you may present. Are there any committees ready to report?

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—The Committee on Constitution and By-laws are ready to report, but neither the secretary nor the chairman of the committee is here.

SNARK:—We will await their arrival. I do not believe any of the chairmen are present who have not reported. Have the Committee on Resolutions their report ready? The Special Committee?

MR. COBB (32):—The Special Committee's report is already made out, but it has not been signed by the third member of the committee.

SNARK:—He can sign it later. If you want to present it now, while we have no other business, we will hear it. The chairman of the Committee on Special Resolutions! (Mr. Cobb then read the following report:)

A Tribute to the Dead.

On this, the occasion of our Eleventh Annual Meeting, as we enjoy the pleasures of renewing the ties of kinship and friendship, we are reminded of our loss of fifty-seven brethren who have responded to the call of the angel of death during the last twelve months. Of these we find:

31	C. W. Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
53	W. L. Mace, Pickering, La.
102	A. A. White, Kansas City, Mo.
297	C. Fred. Stevens, Duluth, Minn.
467	J. M. Mott, Kansas City, Mo.
700	John A. Tuttle, Kansas City, Mo.
1030	James H. Rogers, Columbus, O.
1267	I. Shelby Weiler, New York, N. Y.
1347	John Brady, Indianapolis, Ind.
1378	G. P. Hatch, Dubuque, Ia.
1635	J. C. Barclay, Council Bluffs, Ia.
1695	F. A. Swinden, Waco, Texas.
1862	N. M. Bell, San Francisco, Cal.
2137	J. P. A. Heintz, Dallas, Texas.
2494	R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
2711	W. A. Allbaugh, Massillon, O.
2743	L. L. Hunter, Tidolite, Pa.
3033	B. H. Richardson, Guthrie, O. T.
3092	G. N. Wiswell, Milwaukee, Wis.
3143	J. W. Robinson, Marlin, Texas.
3262	L. H. Fillmore, Joplin, Mo.
3408	H. I. Smith, Gilman, Ia.
3593	Clarence M. Hill, Duluth, Minn.
3712	F. J. Cooke, St. Louis, Mo.
3904	P. D. Smith, Lincoln, Neb.
3954	C. P. Mallet, Mount Pleasant, Ga.

has dropped that proposition. It is not that I care; I will go and do anything that is necessary and proper and right; I have said that several times. I do not want to repeat myself at all; but it is a serious proposition that confronts us, and our failure is as much upon the individual members of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, if it should occur, as it is upon ourselves. However, we would be simply the people who failed in the end, and I am looking not a little bit to that. [Many voices called for the question.] I want something said about this matter; I want it understood. Do you propose to take that prerogative away from the Osirian Cloister?

SCRIVENOTER:—No; we have the Cloister here. Let us go on and do this work.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—As a member of that Cloister, I do not want to have the Order think that we neglected our duty in that. I want to ask if Brother Johnson is not a member of the Cloister?

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Yes, sir; I am an individual member, as you are.

SCRIVENOTER:—So am I. Why not go ahead and do this thing? Is it dependent on one man? Are not the individual members the Cloister? We are "it."

A MEMBER:—I understand that Brother Ewart, who has been called away, left Brother Walker to do this work.

MR. DRAKE (58):—I understand that the High Priest, when he left, delegated his authority. Whether he had the right to delegate his authority to Brother Walker, I do not know. You, who have been longer in the Cloister than I, know; I do not. But I was working upon the basis that Brother Ewart had the right to delegate that authority to Brother Walker; that Brother Walker has accepted that authority; that it is the sentiment of the people here that this thing has been advertised and that we wanted to have it. Now, if they want to have it, what is the best way to get it? Take this body, you two gentlemen who are most familiar with the work, and pick your men; take them down there and say: "Here, men! You have got to go to work." If he has not that authority, then he should abandon it. If he has that right and authority, I think my motion is in order. Lock the door and tell these people to go to work.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I want to show you the position that we will be in.

MR. J. J. WILLIAMS (1784):—I would like to say that if this entertainment does not take place there will be in the neighborhood of from 1,500 to 1,700 people disappointed.

SNARK:—But it will take place; there is no use of talking about this not taking place. Brother Walker is the High Priest to all intents and purposes. He represents the Cloister here and is doing it on behalf of the Cloister, as far as that is concerned. [Applause.]

DIFFERENT MEMBERS:—Question, question!

(The motion made by Mr. Drake and duly seconded was put by the Snark and unanimously carried.)

MR. SNELL (1795):—I would like to say one word, so that you will have a clear understanding of this thing. The citizens of Milwaukee who will be there this evening will not know whether this work is being done in an artistic and proper manner or otherwise; they will appreciate it just the same. Our members all know the emergency under which we are working, and I know they will appreciate the situation.

SNARK:—He says this evening. He means to-morrow evening. According to Brother Drake's motion, we stand adjourned until 9:09 o'clock to-morrow morning.

3996 A. W. Newton, Colorado Springs, Col.
 4216 A. Well, Jr., Paducah, Ky.
 4259 A. S. Gearhart, Dallas, Texas.
 4442 B. J. Ehnts, St. Louis, Mo.
 4600 Charles F. Degen, Augusta, Ga.
 5116 Charles M. Moak, Johnston, Miss.
 5228 T. E. Pelot, Savannah, Ga.
 5735 Herbert O. Kuhn, Monroe, La.
 6035 J. C. Pulse, Paragould, Ark.
 6038 F. M. Strader, Texarkana, Texas.
 6107 W. J. Morgan, Arlington, Wash.
 6111 I. N. Sill, Utsaladdy, Wash.
 6126 W. B. Linn, Hazelhurst, Pa.
 6413 H. S. Foster, Monroe, La.
 6475 J. A. Miracle, Snohomish, Wash.
 6613 C. E. Branning, Ahsokie, N. C.
 6822 C. E. Smith, Memphis, Tenn.
 6835 J. R. Branin, Brookville, Pa.
 6904 W. R. Selby, Little Rock, Ark.
 7120 J. G. Webb, Deckerville, Ark.
 7401 A. H. Cook, West Monroe, La.
 7480 J. D. Durel, Orange, Texas.
 7493 J. C. Douglass, Myrtlestown, La.
 7557 W. N. Satterthwaite, Brunswick, Ga.
 7636 A. E. Frost, Jacksonville, Fla.
 7662 T. L. Van Artsdalen, Marshalltown, Ia.
 7791 A. F. Ellsworth, Washington, N. C.
 7995 A. Weldmann, St. Louis, Mo.
 8176 C. W. Eakin, New Orleans, La.
 8363 I. N. Gideon, Paragould, Ark.
 8388 D. W. Kinsler, Columbia, S. C.

As we look over this list we are impressed with the idea that each year the members of Hoo-Hoo grow dearer to us; we have learned to know them better, to appreciate and love them more, so that we miss the familiar faces and their kind greetings. The death roll of the past year has been greater among the staunch and loyal supporters of Hoo-Hoo—those who have made Hoo-Hoo possible—than in any previous twelve months. Words will not express or thought portray, save in a small measure, what they have been to us; and as we miss them at our yearly gatherings, we are further reminded of the greater loss to those who are bound to our brethren by closer ties. We find that the name of C. W. Goodlander heads the list of our deceased brethren. Who does not remember the genial Charley, a prince of good fellows? In the prime of life, practically in the noonday of a successful business career, A. A. White was taken from us; and we miss him because he was a worker among us and because of his sterling worth as a man and a brother. G. Fred. Stevens—who among us has not listened to his entertaining stories and experienced the hearty grip of his hand? We mourn the loss of R. H. Vidmer, who, hale and hearty, was with us one year ago, and who was killed in an accident while responding to the call of duty. L. L. Hunter, returning from a vacation, was a victim of a steamboat accident; and when we heard of it, our hearts stopped beating for a moment, and we thought: "Can this be possible?" Charles F. Degen, a man who was loved by all who knew him, and who seemingly had most of life before him, is gone; and we say: "In the midst of life we are in death." There is our companion and friend, Fred. J. Cooke, who was called hence on the eve of enjoying a beautiful home life and successful business career. We remember him as writing this official report three years ago.

We have named but a few of our brethren—not because we do not miss the others, but because we have no words to fitly express our loss of those who have in the past stood by us in our beloved organization. We know not who of us may cross the river before our next meeting; but who ever it may be, let us trust that the remaining brothers will have of him as kindly a remembrance as we have of those who have gone before.

B. F. COBB, Chairman;
 E. H. DEFEBAUGH,
 W. E. HALL.

SNARK:—What will you do with the report of the committee?

MR. C. R. SHERRILL (1663):—I move you that the report of the committee be received and adopted, and, as a token of respect, that the vote thereon be taken by rising.

MR. E. S. BOGUESS (7197):—I second that motion, especially that a rising vote be taken.

(A rising vote was then taken, with every member on his feet; and the Snark declared the motion unanimously carried.)

The Report was Stolen.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—Your Committee on the Good of the Order had a report formulated and written out, and it was expected that the committee would present it here this morning; but we had a little accident down at our house last night, and among other things that were lost, all my papers were stolen; and that report was gone when I got up this morning. I hardly know what to say about it. We did not have time to write it again. I think the "gentlemen" must have had some special object in view when they took that report. I do not know what they wanted to do with it. It was not very extensive, but they got it, nevertheless; and for that reason we are not ready to report at this time.

SNARK:—Are there any other committees ready to report?

MR. BARNS (3):—The Committee on Constitution and By-laws are ready to report. I will say that I slept in the room adjoining Brother Maegly's last night, but they did not steal my report—probably because it was so short that they could read it and get away. [Laughter.]

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws recommend that the present Constitution and By-laws be honorably and religiously respected and continued in force.

W. E. BARNS, Chairman;
 C. F. BRAFFETT, Secretary.

MR. BARNS (continuing):—As a supplement of the report, the Committee on Constitution and By-laws recommend that a supplement be issued every three months to the handbook and that this be made a supplement to and mailed with "The Bulletin." This is done for the reason that our handbook is generally published about April or May. Is not that the date, Brother Baird?

MR. J. H. BAIRD (408):—Yes.

MR. BARNS (3):—And from that time until the next April or May it has been the custom, I believe, to issue only one supplement. Those who use the handbook find very naturally that after a few months it is somewhat out of date—that is, there are so many changes in location and so many new men initiated that the data are not always correct. Then there is the list of the dead. Of course these latter are noted in "The Bulletin," but they are not in such shape that you can put them into the handbook. Therefore, our recommendation is that a supplement be issued every three months, or approximately, to be printed on the same style of paper as the handbook, and that it be made a supplement to and mailed with "The Bulletin" (to save postage), so that it can be slipped out and put into the handbook. There was also a little discussion (and I am only proposing this to the Scrivenoter, because I know nothing about it)—Brother Stephenson suggested that it might be possible for us to get up a sort of handbook in the form of a loose-leaf ledger—from year to year these new leaves to be put into this cover. Now, I do not know whether that is possible or not. The whole idea is to save as much as we can in the expense of the handbook. Now, whether that is a possibility or not I do not know. I know that the loose-leaf system is being used in bookkeeping, but whether it could be used with us or not I do not know. I respectfully submit the report and the recommendation.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will talk with Brother Stephenson fully about the matter.

SNARK:—You have the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws. What are you going to do about it?

MR. BARNS (3):—Perhaps I ought to say, in explanation, that the committee most carefully considered the various recommendations which came from our Supreme

officers, and we endeavored in every possible way to draw out from the members present here their ideas regarding these suggestions; but we could not see how it would be possible to put some of them into practical operation: It may be that the Committee on Constitution and By-laws are rather conservative. Possibly we have been on that committee too long. I know that Brother Vietmeier and some more of us have been on that committee for years, and my own notion is that it would be a great deal better at the next Hoo-Hoo Annual to put a lot of the new members on that committee, because we may be tied to the old landmarks and may not be as open to new ideas and new conditions as some of those who occupy the official positions at the present time. I have no doubt but that Snark Weir has come up against problems during the last year that have never confronted the Snark before, and I know that in his recommendations he has endeavored to bring his experience into such tangible form as to benefit his successors. We are only making these recommendations, and I will be very glad, indeed, if they are torn to pieces and you make the changes. But after a number of sessions and mature consideration, we could not see where we could change the present Constitution to an advantage; and that is with all due deference to the recommendations.

MR. P. B. BARRY (4160):—I move the adoption of the report.

MR. C. W. PEAKE (4893):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—You hear the motion, that the report of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws be adopted.

(The members calling for the question, Snark Weir put the motion to a vote. It was carried unanimously, and he so announced it.)

Membership Limit Again.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I arise for information, Mr. Snark. What has become of the question that has been extensively discussed in regard to numbers? I have not heard a thing—no recommendation and no expression of the theories of the brethren here. It was extensively discussed, and the committee ought to report either one way or the other. I arise for information.

MR. BARNS (3):—I will answer that by simply reading Section 1, Article VII., in which it is said: "The general numbers of the members of the Order shall be assigned by the Scrivenoter in the rotation of concatenation numbers and in the order that concatenation reports may be received by him." We left that just as it is. There is nothing said about the change in the number of members in good standing.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I am aware of the section from which you quote, but there ought to be in your report something about the matter.

MR. BARNS (3):—We think the Constitution covers the case entirely.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—That may be, but it is not embodied in your report.

MR. BARNS (3):—We simply said that, in our opinion, the Constitution and By-laws are as nearly perfect as we can make them with the law that we have.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—That is entirely satisfactory; I have the information that I sought.

SCRIVENOTER:—Under the present Constitution, then, the Scrivenoter's office will just continue to number when we reach 9999—10000, 10001, 10002—as I understand the recommendation?

MR. CALL (1390):—I am opposed to any such thing.

MR. H. H. HEMENWAY (184):—Do I understand that in the vote which was just taken we agreed to that about the numbering?

SNARK:—I do not believe that any number can be made above the 9999 limit without the action of this meeting.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—Did we take that action in this vote?

SNARK:—By simply indorsing the Constitution.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—I am opposed to that. That was not the trend of the argument the other day.

MR. DRAKE (58):—I move that the Scrivenoter be requested to read the section of the Constitution which applies to this.

SCRIVENOTER:—If the question should be passed without action, the Supreme Nine should be empowered to take such course as in their judgment might be deemed best in the coming year.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—Do I understand that the Supreme Nine would have the power to adopt either way—to run right on to 10000, 10020, 10030, or 10040—without any action of the body here to-day?

SNARK:—The Supreme Nine are the governing body in the interim of the year when an emergency comes up, if it is to be acted upon; and their action would be followed until the next Annual Meeting of the Order.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—Granted; we know that. But we do not want it to pass here and let it go without a majority of the members are in favor of it.

SNARK:—That is for you to say. I have not the decision of the question.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—I am opposed to it.

SCRIVENOTER:—Article VII. says [reading it]:

MR. BARNS (3):—Mr. Scrivenoter, please read the last sentence of Section 5, Article III., which says: "Membership shall be limited to 9999 living members in good standing." Those are the two references in the Constitution.

SCRIVENOTER:—Paragraph 5, page 8 of handbook [read same]. Those are the only two references in the present Constitution.

SNARK:—You will notice that there can be another interpretation put upon that, but the general understanding has been that the numbers should not be increased above that. Take the other view, however, and say that it simply means the members without reference to numbers. I think the understanding and purpose has been that the numbers should not be increased above 9999. It is for you, gentlemen, to make any rule on it in any way you see fit.

MR. DRAKE (58):—I will ask that the Scrivenoter read the recommendations made by the Snark in his report.

Reverts to Theater Entertainment.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Could we not suspend the regular order of business just a moment, that I may make an announcement about the entertainment to-night?

SNARK:—If there is no objection, Brother Johnson will make the announcement.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—On adjournment yesterday Brother Walker and I, some twelve or fifteen of the Hoo-Hoo present, and also several members of the Osirian Cloister went to the Pabst Theater and began operations which should have been begun probably a month ago. Twice Hoo-Hoo has failed to produce an entertainment. This time the entertainment has been publicly announced, the people of Milwaukee expect it, and under the circumstances we are willing to undertake to do what we can for to-night, with the understanding that it is beginning at the last hour something which is very important, indeed, and something which should have been thoroughly arranged for and begun at least a month ago. I say this, I do not desire to force upon you an opinion, but a fact, and to have you exercise whatever crimes we commit to-night; and I mean that earnestly, and I desire to have you take me in earnest. Is it your understanding, Mr. Snark, that we are authorized to go on with this entertainment as best we can?

SNARK:—Certainly.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Or is a further motion necessary?

SNARK:—No motion is necessary. You have the authority, as I understand it, to proceed.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—This matter of rehearsal is absolutely necessary, and, as usual, the last day of the meeting is a very busy one, indeed, in many ways; and there is always some objection to coming to rehearsals and doing the things that are necessary to do if you make this entertainment a success. I tried yesterday to arrange for our rehearsal at 3 o'clock, so that we could continue with it until the curtain went up, but it was impossible. Some of those present wanted to postpone it until 5 o'clock, but we compromised the matter by making it 4 o'clock. I am authorized by the committee to announce that the rehearsal will occur at the Pabst Theater at 4 o'clock, and those who come there at that hour must come to stay until after the whole affair is over. I would like to have added to that committee Brother Maegly, Brother Drake, and Brother Spencer, if you please, sir.

SNARK:—They will be added.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—And to announce, too, gentlemen, that you understand that you are to be installed. If you happen to be in the first row of the gallery and see yourself installed on the stage, it will not be our fault. We had to make a cast of characters, so the one made yesterday afternoon must stand just by force of circumstances. It would be very nice, indeed, to have the new Snark and the entire new Nine come on the stage and go through this ceremony, but it is impossible. The first act will be the Lyric Singers; the second, the Installation of Officers; and the third act of this much-abused play will be the Embalming of the Snark. At the end of the second act the cast of characters will be the old Supreme Nine and the new Supreme Nine. The old Supreme Nine will be:

Snark, C. H. Stanton.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, F. M. Smith.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. E. Beal.
Bojum, R. W. English.
Scrivenoter, W. B. Tomlinson.
Jabberwock, R. P. Webb.
Custocatian, T. W. Griffiths.
Arcanoper, C. F. Hurliburt.
Gurdon, Bird Critchfield.

The new Nine—do not allow this to disturb the political states at all; but the new Nine—that is, the theoretical new Nine—will be:

Snark, G. S. Dennis.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, James Wilson.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. E. Yeager.
Bojum, J. R. Roper.
Scrivenoter, I. N. Stewart.
Jabberwock, C. H. Adams.
Custocatian, D. A. Sullivan.
Arcanoper, George E. Ewell.
Gurdon, — Hooper.

MR. CALL (1390):—Brother Anderson told me that he would be out of the city, so could not be present.

SCRIVENOTER:—Put down T. W. Griffiths.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I hate to disturb you, but this matter of ours is one of importance. Now, gentlemen, I beg you, as members of the Osirian Clolater, to come down to the Pabst Theater this afternoon at 4 o'clock and see if we can use you in any way. Brother Walker is coming, and he will now make any announcement that he may have to make concerning the third act of this play, the matter of embalming the Snark. Remember the hour—4 o'clock sharp! The rest of you can sit out in the audience and pull for us and for the honor of the Order, so that Milwaukee will not be disappointed.

SNARK (addressing Mr. Walker, who is just arriving):—The order of the proceedings was interrupted for you.

MR. WALKER (48):—A number of the Osirians who kindly volunteered yesterday have come to me and explained that owing to urgent business they would have to leave Milwaukee at noon or in the evening. Now, we will require the services of a few more men. I think that we can employ those who kindly came down yesterday and were not utilized. I have a few short speaking parts for some of the High Priests, which have not yet been delivered to them. If they will come to me, I will be glad to give them these parts.

SCRIVENOTER:—Call their names.

MR. WALKER (48):—The list is not here; Brother Spencer has that.

SCRIVENOTER:—Call the names of the Priesthood; they will know.

MR. WALKER (48):—That list is not here, either. We could not assign them all to the regular Priesthood, because some of them were not to be here. Those of the regular Priests who have parts will please see me some time during this session or immediately afterwards.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—How many told you that they were going to be in the other part?

MR. WALKER (48):—Three. Brother Anderson is one. There were two gentlemen with whose names I am not acquainted. They came.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Brother Stephenson, will you come down?

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—Yes, sir.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—And Brother Prentiss? Brother Stephenson and Brother Prentiss, come to the Pabst Theater at 4 o'clock, and you will be given parts that please you. I think that is all, Mr. Snark.

Regular Order Resumed.

SNARK:—Take up the regular business again. Brother Drake called for—

SCRIVENOTER:—The Snark's recommendation as to the assignment of numbers. [He reads it.]

SNARK:—Allow me to say, before action is taken, that this is merely a recommendation. I will be as well satisfied to continue the numbers, if that is your wish, but I think that some action ought to be taken for your guidance during the year. The question is now before you.

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Snark: At one time, I believe, in our correspondence, I gave it as my opinion that it would be the simplest to continue the numbers, as has been suggested by the Committee on Constitution and By-laws, and yesterday afternoon I agreed with Brother Barns that perhaps that would be the simplest; but after thinking it over, I have changed my mind. I have changed my mind several times on this matter, and I desire now to say that I have changed back to your view of it. I believe, all things considered, that there will be comparatively little confusion arising from having that "Series A." Just begin a new series when we reach 9999 and have a new one—"Series A." That would involve very little confusion, I think, in my office. A great many members forget to give their numbers, anyway, and I have to look them up.

MR. DRAKE (58):—I move you that the recommendation of the Snark be adopted and that the Supreme Nine be instructed to prepare a by-law, in conformity with the instructions of the Snark, after 9999 is reached.

(The motion was seconded by several members.)

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that the recommendation of the Snark be adopted and that the numbering be made as indicated there. I question whether you ought to incorporate in that the promulgation of a new by-law by the Supreme Nine. I question whether we could take that course.

A MEMBER:—What became of the previous motion to adopt the report of the committee?

SNARK:—The report of the committee was adopted, and this Constitution, so far as their report goes, is placed in effect. This is supplemental action.

SCRIVENOTER:—Then is it really necessary to make any change in the Constitution and By-laws if we adopt this plan? I see none. I will read the Constitution again. I really do not believe, without seriously considering it, that any change is necessary. This says: "Membership shall be limited to 9999 in good standing." There is nothing there to conflict. Again it says that "the general numbers of the members of the Order shall be assigned by the Scrivenoter in the rotation of concatenation numbers and in the order that concatenation reports may be received by him." That is just what we propose to do—to hold the membership down to 9999 actual members in good standing and to number the members as they come in.

MR. BARNES (3):—If that is the opinion of the general assembly, then, instead of calling it "Series A"—which would indicate that it was the first series—would it not be better to call it "Series B"?

SNARK:—It might be.

MR. BARNES (3):—I am not satisfied about this thing. I believe in my own heart that the best thing would be to go ahead with the consecutive numbers, and I haven't any doubt but that our Scrivenoter will find after a while, when we get "26-B" and "26-A," that when remitting our dues we will forget to say whether we are "26-A" or "26-B," and the "A" will look like an "O," and I do not think any man will enjoy being called "2006-Series A" or "2006-Series B;" but, at the same time, if we are to make a change and put it into effect, I think "B" would be better than "A."

SNARK:—The general custom is that the first series is without any designation. Always in starting a new series it begins with "A." There cannot be any objection on that score.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I object to that. I think that Brother Barns wants to get "B" because it stands for "Barns." [Laughter.] Now, I want "A" to stand for obvious reasons. [Laughter.]

A MEMBER:—I notice that most of the speakers are in favor of commencing this back at No. 1 and a series; but notwithstanding the speakers are more in favor of that method, I hope that those who are not speakers, but do not indorse it, will vote "No" when it comes up. Do not be scared off.

MR. PEAKE (4893):—Why cannot we run this thing the way we do in the railroad business? When we break up a car, we use the number again.

SNARK:—In our case the numbers are likely to be reclaimed. At the same concatenation one member may have No. 1901; another, No. 1506. It would give no numerical rating whatever.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—It seems to me that we have got to put some check on this, or we are going to overstep the Constitution as to the 9999. If we are going to have concatenations all over the country indiscriminately, the first thing we know we are going to run 'way up above 9999 and so overstep our Constitution on that; and what are we going to do then? I think that we will have to drop out the numbers on the book. We have got to put some check on the delinquent members. If we do not, we are going to go beyond our limit number. That is my idea about it. We will not know where we are if we do not do that. We are nearly up to 9999 now, and we say that some of them may come back and some may not. Suppose that they all come back; we would be beyond 9999, anyway.

A MEMBER:—They cannot get back without the consent of the Order.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—I know that they cannot; but after we get to 9999 we have got to check off some other numbers on the book. That is my idea about it, and we might as well commence at once and appoint a committee to pass judgment on these old delinquents and check them off the book and put on something new in place of the numbers that we have checked off and let the rest be on the waiting list. That is my idea, and it is the only correct solution of this question. If people are delinquent year after year for only 99 cents, they ought to be stricken off the book. We have got to check these delinquents on our list, or we will never stop at 9999.

MR. HEMENWAY (184):—I would like to ask the brother what he would do if he substituted a new number for the old number? It would not be long before the list would be full again. Then what would you do? This thing confronts us again the same way. It is an unwritten law of Hoo-Hoo that a man is not deprived of his number, although he is derelict in his dues and drops out. Very many drop out and want to come back. But within a year you have exhausted those numbers. Then what will you do? You have got to meet it the same way.

SCRIVENOTER:—There is a little something in Brother Ensign's suggestion that I think is worth discussing. How would it do when we have reached 9999 to take out 300, or 200, or 100 of the lowest delinquent numbers—the lowest numbers that have been vacated, those belonging to men who have been longest delinquent? Suppose we first put it to those men that after thirty days or ninety days, unless they reassume those numbers and pay up their dues, those particular numbers will be forever barred; then we have 100 or 200 numbers in the new series that we can fill without fear of overstepping the limit. This would act as a check; it would prevent our getting in members from two sources; we would not have new members and reinstated members coming back at the same time. That would work nicely, I think; it would enable me to reinstate a whole lot of good men, too.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—I object to that measure and oppose it on those grounds: My number is 5101. A man comes in this year or next year, and under that ruling he would probably take No. 200, No. 300, or No. 400. I object to it on that ground, and I do not think it is right that an old member should have a higher number than somebody coming in at a future time. [Applause.]

[Brother Maegly seemingly misunderstood what the Scrivenoter was trying to get at. As he caught the idea from Brother Ensign, it was to provide a certain number of numbers in "Series A" to be filled with new initiates and then to declare forever vacant an equal number of numbers in the old list vacated by delinquent members, selecting those numbers longest vacated. It was never his idea to give out to a new initiate any number that had ever been given to a previous initiate. This was the idea of the brother who illustrated it by reference to car numbers. Brother Ensign's idea, as we understood it, was simply to provide a check so that we would not be taking in new initiates in "Series A" and at the same time adding to the actual number of members in good standing by reinstating hundreds in the old list.—Editor.]

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I do not understand how we are going to get in over 9999. We have a Scrivenoter, and if I understand the Constitution and By-laws, he is notified of every concatenation to be held. Suppose we have these numbers—have got 9999—he simply notifies them that they cannot hold a concatenation. I do not see how we are going to run over that.

SCRIVENOTER:—There is not the slightest difficulty in the world. The Scrivenoter's office always knows within a few numbers of how many men there are. We have a mailing list there that represents the actual membership in good standing, barring some "unknown" men; and we keep a list even of them all the time, as we are always working on the list of "unknown" men to straighten out their addresses. We have to print "The Bulletin" monthly, and that goes out on a list corrected monthly. The Scrivenoter's office is always fairly accurately informed as to just how many names there are on the active list. The difficulty does not lie there. I do not see the force of Brother Maegly's objection, either. The new men coming in and taking numbers will get "A-1" or "B-1," etc.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—What are the objections to going right ahead and giving "B-1," "B-2," and "B-3?" It seems to me that if you are going to begin numbering 1, 2, and 3, it would be simple and easy. Here is a class of twenty kittens. Here is No. 200 available. The next one available is No. 219. This would be "B-200," then "B-219," and so on. The old numbers are all mixed up. If you number them "B-1," "B-2," "B-3," etc., you begin at the ones initiated. I cannot see what is the difficulty of this series beginning with "A-1" or "B-1."

MR. RAMSEY (6590):—The idea that I got from this discussion is that even if No. 50 originally does drop out and is never reinstated there will never be another No. 50, but it will be "A-50." We will begin at "A-1," "A-2," and go right on up. If twenty old members have dropped out, then we can initiate twenty new members. They will not be the same as those who have dropped out.

MR. WALKER (738):—There seem to be about three propositions on this number question before the house, and there seem to be some differences of opinion. The Constitution limits the membership to 9999 actual, living members. That we all propose to stand by. The question now is: How shall we number new members? The proposition that Brother Barns makes is that we continue on to 9999, and, when that is reached, that we number them 10000 and on up, leaving it to the Scrivenoter's office to keep the matter straight. There is another proposition: That we take all of the delinquents—all the numbers who perhaps have died or have dropped out, through some dereliction, or been expelled—and call those "A-21," "A-47," etc., and fill up those vacancies. But you are shaking your head.

SCRIVENOTER:—I probably did not make it clear, but that is not my idea.

MR. WALKER (738):—I did not say "your proposition;" I said that that was "one proposition."

SCRIVENOTER:—Perhaps it has been made.

MR. WALKER (738):—There was another proposition: That we start in with "A-1" and keep on—for instance, if "A-21" became derelict, that we fill that place. Was that your suggestion, Brother Drake?

