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MINUTES

OF THE

Tenth Hoo-Hoo Annual

HELD AT

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

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

The only incident to mar the perfect enjoyment of the meeting was the unfortunate elevator accident, in which Snark Stillwell, and Mrs. C. D. Loane, of Plymonth, N. C., were quite seriously injured and a number of others rather badly shaken up. The accident occurred Sunday morning. just as the occupants of the clevator were coming down from the dining room on the sixth floor. The elevator, owing 10 some failure of the brake to work properly, jell for a distance of about two floors, when the safety or automatic stons brought it to a standstill almost as suddenly and with as great a shock as though it had struck the hasement floor, It was some minutes before the occupants could be taken ont, and the suffering of the injured ones was severe in the extreme. Snark Stillwell was injured in the chest and the lower extremities, while Mrs. Loane had an ankle terribly sprained. Both were practically confined to their rooms during their stay in Norfolk, except when Snark Stillwell. with characteristic pluck, insisted on being removed from his bed to the convention half in a roller chair. He was present in the half every day, but only for a short time, usually, and even this caused him intense suffering.

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

The following are the full stenographic minutes of the meeting:

MONDAY'S SESSION.

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

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

COL. McLEOD:—I think I come in for the benediction. 408:—Dr. Dudley is to deliver the prayer.

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

Dr. Dudley's Prayer.

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

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

MEMBER:-Col. Edwards and Mr. Potter.

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

(The audience stood while singing "America").

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

Lawyer Venable's Address.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Hoo-Hoo Weir's Response.

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

As I listened to the cloquent gentleman, a quotation of Scripture came into my mind—"Forgive him, for he knows not what he does." (Laughter). He does not know the Hoo-Hoo as well as I do. When I came to the city I gathered my valuables together and deposited them with the hotel proprietor, and told him that there were so many black eats here that 1 did not know what I might do. One of my friends told me it was in order to secure my lodging. (Laughter). If this gentleman had known to whom he was opening the beautiful city, it was well the did not know what he was doing, and it was well the people of Norfolk did not know what they were doing when they threw the city open to this gathering. Had they known it we would have come and found Norfolk as Napoleon found Moscow—deserted, and the women running and screaming into the woods. We are here, gentlemen, and he has given us the city, and if we don't take possession and make him glad when we are gone I don't know Hoo-Hoo. Speaking for the Southern representatives, I do not be-

Speaking for the Southern representatives, I do not believe that any words of welcome are necessary to you. You know the world-wide reputation of Southern and Virginia hospitality. (Applause). Whenever it has been my pleasure to come among them there is no people in this country who have treated me more cordially and who have greeted me more tenderly with the hand of friendship. To us from the North it is particularly gratifying, and while interests In our section seemed to favor another locality I was glad to come here because I knew the welcome that awaited me, and I believe I voice the sentiment of every man when I say we are glad to be here. (Applause). We are glad to have all these courtesies extended to us, and we come here for a week, in my judgment, of unalloyed happiness, and if we do not get it, and get it twice, my experience will be different from what it has been.

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

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

Capt. McCarrick's Address.

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

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

Mr. Walker's Response.

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

ing deliberations.

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

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

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

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

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

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

of thirsty humanity. (Applause).

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

Mr. Duke's Welcome.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Barns' Response.

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

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

"It's a Snark!" was the sound that first came to their ears,

And seemed almost too good to be true, Then followed a torrent of laughter and cheers; Then the ominous words "It's a Boo—"

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

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

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

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

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

Addressing our Snark, I want to read a few more lines: "Dost know, proud monarch, that your time will swiftly

That homage quickly fleets, and that the sum Of deference paid by others is but dusty dross; that the hum and Hoo-Hoo-iny

Both pleasing and delightful to our earthly king, Are like unto proverbial treasures which take wing When comes the passing?

Already we who gave to you this earthly grace Lay plans for your translation to the place Where Snarks are quietly and peacefully laid away, and the pace Which we will set Will fairly curl your whiskers. We will let

The shricking, gnashing hordes and Past Snarks pay their

When comes your passing.

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

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

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

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

Col. McLeod's "Benediction."

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

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

If I may be personal for a moment, the better part of my life was passed in a state which Virginia has no need to be ashamed to call her sister, but I owe a deep and lasting obligation to Virginia from the fact that she gave me one of her daughters ,and therewith the whole family kin-inlaw with an unlimited number of cousins (three thousand to date-and some of the distant counties not heard from). (Laughter). You know in this part of the country no one comes from a village or a city, but they come from "Orange' or from "Dinwiddie"—they own a whole county.

Something was said about a member of the House of An-

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

Now, gentlemen—ladies and gentlemen, pardon me—and

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

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

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

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

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

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

Norfolk, Virginia, September 7, 1901.

Mr. A. II. Potter, Sec'y, Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir:-Through you I wish to extend to the visiting members of the Concatenated Order of "Hou-Hou" during their visit to Norfolk, the courtesy of the rooms of the Board of Trade and Business Men's Association. Hoping that many will avail themselves of the privilege of the rooms, I remain. Yours truly. E. E. Dawes, Secretary,

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

Norfolk, Va., September 7, 1001.

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

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

Very respectfully.

Edmund Christian, General Manager.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The First Business Session.

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

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

The Snark's Annual Report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

health, activity and natural aptitude of any one man.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fourth. That some action be taken in regard to the limit of membership. To avoid an increase of the original limit numbers now lapsed or forfeithed must soon be re-used. The re-use of such numbers as are made vacant by death has been objected to on sentimental grounds, and 1. for one, am not disposed to go counter to this feeling. And the re-use of numbers once held by members now expelled is also objectionable on the ground of confusing new and worthy brothers with the former unworthy holders of such numbers. This objection, however, can be obviated by a suitable prefix, and I recommend that provision be made at this annual for the use of such numbers as soon as our limit is reached, using as a prefix to each such number our total of 9,999, thus clearly indicating its use subsequent to the limit, for its use precedent to the limit.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Scrivenoter's Report.

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Bworn and subscribed to before me Sept. 5, 1901. O. H. Shiffids. Notary Public.

It will be observed from the above that our net balance falls considerably below that reported at Dallas, which was the high-water mark of our surplus. This is due, in part, to the change made at Dallas whereby we now receive \$1.06 less on each man initiated than heretofore.

This has occasioned a large decrease in our receipts from an important source that can easily be figured. Another change that has decreased our revenue was that made in the matter of dues. When a man is initiated now the 99 cents he pays on dues account settles his dues for one year from the "nearest Hoo-Hoo day." Under this change a man initiated on the 10th day of March of any year pays his dues for eighteen months with in cents, and all the others initiated until Hoo-Hoo day pay dues for a greater period than a year with 99 cents. It should also be borne in mind that when our annual report was made at Dallas, the Permanent Relief Fund had to its credit a balance of \$1,000.49. This had been accumulated in two successive calls for voluntary contributions of 99 cents.
These calls had aggregated, up to the Dallas report, a total of \$1,843.82. The halance indicated above was then unexpended. No steps have been taken during this Hoo-Hoo year to re-plenish this fund, while disbursements of \$510 have reduced the balance to \$563.48. Since this permanent relief fund is embraced in my general financial report, the decrease in its balance reduces by that much my cash on hand. I heartily approve of the changes mentioned above, both as to dues and the increased allowance to the Vicegerents; but I call attention to the diminution thus effected in our revenue.

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The Handbook

Quite a good deal has been said from time to time about the heavy expenditures made for printing the annual handbook and the supplements thereto. The expense has grown to be very large and the difficulty of encompassing the book in a size suitable for the pocket has become greater and greater, necessitating the printing of the text of the book on very thin paper, made to order, and consequently of an expensive character. It has been further alleged that even with these steps taken, the book is not generally carried around by our members. I think this to a great extent is true. I would suggest Quite a good deal has been said from time to time about the bers. I think this to a great extent is true. I would suggest the discontinuance of the handbook in its present shape and that the contents of the present handbook he printed annually in one issue of The Hoo-Hoo Bulletin. To do this will require about 100 pages of the present size of The Bulletin ages. This number of pages would contain the Constitution and By-Laws, the alphabetical, numerical and state and city and By-Laws, the alphabetical, numerical and state and city lists, with other information now contained in the handbook. I would recommed that that particular issue of The Bulletin be known as the "Annual Handbook Number" and that it be bound substantially in paper. I would recommend that it be issued between Feb. 1 and April 1 of each year, and that in intervening issues, at reasonable intervale, be given not only the new men who have been initiated, but in some condensed form the changes of address that have occurred.

Since our Order has no local lodges, and since it has been always understood and continuously retireated that our hand-book is our only lodge room, I would oppose and protest against any proposition to entirely abolish the handbook. In my opinion, with our present system of keeping track of our members at some central office, to abolish the handbook would be to wipe out the nucleus of the mainstay of Hoo-Hoo; and if we are going to keep up the work of keeping track of the business addresses and business connections of all our members, a comparatively small additional expense would, in the way I have suggested, put this information in the hands of every member. Published in the way I have suggested, it would be admitted to the pound rate of postage at the post-office, and a very great saving in expense would be effected. Another great saving of expense would be in the matter of binding. To bind our handbook in leather, as it is now bound, and to put on each man's book in two places that man's paragainst any proposition to entirely abolish the handbook. In and to put on each man's book in two places that man's par-ticular number, involves a vast amount of work and expense that does not seem to be justified. Furthermore, to send out the handlook in its present shape requires a special clasp envelope that is in itself exponsive. Also since each man's hook bears that man's number, it is impossible to mail the books from the printed mailing list on the mailing machine, but each man's address has to be looked up and the envelope addressed by hand. I am aware that the contents of the handbook py limit. I am aware that the contents of the handbook printed in the way I have suggested could not be carried around in a man's pocket. I have only to say in reply that very few of the members carry around the handbook in its present shape. Most of them keep the book lying on their desk or in a drawer.

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I have not had an opportunity to secure competitive bids on getting out the handhook as an annual issue of The Bulletin, but I am a practical printer myself and I feel perfectly safe in saying that it would reduce the expense fully two-thirds, while at the same time putting the information more frequently and more accurately in the hands of our members. Those men having occasion to use the handbook extensively as a business directory or for other purposes could at a very moderate expense have the book bound in cloth. The average member, as slated, would simply keep it on his desk or at his home, and bound in the way I have suggested it would, in my opinion, serve every purpose. serve every purpose.

The Emblem.

I recommend that from this date forward the use of our emblem and the word "Hoo-Hoo" for advertising or for any other business purpose he absolutely prohibited. In the beginning it was the idea that to have the emblem used in advertising and in various business ways would serve as an advantageous advertisement of the Order. No doubt it did, and no doubt the present wide knowledge of the Order has been in a measure brought about in this way. It is apparent, however, that the use of the emblem has been abused. At any rate, with the correspondence now in the hands of the Snark, I feel that I am warranted in saying that it has occasioned no small amount of friction. I would exempt from this prohibition the privilege of using a small cut of the black cat on a man's personal or business card, but I would prescribe the exact form and shape in which the emblem should be used in this way. I make this recommendation in no dogmatic spirit, but in view of the correspondence that has passed through my office, I hope the matter will be fully discussed, when I believe the action I have recommended will

Resigned and Expelled.

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

In closing my report I have again to express my thanks for the able assistance rendered me by the other members of the Supreme Nine and by our corps of Vicegerents. If there has been a man connected with Hoo-Hoo in an official capacity during the past year who has not done his full duty as opportunity presented, I am not aware of it.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. BAIRD.

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

The Committees.

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MR. WEIR:—The Snark has handed me his list of committees, which, on his behalf, I will read to you.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws:

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W. E. Barns, Chairman	Missouri.
W. M. Stephenson	Minnesota.
M. A. Hayward	Ohio.
J. B. Wall	New York.
G. W. Schwartz	Missouri.
B. F. Cobb	
E. M. Vietmeier	. Pennsylvania.

Committee on Good of the Order.

A.	H.	Weir, Chairman	Nebraska.
B.	M.	Bunker	Pennsylvania.
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Auditing Committee.

D. T. Call,	Chairman	Texas.
F. R. Hyma	ın	Carolina.
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Committee on Complaints.

Geo. W. Lock, Chairman	Louisiana.
Frank N. Snell	
F. A. Kirby	
W. C. Fellows	
H. H. Hemenway	

Committee on Resolutions.