MR. DRAKE (58):—That was my suggestion yesterday. After a discussion of the matter I saw that there was some objection to it, and I came to the conclusion that the suggestion of the Snark was the most feasible. I therefore made the motion this morning that the Snark's recommendation be adopted and the Supreme Nine be requested to prepare a by-law covering it. The Snark's idea is to commence at "A-1" and number on up. If those who have dropped out, want to come back, they can do so; if they do not, the numbers are never taken up in the original series. But under the Snark's recommendation "Series A" would commence at "A-1" and go on up until it got to "A-9999," then it would go to "B-1."

MR. WALKER (738):—I was going to speak in favor of

that, because if we take the plan of filling the vacancies and they will be "A-1," representing 21, who has dropped out, it would be inconvenient. Suppose that Brother Barns becomes disgruntled and No. 3 becomes vacant; then we would have "A-3" instead of "A-21." We must adopt some plan by which we can have the membership in rotation. Either start from 9999 and go on up, or start from "A" and go on up, so that we can tell to which crop they belong. [Applause.]

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—Before we begin with "A-1," however, there should be some names stricken off the books. They say here that any man can come back and get his old number when he wants it.

MR. BARNES (3):—Really Brother Walker has hit the nail on the head. There are only one or two propositions here. As to the idea that we can take and use these old numbers of the dead or expelled, the Constitution says that we cannot do anything of the kind; and, with tooth and nail, I would fight against giving the numbers of those who have passed beyond to others; that would not be right. The proposition is to go back and utilize the numbers of those who have dropped out, and I do not think that would be right at all. After 9999 has been reached, the next man who would come in might be No. 17. I see that No. 17 has dropped out of the Order. I do not know who he is or anything about it—whether he has dropped out or whether he was expelled; but to give No. 17 to a man who came in in 1903 or 1904, when in the natural arrangement of our book and numbers we would suppose that he came in in 1891 or 1892, would be simply to do away with all precedent in the matter of numbers and mix things up forever. As a matter of fact, there are but two propositions. One is to go on with the consecutive numbers from 9999 and retain the membership limit as it is now. We are not going to reach the actual membership limit for at least three or four years. We have 6800 members in good standing, and we have numbered up to 9550. The other proposition is to commence with "A-1."

SNARK:—You are not going to run out of members, but out of numbers.

DIFFERENT MEMBERS:—Question, question!

MR. COBB (32):—The question is out of order according to our Constitution. In Section 1, Article VII, it is said: "The general numbers of the members of the Order shall be assigned by the Scrivenoter in the rotation of concatenation numbers and in the order that concatenation reports may be received by him." You would have to change the Constitution, and the committee's recommendation is right according to the Constitution.

SNARK:—I will have to decide the point not well taken, for the reason that it does not interfere with that provision in any manner or form. He numbers them in rotation.

DIFFERENT MEMBERS:—Question, question!

SNARK:—If there are no further remarks—

A MEMBER:—Please state the question.

SNARK:—The question is as to whether we shall adopt the recommendation of the Snark in his annual report—viz., numbering new members as "A-1," "A-2," etc., after the limit of 9999 shall have been reached—that is, to commence a new series with such designations before the numbers. I see that Brother Barns suggests "after." I would say that it ought to precede, as "A-1," "A-2," etc. The motion is to make that the rule after the limit has been reached in numbers.

(Different members called for the question, and the Snark put the proposition to the house. After the vote had been taken, he said, "The ayes seem to have it;" whereupon

several members called for a division, but the Snark answered that there was no question about the majority. He said: "I will give a division if you want it. How will you have it, by a rising vote?"

A MEMBER:—That is out of order; we are the only two who vote "No."

ANOTHER MEMBER:—I called for a division, and I voted.

(The Snark then called for a rising vote, and the Scrivenoter announced that there were 15 voting "Nay" in opposition to the rest, who had voted in favor of the motion. The Snark then declared the motion carried, after which he asked what further business was before the meeting.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Mr. Snark, I have received a telegram from Brother Victor H. Beckman, announcing the initiation of sixteen men at Whatcom, Wash., on September 9.

(The Scrivenoter read the telegram; and when he had finished reading, the members gave the famous Hoo-Hoo yell and evinced their enthusiasm in other ways. The Scrivenoter then read a letter from J. Moetzel—No. 3000—announcing the initiation of sixteen men at Des Moines, Ia., on September 5; and the reading of the letter was the signal for more noisy demonstration.)

SCRIVENOTER:—Those two concatenations, of course, were not taken cognizance of in my official report, although they belong to the year's work; they also belong to the credit of Vicegerents of the year just closed. It makes some little change in the report as I read it yesterday; but this report will have to stand, because it was made up from the concatenations received at Nashville before I left. It gives Brother Maegly, as Junior Hoo-Hoo, an additional sixteen men for his jurisdiction and puts him second in the record of work by jurisdictions:

MR. BARNES (3):—I would move you that a telegram be sent Brother Beckman on behalf of this Eleventh Annual Meeting, to be signed by the Snark and the Scrivenoter, congratulating the Hoo-Hoo of the Western coast upon their growth this year and tendering our very best wishes and affection. As we know that it is almost impossible for the brethren on the Western coast to get here to our Annual Meetings, I think it would be a very nice thing to send Brother Beckman a telegram from this general body, tendering our best wishes and congratulations.

SNARK:—If there is no objection, we will consider that motion adopted, with a request for Brother Barns to draw that telegram.

MR. ROURKE (421):—I got in rather late. Have the Committee on Resolutions reported?

SNARK:—They have, and their report has been adopted. Excuse me, Brother Rourke; I should have said "the Committee on Constitution and By-laws." The Committee on Resolutions have not reported.

MR. ROURKE (421):—The report is ready; it is being copied downstairs.

SNARK:—We will read it when it is brought in.

In my report in reference to the ritualistic work, I had no reference to the Ritual as a whole. I merely referred to the Junior work, or initiatory part of the work, and had no intention of touching the body of the Ritual itself. Merely the initiatory ceremony, or Junior work, was all that I had in mind. Our Ritual, as a whole, is very fine. It might be made less cumbersome; some of those applications could be changed.

MR. BARNES (3):—I would move you that the present Committee on Ritual be authorized and empowered to make such changes in the present Ritual as may seem necessary and desirable and that new Rituals be printed. I think that a good many of the old Rituals are getting badly worn. There are some grammatical errors in the present

Ritual, and there are some features in the initiation that have been eliminated by vote of the Order at Norfolk; for instance, the use of bisulphate of carbon, the meat, and things like those have been cut out entirely; and there is also quite a long talk there by one of the officers relating to the use of the Hoo-Hoo number. Now, we never use it. It is entirely out of date; and as long as we have to print new Rituals, it seems to me that three or four of the applications ought to be curtailed at once. The Ritual itself, as a whole, is all right. It is one of the best pieces of literature of that kind that has ever been written; and I am a Mason.

MR. WALKER (738):—That is not written very much, is it, Barns? [Laughter.]

MR. DRAKE (58):—I think that Brother Barns' motion is out of order; for the Committee on Ritual, whose report was accepted yesterday, recommended that the Ritual be gone through and altered and amended as they see fit by the members of the House of Ancients.

SNARK:—That action was taken. I was going to say that it is now in the hands of the House of Ancients.

MR. DRAKE (58):—And out of our hands entirely.

MR. BARNES (3):—There ought to be some changes made. SCRIVENOTER:—And it ought to be reprinted at once, if it can be done.

SNARK:—I would say that Brother Williams would like to make an announcement.

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—I wish to say that the official photograph will be taken on the post office steps at 12 o'clock, or at the adjournment of this meeting; and we will request the gentlemen to bring their wives (and their whole families, if they are here) to be taken in this photograph. I wish you would notify the other members, if they are not here.

SNARK:—I would like to emphasize that, gentlemen. I have the photographs that were taken heretofore, and the one taken at Norfolk I prize among the most valuable of my collection. In future years you will be glad to recognize the faces of the brethren whom you meet at these Annual Meetings, and I trust that when we adjourn you will not linger around the lobby, but go directly to the post office, because if a dozen or more stay around the hall it will cause the whole body to wait for a very few. You will value that picture, if you take one.

MR. DRAKE (58):—Milwaukee has given us everything that we have asked for so far, and Brother Williams has urged us to take our families. My family is two thousand miles away. I would like to ask him if he can furnish me a family.

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—Yes, sir; I can furnish you the baby, anyway.

SNARK:—The Scrivenoter has a matter which he wishes to present.

SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen, we are all pretty well together here this morning, and while there is nothing else to come before us, I will announce the vote of the States, in preparation for the election of officers, which will come off some time this afternoon. I will first call the roll of States to find if they are all represented—or, rather, to ascertain which States are represented. Let the chairman of each State delegation answer for his State as to whether it is represented or not.

MR. WALKER (738):—If certain States have no chairmen, what are you going to do? There are a number of States that are not represented.

SCRIVENOTER:—Let any one answer for the States, if present.

MR. WALKER (738):—I am going to answer for Kentucky, if the other gentlemen will permit me.

States Represented.

(The following States responded to the call of the roll:)

Alabama	109
Arkansas	422
Colorado	177
California	185
Georgia	374
Illinois	836
Indiana	149
Iowa	138
Kansas	167
Kentucky	166
Louisiana	420
Michigan	239
Mississippi	292
Minnesota	106
Missouri	515
Nebraska	138
New York	121
Ohio	390
Pennsylvania	199
Tennessee	255
Texas	535
Washington	387
Wisconsin	227
West Virginia	80

Total 6127

SNARK:—The Committee on Resolutions are ready to report. We will hear their report.

MR. G. E. WATSON (642):—I will read this report for the chairman, he being away.

(The report was as follows, and was received with applause:)

Report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Whereas the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is about to be adjourned, thus ending a most interesting fraternal gathering of brothers in Hoo-Hoo—a meeting that has resulted in earnest deliberation and careful legislation for the good of the Order, that we believe must surely redound to its great benefit not only this year, but in the years to come; and having been received most hospitably and entertained most royally in this fair city on the west shore of Lake Michigan, where it has seemed that not only our brother Hoo-Hoo of Milwaukee, but its people in general, made us feel as if we were their guests and that the city was ours; therefore your committee believe it to be fitting that it be

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of the Order be given our past Snark of the Universe, Brother A. H. Weir, of Nebraska, not only for the conscientious manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office during the past year, but also for the earnest attention he has given to the welfare of the Order and the hard work he has done toward making it all that our highest desires would have it be, and that in his retirement to the House of Ancients, he has the best wishes of all Hoo-Hoo; and at the same time that we express to all the other members of the Supreme Nine our thanks for the zealous work they have done since the last Annual Meeting, in looking after the welfare of the Order in their jurisdictions and in supporting the Snark of the Universe.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Hoo-Hoo of Milwaukee and of the State of Wisconsin for the loyalty they have shown to the Order and the hospitality they have extended to us who have come from other States, and particularly to the Vicegerent of Wisconsin, J. J. Williams; the Committee on Arrangements, the Committee on Finance, the local Reception Committee, the Ladies' Reception Committee, and the honorary Reception Committee; and to that loyal Hoo-Hoo and prince of good fellows, Frank N. Snell, of Milwaukee, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, for the masterly way in which he planned and carried out every detail of the care and entertainment of the visiting Hoo-Hoo, making our stay in Milwaukee one continual round of pleasure and an occasion never to be forgotten, thus carrying out the pledge he made at Norfolk a year ago to-day, to the effect that if we came to Milwaukee this year the city would be ours. We congratulate the local Committee on Arrangements on devising the novel plan of registering and numbering those attending the meeting, and would commend the idea to those having in charge the arrangements for Annual Meetings in the

future, as a permanent feature of these meetings. We also wish the members of the Ladies' Reception Committee to know that we appreciate the kindness and courtesy which they have extended to our visiting ladies; and in this connection we believe it appropriate to congratulate the Order upon the large number of ladies who have attended this Annual Meeting (larger than ever before)—a feature of our meeting that is commendable, and one which we trust will be emphasized in the future. Be it further

Resolved, That we ever remember with gratitude the fact that our entertainment during our sojourn in the city of Milwaukee was made possible by the financial support which the above-mentioned committees received from our real hosts of this meeting—the Allis-Chalmers Company, the Filer and Stowell Company, and Charles F. Pfister—and we assure them that we appreciate their kindness and liberality, and we would suggest that the members of the Order make special effort to reciprocate whenever the opportunity may occur; and that we here record our appreciation of the kindness as well as thoughtfulness of the Chain Belt Company, of Milwaukee, for the beautiful badges furnished our members attending this meeting. These badges have been pronounced by all as the finest that have ever been worn at an Annual Meeting, and their presentation to the visiting Hoo-Hoo by this company was a courtesy deserving of commendation. We are also under obligations to the Pabst Brewing Company, of Milwaukee, for the kind invitation to visit their great plant for making that which has made Milwaukee famous, and for attention shown.

Resolved, further, That we extend our thanks to the hotels of Milwaukee for caring for us at a time when so many thousands of strangers are in the city, and especially to the management of the Hotel Pfister and its efficient staff for the care and attention given to us, and for the use of its parlors, lobby, clubrooms, banquet hall, and meeting halls, and the many other courtesies extended; and to all others who have assisted in making the Eleventh Annual Meeting the great success from a business and social point of view that it has been.

FRED. H. GILMAN, Chairman;
C. D. ROURKE.
HARVEY AVERY.
JOSEPH MYLES.
GEORGE E. WATSON.

(It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted.)

MR. PEAKE (4893):—I suggest that we take a rising vote. SNARK:—Those in favor of adopting these resolutions will manifest it by rising.

(As the members arose and silently stood, the Snark continued: "There is no need to count. You may be seated. The report is unanimously adopted.")

MR. C. F. HURLBURT (7181):—I would like to meet the gentlemen from Iowa, if they are here.

MR. STANTON (3140):—I ask if there is any special hour for the election of officers.

SNARK:—There is not.

MR. STANTON (3140):—I was going to ask how the members could get to the theater at 2 o'clock.

SNARK:—It is at 4 o'clock.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Will the Scrivenoter call off the number of votes of each State?

SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen, I will call the vote of the States, and to avoid having it mixed up, I will have you to answer back.

(The roll of States, as above printed, was again called, the Scrivenoter announcing the number of votes and the State's representative taking it down and calling back.)

MR. D. W. INGERSOLL (7723):—I move that this vote be recorded as the official voting strength of this meeting.

SNARK:—That will be proper if—

A MEMBER:—I move that we proceed to the election of officers right away.

(The motion was seconded by several members.)

MR. BRAFFETT (972):—I want to offer a suggestion—and, if possible, have it made a resolution—in behalf of the past, present, and future living Snarks: That we, the Order of Hoo-Hoo, do something to pay them tribute by

giving them an emblem of some kind to be decided upon by a committee in some manner—that is, to offer them a suitable emblem for their work. Inasmuch as the office of Snark is not a financial one in which the salary is large, I believe that a tribute of this kind would be very highly prized. I submit this for your consideration. As I say, it is a suggestion which I trust will meet with your approval. If it can be made a resolution and acted upon, I believe it would be well. The Snark, when he leaves his office, would prize this as a treasure. We can have it copyrighted, and it will be a prize and something that can be worn only by a Snark of our Order.

SNARK:—That can be presented later. There is now a question, moved and seconded, before the house. I allowed the brother to interrupt the proceedings to make his suggestion; but I will say, Brother Braffett, that if you want anything of that kind, present a resolution. It can come up later.

The Election of Officers.

MR. BEAL (8736):—It seems that we are all mixed up here. I believe that each State ought to get together, in order that its votes can be taken and recorded just right. We may divide, or we may tie, on some things; and I suggest, before we take a vote, that all the representatives of the different States get together (each State to itself), decide on some plan, and select chairmen. It seems to me that that would be the business way, and I suggest that the Illinois delegation meet over in the corner, right over there by the door.

A MEMBER:—I move you that we take a recess of five minutes to do that.

SNARK:—I was going to say that those matters belonged to the different States to attend to. We will take a recess of ten minutes for that purpose.

(After the recess, the Snark called the meeting to order and proceeded as follows:)

SNARK:—Gentlemen, there is a motion before you to proceed at once to the election of officers. Are you ready for the question?

DIFFERENT MEMBERS:—Question, question!
(The motion, being put, was carried unanimously.)

SNARK:—It is so ordered. We will call the roll of States for nominations.

The Election of Snark.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll for nominations for the office of Snark of the Universe.

(The Scrivenoter then began the call of the roll of States with Alabama, when the chairman of that State announced that he would pass the nomination to Texas.)

MR. DRAKE (58):—Gentlemen, I arise to place in nomination a man who was born down yonder amid the tall pine trees of the Southland; but I do not want you to think for a moment that I am placing him in nomination from a sentimental standpoint, from the fact that he comes from Texas. I want you to believe that I am nominating him because I believe he is a Hoo-Hoo, earnest and true; that his work for the past year justifies us in giving him the honor of the nomination—the greatest gift that our organization has to offer to its members. He has served as Vicegerent, and during his service he offered up more individual lambs to the Order of Hoo-Hoo than any other man during a year of service. In his domain, since he has held an office in the Nine, he has offered to you 33 1-3 per cent of all the elect of Hoo-Hoo of that year. He has not only gone from north to south and from east to west in the States over which he has had charge, but he has even gone to a sister republic and taken from the State of Chihuahua, Mexico, into our fold as an honorary member one of the ablest statesmen of the State—the Governor of

Chihuahua. He has given you this year the only two \$99.99 men that we have. That is the record in Hoo-Hoo land, brethren. Is it not worthy of consideration? We who come from the State whose resources are almost boundless, who can furnish you everything from the temperate zone to the torrid zone, and can offer to you the broad expanse of the West, the fertile plains of the Central States, and the tall pine trees of the East; we can offer you all these, and we offer you for our candidate a man who combines all the good that great, big Texas has, and we hope that he will have your favorable consideration. As I told you, I do not want it from sentiment.

Now, I have heard it said that this gentleman is too young. Let us stop and see. He was born within the sound of the saw; he has been in the lumber business for twelve years; for at least two years past he has been the head of a large corporation, with perhaps as strong men as there are in our State, or in our sister States, behind him and with him, willing to trust their money, their affairs, and their finances in his hands. If those men who have known him long and intimately are willing to trust him—because Bill Norris is only thirty-five years old, is that any reason that you should say that it is sinful for him to be the head of this organization? If it is sinful to be young, we have all committed the crime.

Now, I have heard it said also that he came here with the particular assertion that he was going to be Snark, and he brought a brass band along to prove it. I want to tell you about that brass band. We have a fellow down in Texas known as "Coal-oil Johnny," whose heart is as big as the limits of our State. He was born in a miserable little town in the pinneries, and in that town, not long since, a band was organized. A few weeks ago a concatenation was held there, and the band came out and played. Some members of the band, of course, in their enthusiasm for Hoo-Hoo, said that they would like to go to Milwaukee. "Coal-oil Johnny" and his brother, who were born in Lufkin and loved Lufkin (though it is not too much of a town), said: "Here, if you boys will go to Milwaukee and toot for Lufkin, I will pay your fares." They get no compensation, but "Coal-oil Johnny" and his brother paid their fares. Brother Norris did not know that they were coming. Those are the only objections that I have heard to our candidate.

Now, as I told you, we come to-day with perhaps the largest delegation of any State, except Wisconsin; we come, bringing before you a representative man; we come and ask you to support him; we ask you because, first and foremost, we believe that he is as capable as any man in Hoo-Hoo to fill this office; we ask you, secondly, because Texas to-day is as large and strong and enthusiastic as any State in Hoo-Hoo land. We ask it for the sentiment of the Southland; we ask it for the home on the prairie; we ask it for the log cabin and the tall timber; we ask it for the herder's tent and the arid plains of the West; we ask that you give to us Brother W. H. Norris for Snark next year. [Great applause.]

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Michigan would like to second the nomination of Brother Norris for Snark. I do this from a business standpoint, as I look at it. In the first place, I remember, at our meeting at Norfolk last year we thrashed over a great deal and settled the fact that nobody should be at the head of this organization unless he was a lumberman. Brother Norris is that. In going into his office during the past year, I have found a typewriter attending to Hoo-Hoo business whom Brother Norris had paid, not the Order. I also took from the Committee on Resolutions here this morning the resolution indorsing the grand work of our Snark. Brother Norris has his training as Senior Hoo-Hoo under that Snark, and I think that he will follow in the lines of his predecessor. They have been safe

lines. We have given Snark Weir the grandest testimonial men can give, and if Brother Norris will follow in those lines, we will give him one also.

I have heard it said against him—I did not like it, either—that he was not much of an orator. [Laughter. A Voice: That is Adams speaking.] Well, that was one thing I did not like about Sampson. I did like him until he began to think that the man who had worked up from the bottom, but could not appear in a dress suit and speak—that such a man was not in it. Now, I do not know that we require an orator. Some of the best men whom we have sent to the halls of Congress have been men who could not talk as well as I can (and that is not very well), but they could always get it done for them. Michigan seconds the nomination of Brother Norris for Snark of the Universe.

MR. DEFEBOUGH (6):—Under what rule are we working here? Are we under the call of the States?

SNARK:—Under the call of the roll of the States.

MR. DEFEBOUGH (6):—Where does Michigan come in? She is a little too fresh.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I beg Brother Defebaugh's pardon, and also that of the other brothers.

SNARK:—I suggest that the gentlemen wait until their States are called. I did not want to interrupt the brother. Wait until the State is called.

(The Scrivenoter then proceeded with the call of the roll of the States. Arkansas announced that it had no nomination to make, but that it extended its right hand of fellowship to the Texas delegation and would support the Texas delegation in their nomination, which announcement was received with much applause. The other States announced, as they were called, that they had no candidates; but when Illinois was reached, Brother Cobb said that the Illinois delegation would cast their unanimous vote for Brother Norris. Indiana, Iowa, and Kansas also said that they would support Brother Norris, each announcement being the signal for applause.)

MR. C. S. WALKER (when Kentucky is called):—Kentucky asks to be passed for a little while until her delegation comes to an understanding.

(Louisiana declared for Norris. At this point a member arose and said: "I wish to know whether this is the time of making the nominations or of voting.")

SNARK:—Nominations, merely.

A MEMBER:—I notice that several of the gentlemen have said: "We cast our vote for" so and so.

SNARK:—I understand them to mean that they will cast their vote. They second the nomination, practically. This is merely nominations.

(When the Scrivenoter called Michigan, Brother Adams responded: "I ask pardon for the offense committed, but we stand as we did." The other States, as their names were called, announced their indorsement of the nomination made by Texas, until the roll was completed.)

MR. GLADDING (99):—At the time Indiana was called, the delegation here had not taken a vote on the matter, but were waiting for the roll call to be completed. We have no candidate, and we take pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Norris; and, furthermore, we wish to offer a motion.

SCRIVENOTER:—One more State remains to be called for nominations, if you will permit me, Brother Gladding.

MR. GLADDING (99):—It would not be in order, then?

MR. WALKER (738):—Kentucky is always divided, you know. She was divided during the Civil War, and I happen to belong with the rebels all the time; I am against the government. I have been watching Hoo-Hoo for a great many years, and the course that has been followed does not seem to me to be for the best interests of the Order. There is not enough discussion. We are too much like sheep—

ready to follow the leader; and while I have nothing in the world against our friend proposed by Brother Andrew Jackson Drake, whose oratory is beyond criticism, I would like to have seen some opposition; I believe that it is better for the Order to have votes cast for two men. Brother Drake apologizes for Brother Norris' youth. I am but a mere boy myself. [Laughter.] He also apologizes for the brass band. God knows, a brass band is my racket all the time, if I can get one. [Laughter.] So I am with him. But I did contemplate starting up some opposition here; I was very anxious to do it. I wanted to see another candidate; I wanted to hear the vote split; I wanted to start up some discussion. It is better for the Order. After we have had a red-hot political fight, the men who have fought the hardest are always the warmest friends afterwards. "Pap" Hemenway and I almost killed each other two or three years ago, but there is nobody I love more than him, and I believe he would almost die for me. So I now offer the name of Brother Platt B. Walker, of Minnesota, for the Snarkship. He declines with great ardor and instantly. I do not know, but in order to have a split in Kentucky, I will vote for Brother Walker, anyway; and this is for that purpose—a nominating speech.

MR. GLADDING (99):—Is a motion in order to have the Scrivenoter cast the ballot for the entire convention and make it unanimous?

SNARK:—I think not; there are two candidates in the field.

MR. WALKER (48):—I do not consider that my worthy friend from Kentucky has nominated me at all. As he said, I positively and emphatically decline to be a candidate.

SNARK:—Brother Gladding, your motion is in order.

MR. G. M. ASHER (4714):—I second the motion.

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the entire vote of this convention for Brother W. H. Norris, of Texas, for Snark. Are you ready for the question?

MANY MEMBERS:—Question, question!

MR. M'MILLAN (1796):—I amend that motion to state that it should be by a rising vote.

A MEMBER:—The Scrivenoter will have to cast the ballot.

MR. WALKER (738):—I second the amendment.

SNARK:—The motion is to make it by a rising vote. Those in favor of it will please arise.

(All the members arising, the Snark declared the motion carried unanimously. Then there were calls for Brother Norris and for a speech.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion that you have just adopted, I hereby cast the entire vote of this assembly—6127 votes—for Brother W. H. Norris, of Houston, Texas, for the office of Snark of the Universe. [Great applause.]

SNARK:—I therefore declare him duly elected.

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

MR. C. F. DRAKE (introducing Brother Norris):—Gentlemen, this is the baby. [Laughter and applause.]

MR. W. H. NORRIS (1660):—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo, I appreciate this, and all I can say is that I thank you very much for this honor. I am not going to do very much talking this year, but I am going to do lots of work. Do not expect to hear lots of talking from me, but just watch my smoke; that is all. [Applause.]

Election of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

SNARK:—The next in order will be calling the roll for nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

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

MR. J. J. KAUL (4940):—I have the pleasure of nominating Brother J. Lee Ensign, of Georgia, for Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter called the roll of States until Georgia was reached.)

MR. G. V. DENNY (6486):—Gentlemen, it is with pleasure that Georgia seconds the nomination of Brother Ensign for Senior Hoo-Hoo. We have no orators, but, like the Snark of the Universe just elected, we will try to show up for work.

(The Scrivenoter continued the call of the roll for nominations for Senior Hoo-Hoo, each State announcing that it had no candidate, until Kentucky was reached.)

MR. WALKER (738):—Kentucky has a candidate to offer in the person of one of the very earliest members of the Order of Hoo-Hoo—one of the organizers of the Order; a man whom to know is to love; a man of executive ability, of energy, of truth, of honor, and of integrity; a man whom we all love; a man who will represent a city and a State in the coming year, and the year after, will be a Senator of the United States. I am very anxious and very hopeful that when I name Brother George Washington Schwartz you will place upon him that honor. [Applause.] I may remark that the Supreme Nine for the past year have been woefully short on railroad talent. Brother Schwartz has that talent to a great degree and can fill any honor that we give him; and the State of Kentucky places his name in nomination for the office of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

(Louisiana, Maryland, and Massachusetts announced that they had no candidates.)

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Michigan seconds the nomination of Brother Ensign. I have listened to this Hoo-Hoo talk about lumbermen, that this is a lumbermen's organization. I also believe it to be true that none but men who have worked for the Order—Vicegerents, etc.—can have any honors. That knocks me out of that. I cannot be Snark or anything else, because I cannot be Vicegerent. Brother Ensign is a business man, owning three sawmills in Georgia. He also owns a railroad, and is a railroad man himself; I think that he is president and boss of the whole thing. I have no pass on his railroad, but I have ridden on it.

A MEMBER:—Without paying?

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Well, I did not have to pay. I think I took the place of a newspaper man on that ride.

SNARK:—I want to correct the statement that Brother Adams cannot be Vicegerent. He can be Vicegerent if the Snark appoints him.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Let me explain that. I live in Michigan; I have a family over there; I am in Michigan about sixty days in the year. You would think that I was there oftener, if you could see my family; but I am not. [Laughter.]

(Mississippi announced that it had no candidate. The chairman of the Minnesota delegation said: "I arise to second the nomination of Brother Schwartz, of Missouri. I do it on the ground that the man is a Hoo-Hoo, a lumberman, a newspaper man, a machinery man, and a railroad man.")

MR. BARNES (3):—Missouri wants to second most heartily and emphatically the nomination of Brother Schwartz. He was in at the birth of Hoo-Hoo, and is one of the "Original Five;" most of you know him. He has been present at every Annual Meeting except this one, and would be here now, but he is ill. Brother Schwartz has been one of our most enthusiastic and conservative workers; he has been a member of the Committee on Constitution and By-laws at almost every one of these Annuals; and as a representative of that great section, as being from Missouri and the Western country, we ask for your votes.

(The other States, as the Scrivenoter called their names, responded that they had no candidate; but Nebraska seconded the nomination of Brother Schwartz. The chairman of the Ohio delegation announced, "Ohio will take great pleasure in casting its votes—" but he got no farther, for a member interrupted him, amid laughter, to say: "This is for nominations." Ohio then said that it had no candidate.)

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—Wisconsin takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Schwartz.

SNARK:—We will now call the roll for the election.

SCRIVENOTER:—I would suggest, Mr. Snark, that you appoint two men to assist me as tellers.

(The Snark appointed two of the newspaper men sitting at the table with the Scrivenoter to assist him as tellers.)

SNARK:—Brother Snell wants to make an announcement.

MR. SNELL (1796):—The official photograph will be taken immediately after adjournment, at whatever time it may be, on the steps of the post office building, just across the street. I want every member who is accompanied by a lady to be sure to see that she is there.

SNARK:—Proceed with the roll call.

SCRIVENOTER:—As the State is called, please announce the number of your votes for the assistance of the tellers.

(The roll call showed the following result:)

	Ensign.	Schwartz.
Alabama	109	—
Arkansas	—	422
California	—	185
Colorado	—	177
Georgia	374	—
Illinois	127½	208½
Indiana	—	149
Iowa	—	138
Kansas	—	167
Kentucky	—	166
Louisiana	420	—
Michigan	119½	119½
Mississippi	—	292
Minnesota	—	106
Missouri	—	515
Nebraska	—	138
New York	60½	60½
Ohio	—	390
Pennsylvania	99½	99½
Tennessee	191	61
Texas	535	—
Washington	387	—
Wisconsin	—	227
West Virginia	—	80
Totals	2423	3704

SCRIVENOTER:—All right, gentlemen! I am ready to announce the vote on Senior Hoo-Hoo: Schwartz, 3704; Ensign, 2423.

(The announcement was received with much applause, and caused the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

MANY MEMBERS:—What's the matter with Schwartz? He's all right. Who's all right? Schwartz!

(Then, amid more applause and laughter, Brother Ensign was not forgotten, and the same programme was gone through with in his case. "What's the matter with Ensign?" was the vociferous call of many of the delegates, and the rousing answer was: "He's all right!")

SNARK:—Having received a majority of the votes cast, Brother Schwartz is elected Senior Hoo-Hoo.

Election of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the States for the office of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(Alabama passed its nomination to Arkansas.)

JAMES BRIZZOLARA (6813):—From the sunny Southland I bear a message of greeting, gratitude, and thanks to

one who in the city by the lakes, in this grand Commonwealth of Wisconsin, the "Badger State" in the sisterhood of the great and glorious States of this Union—one who by his unsurpassed energy and indomitable perseverance has made the Eleventh Annual Assembly of this great and glorious Order a red-letter one in its history; one whose name upon the title-page of its history will be emblazoned in letters of shining light; one who by his unceasing efforts has showered upon us the courtesies and hospitalities of this great city; one who is a royal good fellow, whom to know is to respect and to honor; one of those from whom in our parting we will bear the tenderest and the fondest recollections, ever green in our memories; one to whom honor is justly due as an act of justice, fairly and squarely meted out to him. That man, brothers, I propose to nominate. I have, gentlemen, the privilege as well as the honor to nominate as candidate for Junior Hoo-Hoo of this organization, Brother Frank N. Snell, of Milwaukee.

(There was great applause at the conclusion of this nominating speech, and the members united in the expression of their regard by giving the Hoo-Hoo yell.)

ALL MEMBERS:—Who made Milwaukee famous? Snell! What's the matter with Snell? He's all right! Who says he's all right? Everybody! Who is everybody? Hoo-Hoo!

SNARK:—Frank N. Snell!

(Indiana claimed the honor of moving that this nomination be made unanimous. The other States, as their names were called, promptly responded: "Snell!" Even Brother Walker, of Kentucky, said: "Kentucky does not see the necessity of taking a vote; they are all for Snell this time." And so it proceeded with the call of the roll.)

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move that the rules be suspended by unanimous consent, and that Brother Snell be elected unanimously.

(This motion was seconded by several members.)

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that the Scrivenoter cast the entire vote of the meeting for Brother Snell. Those in favor of the motion will make it known by saying: "Aye."

(The motion was carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion which you have just adopted, I hereby cast the entire 6127 votes of this assembly for Brother Frank N. Snell, of Milwaukee, for Junior Hoo-Hoo.

SNARK:—And I declare him duly elected.

(The Hoo-Hoo gave their famous yell once more, after which there were mingled cries for "Snell" and for "speech.")

SNARK:—They have gone after him. We will present him when he comes.

SEVERAL MEMBERS:—There he is; that is the Junior Hoo-Hoo! [These members referred to Mr. Snell, who was standing a little to the left of and behind the Snark's platform.]

SNARK:—Gentlemen, this is Brother Snell.

MR. SNEILL (1795):—Mr. Snark and Brother Hoo-Hoo, I thank you very much for this honor. I will try to fulfill the duties of the office to the best of my ability. As you all know, I have had very little to do this week, and I have not had time—I mean I have had plenty of time—but I lost the speech I had prepared to give you. I thank you. [Laughter.]

(Again the members asked each other, "What's the matter with Snell?" and assured themselves in unmistakable terms that he was all right.)

SNARK:—Call the roll of the States for the next office.

Election of Bojum.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will call the roll of the States for the office of Bojum.

("No candidate" down to Louisiana.)

MR. INGERSOLL (7723):—Louisiana wishes to place in nomination Brother Harvey Saws Avery for that office.

("No candidate" down to Michigan.)

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Michigan would like to nominate Brother E. Stringer Boggess for that office. When I listened to Snark Weir's remarks yesterday about how hard he had to work to get Vicegerents, I thought of Brother Boggess, who has twice been Vicegerent, and has been very successful over in that territory. He is a man with a large lumber business.

(In the call of the States, Missouri gave way to Ohio.)

MR. SMITH (1121):—For the office of Bojum, Ohio is proud to present the name of James Wilson, Jr., as a name that means much in Ohio Hoo-Hoo annals, and means much, also, to the lumber fraternity; it is a name that is symbolic of truth and honor. He is here with us to-day, as he said yesterday, celebrating his ninth anniversary dedicated to Hoo-Hoo. Ohio asks to commemorate that event by electing him to the office of Bojum, and we submit his name for your consideration. [Applause.]

MR. DRAKE (58):—It gives me great pleasure to second the nomination of the gentleman from Ohio, Brother Wilson. I know that he is a good lumberman, for he has been at the head of a lumber organization in that State for two terms. I know that he is an enthusiastic Hoo-Hoo. I believe that he will make as good a worker on the Supreme Nine as he did in the organized work of the Lumbermen's Association; and if he does that, he will do all that can be asked of any man in Hoo-Hoo land. Texas, therefore, takes pleasure in seconding the nomination of Ohio.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—I wish to withdraw the nomination of Brother E. Stringer Boggess for Bojum.

MR. INGERSOLL (7723):—I wish to withdraw the nomination of Brother Harvey S. Avery, of Louisiana, for Bojum.

SNARK:—I believe that there is now only one candidate. Is that correct?

MR. WALKER (738):—Kentucky desires to pass the nomination of Brother Wilson.

(Minnesota seconded the nomination of Brother Wilson; and, to the end of the roll, all the other States responded: "No candidate.")

MR. DRAKE (58):—I move you that the nominations be closed and the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the vote of the Order for Brother James Wilson, Jr., of Ohio, for Bojum for the next year.

MR. WILLIAMS (1734):—I second the motion.

(The motion was carried unanimously.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion you have just adopted, I hereby cast the entire vote of this assembly for Brother James Wilson, Jr., for the office of Bojum.

SNARK:—And I declare him duly elected.

(The announcement was received with great applause, and was the excuse for another Hoo-Hoo yell, after which the members asked each other the usual question, "What's the matter with Wilson?" and assured him in unmistakable terms that he was all right. To make the matter more definite, they continued their questions by asking, "Who says so?" and announced that everybody did. Then they wanted a speech from Brother Wilson, who arose in the back of the room.)

SNARK:—Come up to the platform.

MR. WILSON (1111):—My remarks will be very brief. I can make them right here. Gentlemen of Hoo-Hoo, I can only say that I thank you—all of you—very heartily for this

honor that you have conferred upon me by electing me to a position on the Supreme Nine. It is an honor that I did not seek.

MR. WALKER (738):—That is the reason that we gave it to you.

MR. WILSON (1111):—I have said all my life that I would never accept an office unless I felt within myself that I had the qualifications to creditably fill that position. I think that I can perform the duties of this office with credit to myself and to the Order at large. As I said before, any member of Hoo-Hoo should be highly honored by receiving an elective or appointive office in Hoo-Hoo. Again I thank you very heartily for this honor that you have done me.

SCRIVENOTER:—I think that Brother Wilson ought to come up here, so that we can see what we are doing in the way of looks on this new bunch.

Election of Scrivenoter.

SNARK:—Call the roll for the office of Scrivenoter.

(The call of the roll of the States had reached the first name, "Alabama," when the members began to inquire, "What's the matter with Baird?" and told him, in such a way that no one could misunderstand their meaning, that he was all right. Then they continued, "Who says so?" and answered that everybody did, and of course "everybody" could only be Hoo-Hoo.)

MR. GLADDING (59):—I move you, Mr. Snark, that the rules be suspended and the Snark cast the unanimous ballot of this convention for the present Scrivenoter, Brother James H. Baird.

(A dozen voices seconded the motion.)

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that we suspend the roll call and the Snark cast the ballot of this convention for Scrivenoter. Are there any remarks? The motion is carried. Therefore, by your direction, I cast the entire ballot of this convention—6127 votes—for Brother James H. Baird, of Nashville, for Scrivenoter.

(Applause and cries of "Speech!" "Speech!" "Get up on the platform!")

SNARK:—And I declare him duly elected. [Applause.]

MEMBERS:—Get upon the platform!

A MEMBER:—I move you that this election be made for five years.

MR. MAEGLY (5101):—Before Brother Baird begins, I want to say that we are not going to take last year's speech—that old gag about having written a speech ready to deliver here and having lost it. I am the only man in the house who has lost anything in Milwaukee.

A MEMBER:—Your neighbor lost something. [Laughter.]

MR. J. H. BAIRD (with an enormous bundle of papers):—I have been accumulating this speech, gentlemen, for seven years, and I have never had a chance to deliver it. [Laughter and applause.]

MR. CALL (1390):—That is the same old thing. Put it down! We do not want it. [Laughter.]

MR. BAIRD (408):—I very much appreciate your action. I am sure that it is an honor to any man to be elected seven years in succession, and unanimously every time, to an office of this magnitude, both in financial trust and honor. I do appreciate it very much, but I cannot make a speech. I always cut out these banquets because I am afraid I may be called upon to make a speech. I can do anything else, almost.

(Then the members gave their yell and again assured him that he was all right and that everybody said so.)

MR. BARNES (3):—I want to suggest to Brother Baird that if he will furnish the banquet we will furnish the orators. [Laughter and applause.]

Election of Jabberwock.

SNARK:—We will call the roll for nominations for the office of Jabberwock.

(The roll was called until Kentucky was reached, when Brother C. S. Walker, as usual, asked that his State be passed for the time being.)

MR. BARNES (3):—Missouri wants to present the name of a candidate. I do not know who handed me this piece of paper, but it has Lrother O. E. Yeager's name upon it. I take great pleasure in nominating Brother Yeager, of Buffalo, N. Y., where we will meet next year. He is a representative lumberman; he reaches that Eastern territory. It is geographically correct, and Missouri wants to present the name of Brother Yeager. That is entirely voluntary on my part, but we want to do it. [Applause.]

(Nebraska seconded the nomination. New York said that it had to "thank Brother Barnes for making the nomination and saving the delegates the trouble," and so seconded the nomination. The other States, as their names were called, also seconded the nomination.)

SNARK:—There is only one candidate.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that the rules be suspended and the Scrivenoter cast the ballot of this convention for Brother Yeager for Jabberwock.

SNARK:—The usual motion is made to suspend the rules. Are you ready for the question?

(The motion was put and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion just adopted, I hereby cast the entire 6127 votes of this assembly for Brother O. E. Yeager, of Buffalo, for Jabberwock.

SNARK:—I declare him duly elected. [Applause and calls for "Yeager."]

MR. YEAGER (7354):—I want to thank you very much for the honor which you have conferred upon me, and I will only say that I shall endeavor to carry out my part of the duties.

Election of Custocatian.

SNARK:—Call the roll for the office of Custocatian.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):—On behalf of the State of Washington, Mr. Snark, I am requested to present the name of Brother Victor H. Beckman, of Washington. Brother Beckman made the banner record during the past year as a Vicegerent; and he did not close his career up to the time that this meeting began, having had a concatenation which was announced to you in a telegram this morning. I take great pleasure in presenting the claims of the record-breaking Vicegerent of the Pacific Coast, and I will say that I have a communication from Oregon, which says that they waive any claim; and as California had no concatenation last year and as it has been customary to recognize the Pacific Coast on the Nine, I hope that it will be the pleasure of the convention to regard the request of Washington.

A MEMBER:—What is the candidate's name?

SNARK:—Brother Victor H. Beckman.

(The call of the States then proceeded, all of them seconding the nomination of Brother Beckman until Kentucky was reached, when Brother Walker caused considerable laughter by his usual request to pass Kentucky for a moment.)

SNARK:—There is one candidate.

SCRIVENOTER:—Kentucky was passed.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6313):—I move you that the rules be suspended by unanimous consent and that the Scrivenoter cast the vote of this Order for Brother Beckman.

(The motion was seconded.)

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that the rules be sus-

pendent and the Scrivenoter cast the vote of this Order for Brother Victor H. Beckman for the office of Custocatian. (The motion was adopted.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion just adopted, I hereby cast the entire vote (6127) of this assembly for Brother Victor H. Beckman for the office of Custocatian.

SNARK:—I declare him duly elected. [Applause.]

Election of Arcanoper.

SNARK:—Call the roll for nominations for the office of Arcanoper.

MR. R. W. ENGLISH (2220):—Brother Hoo-Hoo and gentlemen, we have a candidate for this office. We are out in the Rocky Mountains—some of you probably know where Colorado is, probably know where Denver is—and we feel that our location entitles us to a member on the Nine. We place in nomination Brother V. C. Davenport, president of the Salda Lumber Company, of Salda, Col. There is no question about this man's being in the lumber business; he has been in it ever since he was old enough to carry a board. He is one of the best Hoo-Hoo we have in the State; he is always ready to carry his portion of the brick; he attends our Annual Meetings and our concatenations; and he is a royal good fellow. I regret exceedingly to say that he is not present with us to-day. It was his intention, up to within twenty-four hours of the time the train left for this place, to come; but, owing to serious sickness in his family and other matters, he was prevented from being here. I know that if he were here and you looked upon this man you would think favorably of him. We think that the Rocky Mountain country should be represented on this Nine, and we ask that you will support our candidate. We place in nomination for this office Brother V. C. Davenport, of Salda.

(The other States announced either that they had no candidate or else seconded the nomination of Brother Davenport.)

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—Wisconsin takes great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Davenport, as he is a native of Wisconsin, and we would be glad to see him elected.

SNARK:—There is only one candidate. Will you take the usual course?

MR. SMITH (1121):—I move that the rules be suspended and the Scrivenoter cast the ballot of the convention for Brother Davenport for the office of Arcanoper. (The motion was seconded and carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—In accordance with the motion adopted, I hereby cast the entire vote of this assembly for Brother V. C. Davenport, of Salda, Col., for the office of Arcanoper.

SNARK:—I therefore declare him duly elected to the office of Arcanoper.

MR. ENGLISH (2220):—I wish to thank this Order for the election of Brother Davenport—not only on his account, but on behalf of the State of Colorado and the mountain section of that country. I thank you for conferring this honor upon us. It seems that some did not understand his name; it is "V. C. Davenport." The gentleman over there said that he was a native of Wisconsin, but he has been in Colorado a great many years.

A MEMBER:—Twenty years.

Election of Gardon.

SNARK:—Call the roll for the office of Gardon.

(The chairman of the Arkansas delegation said that he desired to nominate Brother Harvey S. Avery, and Georgia seconded that nomination.)

MR. DEFEBBAUGH (6):—Mr. Snark, I have been re-

quested by the Illinois delegation to present the name of one of our distinguished sons as a member of the Supreme Nine. He represents typically and historically the traveling men of the West, being one of the most successful traveling salesmen in the West; he is a gentleman; he is a good business man; he is on the road constantly; and he is ever and anon hammering for Hoo-Hoo in Southern Illinois. I refer to Brother C. D. Rourke, of Petersburg, Ill. [Applause.] Brother Rourke assisted us at the entertainment last evening. He was not feeling well at the time, but he made as many wrinkles in his face as he ordinarily does when he sells a bill of sash and doors. I wish to say, gentlemen, that Brother Rourke has the kindly cooperation of a large number of people in the Mississippi Valley in addition to his own important territory, and he expects during this year to do wonderful work—particularly now, as he will have the cooperation, if you elect him, of Brother Schwartz, of Missouri, so that that valley will be thoroughly covered. I express the wish and hope of the Illinois delegation, if it is your pleasure, that he be given your votes, and I know that he will honor the place and serve you all faithfully and well.

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Michigan takes pleasure in seconding the nomination of Brother Harvey S. Avery, and is sorry that it has no orator here like Brother Drake; instead of telling about the tall pines, he might tell about the tall salesman that we all know.

(Brother Stephenson, chairman of the Minnesota delegation, then placed in nomination Brother B. F. Cobb, of Illinois.)

MR. DRAKE (68):—I was asked by the Texas delegation to second the nomination of Brother Harvey S. Avery, but I am a little delicate about doing it, for the reason that I have always avoided politics in Hoo-Hoo, and my friend here, Brother Barns, knows it. I do not believe in politics and I do not believe in logrolling, but the first thing that I struck when I got into this hotel three days ago was Brother Harvey Saws Avery, with a gallon of maple sirup in his grip. He came here and expected to subsidize all Hoo-Hoo with one gallon of maple sirup; that was too cheap. But, on the other hand, down in the Mississippi Valley that our friend talks about, this same man, Harvey Saws Avery (with all due respect to their candidate)—if there is a man from the cold hills of Canada to the warm regions of the Gulf of Mexico that is better known or more liked than Harvey Saws Avery, I have not found him; and I take great pleasure in seconding his nomination.

SCRIVENOTER:—There have been placed in nomination, as I recollect it, Brother Harvey Saws Avery, of Louisiana; Brother B. F. Cobb, of Illinois; and Brother C. D. Rourke, also of Illinois.

MR. COBB (32):—I think it is hardly fair for me to have my name used here. I did think it was the proper thing at first, but I was shelved last year at Norfolk, and I see the inclination is to shelve me here; so I withdraw my name.

(Cries of "No!" "No!" and the chairman of the Minnesota delegation said: "Minnesota refuses to withdraw his name.")

SNARK:—You can vote as you see fit.

(In the responses to the call of the roll, Brother Hemenway, chairman of the Colorado delegation, said: "Colorado is in a fix. It is willing to vote for either of the three candidates, but how to divide it up gets me. When it gets right down to it, I would like to cast the whole vote for each of them. I will vote 69 votes for each one." This was followed by applause.)

(The result of the vote was as follows, fractions being excluded by the tellers:)

	Avery.	Rourke.	Cobb.
Alabama	109	—	—
Arkansas	422	—	—
Colorado	59	59	59
California	—	—	—
Georgia	374	—	—
Illinois	—	336	—
Indiana	38	111	—
Iowa	—	138	—
Kansas	—	—	—
Kentucky	55	111	—
Louisiana	420	—	—
Michigan	239	—	—
Mississippi	—	292	—
Minnesota	106	—	—
Missouri	103	309	103
Nebraska	—	138	—
New York	—	60	60
Ohio	—	390	—
Pennsylvania	66	133	—
Tennessee	85	85	85
Texas	535	—	—
Washington	—	387	—
Wisconsin	75	76	76
West Virginia	80	—	—
Totals	2766	2625	383

(While the tellers were figuring up the votes cast, the following remarks were made:)

MR. JOHNSON (2):—According to the programme, we expect to have an afternoon session here, and on that account we did not call an early rehearsal. We have called for a regular rehearsal at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at which time we want everybody present—everybody who takes any part at all. Those who were there yesterday, and a few others, will be there. I should like to announce a rehearsal to take place at 2:30 P.M. for the High Priests who have speaking parts. Do not fall us. I will announce, further, that the stage is all ready, and I think that everything is going off much better than I expected.

SNARK:—The boys will not forget that official photograph.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I was requested to come here and ask you to adjourn as soon as possible, for the official photographer has his instruments ready.

SNARK:—We cannot adjourn until we get through, but we shall go over there as soon as we adjourn. After the photograph is taken, you can get copies of it by applying to Brother Williams or the photographer, and have them mailed to you.

MR. WILLIAMS (1784):—If any of the men cannot stay after dinner and they will leave their names and addresses—I learn that there are some of the gentlemen who will have to leave after 1:30 or 2 o'clock—if these brothers would like copies of this photograph, I would be pleased to mail them, if they will give their addresses and also \$1.25, which I think will be the cost per copy.

SNARK:—The photograph will be taken from the post office steps.

SCRIVENOTER:—I can announce the vote now. Brother Avery has received 2766; Brother Rourke, 2625; Brother Cobb, 383.

SNARK:—Brother Avery having received a majority of the votes cast, I declare him elected.

SCRIVENOTER:—It takes about 3000 to elect. Is it not so?

SCRIVENOTER (after an interval):—We had 6127 votes at first, but on this ballot some of the States were not voting. There were cast 5774 votes; Brother Avery received 2766.

SNARK:—It is a majority of all the votes cast. I think it is correct that he has received a majority of the votes cast and is elected.

SCRIVENOTER:—He has the larger number, but not a majority.

SNARK:—If it is wrong, we will call the roll again. ONE OF THE TELLERS:—There are 5774 votes cast and he has to have 2888 to be elected.

SCRIVENOTER:—Gentlemen, in the last election we had 5774 votes cast, and it requires 2888 to elect. Brother Avery received 2766 votes. It is no election.

SNARK:—No election under that statement; call the roll and take another ballot.

(The vote was taken, and is as follows:)

	Avery.	Rourke.	Cobb.
Alabama	109	—	—
Arkansas	422	—	—
California	185	—	—
Colorado	177	—	—
Georgia	374	—	—
Illinois	—	336	—
Indiana	37 1/4	113 3/4	—
Iowa	—	138	—
Kansas	—	—	—
Kentucky	55	111	—
Louisiana	420	—	—
Michigan	239	—	—
Mississippi	—	292	—
Minnesota	106	—	—
Missouri	103	412	—
Nebraska	—	138	—
New York	—	121	—
Ohio	—	390	—
Pennsylvania	—	199	—
Tennessee	255	—	—
Texas	535	—	—
Washington	—	113	—
Wisconsin	113	—	—
West Virginia	80	—	—
Totals	8210 1/4	2363 1/4	—

MR. BARNs (while the tellers are figuring the result of the second ballot):—Is it the intention to hold a business meeting immediately after lunch? It seems to me that there are a good many things to be done. I know that there are some committee reports and other matters that have not been disposed of, and it seems to me that we ought to have a session that will last up to the time we go to the theater.

MR. DENNY (6486):—I move that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2:30 P.M. (The motion was seconded.)

SNARK:—The motion is that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 2:30 P.M. (The motion was carried.)

SCRIVENOTER:—We have only two candidates voted for this time. Brother Avery received 3210 1/4 votes; Brother Rourke has received 2363 1/4 votes. [Applause.]

SNARK:—I now declare Brother Avery duly elected Gardon.

(Brother Avery bowed right and left to the applause, and said briefly:)

MR. H. S. AVERY (383):—I thank you kindly for the honor which you have bestowed upon me.

MR. DENNY (6486):—I move that we adjourn until 2:30 o'clock.

(The motion was carried, and the Snark declared the meeting adjourned until that hour.)

AFTERNOON SESSION.

(It was nearly 3:30 P.M. before the Snark finally called the afternoon session to order.)

SNARK:—Mr. Scrivenoter, what have you on your desk? Have you anything to present?

SCRIVENOTER:—No, sir; I have nothing to present.

Past Snarks Remembered.

MR. W. L. CLAYTON (2776):—We drew up a resolution—Brother Denny has it, but I do not see him here—on the matter of providing the living ex-Snarks and the future ex-Snarks with some emblem of recognition and honor for past services. Brother Denny has it in writing. I do not see him here at the present time.

SCRIVENOTER:—We all know the intent and purpose of the resolution. We might go ahead and discuss it and act upon it. Brother Denny took the paper he had; he had to make some verbal changes in it. I am heartily in favor of the resolution myself. I think that we ought to do something for these retiring Snarks. They work mighty hard during the whole year. I think that we should adopt this resolution.

MR. CLAYTON (2776):—The resolution was to get up some unique design in the shape of a pin or ring or charm and have it copyrighted. No one could get it except the ex-Snarks.

SCRIVENOTER:—The resolution also provided that the expense was not to exceed \$99.

MR. RAMSEY (6590):—I wish to suggest that we make it a jewel that will be handsome enough and valuable enough to testify in that way our sincere appreciation. It ought to be a handsome jewel. I am heartily in favor of it.

MR. P. F. AHRENS (363):—I move you that we adopt the resolution as discussed.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I second that motion and ask that the resolution be embodied in the minutes when Brother Denny gets here with it.

SNARK:—You hear the motion, that this resolution with reference to the emblem be adopted; and that involves the appointment of a committee to carry it into effect. Some one suggested to me that Brother Baird should be on that committee. Are you in favor of that motion?

(The motion was carried.)

SNARK:—I will ask Brother Baird to select his own committee for that matter.

SCRIVENOTER:—I would not want to select my own committee. It is a matter of taste, and I am not long on taste.

MR. CLAYTON (2776):—Was there any limit to the number on that committee? I think that ought to be in the resolution. I think that a committee of three would be enough. I amend the resolution.

SCRIVENOTER:—The resolution provided for a committee of three. I would suggest that Brother Denny and Brother Johnson, Seer of the House of Ancients, be on it.

SNARK:—If that is satisfactory, we will consider that the committee consists of Brother Baird, Brother Denny, and Brother Johnson.

(The resolution as finally drafted by Brother Denny, and which was read after the discussion and vote on it had been closed, was as follows:)

Resolved, That the Snark appoint a committee of three at this Annual Meeting to have designed, copyrighted, and manufactured a suitable emblem or jewel to be presented to each of the present past Snarks and to each succeeding Snark upon the termination of his tenure of office, the emblem or jewel to cost not more than \$99.99 each and the presentation to the then existing past Snarks to occur at the next Annual Meeting.

MR. BARNES (3):—Have it presented at the next Annual Meeting, and we will all be there to assist in carrying it through.

Brother Ensign brought up a matter a little while ago in regard to the reinstatement of old members and giving to them their old numbers, which I think ought to be discussed. Brother Baird was not here just at the time, and I was going to ask how many were reinstated during the past year. Were there as many as 100?

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, more than 100. I should say that there were as many as 150.

MR. BARNES (3):—How long do we retain these people in the handbook after they have ceased to pay their dues?

SCRIVENOTER:—If a man does not pay his dues for this year, ending on September 9, 1902, he becomes delinquent at midnight of that day. He is given sixty-six days of grace, and he is left out of the next handbook if he does not pay up.

MR. BARNES (3):—But there is no time limit for his coming back, if he pays the dues and goes through the formality of reinstatement—that is, he can drop out for five years and by the payment of five years' dues and the payment of a fine of 99 cents he can come back.

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, if recommended by the Vicegerent and the Scrivenoter.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—I brought up the subject in a conversation a few moments ago. While there may be no danger in the next twelve months—while we are away from 9999—the resolution as passed does not provide for the fact that we might overrun; the bars have not been put up. If we had 9999 members, and 500 of those members, we will say, were passed and gone, it would be impossible, of course, to replace those 500. Those 500 numbers and also a few others who had been expelled for cause would be available; but any unknown member of the 9999, according to our Constitution, has the right to come up and be reinstated and take his old number.

This year, on January 1, we will be commencing on the new series—"A-1," "A-2," "A-3," etc.; and the probability is that we will initiate 1500 or 2000 people during the year. After we pass the 500 and the numbers that have been expelled, then we are passing our 9999, because every other member that has not been expelled or has not died is eligible to be reinstated with his old number; so we will have to overcome this and place a time limit on the reinstatements. There is no question about it. I believe it would be one of the best things that could be inaugurated in this Order, because as long as there is no penalty attached to not paying our dues we are liable to forget them; but if there is a penalty attached to it, we will always think of it, because, as people, we are always looking out for danger; and where we have smooth walking we hardly look at the ground as we go along, but where there are stones and troubles we are looking out for them.

I say that there is not a member who has attended this Eleventh Annual Meeting of Hoo-Hoo but would, if it was necessary for him to do it in order to avoid being expelled from the Order, take the train and go to Nashville in person; and for that reason we ought to put a penalty on it, say, for two years, at the most. After that they can come back and take the new series and enjoy all the privileges. I do not think that it is right, anyway. I know of one number in the list below 1000 who has not paid his dues. My number is 3328, and I remember to pay my dues and always work for the benefit of the Order, but he has not done anything. At the same time that man can come up and stand ahead of me in everything. I think that, by rights, he ought to come around and take his number in the new series.

SNARK:—As I understand it, you want a time limit in which a man may come in and pay his dues and regain his number.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—That is it.

MR. P. G. SPANGLER (5139):—I would like to ask a question: If we pass a time limit of two years and a member exceeds this time limit, will he have to go through the same form of an application to get a new number?

SNARK:—He can come in and take a number, but he will not get his old number back.

MR. ENSIGN (3328):—There is another thing that I did not embody. According to the talk that Brother Barnes,

another gentleman, and I had, it would be three years, anyhow, before these numbers are run out; and if other members are dropped and they should come back and want to be reinstated, they could probably take the old numbers if the old list was not overrun. But those numbers ought to be dropped off the list and checked off every time that a new number is added to "Series A." The idea is that every time that a number "A-1" or "A-2" is added a member must be checked off of our handbook to correspond.

SNARK:—It seems to me that the numbers of deceased members ought not to be touched; they ought to remain in the archives of the Order as a memorial to dead brothers. I would not give out those numbers to any brother under any circumstances.

MR. ENSIGN:—No, that was not my intention. I was speaking only figuratively. These should be accurately checked off the handbook; but the new numbers should correspond on the books, so that you would know exactly where you stand all the time.