A. D. McLeod, Chairman	
N. A. Gladding	Indiana.
I. E. Defebaugh	Illinois.
I. W. Long	New York.
J. E. Defebaugh J. W. Long Z. W. Whitehead	North Carolina

Press Committee

B. A. Johnson. Chairman	Illinois.
E. H. Defebaugh	Kentucky.
P. B. Walker, Jr	. Minnesota.
Geo. V. Denny	Georgia.
Sam K. Cowan	

MR. B. A. JOHNSON:—Is there a committee on ritual? SNARK STILLWELL:—No, sir; that is a regular committee.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I simply suggest that there should be a committee appointed on ritual, as you know there was a committee last year to create a junior committee, and they are ready to report, and there is a revision of the ritual, and I think a committee on ritual would be the properthing, but it would not be necessary to appoint it now.

THE SNARK:—I will appoint it to-morrow morning. (4714):—I move that the Snark's report and the Scrive-noter's report be referred to the proper committee.

MR. WEIR:—There is no one to refer these reports to unless the Scrivenoter—

(408):—I move that a committee be appointed to take up the reports of the Snark and Scrivenoter and refer the various recommendations to proper committees.

(2714):-I second the motion.

MR. WEIR:—The motion is that a committee be appointed to take up and report on these reports.

(The motion is adopted.)

SNARK:—I will announce as the committee to take charge of the reports, J. B. Wall, E. R. Cooledge and Charles H. Adams.

P. B. WALKER, JR.:—I want to call your attention to the fact that the Osirian Cloister hold their meeting at 2.30. The program does not say whether the trip about the harbor will leave about the same time or not; I hope to get some information on that subject. The Cloister members must be here. This is the annual meeting adjourned from the 8th. It is at 2.30, sharp, this afternoon in this hall.

About Charleston's Exposition.

AUGUST KOIIN:—I am from South Carolina. I have the pleasure of reading the following invitation from the Directory of the Charleston Exposition. The Charleston Exposition will be held on the 1st of January next, continuing for six months. It is to be no ordinary county or state fair, but something on a grand scale. All the exhibits of the United States government now at Buffalo will be moved to Charleston, and the exhibits of other countries will be there. I have the pleasure of offering the following letters from the Charleston Exposition:

"The Board of Directors of the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition Company desire to extend through you a cordial invitation to the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo to hold a meeting of your Order in Charleston during the time of the Exposition, namely, from December 1st. 1901. to June 1st, 1902.
"The scope of the Exposition being so wide, and the co-

The scope of the Exposition being so wide, and the cooperation already guaranteed from so many states, cities and Latin American countries, insuring exhibits and attendance far exceeding any other exposition heretofore held in the South, we feel that the members of your Order in accepting this invitation, if they can see their way clear to do so, can make a visit to the exposition not only interesting.

Gentlemen, it is not desired to have the convention meet there in September, as the Exposition will have closed then, but the purpose is to have a day selected when all who wish to come to Charleston may concentrate, and the members of the Order in that locality will take care of the entertainment. I have the pleasure of calling on Mr. Lumpkins.

Mr. Lumpkin Grows Eloquent.

MR. W. W. LUMPKINS:-Gentlemen and Ladies: I am no speaker. I am no orator. I am only a plain, blunt business man. I have wished sometimes that I were an orator, that I could reach out with a master's hand and stir human hearts, and make them throb and beat and burn. am the ugliest man in South Carolina. (Laughter). But I am not the ugliest man in Virginia. (Laughter). I have seven of the ugliest children you ever saw in your life (laughter), but I have seven of the best children a man ever raised on earth. I say it frankly, I say it truthfully, I say it honestly-I have seven of the hest children that were ever raised on this earth. They are so good and so afraid of doing wrong they won't do anything. I have to work for the whole family. (Laughter). I have four boys and three girls. My wife teaches the boys domestic affairs, as she does her girls, which is right and proper, and to show you how little sense my boys have, she took one little fellow not long ago and showed him how to run the kitchen and dining room, and showed him everything pleasantly and correctly. When she had finished she told him to boil water and he burnt the water. (Laughter).

As I said, I am from South Carolina-South Carolina, fair land of flowers. It was thus that she was hailed by the Spanish adventurer when he first caught sight of her lovely shores. I am glad I can claim South Carolina, and yet I love Virginia. My grandfather came from Virginia, and I can remember when, at his old home, he sat beneath the shade trees and told me the story of old Virginia. I can remember when I would stand by his knee and listen and he would part my hair from my forehead and bid me go to rest and think no more of those tales until to-morrow, and I do love Virginia. I love every foot of her sacred soil. I love her memory. I love her stories, I love her songs: I love all her heroes, and I love her women best of all. (Applause). We have invited the Hoo-Hoo to attend the South Carolina Exposition at Charleston. South Carolina will welcome you when you come. From her mountains. where spring the breezes, to the rivulets in the valleys. her people will welcome you. From the valleys where the church bell rings and her sons and daughters are happy in content and pleasure, they will welcome you. From her cities and her marts of trade, where business is going on night and day, she will welcome you. From the savannahs by the sea her people will welcome you. From the waves which wash the beach it will be a song of welcome. Charleston, historic old Charleston! I have been there, and no people on earth are grander and nobler and truer than the people of Charleston. They will reach out their hands and

their hearts and bid you welcome should you come. They want you to come there, and give them a day, you people of the West and the North. They will make you welcome. It the West and the North. I ney will make you welcome. In need be they will divide with you their bread if they have it. If not, they will divide with you their sunshine, without money and without price. (Laughter). Charleston has its historic interests. Its history will tell you of a thoughter than the standard make a designation. sand heroic deeds, and tells us of ten thousand noble, glorious things. In the Revolution, when the stars and stripes were untolded to the breeze and darkness was upon the land, the great, great Jasper climbed, amid the din of can-non, the height and placed the stars and stripes, and to-day you can see where he placed it. You can see in Charleston in later years—I will not tell all the story, but Sumter is there; James Island is there, and Sullivan Island is there, but I will tell you one story. In the late unpleasantness I was there. I forget which side I was on-it don't matter-(Applause and laughter.) But there were gunboats out in the bay and batteries on the land, and there was but one target for the gunboats. It was the steeple of St. Michael's Church. Old St. Michael! All of you have heard on it, and have heard St. Michael's chimes. The old rector did not want to see the cannon shatter the storied windows, and as the steeple swayed and rocked he reeled and staggered to the church to try to save the bell, and just as he got to the steps one came and the old man sank down forever. He had as his ward a daughter of his friend who was dead and gone, and this girl was the sweetheart of his son, and this son was down at the battery. This girl, just in her teens, just in her splendid young womanhood, said she would save the bells, and she took the old negro who had pulled the bell, Old Uncle Ben, and up into the steeple they went; from rafter to rafter, and from crossbeam to stanchion she climbed. She had a rope with her, and Uncle Ben and she tied the rope to one bell, weighing fourteen hundred pounds, and her little white hands held it, and Uncle Ben, though his head was white, his hands held it and they let the bell down. Again from rafter to rafter and stanchion she went to another bell, and finally let them all down, and though that girl's hands were bleeding she held on until the great tenor bell—if you have not heard it, you should go and hear it-it rings out and makes your heart beat to music that you never heard before. It weighed eighteen hundred pounds and she tied that. Uncle Ben said, "Let's leave that, we can't hold it." "No!" Her lips set firm and stern, she tied it to the tenor bell. Like a flash of light it went until it tore the flesh from her hands, and Uncle Ben held it too. It landed safely, and down, down, down she went, and when they found her she had laid her cheek against the tenor bell, and there she had fainted, but she had saved the bells. (Applause).

Now, we want you to come to Charleston, we want you to set a day to come to Charleston, and we say to you the doors shall be open for you, for your wives and your daughters.

(Laughter)

I never saw an uglv man in my life that didn't have a pretty wife. I have a handsome wife. (Laughter and applause). And every man I see before me who is married must have a pretty wife. Those of you who are not married will have a pretty wife. (Laughter). There is one woman on earth that can make me do anything (laughter). She never yet made me do aught but what was right. (Applause. Cries of "Good"). Before her I bow with respectful deference and give her a husband's loyal love. (Applause). The sweetest songs ever heard are found in the human heart unsung and the grandest poems of earth are those in human lives unwritten, and if you will come to Charleston we will sing you songs sweeter than any that have been sung. will write poems for you sweeter than any that have been written. We hope you will come. You take away the prayer from the mother's knee and you depopulate heaven; you may take away the mother's advice from the daughter and she will drift to sea where the wreckers will find the dead, and you may take away that grand knightly courtesy which one Hoo-Hoo gives to another and you may as well disband your Order; but we know when we come to you with hearts overflowing and ask you to come to Charleston, we know you will come, and we feel we are not asking in vain. We reach out our hearts to you and ask you to come. I will take about three minutes longer and I am through. I am sorry I have worried you. (Laughter).

Contracts have been awarded for the following buildings— (here the speaker read from paper in his hands with indescribable rapidity, interpolating remarks of his own in a most comical way)—the Administration, Commerce, Agricultural, Cotton, Audito-jum, Minerals and Forestry, Machinery, Transportation, Woman's, Negro and Art Buildings. The Administration Building, in which all of the offices of the company are and will be located, is complete and partially occupied. The Cotton Palace, in which it is intended to exhibit the textile industries of the South, and some of the machinery used in the manufacture; a building 80 by 300 feet has been contracted for for \$35,000. (Laughter). I am telling vou what we are going to have. I am talking sense. We are to have the live stock department. And the Richmond Club has paid \$35 for the racing grivilege. (Laughter). My father always told me to tell the truth. He taught me that. I have never told a lie in my life—unless it was necessary. (Laughter). I never took a drink in my life unless I was by myself, with somebody, needed it or wanted it. (Laughter). Porto Rico and Cuba will be there. The entire government exhibit now at the Pan-American will be transferred to the Charleston Exposition on November 1st. Remember that that is an American Exposition (Applause), that the flag of the United States will wave there—no North, no South, no East and no West, but American, with the stars and stripes floating above you. (Applause). You people from Indiana and Illinois, you are as ugly as I am and you can't help it. (Laughter). I am sorry I detained you. I thank you. Mr. President.

(Great applause and cries of "Hurrah for South Carolina.")
ALL MEMBERS:—What's the matter with South Carolina? She's all right.

RESPONSE BY MEMBERS:-Who's all right?

ALL MEMBERS:-South Carolina.

MR. WEIR:—I understand that this closes our business, and we will now adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9.09, and we want to be here on time. (Motion to adjourn adopted).

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

MR. WEIR (2505):—Will the gentlemen come to order? I wish you would come forward and leave the seats for later comers. Come forward and you will hear better. I will ask Mr. Cobb and Mr. Schwartz to take the numbers, and Mr. Walker, will you take charge of the door and take the numbers of those who come in? I regret as much as any one the lateness in opening because many did not come over and the Scrivenoter is not here yet, but there is some business we can take care of any way.

MR. BARNS (3):—Would it not be well to have all of them come closer? There is much noise on the street, and there are plenty of chairs; there is no use to sit back in the room.

MR. WEIR (2505):—I wish you gentlemen would come forward. There is much noise in the street, and besides there will be room for those who come later. If there are any in the room who are not members they will please retire. The first order of business is a call for a resolution which Mr. Defebaugh wishes to present.

MR. J. E. DEFEBAUGH (6):—Snark and Brethren: We have a brief preamble and resolution which I know will meet with the hearty approval of all present, and I need not introduce it with any remarks, but I hope that all will heartily join in a vote adopting it so that there may be one unanimous expression of the body present.

A Ringing Resolution.

WHEREAS, for the third time in a period of but little more than three and a half decades, the Chief Executive of this nation has been shot down at the hands of an anarchist or by persons of anarchistic tendencies; and,

WHEREAS, in the calamity that has come to our beloved President, we, the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, representatives of the lumber and allied industries of every state and territory of this Union, apostles of "health, happiness and long life," and firm believers in good government, do sorrow with him, and if we might would cheerfully share with him the pangs of his suffering, and do

pray to Almighty God that his life may be spared; and, WHEREAS, we not only deplore, but view with the great-

est indignation and horror, a state of society in which it is possible that the lives of chosen executives should be constantly in danger from the attacks of members of this most noxious and dangerous clan, and the legitimate working out of its insane sophistries;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Order hereby memorializes Congress to enact laws and to provide penalties that shall stamp from the face of our land this unformatic and misguided class of beings, by prohibiting any gathering whatsoever at which anarchistic tenets are promulgated; prohibiting both the publication and the circulation of newspapers and documents containing such teachings; and prohibiting any plot against the life of any one holding high office in this or any other land; and provide penalties for the infraction of these laws that shall be the most severe known in civilized countries.