MR. BARNES (3):—How would it do to simply adopt a resolution here to the effect that any member who is delinquent at the time of the next Hoo-Hoo Annual for more than two years preceding the Hoo-Hoo year be given due and formal notice that if he does not pay up by the time of the next Hoo-Hoo Annual his name will be dropped, he will lose his number, and he will have to come back in another series. I think the adoption of something of that kind would give the Scrivenoter an opportunity to go after these fellows. I will offer that as a resolution.

SNARK:—The resolution, if Brother Barnes will commit it to writing so as to have it properly on the record, is that due notice be given—60 days' notice, would you make it?

SOME MEMBERS:—Make it 90 days.

SNARK:—That is, 90 days prior to the Annual Meeting—they will have no reason to complain—at the next Hoo-Hoo Annual, after due notice has been given to the delinquent brothers who are more than two years in arrears at that time, unless they pay up prior to that day their names will be dropped, and they will forfeit their numbers and cannot reclaim them if they become reinstated.

MR. SPANGLER (5139):—I want to make an amendment to that motion, and state the time 60 days' notice.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would offer another amendment—that this become effective from this meeting.

SCRIVENOTER:—That is my idea; go after them right now, and say that if they do not settle up before the next Annual Meeting their numbers will be irredeemable from that date.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—No, irredeemable from now.

SNARK:—Is that acceptable?

MR. BARNES (3):—Yes.

MR. SPANGLER (5139):—I think that it will be too short a time.

SCRIVENOTER:—So do I; we had better make it the first of the year.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—They have got until the first of the year to reinstate themselves. That would give them to the first of the year after that.

SCRIVENOTER:—Now, I think that you had better state the resolution again, so that we will get it down in the record all right.

MR. BARNES (3):—The idea that I had was this: That the Scrivenoter issue a notice to all delinquents that unless they pay up their dues—that is, those who are delinquent for two years or more—within 90 days from date, at the next Hoo-Hoo Annual their numbers will be dropped from the roll, and it will be impossible for them to get back except to go through the old initiation and pay their money again.

SCRIVENOTER:—That is all right.

SNARK:—That initiation business seems to me unnecessary. You do not want to initiate a man a second time. He cannot be reinstated in his old place; after that he takes a number in the new series—90 days from date.

SCRIVENOTER:—Make it January 1.

MR. BARNES (3):—January 1.

A MEMBER:—January 1 after every Annual Meeting?

MR. BARNES (3):—Yes; this is simply a matter to clear our rolls of a lot of deadwood.

SNARK:—Do you understand the question that is before you now? If so, I will call for a vote, if there are no further remarks.

(The motion was seconded and carried.)

SNARK:—You will notify all the delinquents for two years or more to pay before January 1, or they will lose their numbers. Is there any further business?

A MEMBER:—There are one or two committees to report yet, are there not?

SNARK:—The Committee on Legislation have not reported; the Committee on Good of the Order have not reported, either, but as their report was stolen, I do not know whether they will report or not.

MR. BARNES (3):—In the absence of a report from the Committee on Good of the Order, I would recommend this, or I would suggest this as a motion: That the new Snark, in his instructions to be sent out to the Vicegerents, tell the new Vicegerents about these changes that have been made in the Ritual. I know that I have been present at several concatenations this year where the old bisulphate of carbon and all that sort of thing was used simply because that was the proper thing to do. All those objectionable features were eliminated at Norfolk.

SCRIVENOTER:—Those things were not prohibited; it was only suggested.

MR. BARNES (3):—Then I would make a motion that we do absolutely eliminate them—anything that would do bodily harm to a man. If we cannot have a man put into the Order without bodily injury and offending his sensibilities as a gentleman, the sooner we get it out, the better.

SNARK:—That is my idea; every Vicegerent has that information from me. I wrote all of them letters every month, and the first one that I sent out was along that line. But it was not prohibited; it was only a request. We had no authority to prohibit it. I think, Brother Barnes, that it would be an excellent idea to prohibit it.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I will second that motion; I think that it ought to be passed.

SNARK:—It is moved and seconded that all these objectionable features—I do not know that I need mention them—of bisulphate of carbon, the use of the clubs and sticks, or anything that is likely to injure the person and offend the sensibilities of any gentleman, shall be absolutely prohibited.

MR. BARNES (3):—When you speak about offending the sensibilities of a man, there are some men who would be offended by a very little thing, and I think that you have carried that rather far.

SNARK:—That was not just my thought.

MR. BRIZZOLARA (6212):—I think that if you would put something like this in there it might be better: "And do nothing unto a gentleman that a gentleman would not have done unto him."

MR. BARNES (3):—That is right.

MR. RAMSEY (6590):—Do I understand that you wish to cut out the paddles?

SNARK:—Yes, sir.

MR. RAMSEY (6590):—How do you give the degree of humility?

SNARK:—That is cut out, too.

MR. BARNES (3):—In two or three cases I have seen men absolutely faint. At Cairo, Ill., on the occasion of a concatenation, we had one man who was suffering from a rectal disease, and that man was in bed for three weeks afterwards. Some of the men struck him with paddles, and the man absolutely fainted; and we had to take him to the hotel and provide for his return to St. Louis. He was sick in the hospital. I know of another case at St. Louis where a gentleman was struck across the kidneys. That man was sick for three or four weeks. In another case I know where a man was struck with a paddle, and the cartridge exploded next to his flesh; and we had to pay a doctor's bill of \$90.

SNARK:—Brother Baird and I, when we controlled the matter, kept the paddles out of the trunk.

SCRIVENOTER:—There have been no paddles, offensive machinery, or explosive paddles put in; but sometimes the trunks come back with some pretty formidable-looking pieces of machinery in them.

(The motion was carried.)

MR. C. E. BULLEN (6157):—Do you eliminate the meat from the initiation?

DIFFERENT MEMBERS:—Yes, sir.

SCRIVENOTER:—I think the Supreme Nine will have to frame that resolution in an official communication to all the Vicegerents, and that can then be made so minute and so specific that there would be no misunderstanding. We all get the general idea here.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I have an announcement from the Sec of the House of Ancients. He says that if those people who have parts to take in the embalment are not there at 4 o'clock there will be h— to pay.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that we adjourn.

MR. DENNY (6486):—I second the gentleman's motion.

(The motion was carried, and the Snark declared the Eleventh Annual Meeting adjourned sine die.)

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE.

The ladies and gentlemen in attendance at the Eleventh Annual Meeting were:

W. S. Adams, Chicago, Ill.
Charles H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.
A. L. Annes, Milwaukee, Wis.
George H. Anthony, Pittsburgh, Pa.
W. H. Abel, Dallas, Texas.
W. C. Alexander, Everest, Kan.
H. S. Avery, New Orleans, La.
O. O. Agler, Chicago, Ill.
Emil Anderson, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. Emil Anderson, Louisville, Ky.
A. E. Ahrens, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. A. E. Ahrens, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. W. C. Alexander, Everest, Kan.
J. P. Anshutz, Antigo, Wis.
J. M. Attley, Chicago, Ill.
A. G. Anderson, Dallas, Texas.
P. F. Ahrens, Chicago, Ill.
J. C. Ahrens, Chicago, Ill.
James Brizzolara, Fort Smith, Ark.
Mrs. James Brizzolara, Fort Smith, Ark.
Miss Anne Sherrill Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
H. M. Brennecke, Nashville, Tenn.
Patrick Barry, Galveston, Texas.
E. S. Bogges, Clarksville, W. Va.
E. S. Beard, Fort Worth, Texas.
W. A. Binkley, Nashville, Tenn.
C. E. Bullen, Denver, Col.
Mrs. C. E. Bullen, Denver, Col.
L. H. Briggs, Portland, Ore.
E. Blaisdell, Brandon, Wis.
Walter Barnhart, Tacoma, Wash.
C. F. Braffett, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. C. F. Braffett, Chicago, Ill.

W. E. Beal, Vienna, Ill.
A. Barnett, McCook, Neb.
Mrs. A. Barnett, McCook, Neb.
Miss Ethel Barnett, McCook, Neb.
A. E. Beebe, McMillan, Wis.
Mrs. A. E. Beebe, McMillan, Wis.
E. T. Buell, Dallas, Texas.
W. M. Bolcom, Winona, Minn.
J. P. Bradley, Chicago, Ill.
O. G. Blake, Lufkin, Texas.
C. L. Bonner, Lufkin, Texas.
H. Barnard, Lufkin, Texas.
J. T. Birmingham, Galena, Ill.
James Boyd, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Burdick, New Orleans, La.
W. E. Barnes, St. Louis, Mo.
G. A. Buckstaff, Oshkosh, Wis.
Leonard Bronson, Chicago, Ill.
M. W. Bullman, Stratford, Wis.
E. J. Bomer, Vicksburgh, Miss.
Mrs. E. J. Bomer, Vicksburgh, Miss.
Miss L. Bomer, Vicksburgh, Miss.
Miss C. Bomer, Vicksburgh, Miss.
G. S. Brink, Janesville, Wis.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
E. S. Christiansen, Brooklyn, N. Y.
E. R. Cooledge, Chicago, Ill.
W. C. Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis.
G. C. Clark, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. G. C. Clark, Milwaukee, Wis.
F. D. Clinton, North Milwaukee, Wis.
F. L. Cusick, Milwaukee, Wis.
H. W. Chandler, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. H. W. Chandler, Milwaukee, Wis.
J. J. Campion, Toledo, O.
D. T. Call, Beaumont, Texas.
S. K. Cowan, Nashville, Tenn.
J. E. Cropper, Jeanerette, La.
Bird Critchfield, Elmwood, Neb.
B. C. Clifton, Menominee, Mich.
Mrs. B. C. Clifton, Menominee, Mich.
C. Cheneval, Lufkin, Texas.
B. F. Cobb, Chicago, Ill.
A. J. Cheney, Chicago, Ill.
E. H. Crawford, Cedar River, Mich.
D. E. Crawford, Cedar River, Mich.
H. A. Coleman, Milwaukee, Wis.
Miss S. Connell, Clinton, Ia.
G. M. Curtis, Clinton, Ia.
A. J. Carson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
C. H. Carpenter, Minneapolis, Minn.
G. B. Daniels, Grand Rapids, Mich.
E. N. Dixon, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. H. A. Doering, Jamestown, N. Y.
Carl F. Drake, Austin, Texas.
Miss Dorgan, Atlanta, Ga.
George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.
S. F. Durga, Waukesha, Wis.
Mrs. S. F. Durga, Waukesha, Wis.
J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.
J. H. Doppes, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. J. H. Doppes, Cincinnati, O.
T. W. Dobbins, Lima, O.
G. S. Dennis, Kalamazoo, Mich.
E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
D. Dickinson, Beaver Dam, Wis.
Mrs. D. Dickinson, Beaver Dam, Wis.
J. R. Davidson, Cincinnati, O.
J. L. Ensign, Tifton, Ga.
R. W. English, Denver, Col.
Mrs. R. W. English, Denver, Col.
R. S. Edgerton, Tacoma, Wash.
W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.
D. W. Emerson, Butternut, Wis.
Mrs. D. W. Emerson, Butternut, Wis.
T. H. Earle, Darlington, Wis.
Mrs. T. H. Earle, Darlington, Wis.
T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
J. W. Emerson, Prentice, Wis.
R. P. Fairbury, Milwaukee, Wis.
W. C. Frye, Milwaukee, Wis.
W. C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala.
F. A. Felton, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. F. A. Felton, Milwaukee, Wis.
Donald Fraser, Milwaukee, Wis.
C. G. Foster, Milwaukee, Wis.

M. K. Fletcher, Beaumont, Texas.
John Freymann, Dyersville, Ia.
L. L. Filstrup, Chicago, Ill.
L. E. Fuller, Chicago, Ill.
W. A. Fuller, Rock Island, Ill.
H. Fitch, Columbus, O.
J. A. Ferguson, Milwaukee, Wis.
G. D. Fellows, Racine, Wis.
Miss C. Franklin, La Porte, Ind.
F. H. Gilman, Minneapolis, Minn.
Miss Loula Griffiths, Dallas, Texas.
T. W. Griffiths, Dallas, Texas.
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
H. A. Gorsuch, Kansas City, Mo.
B. M. Gladding, Memphis, Tenn.
D. M. Gilbert, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. D. M. Gilbert, Milwaukee, Wis.
A. J. Glenn, Lufkin, Texas.
G. A. Gilbert, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. G. A. Gilbert, Chicago, Ill.
J. H. Green, Anchorage, Ky.
E. E. Greenwald, Cincinnati, O.
C. E. Greef, Eldora, Ia.
Mrs. C. E. Greef, Eldora, Ia.
J. H. Hassinger, Barnes, Pa.
M. A. Hayward, Columbus, O.
J. T. Holloway, St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. W. G. Huddoff, Eau Claire, Wis.
Miss M. Harden, Chilton, Wis.
George D. Hunter, Houston, Texas.
W. E. Hall, Port Arthur, Texas.
Mrs. W. E. Hall, Port Arthur, Texas.
Miss Hall, Port Arthur, Texas.
W. G. Harlow, Yazoo City, Miss.
H. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
C. F. Hulbert, Fontanelle, Ia.
A. D. Hiles, Palmyra, Wis.
J. T. Hanson, Mauston, Wis.
Mrs. J. T. Hanson, Mauston, Wis.
F. A. Humason, Lufkin, Texas.
C. N. Humason, Lufkin, Texas.
H. L. Hart, La Porte, Ind.
Mrs. H. L. Hart, La Porte, Ind.
F. M. Hart, Tomah, Wis.
Mrs. F. M. Hart, Tomah, Wis.
Mrs. O. S. Hawes, Detroit, Mich.
D. H. Howe, Chicago, Ill.
P. H. Hopkins, Bradford, Ill.
H. P. Hubbard, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Helfeld, La Porte, Ind.
W. P. Humason, Lufkin, Texas.
D. W. Ingersoll, Montrose, La.
R. L. Jones, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis.
B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
W. S. Johnson, Milwaukee, Wis.
Charles H. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
W. B. Johns, Antigo, Wis.
Mrs. W. B. Johns, Antigo, Wis.
N. Jordan, Traverse City, Mich.
J. M. Jansen, Kaukauna, Wis.
Albert Klots, Jr., Milwaukee, Wis.
C. V. Kimball, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. C. V. Kimball, Chicago, Ill.
W. J. Kopp, Allegheny, Pa.
J. F. Keith, Beaumont, Texas.
W. C. Kuemmerlein, Milwaukee, Wis.
E. R. Kimball, Chicago, Ill.
J. J. Kaul, Birmingham, Ala.
S. H. Kerr, Lufkin, Texas.
O. H. Kitzman, Eau Claire, Wis.
Earl Kenyon, Oshkosh, Wis.
G. J. Landeck, Milwaukee, Wis.
Miss Helen Landeck, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. A. J. Lang, St. Louis, Mo.
J. F. Langels, Milwaukee, Wis.
G. F. Luehring, Milwaukee, Wis.
A. L. Lindsley, Menominee, Mich.
Mrs. A. L. Lindsley, Menominee, Mich.
Miss Lindsley, Menominee, Mich.
Mrs. E. Lindsley, Menominee, Mich.
F. H. Libbey, Oshkosh, Wis.
Mrs. Robert Lechleiter, Louisville, Ky.
Mrs. Robert Lechleiter, Sr., Louisville, Ky.
William P. Lillibridge, St. Charles, Ill.
Mrs. William P. Lillibridge, St. Charles, Ill.

W. W. Lindsay, Manawa, Wis.
F. B. Leach, Seattle, Wash.
W. S. Launstein, New Orleans, La.
Mrs. W. S. Launstein, New Orleans, La.
O. J. Lang, Lufkin, Texas.
H. J. Lay, Kewaskum, Wis.
F. H. Lichtenwalter, Atlanta, Ga.
A. C. Muller, Milwaukee, Wis.
George B. Maegly, Kansas City, Mo.
C. H. Mohrhoff, Allegheny, Pa.
D. S. Menasco, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. D. S. Menasco, Indianapolis, Ind.
W. R. Mackenzie, Madison, Wis.
Joseph Myles, Detroit, Mich.
M. C. Moore, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. M. C. Moore, Milwaukee, Wis.
C. J. Mansfield, St. Louis, Mo.
J. Milne, St. Louis, Mo.
A. F. Meckleburg, Milwaukee, Wis.
I. T. McAllister, Boulder, Col.
Mrs. I. T. McAllister, Boulder, Col.
J. B. Merritt, Beaumont, Texas.
Charles H. Mueller, Milwaukee, Wis.
C. H. Moore, Galveston, Texas.
John C. Magness, Cincinnati, O.
H. G. Meyer, Milwaukee, Wis.
Angus McGowan, Madison, Wis.
Mrs. Nellie Miles, Chicago, Ill.
Fred. Mahler, Milwaukee, Wis.
B. F. McMillan, McMillan, Wis.
John E. Munger, Oshkosh, Wis.
J. E. Meginn, Mexico City, Mexico.
Miss F. Mayard, Everest, Kan.
Miss Mayard, Everest, Kan.
C. M. McConico, Lufkin, Texas.
E. W. Montgomery, Galena, Ill.
A. Montgomery, Detroit, Mich.
C. S. Musson, Chicago, Ill.
C. R. Manter, Chicago, Ill.
J. N. Machin, Chicago, Ill.
R. H. Macrorie, Davenport, Ia.
F. McDonald, Eau Claire, Wis.
N. W. McLeod, St. Louis, Mo.
J. J. Monahan, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mathilda Niehaus, San Francisco, Cal.
Edward F. Niehaus, San Francisco, Cal.
George P. Noble, Milwaukee, Wis.
W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas.
C. A. Newning, Houston, Texas.
T. F. Neville, Milwaukee, Wis.
J. E. North, Bond, Miss.
J. Oppenheimer, Chicago, Ill.
Gilbert A. Oldham, Brooklyn, N. Y.
C. D. Oliphant, Huntsville, Texas.
J. D. Oxenford, Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. J. D. Oxenford, Indianapolis, Ind.
W. C. Orum, Shreveport, La.
Mrs. W. C. Orum, Shreveport, La.
J. C. Pond, Milwaukee, Wis.
Edward L. Prescott, New Orleans, La.
D. Clint. Prescott, Chicago, Ill.
C. W. Peake, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. C. W. Peake, Milwaukee, Wis.
George W. Peck, Milwaukee, Wis.
W. E. Priestley, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. W. E. Priestley, Milwaukee, Wis.
J. G. Powell, Lake Charles, La.
C. F. Propst, Paris, Ill.
Mrs. C. F. Propst, Paris, Ill.
G. J. Pillsbury, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. G. J. Pillsbury, Milwaukee, Wis.
Willard S. Paden, Chicago, Ill.
C. C. Prentiss, Chicago, Ill.
Miss Prentiss, Chicago, Ill.
S. D. Pine, Chicago, Ill.
F. R. Pearson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
A. M. Ramsey, Bainbridge, Ga.
A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.
Mrs. A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.
C. D. Rourke, Petersburg, Ill.
Mrs. C. D. Rourke, Petersburg, Ill.
G. M. Reddy, Bowie, La.
A. J. Roc, Fort Worth, Texas.
M. J. Ragley, Timpon, Texas.
L. W. Radina, Cincinnati, O.
Mrs. L. W. Radina, Cincinnati, O.
J. R. Roper, Menominee, Mich.

C. Rusche, Lufkin, Texas.
 W. W. Rathbun, St. Louis, Mo.
 William Ridd, Galena, Ill.
 E. L. Roederer, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. E. L. Roederer, St. Louis, Mo.
 H. A. Richards, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. H. A. Richards, St. Louis, Mo.
 F. B. Russell, Clay City, Ky.
 Mrs. F. B. Russell, Clay City, Ky.
 D. C. Rounds, Wichita, Kan.
 Mrs. D. C. Rounds, Wichita, Kan.
 W. C. Rhodes, Savannah, Ga.
 W. H. Russe, Memphis, Tenn.
 C. J. Reynolds, Kansas City, Mo.
 J. L. Ryan, North Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. J. L. Ryan, North Milwaukee, Wis.
 Fred. Rockwell, Milwaukee, Wis.
 J. D. Reick, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Frank N. Snell, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. Frank N. Snell, Milwaukee, Wis.
 H. R. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
 A. L. Severance, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Dumont Shepardson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Mrs. C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.
 Isaac M. Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.
 W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.
 Mrs. W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.
 Frank Spangler, Toledo, O.
 Mrs. Frank Spangler, Toledo, O.
 D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.
 Mrs. D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.
 G. Strelch, Oshkosh, Wis.
 F. M. Snavely, Milwaukee, Wis.
 E. W. Sikes, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. E. W. Sikes, Milwaukee, Wis.
 A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O.
 S. M. Schwartz, Newton, Kan.
 Mrs. S. M. Schwartz, Newton, Kan.
 F. M. Smith, Newark, O.
 Mrs. F. M. Smith, Newark, O.
 Miss Olive Smith, Newark, O.
 C. H. Stevens, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. C. H. Stevens, St. Louis, Mo.
 W. St. George, Marinette, Wis.
 W. A. Shields, Loring, La.
 Mrs. W. A. Shields, Loring, La.
 Harry V. Scott, Des Moines, Ia.
 Mrs. Harry V. Scott, Des Moines, Ia.
 E. B. Singer, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. E. B. Singer, St. Louis, Mo.
 W. E. Stegall, Lufkin, Texas.
 G. Schmidt, Lufkin, Texas.
 C. D. Stegall, Jr., Lufkin, Texas.
 P. G. Spangler, Saginaw, Mich.
 Wilmer Sleg, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Y. C. Smith, Indianapolis, Ind.
 D. H. Shelby, Oshkosh, Wis.
 W. C. Smith, Nashville, Tenn.
 W. Scott, Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Met. L. Saley, Chicago, Ill.
 E. F. Simonds, Chicago, Ill.
 Lou Phelps Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.
 W. B. Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Sam. Todd, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Curt M. Treat, Buffalo, N. Y.
 John Taylor, Rayne, La.
 A. A. Teel, Green Bay, Wis.
 H. M. Thompson, Mosinee, Wis.
 Mrs. H. M. Thompson, Mosinee, Wis.
 C. F. Taylor, Warren, Ill.
 F. L. Tibbitts, Milwaukee, Wis.
 J. G. Thomas, Chicago, Ill.
 W. H. Upham, Marshfield, Wis.
 E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Mrs. E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Miss Mary F. Vietmeier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 B. L. Van Cleave, St. Louis, Mo.
 T. W. Van Cleave, St. Louis, Mo.
 Mrs. T. W. Van Cleave, St. Louis, Mo.
 J. Van Dyke, Jr., Chicago, Ill.
 James Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
 J. J. Williams, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. J. J. Williams, Milwaukee, Wis.
 P. P. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.
 R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.
 Mrs. R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.
 George E. Watson, St. Louis, Mo.

Richard B. Watrous, Milwaukee, Wis.
 B. T. Williams, Victoria, Texas.
 A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.
 Mrs. A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.
 C. S. Walker, Cincinnati, O.
 R. H. Wallrath, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Wilson, Chicago, Ill.
 Miss Jim Williams, Paragould, Ark.
 George-Wunderlich, Elmhurst, Wis.
 Mrs. George Wunderlich, Elmhurst, Wis.
 W. J. Wagstaff, Oshkosh, Wis.
 F. E. Worden, Oshkosh, Wis.
 M. R. Winchell, Chicago, Ill.
 J. E. Wells, Milwaukee, Wis.
 W. E. West, Lufkin, Texas.
 G. W. Whitehouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Mrs. G. W. Whitehouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
 W. A. Whitman, Marquette, Mich.
 W. Weiss, Beaumont, Texas.
 Mrs. W. Weiss, Beaumont, Texas.
 G. A. Watson, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 Orson E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.
 George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.
 E. A. Yetter, Marionville, Pa.
 Miss E. A. Yetter, Milwaukee, Wis.
 E. J. Young, Madison, Wis.
 J. D. Young, Muscoda, Wis.
 Miss L. Zantke, Milwaukee, Wis.
 F. Zupke, Memphis, Tenn.
 Mrs. F. Zupke, Memphis, Tenn.

FROM ABSENT MEMBERS.

The Constitution requires that every member of Hoo-Hoo shall be present at the Annual Meeting or send a message stating why he cannot come and advising how Hoo-Hoo has served him during the year. A number of the absent brethren complied with this requirement, and their messages are printed herewith:

Telegrams.

Lumberton, Miss., September 8, 1902.—James H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: Sorry cannot be with you; orders too plentiful to leave. Love to Cliff Walker, Campion, Platt Walker, and all other good friends.
 H. H. FOLK.

Montgomery, Ala., September 9, 1902.—James H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: Kitten No. 400 sends greetings to great Hoo-Hoo and regrets not being with you; business prevents.
 KITTEN NO. 400.

Chattanooga, Tenn., September 9, 1902.—James H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Nos. 8366, 8367, and 6426 send greetings.
 C. TURNER.

Cordele, Ga., September 8, 1902.—J. Lee Ensign, Hotel Pfister: Pay Baird \$1, dues, for me.
 J. W. HYDE.

Norfolk, Va., September 8, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Convention Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.: My best wishes. It is impossible for me to attend on account of typhoid fever in family.
 J. E. DUKE, Bojum.

Norfolk, Va., September 9, 1902.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Convention Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.: We, individually and collectively, send our greetings and best wishes. Health, Happiness, and Long-Life!
 THE NORFOLK HOO-HOO.

Decatur, Ill., September 9, 1902.—James H. Baird, Hotel Pfister: No. 8744 whooping up cypress in Decatur, Ill.
 J. G. HANLEY.

Parole, N. C., September 9, 1902.—James H. Baird, Hotel Pfister: Sorry cannot be with you. We are for Buffalo. Put George Denny on Supreme Nine.
 RUMBARGER,
 CHERRY,
 MAYS.

Spokane, Wash., September 9, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Milwaukee, Wis.: No. 8609 urges Mercer for Jabberwock.
 T. WALDO MURPHY.

DeQueen, Ark., September 9, 1902.—James H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: Send each a relic of Snark Weir.
 NO. 3491,
 NO. 752,
 NO. 152.

Vinton, La., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: By Hoo-Hoo grace I am happy and prosperous at Lake Charles, La.
 NO. 7488.

Brownsville, Tenn., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: No. 8957—mother and child doing well.
 C. CLYDE GRESSAM.

Charleston, S. C., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Order of Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: I am in Charleston to-day, and regret my inability to be with you. My number is 9031.
 E. R. WILSON.

Nacogdoches, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Hurrah for Bill Norris, Texas Hoo-Hoo, and Lufkin Band! NO. 9076.

Meridian, Miss., September 10, 1902.—Brother Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: Do not forget the absent ones, and may God bless those present.
 G. V. CRAWFORD (9116).

Norfolk, Va., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Convention Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.: Virginia and North Carolina vote for next Annual Meeting to be held at Buffalo.
 J. E. DUKE, Bojum.

Mauston, Wis., September 9, 1902.—Frank N. Snell, Masonic Temple, Milwaukee, Wis.: Heartly congratulations. Loyal Hoo-Hoo, give kittens grand reception.
 C. W. CROTY (No. 955).

Dover, N. C., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Sorry we cannot be with you. Best wishes.
 D. W. RICHARDSON,
 O. B. JOHNSON.

Lake City, Fla., September 10, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: Am prosperous, well, fat, and hearty, and send good wishes.
 N. C. LONG (9480).

Atlanta, Ga., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hoo-Hoo Annual, Milwaukee, Wis.: With my very best wishes for the good of the Order.
 RICHARD A. BURNETT.

Boston, Mass., September 8, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark: Greetings to our Milwaukee friends and brother Hoo-Hoo assembled! I am unexpectedly and unavoidably absent in person; believe me present in spirit. With earnest wishes for great success for the Annual; great good for Hoo-Hoo; and Health, Happiness, and Long Life for all.
 B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., WILLIAM B. STILLWELL.

Tifton, Ga., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: Regret not being able to attend. Best wishes to brother Hoo-Hoo.
 T. J. WOOD.

Boston, Mass., September 8, 1902.—Anne Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Think of me and pity me, for I cannot come.
 KARL ISBURGH.

Galveston, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: No. 9078 would be "wid ye," only his tie pass has been swiped. Search Pat Barry and "Yellow Pan" Charlie Moore. I have been treated 18-carat. Extend all "lommie" cats good will, health, and happiness. Make Milwaukee famous by importation of shotguns, bootjacks, and flatirons.
 JOSEPH P. O'DONNELL.

Seattle, Wash., September 10, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Washington Hoo-Hoo in concatenation assembled send loyal greetings, prayers for the black cat's ultimate salvation, and good cheer to all its worshippers.
 WASHINGTON HOO-HOO.

Moss Point, Miss., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: I hope you will have a rousing meeting. Regret awfully my inability to be present.
 NO. 4905.

Westlake, La., September 9, 1902.—Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: All well on the Calcasieu. We wish you success and a pleasant meeting.
 NO. 9412,
 NO. 4533,
 NO. 1688,
 NO. 1658,
 NO. 82,
 NO. 80,
 NO. 20.

Norfolk, Va., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Convention Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.: Accept my best wishes. It is impossible for me to attend on account of typhoid fever in family.
 J. E. DUKE, Bojum.

Cheraw, S. C., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Take one "famous" on us.
 C. M. JENKINS,
 WILLIAM GODFREY.

Boston, Mass., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: I am with you in thought, if not in person.
 K. ISBURGH.

Columbia, S. C., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: We send greetings to great Hoo-Hoo and regret not being with you. May Milwaukee beer deal gently with you all. Wishing you a successful meeting and each member Health, Happiness, and Long Life, we remain,
 W. B. DOZIER, Vicegerent Snark;
 CHARLES H. EVANS,
 J. E. FITZWILSON,
 HAZEL THOMAS,
 E. J. WATSON,
 AUGUST KOHN,
 F. F. HOUGH.

Sigourney, Ia., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: It is impossible for us to attend the meeting. Both at home and
 M'CANN and M'QUADE.

Jacksonville, Fla., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: I am healthy, happy, and living. Great is Hoo-Hoo! Sorry cannot be with you.
 H. T. BARKER.

New Orleans, La., September 9, 1902.—Snark of the Universe, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: The doctor says that I have too much fever at present to mingle with such a warm bunch. Hope to be with you at Buffalo next year.
 W. G. WILMOT.

Houston, Texas, September 9, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark of the Universe, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Milwaukee, Wis.: I deeply regret that I cannot be with you to-day. I am with you in spirit and wish you a most successful meeting.
 J. S. BONNER, Vicegerent.

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark of the Universe, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: I regret that I cannot be with you. Best wishes for Hoo-Hoo.
 NO. 6912.

Parkersburgh, W. Va., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: I regret that I cannot attend the meeting. I am well and happy.
 F. FOWLER (7501).

Bravard, N. C., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Milwaukee, Wis.: Address as last year. Success to Hoo-Hoo. NO. 6001.

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Peace and prosperity reign. Success to the Order and House of Hoo-Hoo. St. Louis should be the unanimous choice for the Annual of 1904. NO. 5.

Birmingham, Ala., September 9, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark of the Universe, Milwaukee, Wis.: I could not attend the Annual, though my heart is with you. I hope that all may have an enjoyable and profitable time. J. H. SCRUGGS, Vicegerent.

Corrigan, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: We send greetings and wish that we could join you in a glass of Milwaukee fame. Have the boys to take one on us, anyway. NO. 8076, NO. 9072, NO. 8522, NO. 8072, NO. 9089, NO. 7776, NO. 8067, NO. 4931.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Milwaukee, Wis.: Greeting from Nos. 3150, 3157, and 8844! We sincerely regret not being with you. Keep sober. NO. 3148.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: With all Quarles in Hoo-Hoo absent, peace should reign at Milwaukee. JAMES HAYS QUARLES, JOHN EMERSON QUARLES.

Mobile, Ala., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Greetings to Hoo-Hoo, love to Cooledge, and best wishes for you as Scrivenoter. W. L. MONTAGUE.

Hazlehurst, Ga., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: A profitable Annual and a prosperous year for Hoo-Hoo! I wish I could be with you. G. MIDDELTHON (7754).

Cleburne, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Great is Hoo-Hoo! With loving memory for those gone before, best regards for those in attendance and caterwauling, and sympathy for those absent from the Milwaukee onion bed. Please arrange for a large onion bed at St. Louis next year. NO. 6384.

Minden, La., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: It is impossible for me to be with you. The mosquitoes are on guard, and I cannot break through their lines. (No. signature.)

Beaumont, Texas, September 9, 1902.—Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: A little late, we are with you in spirit and Schlitz. NO. 131, NO. 3401, NO. 3406, NO. 3733.

Clay Courthouse, W. Va., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Happy, in good health, and pushing night and day, am unable to be present. RALFE GERHARDT, of C. L. Ritter Lumber Company.

St. Louis, Mo., September 9, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Snark, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: I was called to St. Louis yesterday, making it impossible for me to be with you. FRANK COLPETZER.

Holena, Mont., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hoo-Hoo Annual, Milwaukee, Wis.: I still live. Excuse haste and a bad pen. NO. 8919.

Wytheville, Va., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Greetings to Hoo-Hoo! I cannot be with you in person, but I wish you a grand reunion and hope the prince will rule with merriment. NO. 8032.

Falls Creek, Pa., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: My kindest regards and best wishes for the most successful meeting. I am sorry I cannot be with you in person. U. J. MATSON.

Decatur, Ill., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Business at this place prevents our being with you to-day. Success to Hoo-Hoo. C. SHINGLE WOLFLEIN, C. THOMAS WARFIELD, ALEXANDER BURR HAMILTON.

Athens, Ga., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Convention Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.: Greetings to great Hoo-Hoo! All is well with us. J. H. DOZIER, A. W. DOZIER.

Johnson City, Tenn., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: Present in spirit. NO. 207.

Orangeburgh, S. C., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: Greetings to Hoo-Hoo! I am sorry that business prevents my being with you. WALTER HIRAM LYNCH (56).

Monterey, Mexico, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: Our best wishes! We are with you in spirit. NO. 8150, NO. 7207.

San Antonio, Texas, September 9, 1902.—Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Greetings from the land of plenty! NO. 3149, NO. 1442, NO. 73, NO. 5609, NO. 4157, NO. 524.

Cordele, Ga., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Here is to Hoo-Hoo! Sorry I cannot be with you. Look for me next year. NO. 6272.

Clarksburgh, W. Va., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: Watch yourself; do not get wedged. NO. 5469, NO. 2062, NO. 7306, NO. 4469, NO. 7823, NO. 8565.

Columbia, S. C., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: I am sorry I cannot be with you this year. J. I. SUTPHIN (No. 4391).

Pueblo, Col., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Convention Hall, Milwaukee, Wis.: No ship available. We are sorry we cannot be with you. Extend our very best wishes to Hoo-Hoo. M. L. COBB (8081), A. S. CUTHBERTSON (9419).

Cleveland, O., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: I am not well enough to leave home. I am with you in spirit, and hope the meeting will be a grand success. OWEN T. JENKS.

Orange, Texas, September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.: May you have a good time with beer and wine, and think of us when the clock strikes nine. NO. 1395, NO. 5300, NO. 7992, NO. 4448, NO. 6330, NO. 9491, NO. 4450, NO. 6945, NO. 9504, NO. 4454, NO. 7483, NO. 9505, NO. 4459, NO. 7486, NO. 4529, NO. 7490.

Holdrege, Neb., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir: Cannot come in person, so I send my number, 6901. C. A. GALLOWAY.

Humphrey, Ark., September 2, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir and Brother: I hand you herewith express money order for 99 cents, covering my dues for the ensuing year in Hoo-Hoo land. Business prevents me attending the Annual on Hoo-Hoo day. Respectfully yours, H. O. KELLY (No. 9186).

Brookville, Pa., September 2, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: Inclosed please find money order for 99 cents. Kindly give me credit for dues. Very sorry to be unable to be at Milwaukee on the 9th inst. I find that it will be impossible to attend the meeting. Sincerely yours, F. C. DEEMER (No. 6837).

There are times when distance does not lend enchantment, as witness the following wall from jolly Frank B. Cole:

"Tacoma, Wash., September 3, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear James: I cannot tell whether I have paid my dues for 1902 or not; but one thing is certain, I do not want to be left out of the good book, so I inclose herewith another check. If I have paid twice, you can run me into the future. I am sorry that I cannot be with you. It is a tough lot to be so far away that one cannot make the trip. May your meeting be a 'howling success.' Sincerely thine, FRANK B. COLE (No. 1996)."

Owensboro, Ky., September 6, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir and Brother: I inclose check for 99 cents for dues this year. I hoped to be able to attend the concatenation, but the destruction of our plant by fire on July 23 has caused me a great deal of work. However, I hope you will all have a very pleasant time. So, with my best regards, I am Yours, B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., J. D. OSBORNE (No. 4717).

Frazier, Mo., September 8, 1902.—My Dear Baird: Only a line; hope it will reach you in time. The neglect on my part in sending dues is attributable to putting off from time to time. I enjoy "The Bulletin" now that I am at home; the news seems of double interest, for I see the names of so many of the fellows. My life here is a pleasant one, but lonely. I get into St. Joe once a week and then liven up for a time. With best wishes, yours in Hoo-Hoo, W. R. HOLLAND (No. 8813).

Philadelphia, Pa., September 6, 1902.—My Dear Mr. Baird: I had hoped to be with you at the Annual this year, but am again prevented from attending. I have not yet had my vacation, but have been busy in attempting to do my work with that of others, who have been away enjoying their vacation. For the good work done by Hoo-Hoo (as indicated in "The Bulletin") during the past year by the Supreme Nine and Vicegerencies, I wish to join every Hoo-Hoo in expressions of appreciation and hearty congratulations and best wishes for the future welfare of Hoo-Hoo. With kindest regards, I remain, B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., J. L. GLASER (No. 3217).

Davenport, Ia., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I am on my way to the Annual, but I will not get there. I met with a slight accident here last night that will stop my career for a few days, so I can only be with you in spirit. Fraternally, NO. 2197.

Cordele, Ga., September 5, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo: I beg to advise you that I am still well and enjoying good health. I would like very much to be with you at the Annual Meeting, but business prevents. Since becoming a member of the Order I have been promoted by my people to manager of the main office at this place. Trusting that you will have a good meeting, I am, with best wishes, Fraternally, E. H. VRIEZE (No. 9276).

Boston, Mass., September 8, 1902.—E. R. Cooledge, Hotel us married workers. KARL ISBURGH. Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Pap: Be good, and think of

Neame, La., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter of Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee, Wis.: Sorry I cannot be with you; orders too plentiful to leave. H. H. FOLK.

Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.: There are four of us who want to be counted in. Milwaukee is all right, but everybody doesn't have to drink beer "when Reuben comes to town." J. P. DUNNWOODY, W. P. BARKER, MAX. L. PEASE, H. H. GIBSON.

Letters.

Savidge, Va., September 9, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Dear Brother: I herewith inclose one dollar for dues from 1902 to 1903. I expected up to the writing of this letter to be at Milwaukee, but just at the last minute I cannot leave. Hoping for continued success of the Order, I am, Fraternally yours, J. H. WINTON (No. 6528).

Leadville, Col., September 5, 1902.—Dear Sir and Brother: Here you are, with yearly dues inclosed. With best wishes for a pleasant "yearly" at Milwaukee, I am, Yours truly, J. R. C. TYLER (No. 8633).

Selma, Ala., September 6, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Jim: I am very sorry to say that I cannot be with you at the Annual "Blow" this year, but I am confident my absence from Milwaukee will in no way put any crimp in the proceedings. My friends Pabst and Schlitz may be somewhat disappointed in the loss of business on account of my not being in Milwaukee to attend this meeting, but you can assure them that they can continue to ship car lots South as usual and I will be somewhere to dispose of same. You can tell Mr. Schlitz that there is none of his keg beer in Selma, and I wish his personal attention to matters of this kind, as it is somewhat of an annoyance to me to have Selma bars to offer something "just as good." Business is good. Everybody wants Globe Oil Company oils, and it keeps me traveling day and night to keep halfway up with my business. Give my love to the boys, especially B. Arthur and his followers. Tell P. B. Walker not to do anything until he sees me. Jim, make a fight for a meeting next year at New Orleans. It is a good place to hold it, and we have been assured of a hearty welcome in the "Crescent City." With personal regards to everybody and a continuance of Health, Happiness and Long Life, I remain, as ever, B. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., J. F. DAVIS (No. 4408).

Atlanta, Ga., September 6, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.—Dear Sir and Brother: This leaves me at home confined to my bed, but convey to Hoo-Hoo my best wishes for its continued prosperity. Fraternally, J. M. LA FONTAINE (No. 1334).

Indianapolis, Ind., September 8, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir and Brother: I regret that this letter will have to answer for me at roll call, but at the last moment I find it impossible for me to attend the Annual Meeting, much as I should like to. I wish you all a merry time and that Health, Happiness, and Long Life may attend each and every brother through this meeting and all time to come.
Yours fraternally,
JOHN R. WALLS (No. 7827).

Macon, Ga., September 2, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: As the Annual Meeting of Hoo-Hoo will be called one week from to-day, I beg to say that I find it impossible to attend. I hope, however, that it will be my pleasure to attend the next Annual Meeting, which certainly ought to be held in the South, as Hoo-Hoo seems to be on the increase in this part of the country, and the Order needs every encouragement. With kindest regards, I beg to remain,
Very truly,
W. W. HARDWICK (No. 6793).

Flatwoods, W. Va., September 1, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I regret very much that I cannot be at the Annual Meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, but I wish you all a pleasant and profitable time. Hoo-Hoo has been very good to me since I have been walking in the light, and I am still at Flatwoods, with John L. Alcock & Co.
Yours truly,
W. D. FLOYD.

Tifton, Ga., September 7, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hoo-Hoo Annual, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir: I regret my inability to be with you at this Annual. I hope, however, that you all will have a most delightful time. I am very glad to say that I have no kick of any kind to make against great Hoo-Hoo.
Yours truly,
E. C. HARRELL (No. 9265).

Columbia, S. C., September 6, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir: I am just in receipt of your circular letter of September 1 and thank you for your kind expressions contained therein; and I sincerely trust that my efforts in behalf of the Order during the past year have met with your approval and what I have accomplished in that time will prove of value to the Order. It is with exceeding regret that I have to advise that it will be impossible for me to be with you at Milwaukee. I had anticipated going and had made all my arrangements looking to this end, but during August I was called North on business which detained me for about three weeks; and on account of this absence from my office, it will be absolutely impossible for me to leave now. I trust, however, that the meeting there will be a most pleasant and profitable one to the Order as well as to its members, and I am sure that every member of the Order will ever feel grateful to you for the service you have rendered it. And I am satisfied that we will never have a Snark who will work harder or more faithfully for the good of the Order than yourself; and I trust that my services as Vicegerent of South Carolina have proved of some value to you in this vicinity. With kindest regards and at all times wishing you Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I am
Fraternally yours,
W. B. DOZIER, Vicegerent Snark for South Carolina.

Newport, Ark., September 9, 1902.—Dear Brother Baird: Inclosed please find New York exchange for \$2 to cover my dues for two years, ending September 9, 1904. I wish that I were with you to-day in Milwaukee. It has been my fondest wish to be present at an Annual, but as this is the opening of my season, it is practically impossible for me to attend. If these meetings only came in the spring or summer, I could go to them; but I do not advocate a change, for this is the most pleasant part of the year and I may some day be in a position to become a regular attendant. With kindest regards and wishing you a pleasant visit, I am
Yours truly,
F. PRICE (No. 1008).

Nicholson, Miss., September 4, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Brother Baird: I had some hopes of attending the Annual this year, but business forces me to be here. I hope Hoo-Hoo will enjoy a record-breaker at this meeting. Wishing all Hoo-Hoo Health, Happiness, and Long Life, I remain,
Yours fraternally,
JOHN W. CONNELL (No. 590).

San Francisco, Cal., September 5, 1902.

Well, another year's flown by, I see,
And I must write to J. H. B.
It's not alone because I would,
But as our good book says I should;
That black book from the powers that be
Says each 9th you're to hear from me—
I'm to write to you a page or so
Of the Order out here in 'Frisco
And tell you anything of note
That's happened here since last I wrote.
Our Hoo-Hoo clock is running slow;
That's why we've had no time, you know.
Aside from that, I have to tell
The great Black Cat hath used me well,
And two weeks back in the Northwest
I too was fêted with the rest.
The Black Cat, too, seemed to have no end,
For it made me known to many a friend.
Our tomcat snarled; but, just the same,
He made me glad because I came.
Out here I fear we're getting slow,
But this thing will not always go;
From what I hear, there is fun a-brewing.
And soon, I think, there'll be something doing.
But until that time I think that I
Will nothing say, except "Good-by,"
And one more line at the end will state:
That this is from 7098.

Galveston, Texas, September 4, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivener, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Brother: In accordance with Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of our beloved Order, I hereby make account of my whereabouts. On the ninth day of the ninth month I will be at Fort Worth in attendance at the Republican State Convention. There I shall meet, no doubt, Nos. 515 and 526—the former, State Chairman. I expect a "howling time," I can assure you, with plenty of Blacks (not cats) present. I can also assure you that I shall attend this gathering from a strict sense of duty, not actuated by the feelings or desires for fun that attracted me in my younger days to the camp-meetings of the Blacks in Georgia and in the Carolinas in the days of old. I hope my brothers in Hoo-Hoo will have a profitable and pleasant gathering by the lakeside and select Buffalo for the next meeting. I extend to all Health, Happiness, and Long Life.

ED. N. KETCHUM (No. 513).

Here is a letter from a now kitten who failed to report his whereabouts on the 9th. There is nothing he can do now to atone for this unpardonable oversight except to make up his mind to appear in person at the next Annual Meeting:

Tifton, Ga., September 13, 1902.—James H. Baird, Esq., Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I have an apology, with no plausible excuse except an oversight, and desire to ask forgiveness this time. I only went through the last meeting held here, and was not thoroughly conversant with the requirements. However, I remember now my obligation. If it is possible and can be made right and just in any way, I would like to have some suggestion from you as to the proper steps to take. You did not hear from me at the Annual.
Yours truly,
C. E. HURST (No. 9363).

St. Louis, Mo., September 5, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir: Up to this A.M. I had fully expected to have the pleasure of being with you and the boys on the 9th inst., but I have received an order this morning to go South, and will not be able to attend the Annual. Believe me, I am disappointed. Kindly report me as well and prospering; also express my best wishes for the welfare and growth of our Order, as well as my sincere sympathy for the kittens.
Fraternally yours,
JAMES A. BUDS (No. 6761).

P.S.—Kindly remind Brother M. C. Moore, of Packages, and Brother Ed. Desebaugh, of Barrel and Box, of their failings, and request them to be careful.

(These instructions were faithfully carried out, and to the best of our knowledge and belief the two gentlemen referred to kept entirely straight.—Editor.)

Berthoud, Col., September 6, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener.—Dear Sir: In compliance with Article VI, Section 3 of the Hoo-Hoo Constitution, I will tell you of my whereabouts and also of how Hoo-Hoo has dealt with me. My number (9321) appears in the last issue of "The Bulletin" from Longmont, Col. Since September 1 I have been in Berthoud, and as you will see by this letter head, I have started a yard. I am doing nicely, and, of course, cannot leave at this time or I would be with you.
R. E. HARRIS.

Galveston, Texas, September 4, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir: Urgent engagements will prevent my being with you this year, much to my regret, and I wish each and all fellow-Hoo-Hoo a most enjoyable time in our famous Milwaukee. With cordial regards to each and all of you, I am
Yours fraternally,
WILLIAM A. BOWEN (No. 2671).

Flatwoods, W. Va., September 1, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I am sorry that I cannot be at the Annual Meeting at Milwaukee of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, but I wish you all a pleasant time. I am still located at Flatwoods, W. Va., with John L. Alcock & Co. With best wishes for Hoo-Hoo, I am
Yours truly,
O. L. FLOYD.

Savannah, Ga., September 5, 1902.—A. H. Weir, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir and Brother: I regret very much to report that due to serious illness in my family, it will be impossible for me to attend the Annual. I have been waiting until the last moment, hoping that conditions would improve, but I find that it will be out of the question for me to leave. Regretting very much my inability to be with you and with kindest regards, I am,
Fraternally yours,
B. B. NEAL, Custodian.

Orange, Texas, September 6, 1902.—Dear Brother Baird: Through you I wish to send greetings and best regards, and I hope that all Hoo-Hoo will get the good things they go after without limit. At 3:35 P.M. to-day the Hoo-Hoo train will leave Houston and I would be glad if I was there, but I cannot go this time. I hope that you all will have the kind of time you want in every way. My thoughts will be with you all on the 9th.
Yours without reserve,
B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,
GEORGE CALL.

Chama, New Mexico, September 6, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivener, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir and Hoo-Hoo: In compliance with Article VI, Section 3 of our Constitution, I take pleasure in informing you, and through you the assembled Hoo-Hoo of the world, that I am alive and kicking, in every sense of the word. I am sorry that I cannot be with you. I fully intended going to Milwaukee for several reasons, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented. My first reason was to have the pleasure of meeting the numerous friends I have made in the past among the ranks of Hoo-Hoo and to meet more of the same kind of people. My greatest regret is that I am deprived of this pleasure, for my second regret can be obliterated by proxy, which is this: I have never had an opportunity of visiting Milwaukee—that is, further than the railroad station—but have always had an unquenchable desire to know what it really was that made Milwaukee famous; and I wish you would have the Colorado delegation find out for sure, so they can tell me when I next see them. With kindest regards and wishing Health, Happiness, and Long Life for all, I am
Yours,
B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,
R. W. STEWART (No. 2224).

This brother has a very good excuse for not reporting on the 9th, and is hereby pardoned:

Minneapolis, Minn., September 25, 1902.—James H. Baird, Scrivener.—Dear Hoo-Hoo: I have to apologize for my seeming neglect in not writing or wiring you at our Annual Meeting. The only excuse I can offer is that my wife was seriously ill and it slipped my mind. I have just been reading an account of the meeting in the American Lumberman, and am pleased to know that you had a right royal time.
W. H. PEARCE (No. 954).

Pike's Peak, September 12, 1902.—Dear Baird: See that spot? That's me and why I was not at Milwaukee. 'Rah for Bill Norris for Snark.

SAM. R. GUYTHER (No. 4916).

(The foregoing was written on a private mailing-card from Pike's Peak. On the highly-colored picture on the back of the card Brother Guyther made a pencil dot, representing himself, as he says. It shows that he was standing on top of the mountain, a little to the southeast of the tombstone of the baby that was eaten by rats, and about at the place where they dispense sandwiches and other things—which other things is why he was not at Milwaukee.)

Cashlon, O. T., September 6, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Brother Baird: I have to-day forwarded you at Nashville, Tenn., my dues for 1903. I would like very much to meet with you in Milwaukee, but it is impossible, as I am too busy. I am the only Hoo-Hoo in this neck of the woods, and if it were not for "The Bulletin" I would get rather lonesome. I have a warm spot in my heart for Hoo-Hoo, and that you all will have a grand, good time during your sojourn in Milwaukee, is the sincere wish of No. 5927.
Fraternally yours,
L. L. WOODS.

Pittsburg, Pa., September 5, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Nashville, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting, but business prevents this time.
Yours truly,
WILLIAM JENKINS (No. 9444).

Parmele, N. C., September 9, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivener, Hotel Pfister, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Brother Baird: I wired you to-day as follows: "Sorry I cannot be with you. We are for Buffalo. Put George Denny on Supreme Nine." I am sorry it is so that none of us could attend this Annual, but I trust we may be able to get to the next one. Be sure and stick George Denny in somewhere on the Supreme Nine, as I think he deserves it, as he is one of the most loyal Hoo-Hoo I ever saw. I hope that Brother Curt Treat will succeed in landing the Annual in Buffalo. Trusting that you are having a jolly, good time, believe me to be,
Fraternally yours,
G. J. CHERRY.

Booneville, Ark., September 9, 1902.—To the Chief Bear Wasp of Hoo-Hoo, Milwaukee (The Bear Town), Wis.—Dear Hoo-Hoo Brethren, Kittens, and Black Cats: I hope you will pardon me for so addressing you, but I must confess that I have only had the pleasure of visiting a Hoo-Hoo Concatenation but once in my life and it seemed that I was the object of the meeting. Therefore I have had no opportunity of familiarizing myself with your terms. I am well and wish you all a pleasant concatenation.
Yours truly,
LEE ELLIOTT (No. 8969).

Galveston, Texas, September 4, 1902.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir: I inclose a contribution for the Distress Fund. I thought for quite a while that it would be my good fortune to be with you all in Milwaukee, but I find now that it will be impossible to be there in person, but am with you in best wishes. I doubly regret not being able to visit you in Milwaukee, as I have had some experience under the care of the Mayor, David Rose, and I feel quite certain that Hoo-Hoo will be most royally cared for by His Honor and his fellow-citizens of Milwaukee. With regards to each and all of you, I am
Yours fraternally,
R. D. BOWEN (No. 2947).

Fugwash, Nova Scotia, September 6, 1902.—Colonel Weir, Milwaukee, Wis.—My Dear Sir: I have had it in mind to write a note to reach you by the time the report of the absentees are due, but I have been so on the wing that this is the first opportunity I have had for a quiet hour. The mails being rather irregular in this region, with the Sabbath so much in evidence that trains are not permitted to "desecrate," I fear this will not reach you until late in the season, if at all. Should it arrive, it will at least serve to show that I have not forgotten the Alma Mater of many dear friendships.
Yours truly,
A. D. McLEOD (No. 787).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1902.—Mr. A. H. Weir, Snark of the Universe, Milwaukee, Wis.—Dear Sir and Brother: Instead of using the wire, I will patronize Uncle Sam to express my regrets and good wishes. It would be a great pleasure for me to be present at the Annual, but circumstances are such as to make it absolutely impossible for me to be on hand in person; but in spirit you may rest assured that I am with you. My heart and soul are in everything pertaining to the good of Hoo-Hoo, and long may the Order live and prosper. With the best of good wishes for your good health, long life, and prosperity and congratulating you upon your good record as Snark, I am, with best wishes for a most successful Annual and the good of the Order.

Fraternally,
F. N. ELMORE (No. 7635).

Pinckneyville, Ill., September 6, 1902.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenor: As to how Hoo-Hoo has used your humble brother (No. 8755) in the past year, I must say that after taking the ninety-nine degrees and after being thoroughly saturated with that highly perfumed scent of our great and noble Hoo-Hoo (after which I was confined to bed for thirty days with an illness which to this day no doctor has been able to diagnose), since March I have been not only well and hearty, but prosperous—that is, I have been selling my share of hard and soft lumber in my territory. I am well satisfied with myself and the world, and would advise every brother lumberman to join the Order of Hoo-Hoo and then enjoy life by seeing some one else join. Hoping that you may all have a great time at the Annual Meeting, I remain,

Your brother,
H. R. SCHULZE (No. 8755).

ANNUAL CONCATENATION.

One of the most important events of the session was the annual concatenation, which was held in the Masonic Temple drill room on Tuesday evening, September 9. When Snark Weir rapped for order at 9:09 P.M. there were fully two hundred people present to participate in the meeting. The exercises were decidedly interesting, and some original ideas were introduced, one of which, elaborated by Brother Snell, of Milwaukee, contributed greatly to the impressiveness of the initiatory ceremonies. Brother George B. Maegly, of Kansas City, Mo., who did the Junior work, discharged the duties of that arduous position with the greatest of satisfaction to all who witnessed it.

The officers were:

Snark, A. H. Weir.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Norris.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, George B. Maegly.
Bojum, James Brizzolara.
Scrivenor, A. L. Annes.
Jabberwock, L. E. Fuller.
Custocatian, George V. Denny.
Arcanoper, E. Blaisdell.
Gurdon, C. F. Braffett.

Those who were admitted to sport in the Gardens Right and Left were the following:

Earl Hayes Crawford, S. Crawford & Sons, Cedar River, Mich.
George Decatur Fellows, Racine Wis.
William Cooper Sargent, Chain Belt Company, Milwaukee, Wis.
Earl Oshkosh Kenyon, Paine Lumber Company, Oshkosh, Wis.
Harlan Page Hubbard, E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Ind.

Fred. William Rockwell, Rockwell Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wis.
George Slugger Dennis, Perkins & Co., Grand Rapids, Mich.

Nye Corbett Jordan, South Arm Lumber Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

Walter Thomas Wright, Cream City Sash and Door Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

William Alva Whitman, South Arm Lumber Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

Fred. John Erfert, assistant general freight agent, Wisconsin Central Railway Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

Arthur Garfield Ellis, Wright Lumber Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

Morton Joseph Ragley, W. G. Ragley & Son, Timpson, Texas.

Fred. Goodbelt Mahler, Western Rawhide and Belting Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

David Edgar Crawford, S. Crawford & Sons, Cedar River, Mich.

Joseph Sigmund Reik, Rockwell Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

Rutherford Hayes Macrorie, Daily Republican, Davenport, Ia.

At this meeting there was also admitted to life membership Mr. Thomas J. Neacy, of the Filer and Stowell Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

After the concatenation, an "on-the-roof" session was held in the banquet chamber of the Masonic Temple, at which all the tables were filled. Sandwiches, coffee, and some of that famous Milwaukee beverage, which played so important a part throughout the entertainment, were furnished in bountiful supply. When the cigars were reached, Chairman Snell announced that Snark Weir would preside as toastmaster. After a felicitous speech by Snark Weir, which was curtailed purposely owing to the lateness of the hour, various members were called upon for remarks. Among those who responded were Fred. W. Rockwell, of the Rockwell Manufacturing Company, Milwaukee, Wis.; E. N. Dixon, of the Allis-Chalmers Company, Milwaukee, Wis.; Morton J. Ragley, of W. G. Ragley & Son, Timpson, Texas; and others. The festivities ceased at 1 o'clock, after which the tired Hoo-Hoo with one accord sought a well-earned repose.

THE EMBALMING OF THE SNARK.

The entertainment at the Pabst Theater Thursday evening might be termed a "vaudeville performance in three acts." There certainly were three very dissimilar entertainments in one bill. However, it should be dignified by a higher-class appellation than "vaudeville."