AND BE IT PURTHER RESOLVED that the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo extends to President William McKinley our sincere sympathy in this his hour of suffering, and most heartily felicitate him on his chances of recovery, made almost certain by his indomitable courage; and in the prospect that he may soon again be able to take up the reins of office, and continue in the wise guidance of the destinics of the nation. (Applause).

MR. WALKER (48):—I move the adoption of this resolution by a rising vote.

MR. LUMPKINS:—I second the gentleman's motion, and I feel in about one minute's talk it would not be wrong for me, an humble member of this convention, to say that I second that motion because President McKinley is an American citizen. He is as plain and humble as I am as far as citizenship is concerned. He is the President of the United States. There is no man in this great republic but who can be President if he has the brains. President McKinley—no matter what his politics are, I may have differed with him or I may not; that matters little, but I second that, and feel that it should come from every heart here this morning to respond in great, noble splendid impulse with the seconding of it, and that it should be passed unanimously.

MR. WEIR (2505):—You have heard the resolution, and the motion that it should be passed unanimously. Are you ready for the question?

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question.

MR. WEIR:—Those in favor will please rise.

(The convention as a whole arose.)

MR. WEIR:—It is not necessary to call for the contrary. MR. ALBERT BENJ. CONE:—A bulletin has been posted this morning, and thinking perhaps some of you had not seen it I will read it. "The following bulletin was issued by the President's physicians at 9 a. m. The President's condition this morning is eminently satisfactory to his physicians. If no complications arise a rapid convalescence may be expected. Pulse 104; temperature 99; respiration 24" (Applause).

MR. WEIR (2505):—We have no regular order of business, and I think it would be well to clear the deck of business carried over. The committee on the revision of ritual, represented by Mr. Platt B. Walker, has the report ready. If there is nothing else I will call for it.

MR. A. H. POTTER (892):—I would like to make one announcement. The excursion to Virginia Beach this afternoon, free to members and friends, will leave at 3:15, snarp, and cars marked "Virginia Beach and Norfolk & Western" in red letters will run to the Virginia Beach station every five minutes. They pass the Atlantic and Monticello Hotels. We want you to be prompt. We have engaged the train, and we have to leave promptly at 3:15 or we can't go. This is nothing but a family affair.

MR. B. A. JOHNSON (2):—Before we proceed any further with business, allow me to ask you to appoint seven or eight people, and have the ball and chain put on their ankles, to stay here and help me set the hall for to-night. I want to go on the excursion to Virginia Beach, and if they will stay here twenty minutes we can get through. I could miss

it, but I think I ought to go. I will roll logs and chop stumps and do anything, but I want to go.

MR. BARNS:—Is it not possible for all in the room to come up closer so that we may hear everything that is said? There are several reports of committees to be presented here. I know you can't hear in the back part of the room.

MR. SMART (5066):—I want to supplement the announcement Mr. Potter made in regard to the cars. The cars pass this way and not that.

MR. WEIR:-Mr. Walker, Chairman of Committee on

Report of Committee on Revision of Ritual.

(Mr. P. B. Walker (48) reads printed report as follows.) Before submitting any report we think it essential to briefly consider the reasons which led to the appointment of this committee. At the last annual meeting at Dallas Brother W. E. Barns presented an able paper calling attention to the very many serious abuses which had crept into our initiations, as well as the excesses and extravagances indulged in afterwards at the "sessions on the root." As a means of eliminating, or at least correcting, some of these faults Brother Barns advocated securing the entire services of some efficient member of the Order whose duties should be largely that of organizer, instructor and lecturer. As an economical measure he suggested that this office could very properly be combined with that of Scrivenoter. After some discussion it seemed to be the opinion of a majority of those present that some less expensive method might be devised whereby the initiations could be divested of many of the objectionable features complained of, and the candidate protected from indignities or personal violence. With this subject in view the Snark was authorized to appoint a committee of five to revise our present ritual, and especially prepare a ceremony to be rigidly adhered to in

the junior work.

This committee, appointed by the Snark, consisted of Platt
B. Walker, Jr., Minnesota; Cliff S. Walker, Kentucky; H.
H. Folk, Mississippi; J. H. Baird, Tennessee; W. H. McClintock, Iowa; and W. H. Ellis, Wisconsin. Early last fall the chairman entered into correspondence with the different members of this committee with a view, if possible, to secure an early conference. It was manifestly unreasonable to expect business men, engrossed in their own personal affairs, to travel long distances at their own expense, even for so worthy an object as serving our Order. It was hoped, however, that some business affairs in which they might be mutually interested would bring a majority of the members together during the year. Last June it seemed possible that a quorum could be secured at St. Louis, but because of the sudden illness of Brother C. S. Walker, and unexpected urgent business affairs detaining Brother H. H. Folk, only your Scrivenoter and the chairman were present at the conference. Owing to the peculiar duties assigned the committee a report must naturally be a joint affair or largely the work of an individual. As no concerted action was possible this report will have to be accepted as the work of the chairman rather than emanating from the com-

Before attempting to prepare a ritual of any character the first essential necessary is to consider by whom, where and under what conditions it will have to be exemplified. Our Order is unique in character and differs radically from the very many to be found in every community. There is no regular corps of officers either elected or appointed whose duty it is to officiate at any of our concatenations. Nowhere have we any regular or permanent lodge rooms. The trappings and paraphernalia incident to carrying on an initiation must be expensive and sufficiently limited to permit of its being easily transported long distances. These conditions effectually prevent any officer from memorizing or perfecting himself in our ritualistic work, of familiarizing himself with the duties which must be assigned to some one, usually without much warning. There is little or no opportunity for any rehearsals or altempt at concerted work, for which reason no elaborate, dramatic or spectacular effects are possible.

It would appear, therefore, useless and impracticable to formulate under these circumstances any but a simple ritual that can be read, and only such rules and stage directions laid down as can be easily executed and understood without serious thought or study.

The object, aim and intent of the second section of the

Hoo-Hoo initiation—usually designated as the junior work—is to furnish some innocent fun and amusement at the expense of the candidates. This is effected by subjecting them to a mild series of hazing, whereby they are made to appear either ludicrous or seriously embarrassed. Simple stereotyped questions to which uncertain or evasive answers can be expected will not entirely suffice. The paraphernalia and stage settings necessary to carry out many acts and features which could be devised or copied require considerable more money than the Order is able to allow. With the talent which must be depended upon, handicapped by reason of laving no competent instructor nor opportunity for rehearsal, anything in the way of a drama or of a spectacular character is also impossible.

These are some of the problems which confronted your committee when they endeavored to follow out your instructions. The report as submitted is far from satisfactory, and if you do not feel disposed to adopt any of the suggestions offered we shall not feel in the least aggreeved.

Some Peatures to be Abolished.

Much of the pleasure and enjoyment of an entertainment. particularly of the character of the junior section, depends largely on the ability to produce a variety of unexpected novelties and lend an air of mystery to every act; if possible, therefore, it seems advisable to utilize the wit and ingenuity of the officers in charge, within certain prescribed limits, which would insure that nothing disgraceful or objectionable should be introduced. With a view to widening the scope of the initiation beyond a regular printed programme we would suggest that some latitude be allowed the officer in charge. Certain acts and features which have heretofore appeared in some of our initiations should be strictly prohibited. While many of the features which we shall enumerate may have been successfully carried out and iurnish much iun and amusement, some of them should naver have been permitted, while others contain elements of danger to the candidate that might prove serious or even fatal. Where an officer deviates from the prescribed ritual a full report of his acts should be incorporated and sent to the Scrivenoter. By this means new features could be added to the ritual from time to time from those selected and approved by the proper officials.

The following are features and acts which we recommend to be abolished:

The parading of candidates through the streets for the purpose of making a spectacle of them, either fastened to a chain or astride of a log.

The sending of candidates down any wooden or canvass slide or chute.

The use or application of electricity in any form.

No ice or any excessively cold substance to be applied

to any candidate in any manner.

It shall not be proper to compel any candidate to expose

any part of his body to excessive heat.

No switches, sticks or paddles of any character shall be allowed to be used on the person of any candidate.

No concoction of injurious drinks of whatever nature

shall be given to the candidates.

No one shall be compelled to disrobe further than remove his coat, vest, necktie and collar.

The clothes of any of the candidates shall in no manner be marked or disfigured.

No tripping, pinching or prodding of any of the candidates shall pe permitted during any part of the Hoo-Hoo concatenation.

The Junior Hoo-Hoo Ritual.

For your consideration we submit a number of short acts and comedies. The principal object of many of these is to convince the caudidate that he is in danger of serious bodily harm, while at the same time being absolutely safe. Parts of these features have seen service at some of our concatenations, while others are original.

It is not expected that more than one-half of the fourteen acts enumerated should be used at any one concatenation. A variety has been provided in order that a sufficient number could be selected under the various conditions that must surround different concatenations. We consider it unnecessary to retempt to perform each act on every candidate. After a few times any feature loses its novelty, and to repeat it only consumes valuable time.

Before attempting to formulate certain acts and features we wish to dwell on the importance of first having any and all paraphernalia prepared in advance, and the most careful working of all the details by the officers in charge. The success or failure of even the most simple contrivance, or even the perpetration of a joke, depends largely upon the

fidelity with which the details are carried out and the manner in which those participating understand and enter into the spirit of the affair.

[Mr. Walker then read the titles of the fourteen acts, or comedies, recommended, and gave in detail a few of them. His entire report had been printed, and was in the hands of a dozen or so of the most experienced men in initiatory work. It is not deemed advisable to print the full text of the report in "The Bulletin."—Ep.]

MR. BARNS (3):—This is the report of a standing committee from last year. I would move that a committee be appointed, with Mr. Walker as chairman, to go over the other features of our present ritual and make a report during this meeting. I think there are some features of our ritual—at least there is some verbiage in the ritual—that should be changed, and there are possibly two or three features in the ritual that should be climinated, and the committee can consider the whole ritual, and then later we can take up that in connection with the general work. I would suggest a committee of three.

MR. VEITMEIER (2714) :- I second the motion.

MR. WEIR (2505):—The motion is that a committee of three be appointed to take charge of the report and also the present ritual, and submit a report covering the question of what changes are desired.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-With Mr. Walker as chairman.

MR. WEIR (2505):—Those in favor of this motion will make it known by saying "aye,"

(The motion was unanimously carried.)

MR. WEIR (2505):—I will ask Mr. Walker to name the other two members of the committee.

MR. WALKER (48):—I suggest Col. McLeod for one.

COL. McLEOD (737):—Of course. The chairman can name somebody who has more time than I have.

MR. WALKER (48):-It's too bad about the time. I will name Mr. R. H. Vidmer.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The gentlemen who will serve on the committee with Mr. Walker are Col. McLeod and Mr. Vidmer.

MR. BARNS (3):—I would suggest that we have from the Scrivenoter, as soon as possible, a list by states of the members in good standing, so that in any of our future deliberations where a livision is called for by states we can determine exactly what that state is entitled to, and in that connection we should have a list of those present, so that we could determine just what proportion of the state could be cast by the individual, because at any time there is liable to come up matter which will call for a division by states. I presume there is a complete list here of those present, with their locations, and that Mr. Baird can furnish from the records a list of the members in good standing.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Mr. Baird has been called out, and that suggests a question which was called to my attention. There are many who have not registered, and unless you register it will appear that you were not at Norfolk. Don't fail to register.

MR. GLADDING (99):—I wish to ask if there has been a committee on credentials appointed.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Not that I know of.

MR. COOLEDGE (376):—I believe that has been left to the Scrivenoter in the last two or three meetings.

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

Report of Auditing Committee.

Wm. B. Stillwell, Snark of the Universe:

We, the committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird, beg leave to report as follows:

We have carefully checked the Scrivenoter's books, and find same to have been kept in a neat and business-like manner. We have found the cash balance in bank, as per the Scrivenoter's report, \$4.406.72, to be correct.