The first part of the program was done by the Lyric Glee Club, of Milwaukee, who appeared in the following programme:

Winter Song Bullard
The Club
"Hans Rap" (Knickerbockers) DeKoven
Mr. C. A. Pettibone and the Club
"Kentucky Babe" Gelbel
The Club
Two Little Irish Love Songs Lohr
Mr Daniel Protheroe
"Tom, Tom, the Piper's Son" Smith
The Club
The Merry Miller (Rob Roy) DeKoven
Mr. O. F. Bird and the Club
Estudiantina (Spanish student song) LaCombe
The Club

Following this came the installation of officers, presided over by ~~Rolling~~ Arthur Johnson, Sear of the House of Ancestors. The text of the installation provides that substitutes may act for the regular members of old and new Nines. It has been customary, until this year, to make changes at the last moment after the election. However, desiring to preserve the smoothness of the play, those people who had acted as substitutes in the rehearsals were given the characters on the stage in the actual production. Thus it was that the cast of the old Nine was as follows:

Snark—C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.
Senior Hoo-Hoo—F. M. Smith, Newark, O.
Junior Hoo-Hoo—W. E. Beal, Vienna, Ill.
Bojum—R. W. English, Denver, Col.
Scrivenor—W. B. Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.
Jabberwock—R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.
Custocatian—T. W. Griffiths, Jr., Dallas, Texas.
Arcanoper—C. F. Hurlburt, Fontanelle, Ia.
Gurdon—B. Critchfield, Elmwood, Neb.
Those who impersonated the new Nine were as follows:
Snark—G. S. Dennis, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Senior Hoo-Hoo—James Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
Junior Hoo-Hoo—O. E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.
Bojum—J. R. Roper, Menominee, Mich.
Scrivenor—I. N. Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.
Custocatian—D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.
Arcanoper—George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.
Gurdon—H. P. Hubbard, Chicago, Ill.

In the embalming ceremonies, which formed the third and last act of the entertainment, the High Priests were impersonated as follows:

High Priest of Ptah, Platt B. Walker, Jr.
High Priest of Anubis, George B. Maegly.
High Priest of Thoth, J. H. Baird.
High Priest of Hathor, George H. Anthony.
High Priest of Osiris, A. N. Spencer.
High Priest of Ra, E. N. Vietmeier.
High Priest of Sed, C. D. Rourke.
High Priest of Isis, D. T. Call.
High Priest of Shu, C. H. Adams.

It will be seen that some of the men played more than one part in the evening's entertainment. The pallbearers at the embalming were:

George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.
W. B. Tomlinson, Minneapolis, Minn.
H. L. Hart, La Porte, Ind.
F. A. Felton, Milwaukee, Wis.
W. E. Beal, Vienna, Ill.
James Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.

The property man for the occasion, and who displayed signal ability in spite of lack of experience, was Brother Sam. K. Cowan, of Nashville, Tenn.

THE OSIRIAN CLOISTER.

The Osirian Cloister held one business meeting and two ceremonial sessions during the Annual Meeting.

The annual business meeting of the Cloister occurred on Monday, September 8, at 10 A.M. The following members of the Cloister answered to the call of the roll:

Members Present.

Charles H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.
A. G. Anderson, Dallas, Texas.
George H. Anthony, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Harvey Avery, New Orleans, La.
J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg W. Va.
C. F. Braffett, Lagrange, Ill.
D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas.
J. J. Campton, Cincinnati, O.
C. H. Carpenter, Minneapolis, Minn.
E. R. Coolidge, Chicago, Ill.
E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky.
J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.
George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.
T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.
R. W. English, Denver, Col.
W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.
William C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala.
N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.
M. A. Hayward, Columbus, O.
H. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col.
B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
George B. Maegly, Kansas City, Mo.
J. E. Meginn, City of Mexico, Mexico.
C. H. Moore, Galveston, Texas.
Joseph Myles, Detroit, Mich.

W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas.
C. C. Prentiss, Chicago, Ill.
A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.
Harry R. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.
W. M. Stephenson, Duluth, Minn.
E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Cliff S. Walker, Cincinnati, O.
Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.
A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.
James Wilson, Jr., Wapakoneta, O.
George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.

The Chief Priest's Annual Address.

Chief Priest W. I. Ewart ably reviewed the past history of the Osirian Cloister, made some suggestions as to its future growth (which were later discussed and acted on in the business sessions), and paid a fitting tribute to the six members of the Cloister who have died during the past year. Mr. Ewart said in part:

"We now have 151 inmates duly initiated and enrolled, 123 eligibles elected and awaiting initiation, and 61 eligibles who have not as yet presented their names for acceptance. From these lists it has been our sad duty, within the past year, to transfer to the roster of death the following highly esteemed and deeply regretted members—viz:

"Alson Alexander White, Kansas City, Mo.
"Richard Holman Vidmer, Mobile, Ala.
"Charles Wesley Goodlander, Fort Scott, Kan.
"George Frederic Stevens, Duluth, Minn.
"I. Shelby Weller, New York, N. Y.
"Charles Francis Degen, Augusta, Ga.

"The places made vacant by their absence will not again be filled; yet as we recall the many gatherings at which they were present with us, they come before us so vividly that the reality of their absence is difficult to realize. The magic wand of memory veils the stern fact of death and seems to clothe again with visible existence our brothers who have passed beyond to return no more. Thus we again greet 'Major' White, of strong, sterling manhood, graced by earnest cordiality and tried sincerity; 'Dick' Vidmer, the first candidate to undergo the ordeal of our initiation—the brave, noble, cheerful friend, whose unselfish heroism was proved when to rescue others he gallantly faced the dangers which crushed out his life; 'Uncle Charley' Goodlander, the embodiment of great-hearted good fellowship and generosity; 'Fred' Stevens the forceful, energetic young man of affairs, filled with the mirthfulness of good nature which carried sunshine into every circle; and 'Shelby' Weller, the most enthusiastic and tireless worker in the necessary preparations for our public ceremonials; I was not privileged to know our Brother Degen personally, but those of his acquaintance inform me that in his death our Order has sustained a distinct loss.

"We deplore the loss of these, our departed brothers, and shall not cease to cherish their memory. We speak their farewell with sadness, and sincerely sorrow with the households upon whom the shadow of the dark angel has fallen so heavily and relentlessly."

The routine business of the Cloister was gone through with expeditiously; and since it will go to the members of that body in the official minutes in pamphlet form, it will not be dealt with at length here. A slight change was made in the Tablets of Law, and the Scribe's report was read and adopted, as below:

The Scribe's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance, September 6, 1902	\$330 90
Initiation fees of 20 members, Norfolk	200 00
Dues collected	217 00
Dallas assessment	150 00
Merchandise	10 00
	\$907 90

DISBURSEMENTS.

Robes—Mrs. George R. Buchanan	\$ 30 20
Rituals—P. B. Walker	56 50
Letter heads and envelopes—Foster & Webb	46 25

Booklets, membership—Foster & Webb....	44 50
Storage—Sibley Storage and Warehouse Company	46 95
Cloth for robes—Timothy Dry Goods Company	34 55
Balance	648 95—\$907 90

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. BAIRD, Scribe.

The Scribe made a verbal report as to the members who have and who have not paid the Dallas assessment, on old members admitted prior to the assembly of 1900, and on the matter of dues. The Scribe was instructed to proceed, at his discretion, in the matter of collecting moneys due the Cloister from whatever source and to liquidate some bills he had read as being due the parent organization.

The assembly passing to the matter of nominations, the following were recorded:

Nominations September 8.

E. Christianson, by Joseph Myles.
James A. Clock, by George H. Anthony.
W. C. Cameron, by W. M. Stephenson.
J. M. Eastham, by D. T. Call.
T. W. Griffiths, Jr., by E. R. Cooleage.
H. A. Gorsuch, by George B. Maegly.
C. J. Mansfield, by A. C. Ramsey.
J. C. Magness, by J. J. Camplon.
I. T. McAllister, by R. W. English.
C. A. Newling, by C. H. Moore.
Edward L. Prescott, by Charles H. Adams.
G. M. Reddy, by Harvey Avery.
Frank M. Smith, by James Wilson, Jr.
I. N. Stewart, by C. S. Walker.
D. A. Sullivan, by O. E. Yeager.
A. N. Spencer, by George E. Youle.
C. M. Treat, by C. H. Stanton.
W. B. Tomlinson, by Platt B. Walker.
B. H. Van Cleave, by H. R. Schwartz.
B. F. Williams, by W. H. Norris.

The nominees were, upon ballot, all elected.
There were also elected at this session the following men who had become eligible, ex officio, as Vicegerents or members of the Supreme Nine.

Ex-Officio Eligibles Elected.

H. T. Alsop, Mayville, N. D.
E. W. Anderson, Monroe, La.
James Brizzolara, Fort Smith, Ark.
C. E. Bullen, Denver, Col.
Victor H. Beckman, Seattle, Wash.
H. G. Cady, Mine Bluff, Ark.
T. H. Clafey, Seattle, Wash.
C. A. Cowles, Atlanta, Ga.
H. H. Collins, Minneapolis, Minn.
C. A. Coolbaugh, Philadelphia, Pa.
E. A. Donnelly, New Orleans, La.
G. M. Duncan, El Paso, Texas.
J. H. Doppes, Cincinnati, O.
W. B. Dozier, Columbia, S. C.
L. F. DeBordenave, Norfolk, Va.
W. W. Everett, San Francisco, Cal.
J. Lee Ensign, Worth, Ga.
Karl Isburgh, Boston, Mass.
Owen T. Jenks, Cleveland, O.
George H. Kelley, Omaha, Neb.
Elliott Lang, Memphis, Tenn.
D. B. MacLaren, Evansville, Ind.
W. C. McCune, Perry, O. T.
R. H. McClelland, Nashville, Tenn.
W. B. Mackay, Portland, Ore.
U. J. Matson, Falls Creek, Pa.
Hughes Moore, Louisville, Ky.
S. Ray Oliver, Kansas City, Mo.
B. F. Orr, Dallas, Texas.
C. G. Powell, South Bend, Ind.
C. D. Rourke, Petersburg III.
G. C. Rice, Durant, I. T.
Joseph H. Scruggs, Birmingham, Ala.
H. V. Scott, Davenport, Ia.
C. H. Sherrill, Paducah, Ky.
Tyler B. Thompson, Missoula, Mont.
H. F. Wily, Mobile, Ala.

Frank Wrape, Paragould, Ark.
V. H. Wright, Pensacola, Fla.
J. B. Watson, Cumberland, Md.
G. E. Watson, St. Louis, Mo.
J. J. Williams, Milwaukee, Wis.
O. E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Election of Officers.

The annual business meeting closed with the election of officers, which resulted as follows, with one exception the old High Priests being reelected:

High Priest of Ptah—George Washington Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.
High Priest of Anubis—A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.
High Priest of Thoth—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.
High Priest of Osiris—W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.
High Priest of Ra—E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.
High Priest of Sed—Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn.
High Priest of Isis—D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas.
High Priest of Shu—Charles H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich.

Monday's Ceremonial Session.

The first ceremonial, or initiatory, session was held on Monday afternoon at Elks' Hall. The following twenty-four men braved the Hierophantic Knife and became members:

C. E. Bullen, Denver, Col.
James Brizzolara, Fort Smith, Ark.
W. C. Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis.
E. S. Christiansen, New York, N. Y.
Carl F. Drake, Austin, Texas.
J. Lee Ensign, Worth, Ga.
F. A. Felton, Milwaukee, Wis.
T. W. Griffiths, Jr., Dallas, Texas.
C. J. Mansfield, St. Louis, Mo.
I. T. McAllister, Boulder, Col.
J. C. Magness, Cincinnati, O.
Edward L. Prescott, New Orleans, La.
C. D. Rourke, Petersburg III.
A. M. Ramsey, Baldwinbridge, Ga.
G. M. Reddy, Bowie, La.
A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O.
D. A. Shepardson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
D. A. Sutherland, Jamestown, N. Y.
J. N. Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.
C. M. Treat, Buffalo, N. Y.
B. L. Van Cleave, St. Louis, Mo.
George E. Watson, St. Louis, Mo.
B. F. Williams, Victoria, Texas.
O. E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Annual Banquet.

The annual banquet occurred on Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the splendid dining hall of Hotel Pfister, and was one of the most elaborate and enjoyable in the Cloister's history. Practically all the ladies who had arrived to attend the Annual Meeting were escorted to this banquet by the gallant Osirians, and their encomiums on their hosts were numerous and sincere.

Chief Priest W. I. Ewart presided as toastmaster; and when the very elegant menu had been completed, the first toast, that of "To Our Six Deceased Brethren," was drunk standing and in silence.

"To the Ladies" was given a two-ply response by Nelson A. Gladding and Cliff S. Walker. Both made excellent speeches.

The next toast, as a sort of other side to the shield, was "The Bachelor," responded to by Brother W. H. Norris, of Houston, Texas. Brother Norris, being a bachelor himself, was supposed to know all about the subject, and his speech shows that he does. Along toward the close, however, Brother Norris more than intimated that he would not always remain a bachelor; in fact, to those who read between the lines the impression came that at the next Annual Meeting of Hoo-Hoo Brother Norris will be accompanied by a lifetime companion.

Brother J. E. Defebaugh responded to "The House of Hoo-Hoo," covering the subject very fully. He is enthusiastic on the subject and infused not a little of his feeling into all those present.

Capt. J. E. Meginn, the only representative of a foreign country present at the Annual Meeting, spoke of Hoo-Hoo in Mexico. Captain Meginn remarked that he is not as lonely down there as of yore, since the republic now numbers more than a dozen members of the Order, including the Governor of Chihuahua. Nine members of the Order reside in the City of Mexico, a number of whom were initiated two years ago when the ever-to-be-remembered excursion of Hoo-Hoo went down to that city from Dallas, Texas.

Following what might be termed "the set speeches," a number of bright, informal talks were made; and when the banquet adjourned at an early hour in the morning, it was voted that that occasion had been the most successful and enjoyable of any social feature ever occurring in Hoo-Hoo.

Tuesday's Ceremonial Session.

Like the first, this session occurred at Elks' Hall. The meeting was called for 7:30 P.M., to the end that it might be finished by the time the annual concatenation at the Masonic Hall got fully under way.

The initiatory ceremonies were preceded by a little business session, at which the Scribe was ordered to pay over to the Committee on Banquet the sum of \$15, to cover a deficit of that amount in the voluntary subscriptions to the banquet.

The following additional nominations were also permitted to be recorded, and the nominees were elected.

A. J. Carson, by W. E. Barna.
Marion Fletcher, by W. I. Ewart.
B. M. Gladding, by N. A. Gladding.
Fred. H. Gilman, by J. E. Defebaugh.
Frank Keith, by W. C. Fellows.
C. V. Kimball, by E. Stringer Boggess.
Frank H. Libbey, by E. A. Johnson.
J. J. Monahan, by T. W. Griffiths, Jr.
Joseph Oppenheimer, by M. A. Hayward.
A. M. Ramsey, by J. H. Baird.
D. H. Shelby, by E. M. Vietmeier.

The initiation was then proceeded with, resulting in the addition of the following thirteen names to the Cloister roll:

A. J. Carson, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Marion Fletcher, Beaumont, Texas.
Fred. H. Gilman, Minneapolis, Minn.
B. M. Gladding, Memphis, Tenn.
C. V. Kimball, Chicago, Ill.
Frank H. Libbey, Oshkosh, Wis.
J. J. Monahan, Milwaukee, Wis.
C. A. Newling, Houston, Texas.
Joseph Oppenheimer, Chicago, Ill.
D. H. Shelby, Oshkosh, Wis.
C. G. Powell, South Bend, Ind.
Frank M. Smith, Newark, O.
A. A. Teel, Green Bay, Wis.

ENTERTAINMENT FEATURES.



In the matter of entertainment Milwaukee eclipsed anything that has ever been done at a Hoo-Hoo Annual Meeting. So lavish was the hospitality extended and so elaborate the entertainment that the visitors began to feel that they were in some enchanted city and that presently they would awaken from a dream of fairyland. The details of every entertainment had been so well planned that not a hitch occurred anywhere. From first to last the visitors were made to feel that the town was theirs, including the breweries and the big machinery plants. To the generosity of the latter was due in large measure the success of the

Annual Meeting, and no part of the proceedings was regarded as more interesting than the visit to these famous plants.

Tuesday afternoon six chartered trolley cars were loaded with the Hoo-Hoo and the ladies, and the start was made from the Hotel Pfister for a sight-seeing tour of the city. The plant of the Filer & Stowell Company was visited first, and the lumbermen had an opportunity of seeing how sawmill machinery is made. The entire party alighted from the cars, and, headed by the Hoo-Hoo band from Texas, proceeded to inspect the plant. The foundry and casting departments, the sawmill machinery and engine departments were all visited, and to many in the crowd it was a revelation. When the cars were again boarded and the trip resumed, a slight delay occurred, but it so happened that the car containing the members of the Hoo-Hoo band stopped in front of a resort that retails the product that made Milwaukee famous. It was run by a fat German, who stood at the door, in company with his pretty blonde daughter. The Hoo-Hoo band was playing lively German airs, which so pleased the proprietor that he invited the whole car load to have one on him. The car was about to start, and the boys could not alight to accept his invitation. The hospitable old German toted out a lot of steins to them, but before they could drink the car started off, carrying boys, steins, and all. However, Manager Dixon, of the Allis-Chalmers Company, said that he would personally see that the good old German was recompensed for his loss.

The next point of interest was the Allis-Chalmers downtown plant, and afterwards the party visited the new plant of this company at West Allis. Here the visitors saw the largest machinery plant in the world, covering forty acres. This plant is not entirely completed yet, but will be by the first of the year, when a force of 5,000 men will be at work. The building and equipment alone will cost over \$3,000,000. This plant is one of the sights of Milwaukee.

Returning from West Allis, the visitors were invited to stop and inspect the brewery of the Pabst Brewing and Malt-ing Company. To this they did full justice, and learned a great deal about the process of making the beverage for which the town is famed.

In the Banquet Hall.

The Osirian Cloister banquet, which was held in the banquet hall, on the seventh floor of the Hotel Pfister, was a particularly brilliant function. This is the event of the year in Cloister circles, and is always looked forward to with special pleasure by the ladies. The floral decorations were very beautiful, and the menu was elaborate and elegant. When the menu was disposed of, Toastmaster W. I. Ewart gave a brief review of the work of the Cloister for the year. At his suggestion a silent toast was drunk to the memory of the six Osirians who since the last Annual Meeting have departed this life. After this, toasts were called for, that of "The Ladies" being responded to by Nelson A. Gladding and Clifford S. Walker, both of whom shed new light upon a subject with which they are familiar from an expert standpoint. After this, W. H. Norris told some of the things he knows about being a bachelor; and Brother A. H. Weir made a fine talk, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the aims and purposes of Hoo-Hoo, and insisted that the ladies should make it a point to attend the Annual Meeting. Col. J. E. Meginn, who enjoys the distinction of being the only American lumberman in the city of Mexico, made some felicitous remarks about matters and things down in that republic. In the course of his talk he pulled out of his pockets two beautiful dollies of Mexican drawn work, and said that everybody in Mexico is a gambler, and that he would like the privilege of introducing

the national institution, the lottery, at the banquet. He said he had brought the dolls along to be raffled for by the ladies. In the merry contest that followed the prizes were won by Mrs. R. W. English, of Denver, Col., and Miss Anne Sherrill Baird, of Nashville, Tenn. Those who were present at the Osirian Cloister banquet were the following: E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburgh, W. Va.; W. C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala.; A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O.; A. M. Ramsey, Bainbridge, Ga.; B. F. Williams, Victoria, Texas; George B. Macgly, Kansas City, Mo.; George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.; George E. Watson, St. Louis, Mo.; J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Mukwanago, Wis.; R. W. English, Denver, Col.; Mrs. R. W. English, Denver, Col.; Miss Anne Sherrill Baird, Nashville, Tenn.; Edward L. Prescott, New Orleans, La.; Miss Loula Griffiths, Dallas, Texas; D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas; W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. W. M. Stephenson, St. Paul, Minn.; Miss Wilson, Chicago, Ill.; Cliff S. Walker, Cincinnati, O.; Miss Dorgan, Atlanta, Ga.; George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.; C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. C. H. Stanton, Buffalo, N. Y.; A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. A. C. Ramsey, St. Louis, Mo.; J. C. Magness, Cincinnati, O.; Platt B. Walker, Minneapolis, Minn.; Harvey Avery, New Orleans, La.; T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill.; J. E. Meginn, City of Mexico, Mexico; Orson E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. H. A. Doering, Jamestown, N. Y.; D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.; Mrs. D. A. Sullivan, Jamestown, N. Y.; Edward T. Christiansen, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. M. Brennecke, Nashville, Tenn.; Joseph Myles, Detroit, Mich.; J. J. Campion, Toledo, O.; W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas; T. W. Griffiths, Jr., Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Nellie A. Miles, Chicago, Ill.; N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind.; A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.; Mrs. A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb.; Miss Jine Williams, Paragould, Ark.; W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn.; E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. E. M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.; Miss Mary Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa.; R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn.; Curt M. Treat, Buffalo, N. Y.; George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.

Tallyho!

While the men were at the annual concatenation Tuesday evening, the local committee took the visiting ladies in a body to the Davidson Theater to see "Florodora." The ladies were presented with American Beauty roses. The party was escorted by two of the handiest, if not the handiest, men in Milwaukee—W. J. Priestley and Gus J. Landeck. These gentlemen also had charge of the ladies tallyho ride and luncheon on Wednesday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Two tallyhos took the party, numbering ninety ladies. The start was made at 9 o'clock from the Hotel Pfister, and the tallyhos started off amid the vociferous cheers of the men, who had assembled on the sidewalk to see the party off. It was an ideal day for an outing. The lake sparkled in the sunlight and the crisp, cool air exhilarated like rare old wine. "Ah," said one of the Milwaukee ladies in the forward coach, pointing to the rippling waters of the lake, "that is our real friend; that is what keeps us cool all summer, and it has always a fascination—it never looks twice alike." And at least one of the visitors, gazing at the opalescent colorings of the waves afar out towards the horizon, could realize the potency of their charm and understand the genuine love the Milwaukee people feel for their beautiful lake. Like several other parties that went out from the Hotel Pfister, the tallyhos stopped at the Pabst brewery, and steins of the amber liquid were served as the ladies sat at the tables. There are some people—coarse clods they are and deserving of no hereafter—who regard a glass of beer as a commonplace sort of thing; but in truth nothing is commonplace, save as

our sordid, earthly minds will see it so. He is to be pitied whose mental eye has no perspective—who cannot see, back of the glass of beer, the hop fields, and hear the whispering winds as they sway the heavy heads of barley, drowsing in the sunshine! From this standpoint of spiritualized vision, the stop at the brewery was a seemly ending of the beautiful lake shore drive. After resting for a little while, the party took the trolley cars for Whitefish Bay, a summer resort some miles out. It proved to be a delightfully picturesque spot. In the dining room, on the second floor of the commodious clubhouse, was served what they called a "luncheon," but what was really an elegant dinner, deliciously cooked and beautifully served. The long tables were decorated with flowers and vines, and an orchestra discoursed sweet music. A pleasing feature of the musical programme was the singing by Miss Sarah Schneider, a little girl with a wonderful voice. She is a pupil of Miss Bigelow, one of the finest teachers in the West, and undoubtedly is destined for a great career. Miss Bigelow favored the company with a song, and there was a violin solo also, rendered by a member of the orchestra, which was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the feast, Governor Upham, who went out with the party, made a speech which pleased the ladies and was uproariously applauded. Mr. Priestley and Mr. Landeck proved themselves to be model hosts and deserving of the thanks of every lady at the Annual Meeting.

Smoked Up.

The Bohemian smoker Wednesday evening at the Hotel Pfister was one of the most enjoyable of all the entertainments given in honor of the convention. The hall was beautifully decorated and small tables were scattered about the room. Everything was intended to be strictly informal. For the men there were beer, cigars, and refreshments; for the ladies there were punch and many delicacies. While the refreshments were being served and during the smoking of the cigars, Mr. Wilmer Seig, in charge of the entertainment, kept up a running programme of music, addresses, and dances. The Imperial Quartet and Hamblitzer's Quartet furnished the music. A number of witty speeches were made, Mr. Alexander C. McDonald, of Milwaukee, leading off with some dialect stories that greatly pleased the crowd, after which Mr. Joseph Sherer told a tale of a bear fight, and ex-Governor Peck told about a famous toddy which he once mixed for a party of lumbermen when out on a hunting trip. It seems that the ex-Governor had made toddies on various similar occasions and had acquired a great reputation—so much so that it had come to pass that he did little else than make toddies. On this particular occasion he arrived at the hunting lodge a little late and the "boys" were out at the time. On the way an accident had befallen Mr. Peck—he had dropped his gripsack, which contained a night shirt, a bottle of whisky, a bottle of horse liniment, and a bottle of cough sirup. The bottles, of course, were broken, spilling the contents over the night shirt which became soaked. Upon arriving at the lodge, he took the night shirt out, and procuring a bowl, filled it with water, rinsed out the garment and hung it out to dry. Being greatly fatigued, he then went upstairs and lay down to sleep, forgetting to empty the bowl. An hour or so later he awoke and went downstairs. The boys had returned and they received him with open arms. "That last toddy is the best yet," they shouted; "you are improving every day." He was greatly puzzled and asked in bewilderment: "What toddy?" "O, come, now; don't be so modest," cried the happy boys. "It was nice of you to fix us up a toddy as soon as you landed." At length he found out what they meant—the boys had drunk the contents of the bowl. Following the Milwaukee speakers, several of the visiting

members made short talks. W. E. Barns made a short talk in which he touched on the subject of the House of Hoo-Hoo at the St. Louis World's Fair and of the entertainment for lumbermen which it is designed to provide. Stories were told by N. A. Gladding, of Indianapolis, Ind., and C. D. Rourke, of Petersburg, Ill. In the way of good things to eat, there were salads and sandwiches and ices, and there was no lack of liquid refreshments, to all of which the assembled guests did ample justice. Several good vocal selections were rendered by the quartet, among them a medley of old Southern songs. The entertainment wound up with a cake walk, in which five professionals took part, after which came the real hit of the evening in the form of an amateur cake walk performance by Mrs. J. B. Wallace, of Chicago, and Mr. W. T. Van Cleave, of St. Louis.

Gaily, the Troubadour.

The embalming of the Snark, which has been mentioned at length in the official report of the meeting, closed a particularly pleasant and successful Annual Meeting. A pleasing feature of this entertainment was the musical programme, rendered by the Lyric Glee Club, of Milwaukee. The songs were received with enthusiastic applause. A delightful novelty was introduced in the form of a band of Hawaiian troubadours, who sang to the accompaniment of guitars and other stringed instruments. Their songs were indescribably sweet and possessed of a certain wild, weird tenderness that was peculiarly appealing.

CATERWAULS.

Brother E. Stringer Boggess distinguished himself in the rôle of chaperon to No. 376. The latter gentleman has done a rapid stunt in the line of evolution recently, and has developed into a masher of a most surprising type. It is believed that the present Supreme Nine will elect an official chaperon for him. Brother Boggess did the best he could, but it is thought that an older man would have more influence in holding down the ebullient friskiness of No. 376.

"Packages," of Milwaukee, got out a bright little daily sheet during the meeting. It was called "The Daily Meouw," and was distributed to the visitors with the compliments of "Packages." It contained a list of those in attendance and a lot of bright paragraphs, of which the following are a few:

"Any Hoo-Hoo who cannot get what he wants in Milwaukee when he asks for it is requested to take it, anyway, and run the police up the nearest telephone pole.

"During the concatenation the Entertainment Committee will constantly patrol the main streets of the city with a heavily-armed hay wagon, and any one who is found not enjoying himself will be loaded in and committed to State's prison for life, or during good behavior.

"Hoo-Hoo who meet each other on the street for the first time are firmly instructed to leap into the air nine times, wink the other eye, turn seven somersaults, and kick in the nearest plate-glass window. None genuine unless blown in the bottle.

"If a kitten and a half can catch a mouse and a half in a day and a half, how many black cats will it take to climb a greased pole two-thousand feet long and six miles wide, with a bottle of old rye on top?

"All black cats must be in bed by 6 A.M., or a penalty will be inflicted upon them for malicious early rising.

"The Daily Meouw caterwauls for the just as well as the unjust. No black cat, no matter how rich and friendless, shall be deprived of the blessing of his 'Daily Meouw' till the editor's right hand cleaves to the roof of his mouth and his galluses forget their cunning.

"The dignity of the public press must be maintained. The name of the party who threw a link of wienerwurst through 'The Meouw's' window last evening is known and will be revealed unless \$1,000,000 damages are at once paid. Stamps will be accepted.

"Those desiring to subscribe for 'The Meouw' will please club the editor into insensibility and tie him to a post. The subscription may then be inserted in his inside pocket and the patrol wagon summoned.

"Any black cat caught infringing on the copyright of 'The Meouw' will be instantly prosecuted for bigamy, polygamy, and fast driving.

"Visiting Hoo-Hoo will please take note that the pants worn by Lief Erickson, Esq., of Juneau Park, are the quick, short pants frequently mentioned by Laura Jean Libbey. Lief was a member of the Icelandic Buster Baseball Nine of the year 876; hence his accouterments.

"While emerging from his sanctum last night, the editor of 'The Meouw' was attacked by an infuriated black cat, who rudely kicked him in the lung and shot his hat full of holes. This abominable outrage was the result of a misunderstanding on the part of the black cat, who claimed the editor told him that 'Zahnarzt' was the German for 'Beer Hall.' He said he went into a place with such a sign and held up two fingers, and before he could get out again the proprietor had pulled a couple of his back teeth.

"Every black cat who does not see what he wants is requested to ask for it. If he does not then get it, he will push the button nine times, blow out the gas, kick a hole in the steam radiator, and go to bed with his boots on. This is imperative.—By order of the Snabberjock.

"The Hoo-Hoo grip consists of a hop, four skips, and a left hander under the right ear. It should be given with subdued ferocity and taken with dignity and aplomb (if aplomb is in season).

"No, Dusky Grimalkin; the Jahr Markt is not a religious festival. It is one of those 'hi-lee-hi-lo-bel-uns-gehts-immer-geh-lenger-geh-schlimmer' sort of affairs, and black cats will be admitted if of sound mind and accompanied by the police."