D. CALL, Chairman; W. J. T. SAINT.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

be present.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(The motion is carried and so ordered.)

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

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

MR. BARNS (3):-Certainly.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I appoint the gentleman who brought the matter up (Mr. Whitehead) to wait on him. MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I ask the appointment of a

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

committee of three.

A Day at the Charleston Exposition.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. BARNS (3):—I want to fix it so we can be there. MR. LUMPKINS:—The 19th is merely formal. Fix the date, and we will look into it and see that all can be there. It is merely formal right now.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Aye, aye, aye, MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Contrary no. ONE VOICE:—No.

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

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

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

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

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

MR. ADAMS (7.29.2):—As a young member I heard Mr. Victmeier (he being on the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws) sitting here talking about short time. I trust they will make the Constitution and By-Laws so we will have time. I don't think it is a good example to set to the younger members of Hoo-Hoo for the older members to ask for time.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-I believe that the meaning meant to be conveyed by that resolution, or motion, is this. that the Supreme Nine set the time that they want for business, and then the local committee can fill in the time not selected by the Supreme Nine for business.

MR. DANIELS (5353):-It is all right enough to prepare the programme, but if everybody would be prompt we would have plenty of time. Take this morning as an example-this meeting was called at 9.09, but it convened at 11.00. The members have this matter in their own hands. I want to say just this much, if they are going to have time for anything we must make the time ourselves by being prompt. (Applause.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Those in favor of the motion, which you understand-that the Supreme Nine prepare the business programme for the annual hereafter-are you ready for it?-those in favor of the motion make it known by saying aye.

(The motion is carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-We were waiting for Mr. Stillwell to come in before Mr. Barns presented his report. If there is no further business I will ask him to take it up.

MR. BARNS (3):- I would be glad if the windows were put down, and that those in the rear would come forward. The report is pretty long, and I will try to read it plainly and loudly, so everybody can hear.

Report of Committee on Mr. Barns' Dallas Paper.

We, the undersigned members of the committee appointed hy former Snark George Lock at the last Annual, held Dallas, Texas, to consider and report upon the paper read by W. E. Barns at that Annual, making suggestions as to certain methods of accomplishing the work of the Order. do hereby respectfully submit as part of our report a paper prepared by our chairman. W. E. Barns, to be read at this

And we further respectfully submit the following amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Order, as embodying in concrete form the suggestions of our committee; being a substitute for the present Sec. 2 of the

Constitution:
Sec. 2. The Scrivenoter shall devote his entire time to the work of the Order, under the direction of the Supreme Nine. He shall be custodian of the funds of the Order, and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), the cost of said bond to be defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers signed by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive a salary to be fixed annually in advance by the Supreme Nine, and shall in addition be paid actual traveling expenses and a sum sufficient to cover all expenses of clerical help regularly employed in his office with the sanction of the Supreme Nine. It shall be the duty of the Scrivenoter, in addition to those regularly pertaining to the secretarial office, to visit the various parts of the United States in the interests of and for the upbuilding of the Order, as occasion may require. He shall supervise the holding of concatenations, and shall pass upon the eligibility of candidates for membership, under a careful interpretation of the eligibility clause of the Constitution and By-Laws. The actions of the Scrivenoter shall be subiect to the control of the Supreme Nine, and he may be removed from office by them at any time for sufficient cause."

The above is respectfully submitted as the report of your committee. W. E. BARNS.

J. E. Defebauch, H. H. Hemenway, N. A. GLADDING.

Mr. Barns Advocates the Report.

[Following the reading of the above report, Mr. Barns read the following paper:]

While one of the fundamental ideas of Hoo-Hoo is to combat conventionality, it was never intended that license and irresponsibility should characterize the work of the Order. It is only at Hoo-Hoo Annuals that the methods by which our work is accomplished can be criticised and

changed so that the best interests of the Order my be subserved

It is the observation of those who have been charged with the government of the Order that in some particulars its evident looseness of government has serious disad-

The office of Vicegerent Snark, while one of the most important in the gift of the Order, is also one of the most thankless. It is not an easy matter to get the consent of a Vicegerent, who has served one year, to accept a second term of office.

The presumption is that he is well acquainted with his own district or state, and that he has very many friends and customers who are not as familiar with the aims and law of the Order as himself. At every concatenation he finds candidates presented who, under a strict interpretation of the law, should be rejected. As a rule, the gentle-men are thoroughly good fellows, but are not in direct or immediate connection with the lumber trade or its allied industries.

The strongest possible pressure is brought to bear on the Vicegerent to overlook this fact, and on some pretext or another to initiate them into the Order. The Vicegerent has been charged by the Supreme Nine to scrutinize carefully every application for membership, but the limited time at his disposal does not allow him to examine carefully and minutely into the business of the applicants. As a result very many have been initiated into the Order who should not have been allowed to present their applications. Another difficulty is the "sessions on the roof," which in too many cases have resulted in a deficit which the Vice-

gerent is compelled to pay out of his own pocket,

The haste with which initiations have been conducted has resulted in slipshod methods. Our excellent ritual has been mangled and curtailed, and very many things introduced into the Junior work which really have no place there. Several cases have occurred where, through no intention but in the heat of the moment, candidates have been so seriously injured that it has been necessary to secure the services of a physician. It is not right or reasonable to subject any man to indignities which, under other circum-

stances, he would not permit for an instant.

There has also been so much talk about the doings at initiations that in some cases desirable material for membership cannot be secured, simply because the gentlemen are not willing to undergo some features of initiations that

have occurred only too often.

In many sections of the country the work of the Order has never been properly or carnestly pushed. In such cases it is impossible for the scarty and widely separated memhers in these states to give them the necessary time for the holding of concatenations.

To remedy these evils and to put the work of the Order on a higher and more dignified level it was suggested that we should secure the services of a man who is thoroughly imbued with the principles of the Order-a man of ability and dignity, one who will represent in a proper way the interests of the Order, one whose duty it shall be to visit many if not all of the concatenations and see that they are conducted with decorum and a proper regard for the personal rights of the initiates, one who will stand at the gateway of the Order and prevent the entrance of undesirable material and those who are not eligible to membership. The concluding paragraph of the paper read at Dallas was as follows:

"At the present time the only supreme officer from whom such services could be expected is our Scrivenoter. He is the only officer who receives any compensation for his services. It has never been expected that he would devote anything more than a portion of his time to the work of the Order. The amount paid him is not sufficient to make it possible for a first-class man to give up his other business engagements for this position. It seems to me that for a good many reasons the Scrivenoter of the Order should be the man to whom this work should be assigned. He should be paid a sufficient salary to devote his entire time and energy and thought to the work of the Order. He could, by his presence at concatenations prevent the admission of undesirable material to the ranks of the Order, prevent the work in the 'left hand garden' from degenerating, and conduct the concatenation in such a way as to impress the initiates with the true idea of Hoo-Hoo. He could also bring with him his experience in making arrangements for 'sessions on the roof,' and save a great deal of money which is simply thrown away at the present time. He could also collect dues, and see that the work of the Order in each state is carried forward to the best pos-

Since the presentation of my paper at Dallas, last October, there have appeared in the columns of our official organ. The Bulletin, a considerable number of communications from various sources, referring to some phase of the discussion. I have also received a very large number of letters, which would indicate a deep interest in the present situation. In my opinion this matter is the most important one that will come up for settlement in this Annual, and we should consider in a quiet, thoughtful way the history of our Order up to this time and its possibilities in the future. There is no possible reason why we should not he perfectly frank and honest with one another, and it will be a great mistake if we allow any mere personal feeling or prejudices to enter into the consideration of the matter. I am not here as a pessimist or fault-finder, but as one who has watched from the beginning the growth of the Order with heartfelt interest—one who has devoted much time and thought to the details of our work. We will be very derelict if we simply acknowledge that there are many things of a serious nature fundamentally wrong in our methods and fail to consider remedies for a disease which if not checked, is likely to terminate in the death of the organization. It is perfectly safe to say that the results of the last ten years' work are by no means satisfactory, While we have secured a net membership of something like fifty-three or four hundred, one-half of those who were initiated in the earlier years of the organization have dropped out and allowed their membership, which costs but \$r a year, to lapse. It should be remembered also that the fact that fifty-three or four hundred members are willing to pay a dollar a year in the way of dues does not signify that very many of those have any deep or abiding interest in the Order itself. It is a deplorable but nevertheless a well known fact that in many of the larger citles-in fact, in some of the states—it is almost impossible to hold con-catenations. This is, in fact, a deplorable lack of interest in Hoo-Hoo.

During the last year I was on my way to attend a concatenation in another state than Missouri when I fell in with two prominent lumbermen who had large interests in and about the place where the meeting was to be held that night. In the course of our conversation the question of their putting in their applications for membership was raised, and I endeavored in a proper way to set forth the desirability of such a step and descanted at some length on

the advantages of the Order. After I had finished my talk, one of the gentlemen replied as follows:

"All you say may be true in theory, but my partner and I have seen something of the proceedings leading up to initiations and that is enough for us. We earnestly discussed the desirability of joining this Order, about which we have read so much in the papers. It seemed to us that an Order having for its foundation the fraternal idea, with the high purpose you have mentioned; an Order that proposed to bring together the lumber trade and its allied in-dustries, was an excellent idea. We knew also a number of lumbermen in the country who were members. But some time since there was a concatenation in the town where our mill is located. Early in the evening we found the streets had been taken possession of by a lot of men in black gowns. We recognized among these some of our employees—loggers, hookkeepers, sawyers, etc. The candidates to he initiated were chained together and, after being hoodwinked, walked through the hotel, were put band. These candidates were hauled through the streets, amidst the yells of the bystanders. We concluded at once that if this preparatory feature to the initiation was a fair sample of what these husky Hoo-Hoo proposed to do to the candidates, it was a wise thing for us to preserve whole hides and not join the Order. Both of us are Shriners, and we know what real fun means. We have no objection to an initiation which does not threaten the breaking of bones or the actual loss of life. We believe in associations and belong to several of them. We would be very glad indeed to ioin an organization such as is contemplated in vour Constitution and By-Laws and such as the originators of the Order evidently had in mind at the beginning, but when it comes to riding through the streets chained on a log wagon, the wheels of which have been so tied with clucks that they perform all sorts of evolutions; when it comes to putting ourselves in the hands of our employees to do with as they wish, then we draw the line."

The remarks of the gentleman given above will indicate in a considerable measure the feeling which prevails in many sections of the country toward Hoo-Hoo. There is not a man present in this room who cannot recall the names of prominent lumbermen in his city or locality who would not be glad to join the Order if they were assured that the fundamental principles of the Order would be carried out; if they could be assured that the initiation was at least reasonably decent and safe; if they could be assured that the membership was made up of gattemen who had bound themselves together for the impose of promoting the health, happiness and long life of one another; if they could be assured of the permanence of the

There can be no objection to a reasonable amount of fun and hilarity in connection with an initiation. This is certainly desirable and should be encouraged in every proper way, but while a considerable part of the initialon is designed to amuse there are other portions of it hat have a serious meaning. If the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is to become a successor to the Hay Makus or the Knights of Malta, then we should eliminate anything serious in connection with the initiation and simply regard the whole thing as an entertainment or a farce. Those who have really grown up with Hoo-Hoo, those who believe in its principles, know full well that there is a basis, broad and deep, for its existence. The theory, the fundamental principles, the ritual, are all right. We have found, after ten years' experience, that in very many ways the members have drifted away from the ancient landmarks. and in too many instances the initiations have demorated into riots, debauches, etc., the sole idea of the officials and those present being to get even with some one else,

Some of my critics during the past year have used the desirability and necessity of the supreme officials laying down certain rules and regulations covering initialions. I do not want to take up the time of those present unnecessarily, but it is a fact well known to every one who has occupied an official position in Hoo-Hoo that from the very beginning this has been a stumbling-block Every Snark and every Supreme Nine has sent out lengthy, specific, detailed instructions to the Vicegerents telling them exactly what should be done and what should be left un-done. We have incorporated in the Constitution rules and regulations regarding the admission and inflation of members, and yet we know that these rules have been disregarded. As an illustration of what I mean, I wish to quote a few lines from a newspaper report of what preceded a concatenation held within the last few months:

Following in the rear, surrounded by a dealening din of caterwauls made by the music of timber saws, was a monster log wagon drawn by a double yoke of steers, bearing a big 14-foot log. Seated comfortably astride the big log, their legs set at the delightful angle of 45 degrees and their eyes bandaged, were the six kittens who were to be concatenated.