Upon arrival, each member of the Order and all members of his party were taken to a register book at the head of the stairs leading into the rotunda, and there they were registered. A handsome badge, the official badge of the meeting, given with the compliments of the Chain Belt Company, of Milwaukee; a memorandum book; and a button, with a number, were given to each. The official badge given by the Chain Belt Company was one of the handsomest badges ever worn at a convention, and was carried home by all as a souvenir. It was printed on heavy purple silk, and from the bar at the top which bore the words "Hoo-Hoo" there fell a pendant attached by a miniature chain, like their real sawdust chain; and the pendant was in the shape of a shield, over which an eagle was flying, and in the center was the Hoo-Hoo button. The velvet ribbon bore the words: "Compliments of Chain Belt Company, Milwaukee;" "Eleventh Annual, Milwaukee, 1902."

There were more ladies present than usual, and all enjoyed themselves. The Entertainment Committee saw to it that there were no dull moments for anybody. "What I like about this Hoo-Hoo crowd," remarked one of the visiting ladies, "is that they seem so glad for the women to have a good time. When we start out on a jaunt, the men gather around and give us the Hoo-Hoo yell as a send off, and they seem so rejoiced to know that we are happy." "Yes," replied the other woman, whose thoughts sometimes wander far afield, "you can just bet I'm glad I'm living now instead of away back in medieval times, when the men did nothing but fight and the women did nothing but weep—shut up in gloomy castles, with no diversion except their everlasting tapestry work. O, it was tough on the women in those times! Even in times of peace the men were most generally drinking and carousing, and the women had nothing to do but stay at home and sing doleful songs to the accompaniment of the harp or zither, or whatever they plunked away on in those dark, old days;" and then both women went to their rooms to dress for the Bohemian smoker.

Very few women know how to be happy. The shadow of those dark, old days still lingers in their hearts. They are not happy unless they are miserable, like the one described in the following newspaper clipping:

"Here is a woman who suffers—suffers is the word—from insomnia. 'I cannot imagine why I do not sleep,' she says to her friends. 'I'm sleepy as anything when I go upstairs; but then I begin to wonder if my son, Arthur, who travels for a drug firm, is on a train, and in a minute I see him just as plainly bleeding and mangled in a wreck. When I decide that he is really dead, I think of John, and worry because he hasn't a better position. Then Molly comes into my mind, and I feel sure that one of her children must be ill, I feel so blue about her. I fret over Lucy's throat a bit then, and by this time I'm wide awake. It's the strangest thing—I do not understand why I should be so wakeful!'"

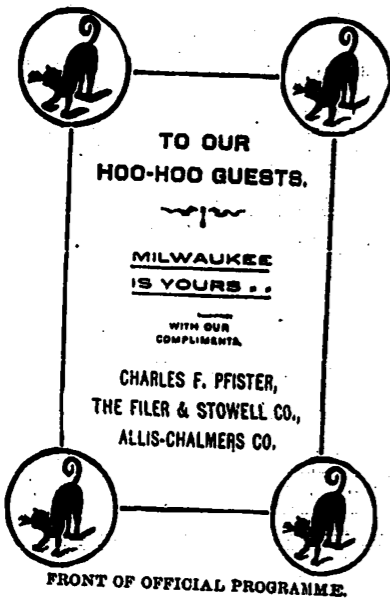
If any Hoo-Hoo has a wife affected in this way, let him take her to an Annual Meeting instead of paying a doctor's bill.

Brothers George E. Youle and Ed. L. Prescott tied for the distinction of being the best-dressed man, with Brother George V. Denny a close second. The prize has not yet been awarded for the handsomest man at the Annual.

The official programme was one of the handsomest ever seen at an Annual Meeting. It was quite an expensive affair, and was eagerly sought for by every one present.

Col. McLeod's Greeting.

Among those whose absence was keenly felt was Col. A. D. McLeod, of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad, who up to this time had never missed an Annual Meeting or failed to make a speech at the Osirian Cloister banquet. He, however, in a measure, made up for his failure to appear by writing the following most interesting letter, which shows that "absence makes the heart grow fonder:"



FRONT OF OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

"Fugwash (pronounced 'Fuh-gwash'—Indian for 'Deep Water'), Nova Scotia, Dominion of Canada, September 6, 1902.—Mr. A. H. Weir, Snark of the Universe—My Dear Sir: From afar—within one hundred miles of Halifax, England's Western Gibraltar; in close touch with the fair Acadian Valley, which witnessed the opening scenes of the immortal drama with Evangeline as its central figure; within a three-hour water ride of the gem of St. Lawrence Gulf, Prince Edward Island; by rail only a short day from

Sydney, destined to become one of the great coal-shipping and iron-shipping ports of the continent, and, alongside it, Louisburg, with its debris of brick and stone, recalling the famous fort whose capture a century and a half ago covered New England's militia with glory, and whose later destruction was the first hard blow in the mighty struggle which broke French dominion and crowned the Anglo-Saxon 'Lord of the Western World'—from this land of history a



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wandering Hoo-Hoo, lamenting that he misses an Annual for the first time since he became identified with the Order, nine years ago, sends his greetings and his benediction. All hail, and God bless you all! In heart I am with you from beginning to end—the hand shakes, with the appealing 'Let's us' and the genial 'What'll you have?' the fellowship with Egypt's high-toned gods in the elucidation of 'Osirian' mysteries; the banquet; the welcome to Hoo-Hoo; the meetings for business; the discussions, which, whether the theme be the appropriation of \$500 or one of Brother Barn's logically-constructed schemes, are always in line with the 'good of the Order'; Jimmy Baird's elaborate figures, which always foot the same, whichever way you turn them; the selection of Buffalo for the next gathering; the election of the Supreme Nine (and while we cannot have any better, may we have as good); the awe-inspiring incineration of the Snark; the entertainment by trolley and water, in carriages and on foot, with Gambrianus—and, I doubt not, other patron saints—lending kindly aid; to the oft-repeated, regretful good-byes. The scene passes before me just as though Brother Johnson were throwing it in 'chunks' on a screen, and I almost fancy I can hear his sonorous voice: 'This is the steamer on which excurted; 'This is Pap Hemenway, with an entirely new crop of whiskers; 'This is the refreshment room of the Pfister; 'This is the boys going home.' But my thoughts are tinged with sadness, as, calling up the familiar faces of those I have met at other Annuals, I realize that a number are missing. Of the members whose names will appear in the records of the Order as 'departed during the last year,' three are especially in my thoughts—not only because of warm personal friendship and of their interest in Hoo-Hoo and faithful attendance at the Annuals; but because they were distinct and differing types of the men who think and dare and do, who uphold the social fabric and make the nation strong—Vidmer, rich in the alertness and enthusiasm and hope of youth; White, strong in the wisdom and judgment and trained power of manhood in its prime; Goodlander, the pioneer, the community-builder, seeing all around him, as the circle of years was drawing to a close, the works of an active, progressive career, and withal each of them with the great, warm heart from whose depths come the friendships, the helpfulness,

the self-sacrifice that sweeten and adorn human life. Remembering that it was through Hoo-Hoo that I came into contact with these men, and that within its ranks I am taken into an ever-widening circle of friendship of which I am proud, and reflecting on the influence of the forceful examples set before us in the lives of so many of our members, it seems to me that if no other purpose is accomplished than the annual gathering, the Order is worth upholding. Fraternalty yours, A. D. McLEOD."

Brother R. W. English was looking unusually well, having recently had an operation performed on his eye, which afforded him great relief from a trouble of long standing. He was accompanied by Mrs. English and their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Wallace.

Mrs. D. Tramway Call came over from Waukesha, where she had spent the summer, to look after Denny, who was, as usual, one of the most popular men at the meeting.

Mrs. C. H. Stanton, of Buffalo, N. Y., was among those who thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Edwards were "welcome, though late," as Mrs. Wilfer said of her unhappy spouse. Mrs. Edwards never misses an Annual Meeting, having long ago learned to know a good thing when she sees it.

The Milwaukee ladies were untiring in their efforts to render the entertainment features a success. Never was a local committee more energetic and faithful, and never were more brilliant results achieved.

Brother Frank N. Snell, as chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, displayed an amount of energy and executive ability that was truly wonderful. A well-deserved token of appreciation has been tendered him by his co-laborers. The following from the Milwaukee "Sentinel" will be read with interest by every one who had the good fortune to be present at the Eleventh Annual:

"A reunion of the Committee on Arrangements that had charge of the recent annual convention of the national body of Hoo-Hoo in this city was held in the Hotel Pfister last evening. The members, accompanied by their wives and daughters, sat down to dinner together in the Moorish room, adjoining the large dining room, at 6 o'clock; and at the conclusion of the meal—which was notable, as all Hoo-Hoo functions are, for the good cheer that prevailed—J. J. Williams, the Vicegerent for Wisconsin, on behalf of his associates of the committee, presented Frank N. Snell, the chairman of the committee and Junior Hoo-Hoo of the Supreme Nine, with a handsome diamond ring. In making the presentation, Mr. Williams said:

"To me has been delegated the exceedingly pleasant task of presenting, on behalf of Milwaukee Hoo-Hoo, this beautiful diamond ring to our esteemed brother, Frank N. Snell, as a token of our appreciation of his unflinching zeal and efforts in the interests of Hoo-Hoo during the last year, and especially for his faithful, never-tiring work in making preparation for and carrying out the programme for the Eleventh Annual Meeting of our Order recently held here.

"Words cannot express our appreciation of the work he did for us and all Wisconsin Hoo-Hoo; nor can any one realize the work necessary or the time required, even with the assistance the balance of the committee rendered, for him to look after and direct the almost endless details necessary to bring about such a magnificent success as the Eleventh Hoo-Hoo Annual was.

"Mr. Snell, our friend and brother Hoo-Hoo, we ask you to accept this ring to keep as a remembrance of our appreciation of your good work; and I beg to assure you that with it there goes to you from the hearts of all Milwaukee Hoo-Hoo and your legion of friends throughout Hoo-Hoo land our good will and best wishes for your future happiness and prosperity; also the earnest hope that you and your good wife may live long among us; that you both may enjoy the pleasure and good fellowship of many more Hoo-Hoo Annuals, when some one else has the care and responsibility of directing the work."

"Mr. Snell was greatly affected by this token of regard, but managed to recover himself sufficiently to express his thanks. He said:

"Mr. Vicegerent, Brother Hoo-Hoo, Ladies, and Gentlemen: Just now I think I am about "all in," and I cannot find words to fittingly express my feelings. I could stand the many expressions of praise and commendation showered upon me by our visiting Hoo-Hoo and their ladies, because I felt that at least a part of it was in the nature of a "jolly" for the chairman of the committee; but when it comes from one's associates and friends, in such eulogistic phrases as you have just heard from Brother Williams and backed up by such a magnificent gift as this, it practically puts me out of business. Why, one would think from his remarks that I was "the whole thing;" but I wish to say right here, and with all the emphasis possible, that without the hearty assistance and co-operation of the other members of the committee our Annual would have been a failure; and the ladies—God bless them!—rendered invaluable aid in making it pleasant and successful.

"I beg to assure you, my friends, that this occasion will ever be cherished by me as one of the milestones of pleasure and enjoyment in life's rugged pathway; and as long as I live the glitter and sparkle of this beautiful ring, whether in the sunlight of day or the electric light of evening, will ever remind me of the deep debt of gratitude I owe to you all.

"My heart is full; but I can only say that I sincerely thank you for this valuable gift, a million times more valuable to me on account of the spirit that prompted the giving; and I earnestly hope the pleasant acquaintances formed during our recent intercourse in connection with the Eleventh Hoo-Hoo Annual may ripen into friendships of long standing and mutual pleasure."

"After dinner, the company went to a local theater in a group. The ring is solid gold, with a solitary diamond as a setting weighing 1.58 karats. Engraved on the inside of the circle is the following: 'Hoo-Hoo, 1795; From the Boys, Milwaukee, 1902.'

"Those present at the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Priestly, Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Rice, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams, Miss Clara Byron, Miss Jean Williams, Master Glen Priestly, A. L. Annes, Albert Mueller, Charles G. Foster, R. L. Jones, F. D. Clinton, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Neville, F. M. Snavely, G. L. Landeck, and Miss Helen Landeck."

Brother George Call (No. 4459), of Orange, Texas, writes: "I will be glad to get the "September Bulletin," because I know it will be chock full of interesting reading."

It tickles us nearly to death to receive a letter containing a word of praise for "The Bulletin." Personally, we regard this paper as the best fraternal-order publication that ever happened—and we do not take the credit all to ourselves by any means. "The Bulletin" is as good as it is mainly because so many of the members take a profound interest in Hoo-Hoo matters and frequently write us letters that are the inspiration of all that is best in "The Bulletin." Of course the September number is the largest paper of the year, as it contains the report of the Annual Meeting; but we try hard to make every issue a good one, and it pleases us to be told that "The Bulletin" is all right. A bouquet in the hand is worth a dozen on the coffin lid.

Mr. Norris' Reception.

The citizens of Houston, Texas, are very proud of the distinction conferred on Brother W. H. Norris in his election to the position of Snark, and the elegant reception tendered him by the Elks of that city upon his return from the Annual Meeting was a fitting tribute to his popularity and worth. The reception occurred at the club rooms of the Elks, which were elaborately decorated for the occasion. The banquet was a very recherche affair, the responses to the toasts being particularly brilliant. Brothers John H. Kirby and Carl F. Drake distinguished themselves as orators, and Brother Denny Call sang a song. His sweet and tender warblings deeply affected the new Snark, as well as every one else present, including the waiters, who struck for higher wages the next day. Most of the promi-

ment lumbermen in that section were present. The Governor of the State wired his regrets. The following is taken from the local paper:

"In addition to the address of Hon. John H. Kirby, there was an excellent talk delivered by Mr. Carl F. Drake, of Austin, secretary of the Lumbermen's Association of the State. It dealt largely with the Hoo-Hoo and business life of Mr. Norris, whose record showed that during his Vicegerency he helped more applicants into membership of the Order of Hoo-Hoo than any other Vicegerent; and his workmanship in that line made stronger members of those who came in under him, impressing them deeply with the ritualistic initiation granted them. His words had the fire of eloquence in them.

"Mr. Drake was followed by Hon. Ben. Williams, an artistic talker, from Victoria, who followed a jocular mood and caused much laughter.

"Mr. James Welsh sang in fine voice a touching tenor solo, entitled 'How Came You So?' In response to an outburst of applause he also sang 'What's the Matter with Norris?' improvised for the occasion.

"Hon. Thomas Ball, in response to loud calls from all parts of the room, was led before the enthusiastic party, and made one of his happy talks, in which he complimented that little Lufkin band, crediting to it largely the success of the Texas delegation at Milwaukee. Some happily-told experiences added to the happy mood of the company.

"This was followed by a dialect address by Mr. Herman Keller on how Gaston and Alphonse whipped the Spaniard in a naval battle by drawing them into a trap. As a dialectician, Mr. Keller then and there established his reputation. It was followed by a cake walk by four of the heavy weights.

"Lawlor's Rice Hotel Band furnished the music, and did it in a most finished and artistic manner. Arias from the latest popular operas and classic music were rendered exquisitely. 'Old Kentucky Home' was given to thrill the heart of the older Southerners. The musical treat was a rich one, and was greatly appreciated by the auditors. The committee was warmly congratulated for securing, through Captain Lawlor's kindness, this treat.

"The luncheon of dainty chicken, ham and cheese sandwiches, and the toothsome chicken salad, with the superior wine punch, supplied by the Rice Hotel, made a sumptuous feast for the inner man. It was the subject of general compliment, and was in the mouth of every man."

The official account of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting shows rather a salty report made by the Committee on Complaints. It is hoped that this humiliating sort of thing will be obliterated by the appointment of the official chaperon for No. 376.

Hark, from the Tomb, A Doleful Sound.

In response to a letter from the Scrivenoter inquiring how a mummy feels and if, after life's fitful (official) fever, he sleeps well, ex-Snark Weir sends in the following, being his experience after the embalming:

"The murky, midnight darkness had wrapped Milwaukee in gloom. The very air was pregnant with the pulsation of events of mighty import. A soul was shaking off its human form and passing into the great beyond. The mighty potentate was laying down his scepter of power, and the universe gathered in solemn awe as the Snark—he who had ruled for so many moons with a power that none had dared gainsay, he whose frown made the myriads of his subjects tremble—was fading from sight and passing into the innocuous desuetude of his fathers, gone before. With tearful eyes and sorrow-burdened hearts, his people saw his form dissolve in the dim mists of the great unknown and fade from earthly vision; and the last mournful sight was of his mummied remnants reposing in a sacred niche in the House of Ancients, the abode of the dead Pharaohs who had preceded him.

"But not long was this restless spirit quiet there. Scarcely had the fiery gates closed behind him, when the new life of the spirit world permeated the nerve centers and lifeless tissues and brought forth the new man from the ruin of the old. The new life opened to new scenes and activities, and the first lesson the revived spirit had to learn was that death, as understood from the human

standpoint, does not end activities of the spirit life. In the abode of the Sphinx there is restless, ceaseless energy; and woe betide the liberated spirit of the mortal that enters these domains who hopes for ease and peace and quiet there!

"Rameses X. awoke as the doors closed, shutting out the world that once was his and ushering him into the new life; and in the chambers and corridors of the home where reposed the ancient Pharaohs he woke the echoes of the silent house with the wild yell of the great and only Hoo-Hoo, 'Who is Hoo-Hoo? Where are you, Hoo Doo? How are you?' until the place seemed alive with revived spirits. Slowly the moldy forms moved in their wrappings. The dust of ages fell from their forms as they rose to challenge the right of the new comer into their domains.

"Rameses I., the Seer, grumbling and roaring like a caged lion, shouted from his bed of stone, 'Who in the thunder is that?' and, in his wild, overpowering rage, threw a Barns at him. With this uproar the whole mummy host, and on the instant the uproar was Defebaughing, until Rameses, with the Tomahawk, Hemming-his-way through the excited throng, brought the White-winged dove of peace again to the chamber.

"Then up spake the Seer:

'Why comes he here
To disturb the repose
Of the spirits of those
Who fain would sleep
And nevermore weep
O'er joys long forgot
In the life once so hot
In the land of the Pharaohs?'

"Then up rose Rameses, the Barnsey so gay, and said: 'What's the matter with Weir, anyway?'

"Then from the sepulchers, dark as the night, came forth the wild cry: 'He's all right! Who's all right? Why, Weir, who swam through a vat of Milwaukee beer!'

"But again I quote from the words of the Seer, as his breast he smote: 'We can't have him here, for he'll rock the boat; and, certain as fate, when all afloat, he'll overturn everything "up to date." A new organization will have to be made, or this impious shade, with his little spade, will dig a grave so wide and deep that we'll all fall into it in a heap.'

"But no one heeded this song of woe; for, with weird fingers pointing to Buffalo, there came from the tombs, like the roar of the sea, these words: 'In ninety-three we'll meet again in the realms of light. With spirits revived, full of vim, we'll renew the fight, and, with "Sunny Jim," will place our standard on the heights of "reform" so fair and free that no one will say: "It cannot be."'

Mr. Charles F. Pfister, of Milwaukee, owner of the Hotel Pfister, was one of the three contributors who furnished the entire entertainment fund. This palatial hotel was the headquarters for Hoo-Hoo during the meeting, and it is not too much to say that everybody who attended the Annual Meeting came away with the warmest regard for Mr. Pfister and the famous hostelry. Although the city was crowded with visitors to the State Fair, and until they were filled the Hoo-Hoo were given the best in the house. Manager A. L. Severance and his assistants—S. W. Rolleston, E. J. Carroll, and D. R. Washburn—were kind and courteous to all; and, without the least friction, the greater part of the visitors were taken care of beneath the roof of the elegant hotel.

The band which accompanied the Texas boys on their special car furnished some good music, and was the source of much pleasure to the visitors. It was composed of young men from Lufkin, who were anxious to attend the Annual, and who made up their minds to go. They paid their own expenses, had a good time, and, dressed in their white uniforms embroidered with black cats, constituted a picturesque feature of the meeting.

This issue of "The Bulletin" is very late in coming out,

a fact which is no wise the fault of the Scrivenoter's office. It is due to an unpardonable delay on the part of the official stenographer who took down the verbatim report of the business proceedings. This individual—a Chicago man—was highly recommended, and really proved to be an excellent stenographer. He was to furnish the transcript of the entire proceedings within four days after the meeting closed, and all arrangements were made at this office to get "The Bulletin" out more promptly than has ever been done before; but, to the intense vexation of all concerned, the official stenographer "fell down" in getting the transcript to us. It was twenty-six days after the meeting—instead of four, when all of the report arrived. No member of the Order regrets this delay more than the Scrivenoter, who is deeply mortified over the reprehensible conduct of the stenographer. When the September "Bulletin" is late, it throws every other issue late in coming out, and this causes numerous kicks on the part of the membership. However, it cannot be helped; but we trust that every Hoo-Hoo will try to judge the matter as leniently as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Niehaus, of California, were the jolliest couple at the meeting, being of that happy temperament that enables its possessor to leave care at home when starting on a trip.

Brother Sam. K. Cowan is receiving bushels of congratulatory letters and telegrams. One prominent member wired: "I am glad you have at last got some sense in that red head, but I sympathize deeply with the lady." Those who know Brother Cowan best, and especially those who have worked alongside of him, will not agree with the last clause of this message; they know that the bride is getting a mighty good fellow for a husband.



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Business Opportunities.

An energetic, experienced man, by writing Post Office Box 64, Chattanooga, Tenn., can probably secure a good position to take full charge of a small retail lumber yard, handling all kinds of building material, sash, doors, blinds, etc. In writing, give experience, salary wanted, etc. Do not waste time in writing the Scrivenoter asking him to forward your letter; write direct to the address given above.

Hoo-Hoo and Lumbermen, Warning!

Take notice that No. 8055, initiated at Pine Bluff, Ark., February 2, 1901, is cashing worthless drafts and checks at many places throughout the West, using his Hoo-Hoo membership to accomplish these ends. At his initiation this man gave his name as "George Sawyer," and was given a Hoo-Hoo middle name of "Endless." Lately, however, he has variously signed his name as "George Sawyer," "George H. Sawyer," and "George A. Sawyer," and has probably knowingly given his Hoo-Hoo number as "No. 4297"—the number of Brother George Albert Sawyer, of Helena, Ark., a man of standing and worth. The personal description of No. 8055 is as follows: Weight, 116 pounds; bust measure, 33 inches; waist measure, 29 inches; height, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches; size hat, 6 7/8; size shoe, 5; color of eyes, gray; color of hair, dark; married; aged thirty-six years.

Comments on Concatenations.



The latter part of the Hoo-Hoo year was characterized by a remarkable degree of activity in Hoo-Hoo circles, a larger number of concatenations having been held during the month of August and the first few days in September than ever occurred before at the same season. Some of these meetings came off just a few days before the Annual, and, as a result, a number of concatenation reports awaited the Scrivenoter upon his return from Milwaukee. Ninety-one books and buttons went out from this office a few days after the Annual Meeting, that being the number of new members added during the tail end of the Hoo-Hoo year.

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Charleston, W. Va.

Vicegerent E. Stringer Boggess, that indefatigable worker for Hoo-Hoo, wound up his second term of office by holding an excellent meeting at Charleston, W. Va., August 22. Among those who assisted in the initiatory ceremonies were Brothers F. H. Doyle and W. H. Wells, of Charleston, W. Va.; E. C. Colcord, of St. Albans, W. Va.; and R. H. Van Sant, of Ashland, Ky. The "Session on the Roof" was held at the Hotel Ruffer, and was a most elegant affair.

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Milwaukee, Wis.

Vicegerent J. J. Williams held a concatenation at Milwaukee, Wis., August 21, at which thirteen men were duly ushered into the light and prepared to enjoy the Annual Meeting. The Vicegerent was rendered valuable assistance by Brothers Frank N. Snell, M. C. Moore, and other Milwaukee members. Brother E. R. Cooledge also added weight and dignity to the occasion.

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Seattle, Wash.

Vicegerent Victor H. Beckman, who is now Supreme Catechist, held a concatenation at Seattle, Wash., August 21, during the Elks' Carnival in that city. The town was thronged with visitors, and a large class showed up for initiation, the new kittens numbering twenty-three. The local paper had the following sprightly account of the meeting:

"The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was the principal feature of the carnival yesterday, and the devotees of the black cat had a howling time. Lumbermen were in the city from all over the Northwest; and as the best things going are none too good for them, they furnished a pretty good show.

"The parade in the morning was not on such an elaborate scale as some people who know the tendency of the lumbermen to do themselves proud had reason to expect, but there was a reason for it. The time was when the candidates for initiation to the Order were paraded through the streets in cages, strapped with chains to a log; but, by a decree handed down by the Grand Snark, all that was done away with, and no public display is allowed. The refined tortures of the candidates are now confined to the lodge room; so the parade yesterday showed the members of the Hoo-Hoo clad in somber black robes and a tremendous dignity.

"Victor H. Beckman, besides being the Vicegerent Snark, acted yesterday as Grand Marshal of the parade. He presented an imposing front. The members were dressed for the occasion in long robes, with a black cat rampant on a white shield on the breast of each. They wore caps,

shaped like a Japanese lantern, looking decidedly chic and stylish.

"The three hundred or more members rode over the line of march in carriages and lumber wagons, and announced the approach of the Grand Marshal and his imposing front by numerous blasts from countless tin horns. Some of the lumber wagons were equipped with long seats, and furnished accommodations for forty or more of the black-robed figures.

"Wagner's Band followed the Grand Marshal, rendering lively marching music for the delegation of Elks in their white uniforms, who formed an escort of honor to the men in black. Queen Florence, on her sumptuous throne, added grace and beauty to the procession, her float being surrounded by a bodyguard of Elks. Leuben's Band followed, heading the honorable Hoo-Hoo. The hospital wagon brought up the rear of the procession. The kittens who were to be initiated after the parade found this wagon an interesting study. The wagon was loaded down with medical instruments, suggesting to the kittens the rare treat in store for them. Among the prominent lumbermen and members of the Order who added dignity to the procession were noticed: Senator R. D. Inman, of Portland; Henry McCormick, of McCormick; Frank B. Cole, of Tacoma; George Cornwall, of Portland; J. L. Mercer, of Spokane; George W. Reed, of Mount Vernon; J. H. Parker, of Pilechuck; G. K. Hiatt, of Edgcomb; Everett G. Griggs, of Tacoma; H. W. Bateman, of Whatcom; James E. Bell, of Everett; James Ferguson, of Arlington; H. J. Miller, of Chehalis; C. M. Boyer, of Centralia; F. J. Wood, of Fairhaven; O. M. Kellogg, of Hoquaim; and E. Walker Foster, of Tacoma.

"After the parade a short business session was held, which recommended E. Clark Evans, of Seattle, for the next Vicegerent Snark of the State of Washington, the position now held by Victor H. Beckman. Mr. Beckman was recommended for a position on the Supreme Nine of the Order, to have charge of the States from Colorado to the Pacific Coast. The appointments will be made at the Annual Meeting of the Order to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., September 9. The recommendations are equivalent to an election, for there are more members of the Order in this State than any other section of the coast.

"The blind kittens to the number of twenty-three, in fear and trembling, awaited the royal mandate to appear before the throne of the Vicegerent Snark and be taught the mysteries connected with the figure '9.' The kittens had been regaled with stories (that lost nothing in the telling) of the tortures that awaited them inside, and they huddled together in the anteroom of Elks' Hall and sought comfort and safety in numbers.

"The concatenation was one of the most successful ever held in this section, for the reason that the kittens were so badly frightened that they were docile and tractable, and the team that put them through their paces was composed largely of ex-Vicegerent Snarks who are well up in the work. The kittens finished the ordeal with their eyes wide open, and, arrayed in black robes, they helped the fun out at the carnival grounds last night.

"Lumbermen's headquarters were opened at 315 First avenue, South, and a lunch was served all day there. The visitors included dealers and manufacturers from all parts of the State, and the affair took on the nature of a family reunion, with the social feature brought prominently forward. It has always been the custom for the Hoo-Hoo to close a concatenation with a banquet, but this time lunch was spread at headquarters so the members could put in an evening at the carnival grounds. There were one hundred and sixteen Hoo-Hoo from outside the city present, and there are something more than three hundred members in the city."

At this meeting the following resolutions were adopted on the death of Brother J. A. Miracle:

"Whereas the God of all nations, in the workings of his inscrutable wisdom, has removed from the ranks of the living our brother Hoo-Hoo, Joseph Alton Miracle; therefore be it

"Resolved, That we express by these tokens our loss and extend to the family of our dead brother and friend our sympathy and sorrow in their great loss; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent the family of the deceased.

"THOMAS H. CLAFFEY,
"FRANK B. COLE,
"R. D. INMAN,
"Committee."

Jacksonville, Fla.

Vicegerent H. H. Richardson, who has served the Order faithfully for two terms, held a fine meeting at Jacksonville, Fla., August 26, at which ten regular members and one life member were added to the rolls. The local paper said of this meeting:

"The concatenation of the Hoo-Hoo last night at Wolfe's Casino was a howling event and a great success. The initiation of the new candidates was the event of the evening, for which elaborate preparations had been made. The ceremonies began promptly at nine minutes after 9 o'clock, and it was shortly before 2 A.M. when the old members and the new ones sat down to enjoy an elaborate collation, the festivities terminating when dawn began to break. The officers who took part were: Snark, H. H. Richardson; Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. B. Stillwell; Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. S. Hammatt; Scrivener, H. T. Barker; Custodian, F. H. Elmors; Jabberwock, D. A. Campbell; Bojum, J. P. Lynch; Gurdon, M. H. Haughton; and Arcanoper, J. E. Borden. These officers were ably assisted by Sam. K. Cowan, of the 'Southern Lumberman,' of Nashville, Tenn., and S. L. Chapman.