I could, if it were desirable, stand up here and quote similar accounts for an hour. Do we find in the instructions to Vicegerents or in the ritual anything that would call for a demonstration of this kind? On the contary, do we not find that the Vicegerents are instructed to permit nothing that would offend or bodily injure? Do the members here present believe, after an initiation which must have been in line with what preceded it, that any gentleman would be in a condition to appreciate the benefits which are said to come from membership in our Order? Can we imagine that an outside observer would obtain from order really aimed to accomplish? Would a lumberman who was not already a member be likely to place himself in a position where he would be subjected to indignities of this sort? And, moreover, I regret to say that the concatenation referred to occurred in one of the states where Hoo-Hoo has been in existence for ten years. In other words, at the end of ten years the Constenated Order of Hoo-Hoo has progressed to a point where its initiates are dragged through the streets of their town astride a log drawn by a yoke of oxen.

This one instance that I have used in this connection to illustrate the initiations in a considerable part of the country is by no means unique and, mind you reles only to what preceded the initiation. Those who have strended many of the initiations know that the methods adopted are not calculated to impress the cardidate with the seriousness or the desirability of membership in the Order, but rather to make him sore, mentally and physically, and to lead him to a prompt resolve not to associate himself any more than absolutely necessary with those who have taken undue advantage of his situation.

The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo was organized

early in 1892. Its progress during the first two yars was not rapid, so that for all practical purposes the organization has now been in existence for ten years. During that 18

time there have been initiated about 8,400 people. During the first five years of its history 4,000 members were initiated; that is, up to the anniversary of its organization in 1896. Of the first 1,000 members initiated in the Order to have died, and up to the time of the publication of the present handbook 470 have allowed their memberships to lapse. Of the second 1,000 initiated, 42 have died, and 510 have allowed their membership to lapse. Of the third, 1,000 initiated, 41 are dead, and 407 have allowed their mem-bership to lapse. Of the fourth 1,000, 425 have dropped out. In other words, of the first 4,000 members initiated there were at the beginning of this Hoo-Hoo year only about 2,000, or one-half, in good standing. If the usual percentage of deaths and lapses in membership has obtained during the present year it is safe to say that there are not more than 1,850 members in good and regular standing of the 4,000 initiated. Now, we may as well perfectly frank about this matter and acknowledge that this showing is by no means satisfactory. There must be some reason why only one-half of the membership initiated remain in the Order and pay their dues from year to year. The pittance of 99 cents a year certainly does not deter desirable members from retaining their membership in an Order which promises so many good things.

It would appear also that after ten years' experience with the present methods practically all of the states in the Union should have within their borders a sufficient number of Hoo-Hoo to entitle them to a Vicegerent, when that number is only nine. An examination of the records will show that in fifteen of the states there are not enough members to entitle them to a Vicegerent, and among these states I notice Connecticut, Delaware, Idaho, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Vermont. Now, there surely is material in all of these states, and if our present methods had been working satisfactorily we would have at least the basis of an organization. Even in the states and districts where Vicegerents have been appointed during the last year I find that in thirteen there have been no concatenations whatever. The natural inference being that the Order is going backward instead of forward; that the few members in those states do not have enough interest in the work of the Order to get together and hold at least one concatenation, and that for some reason the Vicegerent has found it impossible to secure sufficient attendance and interest to warrant the holding of a

I think that, without exception, all of m, critics in their letters to The Bulletin conceded the fact that the unfortunate conditions that obtain in many of the concatenations have not been overdrawn or exaggerated. They acknowledge the indictment, but they do not agree with me as to a remedy. For ten years we have met in annual convention and endeavored through the medium of our Constitution and By-Laws, by instructions to Vicegerents, by personal appeal from our supreme officials, to keep out undesirable and questionable material, and so manage the affairs of the Order as to meet with the approval of all well disposed persons whether in the Order or not. Some of us have spent days and nights at our Hoo-Hoo annuals in our efforts so to word our fundamental laws that there could be no loophole left through which those not legitimately entitled to membership could creep in, and all of us know the result. Many of the older memhers have recognized from the beginning the absolute necessity for the presence of some one at initiations who would stand as a guard at the entrance of our Order and prevent the initiation of undesirable candidates; some one who could assist in or regulate the work of the Junior

Since our financial condition has been in such shape as to make it possible to secure the services of an officer who would devote his entire time and talents to the work of the Order it has appeared to the speaker as the most desirable thing that could be done in connection with the Order, and he has not changed his mind in the least on this subject. Under the present conditions the Scrivenoter is the only naid official in the Order, and it is not expected that he will give anything more than a portion of his time, and that to be largely circleal, and the detail work of the Order which its members could not expect would be done without compensation. If it is desirable and necessary to employ a man for a portion of his time why would it not be all the better to have some one to give up his other work and devote all of his time to the Order?

The main objection to this proposed scheme is that it would be a change. Now, I do not know of any reason why a change, if in the right direction, should not be made.

From the very foundation of Hoo-Hoo there have been changes made as seemed best to the Order itself. Prior to the annual at Chicago there was no such office as Vicegerent. There was a time when actors were eligible to membership. Our Constitution has been modified and changed at least four or five times; our ritual has been rewritten at least twice; the means apportioned to "sessions on the roof" have been modified from time to time; and these are only a few of the changes that have been made, as found necessary. Our Order, like individuals or associations, must do one of two things. It cannot stand still. It will either go forward or retrograde.

My own personal experience, extending through the life of the Order, leads me to say in all seriousness that the one thing most needed to bring about a more desirable condition in our affairs is the employment of a sensible, dignified, well balanced, business man who will have nothing to do except to attend to the work of the Order. It is not reasonable to expect that the supreme official of the Order will find time to attend to anything more than a few of the concatenations held during the year. There is no provision for the payment of his expenses, and it has not been expected that he would do so. We have been very fortunate in one or two instances in the selec-tion of our Snark, where the business engagements of the supreme official called him to all parts of the country and he had money and the disposition to expend in this way: but as a rule it is impossible for the Snark to give that attention to the detailed work of the Order that is necessary. The demands upon his time and brain and pocket at the present time are really excessive. His work is entirely a labor of love. He may receive at the end of the year a vote of thanks and be cremated or embalmed in due and formal shape, but for his work during the year there can be no recompense except the honor of being at the head of the Order.

The second and main objection to the proposed change is one of expense. Since the organization of the Order we have collected from regular and honorary initiates and from dues somewhere in the neighborhood of \$120,000. For some years it was the custom to devote one-third of the initiation fee to the payment of the expenses incident to the concatenation and the session on the roof. An examination of all the records will show that the net receipts from the initiations during this period amounted to just about what the Constitution and By-Laws demanded. Later in our history, owing to the fact that our net balance had increased to unnecessary proportions, the Constitution was so changed that the amount allotted to Vicegerents was one-half the amount of the initiation fee. It will be seen by the records that all of the amount allotted for this particular purpose is actually spent, so that it should be remembered in figuring out annual receipts that the amount shown does not actually represent the full sum received from the candidates. Of the \$9.99 received at the present time \$4.90 is allotted the Vicegerent for the session on the roof and necessary expenses. The remaining \$5 is remitted to the Scrivenoter, and out of this amount must be paid \$2 for the Hoo-Hoo button. The remainder is in the publication of the handbook, in the publication of "The Bulletin" and in paying the expenses of the Scrivenoter's office. It will be seen therefore that the initiates received back in one form or another a considerable amount of the initiation fee. The annual dues of 99 cents go, of course, into the general fund of the Order for its necessary support. It is plain, therefore, that any Hoo-Hoo who attends very many concatenations during the year receives in his entertainment at the sessions on the roof a greater amount than he has paid out for dues. He also receives the handbook and "The Bulletin." I do not think, therefore, that any one who believes in the Order at all can reasonably object to the amount of his annual dues; this certainly cannot be a burden to any one in the Order, and the argument that an increase in the amount of the annual dues would lead to a more general withdrawal from membership than in time past is an exceedingly poor one. One dollar a year for the advantages which are presumed to come from an order like ours is too insignificant an amount to be considered for a minute. If the members value their benefits, tangible and otherwise. at \$1 a year; if it is worth no greater amount to them than that; if it is not worth a dollar a year to be associated with the members of the Order and receive its publications; if they should terminate their membership simply because the annual dues were increased to a larger amount-then I say in all seriousness that some of us who have given our time and work to the upbuilding of the Order would better be engaged in some other business.

In one of my communications to "The Bulletin" I stated that there would be no necessity for an increase of dues, and this statement has not been questioned by any or my critics.

Some of the sums paid out annually from the general funds of the Order are evidently unnecessary. I would suggest that the \$500 or \$900 paid out for the expenses of the Supreme Nine in attending the Hoo-Hoo annuals is an unnecessary expense. I know after investigation also that one-half of the amount now spent for the handbook, amounting to \$800, could be saved by the publication of that book in flexible covers. There are other expenses, in the way of expressage, etc., that could be eliminated. I think it safe to say that the increased cost of the Scrivenoter under the scheme I have proposed would be less than \$2,500 more than at the present time; that is, supposing that we pay the Scrivenoter \$2,500, and his traveling expenses, \$1,250. As a matter of fact, we had at the end of the last Hoo-Hoo year a fund of \$0,882. What do we intend to do with this? Could we put it into a better use than the upbuilding of the Order?

I am very confident also that a man of the caliber I have indicated above would be able to secure a larger number of desirable candidates than under the present system; so that considered from a financial standpoint the scheme is a good one. But over and above all this we should remember that a Scrivenoter who devoted his entire time and attention to the work of the Order; one who would be entirely free from bias in passing on initiates; one who would represent the strength and dignity of the Order; one who could go from place to place and attend to the details of the concatenations and prevent unnecessary expenses at the concatenations; one who would give to the outer world a better impression of our objects and work-the services of such a man, from a sentimental standpoint would be invaluable. As a matter of fact, such a man would be of material assistance in bringing back into the fold those who have for some reason or other allowed their memberships to lapse. It is perhaps a fortunate thing for us that some of those who have dropped out have done so, but I regret to say that an examination of our old handbook with the one of the present year will show that many of those who ought to be members of the Order have dropped out for some reason or other. If some of the desirable members who have ceased to pay their dues could be convinced that Hoo-Hoo had a more earnest purpose in view than the mere fun and jollity of a concatenation; if they could be convinced that the Order really meant all that was intended, they could be brought back to the fold.

Now, as a matter of fact it does not make any difference to the members of the Order whether our membership is large or small. What we need to do more than anything else is to improve the standard of our membership and the quality of our initiates. We must show to the outside world that we are in earnest in this matter; that there is something more to Hoo-Hoo than jollity and sessions on the roof; that it really amounts to smething; that we appeal to the better natures of men and aim to accomplish some good in the world. We want to live down the impression which has gone abroad regarding our initiations and the quality of our membership. We want to raise the standard higher than ever before and keep it there.

Now, what is everybody's business is nobody's business. The members of the Order are presumably busy men. Those who have served as Snark know the difficulty they encounter at the beginning of their terms in the securing of competent and thoroughly good Vicegerents. It is impossible for any man elected to the office of Snark to lave so extended an acquaintance as to select with the best judgment the proper men as Vicegerents in their particular states. Very many of those who could fill the position with acceptability and to their own credit will absolutely refuse to do so for some reason. The election of a man to fill the position I have named, one who would in a short time personally meet all the members of the Order and come in contact with its initiates, would prove a most valuable assistant to the Snark in his work.

It seems to me that the one point at issue is not whether we can afford to employ such a man as I have indicated, but whether we can afford to any longer defer his employment,

I stand here and speak in behalf of those who were present when Hoo-Hoo was born; those who have watched its growth with the keenest interest and satisfaction; in behalf of those who have seen it fail in its best and highest aims in many parts of the country; in behalf of those who deplore the lack of interest where Hoo-Hoo is oldest and numerically strongest. We have reached a

crisis in our history and upon your decision rests, in a large measure, the future of this Order. We can go on and secure some gains numerically, but if we expect to grow in real strength and become that power in the land that its founders intended; if we are to retrace our steps, do away with abuses and get our feet on the foundation of fraternity, of fairness, of decency, of charity, respect for the rights of others; if we are to gain the confidence, the co-operation and membership of all that is best in the lumber trade and its allied industries, it must be along the lines I have indicated. We stand at the parting of the ways. On the one hand are gradual disintegration and eventual death; on the other, growth, respect, dignity and responsibility.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—You have heard this paper. What disposition do you wish to make of it, or in what manner do you wish to handle it?

COL. McLEOD (737):—I move that it be made the special order of the day at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

(The motion is seconded.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is that the report read by Mr. Barns be made the special order of the day at 10 o'clock to-morrow. Those in favor of this motion will make it known by saying aye.

(The motion was carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—What is the further pleasure of the convention?

MR. ADAMS (7292):—Suppose you say it forcibly—TEN O'CLOCK—real loud and hard.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I wish to say that if there are twenty members here at 9.09, if I am in the chair, I will open up. That ought to represent a quorum at least. MEMBER:—Nine is a quorum.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—If there are nine here tomorrow at 9.00 I will open up the business.

MEMBER:-This question will not be taken up until 10 o'clock.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—No sir; it is a special order. MEMBER:—Will the committee assist the Scrivenoter in getting out the vote?

SCRIVENOTER:-We have it ready.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):-I will ssk the Scrivenoter if he will kindly read the report.

The Vote of the States.

(Scrivenoter reads the number of votes entitled to be east by each state, as follows:)

Alabama	
Alabama 104	New Mexico 6
Arizona 4	
Arkansas 328	New York
California 186	Month Canalina
Colorado	
Colorado 128	North Dakota 20
Connecticut 3	Ohio 361
District of Columbia I	
Florida	Okialioma Territory 58
Canada	Oregon
Georgia 335	Pennsylvania 188
Idaho	Rhode Island
Illinois 279	South Carolina 42
Indiana	Cantle Dates
Indiana	South Dakota 4
Indian Territory i5	Texas 451
Iowa 110	Utah 2
Kansas	Virginia 63
Kentucky 149	Washington
Tentucky 149	Washington 225
Louisiana 347	West Virginia 48
Maryland 16	Wisconsin
Massachusetts 50	
Michigan	wyoming 3
Michigan 243	Tennessee 240
Minnesota 93	Canada
Mississippi	Hawaiian Islands 3
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Montana	Cohe
Montana 5	<u>Cuba</u> 3
Nebraska 120	Foreign

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):—We have a number of slips indicating the number of votes, and the members can get them.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—I would like to make a

motion that the discussion be limited; that each member he allowed to speak but once without the entire consent of the body.

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MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):-I would like to have that rule apply to all discussions.

(The motion is seconded.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The motion is that in the discussion to-morrow, and all other legislative discussions. each member shall speak but once. Are you ready for the auestion?

MR. BARNS (3):-I do not want to appear in opposition to Mr. Stephenson's motion, but in view of the fact that we only meet once a year where any legislative matters can be enacted, we should consider carefully the business of the Order: and I do not see any reason why we should limit any one to any particular time.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):-You can get all the time you want, but only speak once.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):-I think the point raised by the gentleman is well taken. There are things which do not occur to a man in making his original remarks, and there are things he would like to reply to.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-If I had made the motion I would have said twice instead of once.

MR. ADAMS (7292):-1 would like to side with Brother Barns on that. There are men here who are gifted speakers. It is their business, and they can talk for an hour. Things come to them in the proper manner, but others can't do it. We left our business to come here, and we talk five minutes on one subject and five on another. I think we ought to have the privilege of speaking as many times as we see fit. We stand up sometimes to make a speech, and when we sit down somebody whispers to us to get up and say so and so. They feel that they can't do it. I don't think we ought to be cut off on five minutes.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-There is no limit on the

MR. SNELL (1795):—This is a suggestion. Why would it not be well to limit the first talk of a member to thirty minutes or twenty-five minutes, as we may agree upon, and limit him in reply to any argument that may be made on the other side to five minutes?

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):-I think there are a few here like Brother Adams, who think that every man ought to be allowed to say what he wants to until he is called down.

A MEMBER:-I think the resolution is a proper one to pass, from the fact that if you do not limit either the number of times a member shall speak or the length of time, it will be necessary to pass a resolution on this question. I think if a gentleman gets up and speaks once he can say what he wants to say in regard to a resolution. If you let every one get up and speak as long as he pleases, and as often as he pleases, we won't get through this week.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-Does that limit the time on a speech?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-No, Sir. SNARK (Mr. Stillwell):-May I say a word?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Certainly.

SNARK (Mr. Stillwell):—I am opposed to limiting the number of speeches. There are many who are not ready speakers. Many times there are ideas after we sit down that appear, and these are the ideas we want. There are men here who have the ideas, and they will give them to us, and that is what will lead us into the right. (Applause.) MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Are you ready for the question?

VOICES:-Question, question.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Those in favor of the motion will signify it by saying aye.

(The motion was put by the Acting Snark, and it was declared that the "Noes" were in the majority.)

MR. DEFERAUGH (6):—I think a rule is as fair for one as for another. Let it be once, twice or three times. I would like for Mr. Stillwell to suggest something on that

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The only difficulty is the tendency to dialogue. I want to see a full debate, and . have every member express himself.

A MEMBER:-I move that no member be allowed to speak but twice until all the members who wish to speak

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The motion is before you. MEMBER:-I move that no member be allowed to speak longer than five minutes.

CHORUS OF VOICES:-No, no, no.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Those in favor of the motion will make it known by saying aye.

(The motion is carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-You understand that you cannot speak but twice until everybody has had an opportunity to speak?

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):-I will state that slips showing the number of votes of each state will be found on the Scrivenoter's desk; the members can take them up.

(Mr. Johnson made an announcement for the Committee on Entertainment)

On motion, duly seconded, the convention adjourned until Wednesday morning, September 11, 1901, at 9.09 sharp.

WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The Convention will please come to order. What is the first business?

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-I am one of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. Our Chairman is not here yet, but our Secretary is, and he has the report of what we have done with the Constitution. We have gone clear through the Constitution, and I think he is now ready to report on that part of our work.

MR. COBB (32):-We would have to go through with that part again. What few there are here do not want to make the law.

MEMBER:-I move that we proceed with the business without waiting.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The meeting was called for 9.09, and the members should be here.

(The motion is seconded.)

MR. WILLINGHAM (4936):-This is an important thing that we are about to do. It means a change of By-Laws. There will be a goodly number who will be here before it is voted on, and it will doubtless be voted down, because. they do not know what they are voting on.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The chair is willing to do what the members wish. We stated emphatically that we should proceed at 9.09, but I am willing to abide by their

Report of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—The chairman of this committee is not here, and there is no formal report to be made yet; and, in fact, we are not through with our deliberations. In order to put the matter in its simplest form I will read the changes we have passed on so far. You will find on page 13, section 1, Article I. There will be no change. There will he no change in in section 1, Article II. You will refer to Article III, section 1, in the first division. The change that we have to recommend is to add to the first division after the word "vocation"—There shall not be admitted under this paragraph bookkeepers, stenographers, clerks, inspectors, sawyers, filers, foremen nor the ordinary laborers of lumber enterprises." That sentence defines that section more clearly, and I believe that is pretty generally provided for hereinafter.

Article III, section t, in the third division, add after contracting freight (not station agents)—this means the officials of railroads who come in contact with the patrons of the road. It does not mean office assistants, clerks, sec-

Article III, section 1, under division number four, add "this includes those persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of saws and belting, but does not include salesmen for oil concerns nor men handling commissary goods."

Article III, section 3, third division, after "railroad men (not station agents)" cut out "and passenger officials of steam transportation companies'

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

Article III, section 8, which refers to honorary membership: We have changed the honorary membership dues to \$99 99. (Applause.)

to which he certifies.'

Your committee recommends that part of section 3, Article V, which reads: "or when attending a regular meeting" (that refers to the expenses of the Supreme Nine), be stricken out. Of course the expenses of the Scrivenoter are at all times paid by the Order, and if it is necessary at any time to call a special meeting of the Supreme Nine, for any particular reason, the Constitution, of course, stands as it is now; that is, that the expenses shall be defrayed by

the Order.
Article VIII, section 1, strike out "by registered mail," in the sixth line. That is regarding the notice of elinquency. That expression, "by registered mail," is to be stricken out.

That is as far as the Constitution is concerned, and the By-Laws are not changed for the present. If the changes are made the By-Laws will have to conform.

MR. OPPENHEIMER (1180):—I move that the report of the committee be received, and that the same be adopted.

MR. COOLEDGE (376):-The Constitution must be amended by a two-thirds vote of the states, and it cannot be passed upon by a body like this. I move, as an amendment, that this report be accepted, and that we consider it along with the other amendments which will probably be presented by the Committee on the Constitution,

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The motion is that this report be accepted and acted on later. Those in favor of the motion to simply defer action on the report make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried.)

MR. LONG (925):—I make a motion to amend the By-Laws so as to make the annual dues \$3.33.

MR. COBB (32):-I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-It is moved and seconded that the annual dues be \$3.33.

MR. BARNS (3):—I think a suggestion of that kind ought to be referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws. I think it ought to be put in writing.

MR. LONG (925):-I withdraw my motion.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):-I make a motion that at 1.30 Thursday afternoon we take up the election of officers, MR. BARNS (3):-I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The motion is that Thursday afternoon at 1,30 o'clock the special order be the election

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-I move to amend that by making it 11 o'clock. We will be through by 11 o'clock if we come here on time, and for this reason I would suggest 11 o'clock. There are quite a number of us who have a full rehearsal on the stage Thursday afternoon, and we can't be in two places at once.

MR. BARNS (3):-I withdraw my motion.

MR. WEIR. Acting Snark:—The amendment is that the election of officers be taken up to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

C. M. TREAT (7353):-In the matter of place of meeting there was a recommendation that I did not catch, and there have been conflicting statements as to the time for the selection of the next annual meeting, some thinking it was prior to the election of officers.

MR. BAIRD (408):- I can answer the gentleman's question from memory. It is that the place of holding the next meeting be taken up immediately preceding the election of

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—This discussion has nothing to do with the motion before the house. Let us dispose of the motion before the house, and if there is any thing to dispose of we can do it.

C. M. TREAT (7353):- I am interested in a certain point. I want to know when that suggestion, or when the report of the Snark is to be considered. This all has a bearing on the question of election with me.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The report of the Snark does not settle that.

C. M. TREAT (7353):-1 do not like to see this matter settled until we have the Snark's report before us for disposal.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The question is, Shall the hour be fixed at 11 o'clock for the election of officers? Ah those in favor will make it known by saying "aye."

(Motion prevailed.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Remember that the special order for election of officers is 11 o'clock Thursday.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):-As a member of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws it may be a little out of place for me to say anything in connection with the dues, as it is proper that recommendations should come from the committee; but the thought struck me a short time ago that probably the best way to dispose of the controversy regarding the dues would be to adopt a by-law requiring that our dues shall be paid five years in advance, and that when a man is initiated he should pay up his initiation fee to the end of five years, and the others whether it may be one, two or three, four or five years. This will do away with a good deal of trouble in collecting dues. I know that in our town of St. Louis we have men who are members of the Order, and who do not want to be dropped, and who do not intend to lapse on their dues, and who would sit down at any time and write a check for \$5, but who would never think of remitting \$1. I think it is a good plan, and I brought it up; if anybody wishes to say anything about it now is a good time to do it.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Is there any further business? MR. TREAT (7553):-Do I understand that there is any matter for 10 o'clock to-morrow morning? I move that the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock be the selection of a place to hold our annual.