"Prominent among visitors was W. B. Stillwell, ex-Snark of the Universe."

In a letter to this office Brother Richardson says:

"Again the Jacksonville Hoo-Hoo have scored a brilliant and successful concatenation. I quote not my own words, but those spoken by Past Supreme Snark Stillwell, Sam. K. Cowan, and many other visitors from Georgia and neighboring States on Tuesday night. Everything passed off like a marriage feast. Splendid order was maintained, and many novelties were introduced which were devoid of rough horseplay and indecency, but chock full of fun and mirth. One of the candidates told me after the ceremonies were over that he would not have missed it for a thousand dollars. We had ten prominent lumbermen and business men who threw themselves into the occasion like a lot of school-boys, and I thoroughly believe they enjoyed themselves as much as we old cats did. At the 'Session on the Roof,' which was served in fine style by J. H. Wolfe, proprietor of the Casino, in this city, and at whose theater we held the concatenation, toasts were proposed as follows: 'Our Georgia Brethren,' Snark Stillwell; 'The Lumber Press,' S. K. Cowan."

Orange, Texas.

Vicegerent J. S. Bonner held a concatenation at Orange, Texas, August 23, at which the initiates numbered twenty-four. Here is an extract from the local paper's account:

"The Hoo-Hoo concatenation held in Orange Saturday night was a grand success from beginning to end. A special containing two coaches came over from Beaumont shortly before 9 o'clock, with about fifty members and a number of candidates aboard. Immediately upon their arrival the Orange Hoo-Hoo and visitors marched in a body onto a big barge which Mr. C. F. Fannewitz had rigged for the occasion. The barge was towed down the river for a short distance, and at a given signal the lookers on shore were rewarded with a pyrotechnic display seldom seen. The many-colored light and the bursting of the Roman candle in mid air presented a scene of indescribable beauty, and for an hour night was made bright as day.

"When the barge again anchored at her wharf, the Hoo-Hoo, followed by its trembling kittens, twenty-four in number, adjourned to the Eagles' lodge rooms and prepared for the initiation, which shortly followed. Within a circle in the outer darkness sat twenty-four trembling mortals, each with a particular emotion of his own; while within the mystic circle, where none but Hoo-Hoo tread, sat the initiated, planning such things as only Johnnie Bonner and Hoo-Hoo can plan and execute. John Bonner, by the way, is Vicegerent for Southern Texas; and, to use the parlance of the day, he is a 'crack-a-jack.' As a man, Johnnie is prince of good fellows; as a Hoo-Hoo—well, they simply do not make them any better.

"At the conclusion of the initiatory ceremonies the party again adjourned to the barge, where a banquet had been prepared under the supervision of Col. W. S. Eden, proprietor of the Holland. Here the Hoo-Hoo sat by the side of long tables prepared for the occasion, and they did justice to a spread fit for the gods. Herein has Colonel Eden surely shown us his forte—everything done to a nicety; flavoring,

exquisite. In fact, Orange has never had anything quite like it.

"At about 3 A.M. the stress of the night's work began to make itself felt, and one by one the party thinned; and finally the Beaumont contingent boarded their special and left for home amid the cheers of those who remained."

St. Louis, Mo.

Vicegerent George E. Watson's concatenation at St. Louis, Mo., September 4, was rather an impromptu affair, but very enjoyable withal. It took place at the Mercantile Club; and while the class was not large numerically, it was composed of exceptionally good men.

Buffalo, N. Y.

Vicegerent O. E. Yeager, whose title now is that of Supreme Jabberwock, rounded up his year's work with a concatenation at Buffalo, September 2. Twelve good men went in at this meeting.

Des Moines, Ia.

Vicegerent J. Moetzel, who has held the office for two years and has done most excellent work, added to his laurels at the concatenation at Des Moines, Ia., September 6. In a letter accompanying the report of this meeting Vicegerent Moetzel says:

"We brought to light sixteen kittens, and held our 'Session on the Roof' at the Kirkwood Hotel. Each of the officers shown participated actively and efficiently in the working, and I wish to bespeak for them the credit they are entitled to. We endeavored to conduct the initiations strictly in accordance with the letter and spirit of our instructions. The bill of fare was of the Bohemian order, and one, we think, which could not be subject to criticism from any standpoint. Our candidates are, we think, in every case, men of unquestioned standing; and while we did expect some four or five additional candidates, we believe that, on the whole, Hoo-Hoo has reason to be well satisfied."

Whatcom, Wash.

The concatenation at Whatcom, Wash., September 9, was the Washington Hoo-Hoo "State Annual Meeting," and was very largely attended. The holding of this meeting wound up Brother Victor H. Beckman's brilliant career as Vicegerent, he having held ten concatenations during his term of office and initiated one hundred and fifty-two men.

Lufkin, Texas.

The concatenation at Lufkin, Texas, August 30, completed Vicegerent J. S. Bonner's remarkable record of work. Twenty-three men were initiated, and the occasion was an exceedingly enjoyable one in every way.

Greenville, Miss.

The first concatenation of this Hoo-Hoo year was held at Greenville, Miss., September 24. It was worked up largely through the efforts of Mr. J. L. Strickland, who was one of the class of initiates. In the absence of the Vicegerent, Brother W. G. Harlow was designated to take charge of this meeting; and Brother Sam. K. Cowan, whose red head has become a sort of orisamme of Hoo-Hoo, so to speak, occupied the station of Junior. A class of eight was initiated.

Hymeneal.

Mr. Sam. K. Cowan, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Floy Paschall, of Florence, Ala., will be married at the home of the bride's parents October 16. The wedding will be a very quiet affair, and only relatives and a few close friends will witness the ceremony. After an extended bridal tour, Mr. and Mrs. Cowan will be at home at Nashville. Probably there is no young man in the Order who has more friends than Brother Cowan, and no man—young or old, in Hoo-Hoo or out of it—is possessed of a greater

number of good qualities. The bride-elect is a former resident of Nashville, and is possessed of a high degree of literary and artistic culture, as well as personal charms, and her return to Nashville will be a source of great pleasure to her many friends here. "The Bulletin" extends to Mr. and Mrs. Cowan hearty good wishes.

Obituary.

The following press dispatch appeared in the Louisville "Courier-Journal" of October 2, and refers to the tragic death of Brother L. L. Hunter (No. 2743), whose life was lost in a steamboat accident last April:

"Cairo, Ill., October 1, 1902.—The ghoulish souvenirs of the tragedy which ended the lives of L. L. Hunter and L. B. Magill, the wealthy Tideoute (Pa.) lumberman who lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer City of Pittsburgh, were brought here to-night by the two men who discovered the remains. They consisted of the two watches, a knife bearing the word 'Tideoute,' a button with the name of a Tideoute clothier, and a Hoo-Hoo button. There is no doubt about the identification being complete. One of the watches stopped at 4:38 o'clock, which was the time the destruction of the steamer occurred. The bodies were buried under three feet of mud, and the heads were entirely burned away. The position of the bones of the spinal column, one above another, would indicate that the men were standing up when death came to them. They were in the extreme rear of the boat, and, when found, were underneath some hog chains. The bones were gathered up and will be sent to Tideoute.

"Hayes Dunning and William Linegar, who made the discovery, have been in search of the remains for months under pay of relatives of the dead men.

"Mr. Magill carried \$50,000 life insurance; Mr. Hunter carried \$30,000."

Brother W. B. Linn (No. 6126) died at East Sandy, Pa., April 19. Quite a little time elapsed before his death was reported to this office, and we are not now possessed of full details. The cause of his death was pulmonary tuberculosis, and his last illness was quite brief.

William Boyd Linn was born at East Sandy, Pa., August 15, 1867, and most of his adult life was spent in the lumber business.

Brother W. A. Allbaugh (No. 2711) died suddenly of Bright's disease at his home, at Massillon, O., August 3. The funeral ceremonies were conducted by the local lodge of Elks.

Walter Allen Allbaugh was born at Tiffin, O., December 27, 1871, and at an early age engaged in the lumber business. He became a member of Hoo-Hoo at Cincinnati, O., January 22, 1895.

Brother H. I. Smith (No. 3408) died at Canby, Minn., April 20, 1902, pneumonia being the cause of his death.

Harvey Israel Smith was born in Rensselaer County, N. Y., August 26, 1830. He removed to Wisconsin with his parents when but thirteen years of age, and grew to manhood there, afterwards locating in Gilman, Ia., where he resided at the time of his death. At the time he was attacked by the fatal illness Brother Smith was on a business and pleasure trip to Minnesota and South Dakota.

To All Members.

Special Notice.

After January 1 next members delinquent for two or more years will not be allowed, upon reinstatement, to resume their old numbers. They can be reinstated all right enough, but they cannot take back their original numbers. Members are requested to mention this fact to any of their friends who may be suspended.

Reports of Concatenations.

No. 807. Charleston, W. Va., August 22, 1902.

Snark, E. Stringer Boggess.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Wells.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. C. Colcord.
Bojum, F. Fowler.
Scrivenoter, F. H. Doyle.
Jabberwock, R. H. Van Sant.
Custocatian, F. H. Doyle.
Arcanoper, J. C. Miller.
Gurdon, Huntington Fitch.

9432 Augustus Charleston Baird, Charleston, W. Va.
9433 Leonia Edgar Burdette, Charleston, W. Va.
9434 Adam Porter Conway, Porter, W. Va.
9435 Ralph Clay Gerhart, Clay, W. Va.
9436 John Edward Meadows, Charleston, W. Va.
9437 Whitney Lee Savage, Charleston, W. Va.
9438 Samuel Longrule Stephenson, Charleston, W. Va.

No. 808. Milwaukee, Wis., August 21, 1902.

Snark, Frank N. Snell.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Donald Fraser.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, A. A. Teel.
Bojum, E. R. Cooledge.
Scrivenoter, F. M. Snaveley.
Jabberwock, W. C. Frye.
Custocatian, George P. Noble.
Arcanoper, W. C. Moore.
Gurdon, Richard H. Wallrath.

9439 Clarence Woodford Bill, Milwaukee, Wis.
9440 Fay L. Cusick, West Allis, Wis.
9441 Edgar Northrope Dickson, Milwaukee, Wis.
9442 Charles George Foster, Milwaukee, Wis.
9443 Daniel Martin Gulebert, Milwaukee, Wis.
9444 William Albion Jenkins, Pittsburgh, Pa.
9445 Charles Henry Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
9446 Thomas F. Neville, Milwaukee, Wis.
9447 Willard Sheridan Paden, Chicago, Ill.
9448 George William Whitehouse, Milwaukee, Wis.
9449 Charles Tudor Williams, Cleveland, O.
9450 Wilmer Busy Stieg, Milwaukee, Wis.
9451 John Teuton Schulte, Cincinnati, O.

No. 809. Seattle, Wash., August 21, 1902.

Snark, Victor H. Beckman.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. D. Inman.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Claffey.
Bojum, John L. Mercer.
Scrivenoter, E. H. Lewis.
Jabberwock, W. J. Corbin.
Custocatian, Francis Rotch.
Arcanoper, R. J. Little.
Gurdon, G. W. Reed.

9452 Bernard Francis Bird, Monroe, Wash.
9453 Charles Francis Boyd, Seattle, Wash.
9454 Alson Lannon Brown, Seattle, Wash.
9455 Lymon W. Brundage, Seattle, Wash.
9456 Lester William Davis, Blaine, Wash.
9457 Thomas Edward Davis, Edmonds, Wash.
9458 Alfred Curtis Finney, Tacoma, Wash.
9459 Frank Howard Folsom, Seattle, Wash.
9460 Richard Alexander Grayson, Tacoma, Wash.
9461 Edward Reed Ingersoll, Seattle, Wash.
9462 Charles Wilson Jennings, Seattle, Wash.
9463 Samuel Lester Lanig, Seattle, Wash.
9464 Hugh W. McCroery, Seattle, Wash.
9465 John P. McGlaudlin, Seattle, Wash.
9466 Frederick Winfield Newell, Seattle, Wash.
9467 Edwin Fuller Nudd, Centralia, Wash.
9468 Francis William Pinches, Tacoma, Wash.
9469 Hal Harlow Philbrick, Seattle, Wash.
9470 Henry Weed Rowley, Seattle, Wash.
9471 James Hotalr Sobey, Ballard, Wash.
9472 Jesse Ovid Birn Stuart, Fremont, Wash.
9473 Charles Richard Wilcox, Seattle, Wash.
9474 Thomas Harrison Williams, Snohomish, Wash.

No. 810. Jacksonville, Fla., August 26, 1902.

Snark, H. H. Richardson.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, William B. Stillwell.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, C. S. Hammott.
Bojum, J. P. Lynch.
Scrivenoter, S. L. Chapman.

Jabberwock, D. A. Campbell.
Arcanoper, J. E. Borden.
Gurdon, W. H. Haughton.

9475 Alfred Tredwell Borden, Jacksonville, Fla.
9476 Eugene Castoria De Bogory, Jacksonville, Fla.
9477 George Washington Dean, Crescent City, Fla.
9478 Louis Fleming Drysdale, Jacksonville, Fla.
9479 Arthur Clement Harris, Jacksonville, Fla.
9480 Noyes Cunningham Long, Lake City, Fla.
9481 John Herbert Rafferty, Jacksonville, Fla.
9482 Frank Foulke Waller, Jacksonville, Fla.
9483 Harry Suwannee Walters, Jacksonville, Fla.
9484 James Richmond Walsh, Jacksonville, Fla.
Life Member No. 8 Eugene Edgar West, Westlake, Fla.

No. 811. Orange, Texas, August 23, 1902.

Snark, D. Tramway Call.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Norris.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. D. Bettis.
Bojum, John B. Goodhue.
Scrivenoter, George Call.
Jabberwock, H. A. Stone.
Custocatian, H. G. Miller.
Arcanoper, Charles A. Gunstream.
Gurdon, C. F. Pannewitz.

9485 Adolph Planer Balersky, Orange, Texas.
9486 Albert Sizer Bischoff, Orange, Texas.
9487 John Hillary Campbell, Orange, Texas.
9488 Anthony Everett Carland, Beaumont, Texas.
9489 Henry Abraham Crager, Orange, Texas.
9490 James Knothole Crawford, Orange, Texas.
9491 John Redheart Davidson, Orange, Texas.
9492 Morgan Gwalchmai Davies, Orange, Texas.
9493 Nicholas Amos Dawson, Orange, Texas.
9494 Ewell Vernon Folsom, Orange, Texas.
9495 Ewell Price Gardner, Juanita, La.
9496 John Edward Hockey, Orange, Texas.
9497 George Dennis Jones, Orange, Texas.
9498 Charles May Hunt, Orange, Texas.
9499 Archibald W. Looney, Beaumont, Texas.
9500 Archibald Stewart McNeill, Orange, Texas.
9501 Patrick Henry O'Day, Orange, Texas.
9502 Iredell Drew Polk, Beaumont, Texas.
9503 Joseph O. Shelby Russell, Vinton, La.
9504 Percy Vaughan Senstrunk, Orange, Texas.
9505 Arthur Ransom Sholars, Orange, Texas.
9506 Charles Evert Slade, Orange, Texas.
9507 Gus Alexander Vandervoot, Beaumont, Texas.
9508 Lovelace Lady Wall, Orange, Texas.

No. 812. Lufkin, Texas, August 30, 1902.

Snark, J. S. Bonner.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Thomas Waties.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Norris.
Bojum, E. A. Foust.
Scrivenoter, Charles A. Newlinz.
Jabberwock, H. H. Thompson.
Custocatian, R. W. Wier.
Arcanoper, Archibald McDonald.
Gurdon, D. T. Morton.

9509 William Allen Baker, Pollock, Texas.
9510 Charles Ross Ball, Rockland, Texas.
9511 Norman Lufkin Belk, Lufkin, Texas.
9512 Charles Land Bonner, Lufkin, Texas.
9513 Charles Louis Bonner, Lufkin, Texas.
9514 William Henry Bonner, Lufkin, Texas.
9515 John Hiram Buchanan, Lufkin, Texas.
9516 James Franklin Butts, Lufkin, Texas.
9517 John Washington Chandler, Lufkin, Texas.
9518 Peter Joseph Dunne, Lufkin, Texas.
9519 Charles Sweden Frederick, Diboll, Texas.
9520 William Jane Frost, Lufkin, Texas.
9521 Charles Goodrich Gribble, Lufkin, Texas.
9522 Samuel Elisha Lingard, Diboll, Texas.
9523 Patrick Cleburne Lipscomb, Carmona, Texas.
9524 James Bonham McConico, Lufkin, Texas.
9525 Bailey Crookes Peyton, Lufkin, Texas.
9526 Frank Woolfolk Scott, Lufkin, Texas.
9527 Thomas Jefferson Siddon, Diboll, Texas.
9528 Joseph Alonzo Smith, Memphis, Tenn.
9529 Robert Bradshaw Tucker, Diboll, Texas.
9530 Milbourn Palmer Walker, Emporia, Texas.
9531 Watson Auburn Walker, Diboll, Texas.

No. 813. St. Louis, Mo., September 4, 1902.

Snark, George E. Watson.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, C. M. Jennings.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, A. C. Ramsey.
Bojum, George K. Smith.
Scrivenoter, H. R. Schwartz.
Jabberwock, James E. Long.
Custocatian, C. J. Mansfield.
Arcanoper, Ben. Collins, Jr.
Gurdon, James E. Gatewood.

9532 Frank Carmen Brewer, St. Louis, Mo.
9533 Thomas Walker Fry, St. Louis, Mo.
9534 Nelson Wesley McLeod, St. Louis, Mo.
9535 Charles Ezra Neeley, St. Louis, Mo.
9536 Benton Hall Pollock, St. Louis, Mo.
9537 Calvin Leslie Robinson, St. Louis, Mo.
9538 Thomas Calvin Whitmarsh, St. Louis, Mo.

No. 814. Buffalo, N. Y., September 2, 1902.

Snark, C. H. Stanton.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, Orson E. Yeager.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. B. Wall.
Bojum, Curt M. Treat.
Scrivenoter, M. M. Wall.
Jabberwock, A. J. Chestnut.
Custocatian, Edw. S. Christianson.
Arcanoper, V. S. Woolley.
Gurdon, C. H. Buck.

9539 Philip Ray Allen, East Walpole, Mass.
9540 Julius Caesar Dietz, Buffalo, N. Y.
9541 James Knox Polk Gardner, Ridgway, Pa.
9542 Henry William Kalt, New York, N. Y.
9543 Robert Frederick Kreinheder, Buffalo, N. Y.
9544 Charles Edward Lockhart, Ridgway, Pa.
9545 Albert Antonius Mason, Buffalo, N. Y.
9546 Gilbert Band Re-saw Oldham, New York, N. Y.
9547 Douglas Round Park, Salamanca, N. Y.
9548 Milton Dry Stone, Jamestown, N. Y.
9549 Frederick Hammer Stout, Albany, N. Y.
9550 Carlton Ephraim Yates, Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 815. Des Moines, Ia., September 5, 1902.

Snark, J. Moetzel.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. A. Getchell.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, George K. Gibson.
Bojum, R. A. Belding.
Scrivenoter, Thomas Tobin.
Jabberwock, Frederick H. Munn.
Custocatian, L. C. Ricker.
Arcanoper, A. B. Caswell.
Gurdon, Frederick S. Whiting.

9551 Ira Gibson Dewel, Des Moines, Ia.
9552 William Frank Garrison, Des Moines, Ia.
9553 Henry Frank Getchell, Des Moines, Ia.
9554 Lewis Wisconsin Gifford, Des Moines, Ia.
9555 Otto Ludwig Hedlund, Klerim, Ia.
9556 James King, Maxwell, Ia.
9557 Charles Wesley Laughlin, Bradgate, Ia.
9558 Frederick L. Lindell, Des Moines, Ia.
9559 Frederick Charles McMillan, Des Moines, Ia.
9560 Guy Eldred Martin, Chicago, Ill.
9561 Alfred Whitfield Moore, Des Moines, Ia.
9562 Horace Henry Reynolds, Des Moines, Ia.
9563 Rufus Irvin Scott, Des Moines, Ia.
9564 William Oscar Sloan, Des Moines, Ia.
9565 Elbert William Stone, Rock Island, Ill.
9566 Edward Hawkeye Weitz, Des Moines, Ia.

No. 816. Milwaukee, Wis., September 9, 1902.

Snark, A. H. Weir.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, W. H. Norris.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, George B. Maegley.
Bojum, James Brizzolara.
Scrivenoter, Alonzo L. Amner.
Jabberwock, Lucius E. Fuller.
Custocatian, George V. Deany.
Arcanoper, E. Blaisdell.
Gurdon, C. F. Braffett.

9567 David Edgar Crawford, Cedar River, Mich.
9568 Earle Hays Crawford, Cedar River, Mich.
9569 George Sluzger Dennis, Kalamazoo, Mich.
9570 Arthur Garfield Ellis, Milwaukee, Wis.
9571 Frederick John Erfert, Milwaukee, Wis.
9572 George Decatur Fellows, Racine, Wis.
9573 Harlan Page Hubbard, Indianapolis, Ind.

9574 Nye Corbett Jordan, Traverse City, Mich.
9575 Earl Oshkosh Kenyon, Oshkosh, Wis.
9576 Rutherford Hayes Macrorie, Davenport, Ia.
9577 Frederick Goodbelt Mahler, Milwaukee, Wis.
9578 Martin Joseph Bagley, Timpson, Texas.
9579 Joseph Slegmund Reik, Milwaukee, Wis.
9580 Frederick William Rockwell, Milwaukee, Wis.
9581 William Cooper Sargent, Milwaukee, Wis.
9582 William Alva Whitman, Marquette, Mich.
9583 Walter Thomas Wright, Marshfield, Wis.

No. 817. Whatcom, Wash., September 9, 1902.

Snark, Victor H. Beckman.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. A. Loggie.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Claffey.
Bojum, J. D. Rockey.
Scrivenoter, Cal. Welbon.
Jabberwock, W. J. Carlin.
Custocatian, H. W. Bateman.
Arcanoper, P. R. Keith.
Gurdon, W. M. Peltier.

9584 Charles Upright Burnett, Whatcom, Wash.
9585 R. Leopold Barr, Whatcom, Wash.
9586 George Casualty Fisher, Whatcom, Wash.
9587 Oscar Leslie Foss, Blaine, Wash.
9588 Nathaniel O. Hughey, Whatcom, Wash.
9589 George William Jarvis, Whatcom, Wash.
9590 John Reed Keane, Whatcom, Wash.
9591 John Anton Neher, Whatcom, Wash.
9592 Thomas Oren Metcalfe, Seattle, Wash.
9593 W. Numbertwoandbetter Morrison, Whatcom, Wash.
9594 Edward Terrill Nobles, Whatcom, Wash.
9595 Lewis Knothole Schwager, Seattle, Wash.
9596 Herbert Kirkland Selby, San Francisco, Cal.
9597 Ernest Cull Walker, Blaine, Wash.
9598 Carl Doubleblock Walters, Cedar Home, Wash.
9599 Joseph Frank Weber, Ingiewood, Wash.

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Snark, F. M. Smith.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, B. A. Tucker.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, Sam. K. Cowan.
Bojum, William Curphy.
Scrivenoter, W. G. Harlow.
Jabberwock, D. W. Evans.
Custocatian, J. D. Allen, Jr.
Arcanoper, H. A. Gorsuch.
Gurdon, T. R. Winfield.

9600 James Porter Bailey, Greenville, Miss.
9601 Malcolm Farinford Green, Greenville, Miss.
9602 Edward Joseph Nott, Cleveland, Miss.
9603 George T. Rice, Greenville, Miss.
9604 T. W. Starnes, Weldon, Miss.
9605 Jacob Leonidas Strickland, Greenville, Miss.
9606 William A. Tridell, Greenville, Miss.
9607 Henry Willis Watson, Lexington, Miss.

Hoo-Hoo Jewelry.

Every member of the Order is respectfully requested to cut out this article and file it away for reference. The price of the regulation lapel button is \$2.10. It can be purchased of the Scrivenoter, and from no one else. The price of the ladies' stick pin is \$1.60. The price of the Osirian Cloister lapel button is \$5.10 by registered mail.

If you lose your lapel button and desire a new one, you will have to buy it. Nor can we furnish backs or fronts of buttons that have lost those parts. To rig up an old button would cost as much as to buy a new one.

All Hoo-Hoo jewelry is sold for spot cash. The Scrivenoter has no authority to sell it in any other way. For prices on Hoo-Hoo brooches or "lucky pins," send for the "Special Jewelry Circular." It is worth reading if you contemplate giving your best girl a present. If desired, we will, without extra charge, wave our rabbit's foot over the brooch and speak a cabalistic word, thus starting into operation an occult law which is guaranteed to bring financial success to the purchaser, provided he will keep sober and work nine hours a day.

Along about December 21 several hundred men will suddenly decide to give a Hoo-Hoo pin, brooch, or souvenir spoon as a Christmas present. Some of these articles will not reach them in time, and there will be brimstone in the air. Members are urged to make up their minds a little further in advance. Do not order jewelry by wire, unless you telegraph the price along with the order.

No jewelry is sent out on approval. All jewelry is guaranteed to give satisfaction, or the money will be refunded. This does not mean that a new pin will be sent to replace one that you have had for several months. If you buy a pin that is not satisfactory, return it immediately, with a courteous letter stating this fact.

Please remember that the Scrivenoter is the executive officer of Hoo-Hoo, not the judicial or legislative. It is his business not to make rules, but to obey the instructions given him by the Supreme Nine. If you receive a polite letter from this office stating that no jewelry is sent out except on cash orders, be calm and reflect that we should have to hire another bookkeeper if all our nine thousand members were to buy pins on credit.

Every piece of jewelry sent out from this office must bear the Hoo-Hoo number of the purchaser. We engrave the number without extra charge.

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The Practical Side.

The men whose Hoo-Hoo names appear in the notices below are out of work and want employment. This is intended as a permanent department of THE BULLETIN, through which to make these facts known. It is, or should be, read by several thousand business men who employ labor in many varied forms, and it can be made of great value in giving practical application to Hoo-Hoo's central theme of helping one another. It is hoped the department will receive very careful attention each issue.

WANTED—A position as saw filer or planing mill man. Have had twenty years' experience, and can give good references. Address "Saw Filer," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Situation as mill builder and runner. Can give the best of reference. Twenty years' experience in building concentrators and saw milling. Have the ability to execute plans of any kind, and first-class in arranging machinery for convenience and labor saving. Can furnish plans for all work. South preferred. Address B. E., care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A position by an experienced lumber bookkeeper; an all round office man. Address No. 7873, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

FOR SALE—A perfect Hoo-Hoo—A beautiful Jet Black, full blooded Angora male kitten, six months' old. Has large, bushy tail; fine pedigree. Name "Don Cesar De Bazan." Price \$20.00. Address Box 395, Indianapolis, Ind.

WANTED—A first-class planing mill foreman, one who thoroughly understands the Southern Lumber Manufacturers' Association grades. Ford & Isbell, Fort Worth, Texas.

WANTED—Superintendent for sash and door factory, one that can do estimating. Box 5, West Monroe, La.

WANTED—Position as salesman, shipping clerk or inspector for some wholesale lumber firm, or will take management of retail yard in some thriving town; have had seventeen years' experience in the wholesale and retail manufacturing business, and am acquainted with all the details. Address (3301) Lock Box 652, Winchester, Ky.

Wanted—Position as salesman for good saw mill machinery house. Have had years of experience and know the trade. Address "Capitol," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as buyer of yellow pine and hardwoods in the South. Am acquainted with manufacturers in all the Southern States, and understand the lumber business in all its branches from stump to consumer. Address, No. 116, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as planing mill foreman. Fifteen years' experience. Thirty-four years of age. Best of reference. Address No. 5006, Tloga, P. O., La.

WANTED—Position as buyer for some good lumber concern. Am well acquainted with mill men in Virginia and North Carolina. Can give the best of references. Address, "Washington," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as buyer for good firm. Acquainted with practically all the mill men throughout North Carolina and Virginia. Have had fourteen years' experience in the lumber business. Address, J. A. T., care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position in yellow pine business. Have spent many years in the South, and understand the lumber business from stump to finish. Good references. Address, "G. E. F.," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position by circular sawyer; have had five years' experience in yellow pine mills in the South. Am strictly moral and sober. Best of references. Address W. L. Walker (6696), Wellman, Miss.

WANTED—By an experienced yellow pine lumberman, position as buyer or inspector. Good references. Address, No. 5694, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Business connection, by thoroughly competent lumberman, experienced in both hardwoods and yellow pine; prefer the latter. Can handle correspondence, and am fair accountant. Know the trade thoroughly. Address "Lumberman," care of J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position to buy long-leaf or short-leaf pine in the Virginia or Carolina. Can get anything from 1 inch up to 12 x 12, and in any length. I know the mills. Address No. 7786, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as lumber buyer. Am acquainted with mills in Georgia, Florida and Alabama. Thoroughly competent. Good references. Address, "Georgia," care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position as office man with lumber concern. Good accountant, and can handle correspondence. Familiar with the lumber business. Good references. Address O E P., care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—A first-class experienced saw mill salesman, one familiar with Southern trade, and capable of making estimates and mill plans. Address 3335, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—One or two machine men, also a shipping clerk for planing mill. In the machine men, we need band and scroll sawyers, planer man, and molder man. Buell Planing Mill Company, Dallas, Texas.