MR, WALL (5393):-I second that. (The motion was put and carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-If there are any other incidental matters we can take them up.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-Are there any other committees to report?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-The Committee on Distribution.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-I believe our friend Cobb is on that. He was talking about the distribution of that

MR. COBB (32):-I think our friend is very much mistaken about me being on that committee. If I am on it I don't know it. I am on the Committee on Constitution. There does not seem to be anything before the house, and I have no motion to offer; but I want to say a word on the 22 .

question of dues. Our friend Long, from New York, got himself disliked because he wanted to put the dues up, and then wanted to run into the Constitutional Committee, and I always help him in disgrace; but I think that question of dues has to come up after we discuss the point that Mr. Barns is going to bring up at 10 o'clock. I don't exactly agree with Mr. Schwartz that we should pay the dues in advance, because we may want to change these dues from 99 cents; in fact, I think we will. We have got plenty of money in the treasury now, but we will need all we have got and more too if we carry on the organization as it ought to be.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I would be glad to hear from any other member

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I don't see that we have to wait for Mr. Barns' matter to be disposed of before this could be 'disposed of. That will be an amendment to the Constitution; the Constitution provides what the dues shall be. If any of them have any amendments that they want offered in regard to the dues, let them write them out and present them to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I want to make a suggestion that our brother, Uncle Charlie Goodlander, has brought to this concatenation an edition of his book, "Early Days of Fort Scott." It is a very delightfully written souvenir. The only trouble that I can see with it is that he has my picture in it, but he has pictures of several members. My picture is on a separate sheet, and he can tear it out. Seriously, Uncle Charlie deserves a great deal of credit for that book, and I wish you would do him the courtesy and yourself the pleasure of taking home a copy. There is a box of them in the room, and we will be glad to have you take a copy home.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I understand if you write your name he gives you a copy of the book.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Yes, the little register is in here. I want to ask, for information, something about the committee on revolutionary pensions that I am named on—what is the committee for, what are they do do, when are they going to do it, and who are the other members?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The Press Committee: B. A. Johnson, E. H. Defebaugh, P. B. Walker, George B. Denny and Sam K. Cowan. I refer you to Mr. Platt Walker for any information you want.

Report of Press Committee.

MR. WALKER (48):—I should be considered as authority. (Laughter.) It seems that heretofore a committee was appointed called the Press Committee. The duties assigned to them are largely imaginary. We brought in one or two reports, and we have not said anything in any of them. (Laughter.) We hobnobbed the local press, and tried to give them a true impression of the Order. Originally this committee was created for the reason that the local paper got up very garbled reports and caricatures. I think this is unnecessary with the local press, that are treating us royally.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—Not having consulted with the members of this committee may I be allowed to make a report except in writing, or shall I put it in writing?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There is no objection to

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There is no objection to hearing a verbal report.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I want to make the statement that we have been treated uncommonly well in Norfolk. Only one paper used the word "Hoo-Hoos," and 95 per cent of the names have been spelled correctly; and I move that you compliment Norfolk for this distinction.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I suggest that you embody that in one of your resolutions.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I refer to the Committee on Resolutions.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that it be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is before the house to refer the matter to the Committee on Resolutions. (The motion was carried.)

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—What is the matter with the Ritual's Committee report?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I will state that we have but very little time on that now.

The Matter of New Ritual.

MR. WALKER (48):—The committee has had absolutely no time to consult. We had no outing, and we went with the party. We have to ask for further time if you want any report on our ritual; that is, that part that has already been published for years. In considering the duties of this committee we did not think it necessary to revise that in any way. Some members present have some ideas on that, and I would be very pleased if they would submit a report or suggestion to me in writing. As far as I am concerned, as one of the committee, we have no further recommendations to offer.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—I move that a new ritual of the Order be issued. That does not necessarily mean that a new ritual be created, but that this committee be continued until it shall have reported a new ritual to the succeeding Supreme Nine, the Supreme Nine to pass upon their work, and the ritual to be issued by the Order without any further consideration.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I will second that to get it before the house.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion is that a new ritual be printed. It has nothing to do with the preparation of new forms, but to print a new ritual, and that this Committee on Rituals be continued until that work is done. This embodies the idea of continuing this committee until the work is finished.

MR. WALKER (48):—I would like to amend that by substituting the Supreme Nine as the parties to do this revision. This committee has done its duty as far as it is able to, and we want to be discharged.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I would like to ask the maker of that motion a question, and that is whether the report of the Committee on Ritual—that committee that was appointed last year—is to be embodied in the new ritual? They have made some suggestions in their report, and I want to know whether these suggestions are to be embodied in that new ritual?

MR. IOHNSON (2):—I want to speak to the motion. and incidentally answer the question of the gentleman from Pennsylvania. The ritual should be revised as to the matter of its English. There are some typographical errors in the old ritual and some redundant expressions which should he changed to make it stronger and more refined. I shall propose to the committee, if appointed, the Supreme Nine, or otherwise, that they take up along with it the illustrated ceremony I gave the other night. Any Vicegerent can procure duplicates of these lantern slides from me, and anybody who can read can read that illustrated closing ceremony; and I want to put the Order in possession of these facts; and I believe without suggesting any violent disturbance of the text of the ritual that this committee should be in existence, and that we should furnish all suggestions possible, and I believe that it should contain the suggestions made by the Committee on Ritual and that these things should be printed. However, the Order should consider these things and pass upon them specifically. 1 am ready to trust the ritual in the hands of any Supreme Nine this body may select.

MR. WALKER (48):—May I have the privilege of speaking once again? The report of this committee has been deferred, and I would like to make an amendment—that the report of this committee be referred to the incoming Nine together with Mr. B. A. Johnson's suggestions, as to the illustrated closing ceremony.

MR. JOHNSON (2):—That is not to take the place of the illustrated ceremony now.

MR. HILL (27):—I second the motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I do not see how you can decide this question in advance of the adoption of a new ritual. You can have all these questions referred to the Supreme Nine. The question is will you refer these questions of preparing a new ritual, or whatever changes you may make here, to the new Supreme Nine? Are you ready for the question?

(The motion is put and carried.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We have five minutes before the special order. Is there any other business?

MR. WALKER (48):-What is the special order?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Mr. Barns' report.

(Nothing further was done until the hour of ten o'clock arrived.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Let me say just prior to taking up the special order that you remember the instructions which you gave the chair yesterday, that no one is to speak more than twice upon the same subject so long as any one else wishes to occupy the floor. That is, it requires unanimous consent for any one to speak more than twice upon the same subject. Further, as a matter of record every one speaking should give his number. The official stenographer complains that members have not given their numbers every time. I want to say that the chair will not recognize any one until he gives his number. We want to have this as a matter of record, and to know who is upon the floor. The time for the special order has now arrived, which is the consideration of the paper read by Mr. Barns on yesterday. Therefore we will take it up at once.

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

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

ALL MEMBERS:-Great is Hoo-Hoo, and Stillwell is our Snark!

Mr. Johnson Reads a Paper.

(Mr. B. A. Johnson (2) read the following paper from manuscript:)

Gentlemen: With my own volition, without having asked the advice of any man, without having consulted any interest under the canopy, but that of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, I desire to speak to this question.

This I shall do with deliberation, remembering that "three things cometh not back, the sped hour, the spoken word and the lost opportunity."

Knowing that my opportunity would come, I have bided my time, and will now improve it, believing that if I should any longer hold my peace I should be recreant to a cause which I love, and do violence to my judgment.

Knowing that this subject would come up for discussion. I have prepared this paper for the purpose—paradoxical though it may seem—of divorcing myself personally from a movement which I desire to see succeed.

Some months since I sent out one hundred letters to one hundred members of this Order—to members of the House of Ancients, the Supreme Nine, to Vicegerent Snarks, and to many who were not officials—proposing that if it seemed for the best interests of the Order I should become a candidate for the office which the adoption of this plan would make necessary.

I did this with an honesty of purpose which I defy any member of the Order to challenge. I wrote that letter as deliberately as I submit this paper to you now.

I stand by every assertion which that letter contained. But desiring that the ship of Hoo-Hoo shall right itself and sail on into health, happiness and long life, and realizing that a not inconsiderable number of your membership consider me a broken spar which drags the craft through the sea of min—Lent myself addit to says the cities.

the sea of ruin—I cut myself adrift to save the ship.

That letter, although it contained assertions of what I should do if it seemed wise, and the answers which came to me pointed out my proposition as one of wisdom, resulted in a vomit of vituperation which would lead those who did not know me to suspect that the Dr. Jekyl and Mr. Hyde of fiction had crystallized and become exemplified in my character.

I have been accused of a desire to lay violent hands on the surplus in our treasury; of being a bungling and very ordinary handler of the truth; of being a social outeast; a failed and wrecked vessel in the professional seas through which I have been trying to make progress during the last two years; of lacking the most ordinary semblance of virtue; an object of charity; and of many other things unprintable, undeserved and damuable.

These are only the generalities. I have the details. Do not compel me to dig further into the dirt. "The Bulletin" has teemed with every printable accusation which indirection of purpose and a lack of knowledge of conditions could device.

Chiefly and particularly has the sincerity of the motives of W. E. Barns, and the other gentleman whose judgment coincided with his, been brought into question. It took me a long while to find out just how deep and how far-reaching and how honest is this movement—a longer time, I trust, than it will take this intelligent body of gentlemen now before me.

A year ago Mr. Barns was accused of attempting to create a place for a gentleman from Mississippi. I thought it might be true myself, but I hope I shall live long enough to expiate the crime of that thought. This year he is accused of a prosecution of this movement to make a place for me.

It is absolutely as false as the sentiment which prompts the assertion.

But this is only a piece of the floundering and specious arguments advanced by the opposition to this broadening movement.

For many months the movement was danned because it seemed to have no man to put into the place about to be created, and now it is consigned to hades because it is suspicioned of having a person who will fit the place.

It advances the unimpeachable character of its principal who no one, even in my presence, can deny, and calls that argument! It invents a faise character for myself suspected of being a candidate for the proposed new position, and calls that argument!

But it can do so no more. I have not been formally announced as the candidate, if you please. And I shall not be so announced, but the slenderous tongue may wag and wag and wag and make me a reputation; it cannot, however, hurt my character. There is a shade of difference between character and reputation, character being, what a man is, reputation being what people may think he is.

In the forum of the street and of the corridor some of you will yet say things which would not sound nice here. I may not appear to be pouring oil on troubled waters just now myelf

It has been indeed a great chain of crimes which I have committed, in allowing myself to help to found this Order, to have written two-thirds of its ritual, to have attended all of its annual meetings, to have embalmed your Snarks, to have created "The Story of Hoo-Hoo," to have aspired for a brief space to take charge of your work.

The most popular member of the old Chicago Press Club

The most popular member of the old Chicago Press Club once told me how he created and kept his popularity. "My boy," he said, "I have never written a book; I have never cost the club one dollar; I have never aspired to any office in its gift. I have just belonged."

I shall, of course, not demonstrate the erudition of the old philosopher-newspaper man referred to. I could not "just belong" to anything. I shall always love my friends cordially, hate my enemies, and look with pity upon the man who, having had opportunity, is yet neither one nor the other.

Therefore, gentlemen, for these reasons, which I hope I have made plain, I divorce myself from any semblance of an attempt to secure any office in your gift.

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Men have many grades of friends. There is a clinging sort who believe blindly. Had some of my friends been consulted they would have cried out, "Don't do this thing! The broadening movement will sometimes take hold and stand for all that is good and then we will need you."

Let me say to that which might have been, "what rot:"

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. WALKER (48):—I second the motion.

CHORUS OF VOICES:-Question, question.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If there is anything that pleases me more than anything

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—A three-fourths majority.
MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Is it three-fourths? Well, then.
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MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Yes. Are there any other remarks? If not, I would like for Mr. Defebaugh to take the chair.

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

Mr. Weir's Able Speech.

MR. WEIR (2505):—I want to say, to begin with, that no member of the organization has my esteem more highly than Mr. Barns. I can say that of all the members who have signed the report, and it is with sincere regret that I am compelled to differ with them in this proposed plan. 1 would agree to anything that they might present if my better judgment would permit me to think it best. In this case it certainly does not. I considered it carefully and well, and I do feel it is something of a presumption on my part, being a comparatively new member-I feel that it is something of a presumption on my part to differ with them, and vet I do not believe any member of this Order will question my interest in and my loyalty and my fidelity to the whole. I have done the best I could in every place I have been put. I have done everything in my power to forward its interests, and I do not believe you can put your finger on a single point where I have intentionally-or I may have said otherwise-where I have intentionally failed to maintain the best interests of the Order I love so well, since my connection with it. On this issue I feel compelled to take a position. I feel I would be recreant if I failed to do it. I have no interest except my interest in the welfare of the Order. On that I want to present my views.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Mr. Weir resumes the chair.)

MR. ADAMS (7202):—I think there are brothers here who have heard it one way and who have heard it the cther. As the old lady said to the boys' discussion, "Look at it the other way." You asked the question what is to be done, and you say you don't know. I think that is answered in enforcing the law of the Order, that is laid down in the little handbook. Get the Vicegerents and get them right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. W. M. Stephenson's Remarks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:-Question, question.

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

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

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

J. H. BAIRD (408):-No. we will not; say, about 400. At the time the heavy membership was put in in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan, everybody was admitted, even saloon keepers. It is not surprising that they got out, or regrettable; it is highly gratifying. Except in the states named. I have noticed that the great bulk of those who drop out are men who were never really eligible, and should never have been taken in. They were clerks, hammerers, filers, etc., and whenever they got out of work for any length of time they probably had not the money to pay dues. What could you expect of such men but that a large percentage of them would drop out? In many cases we took in men whose connection with the lumber business was so transitory that after a few months they went into other lines, and so, being out of touch, quit paying dues. What I mean to make clear is that as a general proposition the men who lapse are men who should never have been taken in; I admit that we have lost good men in Wisconsin and Minnesota-many of them-but it was caused by the loose way in which things were run up there in the earlier days-getting in a herd of men that really first-class men have not cared to associate with. It is as Mr. Stephenson says, we have tried to do but little up there, thinking to let all the desirable men drop out and then prosecute a plan to reinstate the good ones. It can be done. Another thing, it is to a very great extent from these men who were never really eligible to Hoo-Hoo that have come the calls on our Relief Fund. We have paid out several thousand dollars, and I can show from the written records that while there are notable exceptions, most of it has gone to men who under a proper application of the eligibility requirements would never have worn the button. And it is these men who make up the "unknown list," and are forever changing their addresses—I mean the hammerers. filers, inspectors, and such like.

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

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

Mr. Gignilliat's Speech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. BARNS (3):—Will you kindly give us your number? MR. GIGNILLIAT (59):—Honorary 59.

MR. BARNS (3):—How long have you been a member? MR. GIGNILLIAT (59):—About one year. I will state in further answer to that question that during that time I have had the privilege of being a personal friend of the Snark, and I do not think that any one has the good of the Order more at heart than I have.

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

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

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

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:-Question, question,

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

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:-No, no, no. Question, ques-

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

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

MR. NEAL (5227):—I second that.

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

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

MEMBER:—On the report as submitted by Mr. Barns? MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Yes, Sir. The motion of Mr. Vietmeier is that we take a recess of ten minutes.

(The motion was put and carried.)

MR. POTTER:—I want you all to be in at that oyster roast and I want you to come at 3 o'clock, and we are going to bring you back to the city at 6.52, and at 8 o'clock to-night we will give you a sail.

(A recess of ten minutes was taken.)

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

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

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

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

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

The Vote in Detail.

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Arkansas	. 328	_	328
California		-	_
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District of Columbia	. i		
Florida		_	_
Georgia	· 335	_	335
Idaho			_
Illinois	. 279	155	124
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Maryland			16
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Minnesota	. 93	62	31
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Mississippi	. 250	_	250
Missouri		505	_
Montana		<u> </u>	_
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New Mexico			_
New Jersey			-
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North Dakota		_	
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Washington	225		
West Virginia	48		48
Wisconsin		76	153
Wyoming	3	<u> </u>	
Tennessee			240
Canada	32		<u> </u>
Hawaiian Island	3		
Mexico	11		_
Cuba	3		_
Foreign	11	_	-
Total	<u>=802</u>	1526 5-6	3516 1-6

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Number of votes cast, 5,043; for, 1,526 5-6; against, 3,516 1-6. (Great applause.) ALL MEMBERS:—1,2,3,4.5,6,7,8,9, by the tail of the great black cat. black cat. Hoo-Hoo!

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

(The motion is seconded.)

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

(The amendment of Mr. Stephenson is seconded.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. COBB (32):- I move we adjourn.

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

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

THURSDAY'S SESSION.

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

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

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

(The following are those present when the gavel fell: 408, 2505, 4, 2714, 2077, 27, 32, 734, 4429, 7656, 1284, 1795, 1300, 4032, 1660, 7292, 3747.)

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

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:-Report, report.

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

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

Further Report on Constitution and By-Laws.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, I will return to the By-Laws.

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

vacancy." There is no change in that.

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

"2. The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of the bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall nay out moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of one thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,333,33), and be allowed necessary expenses for the proper conduct of his office."

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

By-Law No. 4, which refers to the death of a member

in good standing—there is no change.

By-Law No. 5, which provides for the amount remitted

by the Vicegerent Snark after a concatenation, has been changed as follows:

"5. It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark at the close of each concatenation to remit to the Serivenoter five dollars (\$5), together with one year's dues, for each regular member initiated, which amount shall cover the dues to the next Hoo-Hoo Dav." There is where the important change in this Bv-Law comes in. I suppose this thing has been discussed until all the members understand its import. "He shall remit ninety dollars (\$00) for each Honorary Member and twenty-livee dollars and thirty-four cents (\$23,34) for each Life Member obligated under sections 8 and 9 of Article III of our Constitution. He shall also remit the balance of funds received at any concatena-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. COOLEDGE (376):-We have this afternoon.

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

MEMBER:-I second that.

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

(The motion is carried.)

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

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

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

MR. COOLEDGE (376):—I move that it be adopted. MEMBER:—I second the motion.

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

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

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

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

(The motion was put and carried.)

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

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

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

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

MEMBER:-I move its adoption.

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

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Are there any further re-

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

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

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

(Cries for question.)

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

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

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

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

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

MR. COBB (32):—I second the motion.

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

(The motion was put and declared to prevail.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(It is moved and seconded that the section be adopted.)
(The vote is put and carried.)

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

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

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

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

MEMBER:-I second the motion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article III, section 9, as follows: "Life Membership in this Order may be granted upon application by any one eligible under the Constitution upon payment of \$3,33, and no further dues or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such member. Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of Hoo-Hoo. They shall be required to take the first obligation in the ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary."

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

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

MR. ADAMS (7292);-I second that.

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

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

Place of Next Meeting.

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

MR. WALL (5593):—In the last few days there has been considerable talk as to where it was expected the convention would be held for 1902, and we waited here this morning to hear from some of the gentlemen who said they were going to press some other place; but it seems that the place I have in mind at the present time is the only place. We, of course, think it is the only logical place for it to be held, and I desire to place in nomination Buffalo. We all want you to come there next year. We will guarantee you a good time, a good crowd, and introduce you to a good lot of lumbermen. Buffalo for 1002.

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

Mr. Snell Presents Milwaukee's Claim.

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

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

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

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

Very respectfully

ROBERT M. LAFOLLETTE.

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

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

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

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

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

DAVID S. Rose, Mayor.

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

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

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

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

Hoping you will vote unanimously to select Milwaukee

for 1902, I am, very truly yours,
CITIZENS' BUSINESS LEAGUE
(By R. B. Watrous, Secretary).

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

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

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

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

L. C. Whitney, Secretary

As a convention city Milwaukee needs no culogy from me. The hotel accommodations are unsurpassed, and even my friend Treat will not question that statement. The climate at this season of the year is usually almost ideal. There are no finer or better hotels in point of furnishings, appointment or service west of New York City than the Hotel Pfister, of Milwaukee, and the renowned Plankinton House has recently been remodeled and refurnished until it is nearly equal to the Phister. The rates at the Phister are \$3 a day and up on the American plan, and \$1.50 and up on the European plan. The rates at the Plankinton are \$2,50 and up on the American, and \$1 and up on the European plan, and in this connection I will read letters from these noted hostelries. (The speaker fails to find the letters.) I guess I left them at my room at the hotel. They simply go on to state and guarantee to you members here that there will be no advance prices charged, but that the regular commercial rates will prevail. That they guarantee. Another thing about these hotels is the fact that each of them has a club room plenty large enough to permit of holding all our business sessions without going out of the one selected as headquarters, if that were deemed desirable, and for the annual concatenation a suitable hall can be secured, if necessary or advisable, and if not deemed best to have the business sessions in the club room there are plenty of halls, commodious and conveniently located for such purposes, that can be secured. In addition to these two leading hotels we have six or eight other first-class hotels as good or better than any in the country for the

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

A great many people have an idea that the most important, and some think, the only industry we have is making beer. This is far from the truth; for while we have the largest brewery in the world and produce more beer than any other city, yet other manufacturing interests are greater, as I will show you by reading a few statistin. We have in Milwaukee 36 different lines of enterprises, the value of whose yearly products exceeds one million dollars each. First is the iron, steel and machinery. There are 36 of these establishments. They have 6,156 employees; they pay in wages \$4,218,345; capital employed, \$9,042,00. Heer and malt tonics come second. There are nine of these; and malt tonics come second. There are nine of these; number of employees, 3,165; wages paid, \$1,713,992; amount of capital, \$33,965,970; value of year's production, \$16,042,470. Packed and pickled meats, sausage, etc.—establishments, 19; number of employees, 1,587; amount of wages, \$842,420; amount of capital, \$4,687,80; year's production, \$15,376,851. Leather—and I wish to say right here that there is more leather produced in Milwaukee than in any city in the United States. This is a fact not generally known. So it comes down—"flour and feed," "men's and boys' clothing," "new buildings," "failway equipment, track supplies," "timware and sheet metal goods," "distilled and rectified liquors," and ordinary industries found elsewhere.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Curt M. Treat for Buffalo.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. TREAT (7353):-Did I deem it necessary I would have had a half dozen negroes engaged to bring these documents up here, but I believed that my triends from Wisconsin, who have known me for years, would take my word for it as a man. I have the invitation of the local organization of thoo-1too followed by a special meeting and resolution, the strongest I believe man could write, backed up, first, by the Lumbermen's Exchange. There may be stronger and there may be worthier exchanges in America, but if there are I know not where they are. I do know this, that no lumbermen's exchange on this continent is made up of better and more loyal and thoroughly good lumbermen and fellows than the Lumbermen's Exchange of Buffalo. Backed up again by the Merchants' Exchange, for which I speak, there is not on this continent a commercial organization which is its equal. They invite you by special resolution. Coming down to the city, it is by special resolution of our City Council's instructions to Mayor Deal, and by Mayor Deal's special request I speak for him, and whatever pledge I shall make to you Mayor Deal will carry out, The city of Buffalo invites you to come.

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

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

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

We have been here for four years in succession-four years Buffalo has extended you the invitation. It was understood that this annual would be held in Buffalo. That idea was carried to Dallas, and 90 per cent of all the boys there expected this meeting to be held in Buffalo. The wise men, the good men, the men we have selected to look after our interests have passed us, while recognizing our claim, while letters will show that the South realized our claim; they came to us and said: "We want this annual in Norfolk; we want it for the Southeastern boys; we want to help them up; we want to encourage them. I know you need it, but they need it also. Won't you wait?" Buffalo do? "Certainly: we are Hoo-Hoo." What did We mean business, and we did wait like gentlemen, like Hoo-Hoo. for the best interests of this Order. We stepped aside and "Yea, verily, it is right." Are not we entitled to this? Are we not entitled to it on the lines of geographical location? Are we not entitled to it on the lines of justice and right? I do not believe there is a man who says "no," and I will include my friend Theodore if he speaks his heart. We have waited for it, and we need it, and I say: "Come to Buffalo;" and I say when we put our hands out we do it right out in this manner (extending them) and not in this manner (with hands at his back). We do it with both out. Come up next year. I thank you. (Applause.)

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

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

Mr. Wilkin's Speaks for Milwaukee.

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

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

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

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

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

"A. L. SEVERANCE."

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

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

Do you know the capacity of the Virginia?

MR. TREAT (7353):-I do. MR. WILKINS (1284):--What is it?

MR. TREAT (7353):--296.

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

MR. TREAT (7353):--300.

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

MR. TREAT (7353): - How many state rooms has she? MR. WILKIN (1284):-I don't know, but she carries 5.000. This vessel has been stopping at Buffalo, but this year they cut Buffalo out, and they are now going to Duluth. They will not go as far east as Buffalo.

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

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

MR. SNELL (1795):-- I challenge that,

MR. TREAT (7353):-It is not worth it.

MR. SNELL (1795):-That is not true.

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

MR. WILKIN (1284):-I wish to say in response to a few remarks by Mr. Treat that I made a mistake in quoting the rates at the Plankinton House. It is \$2,50 on the American plan-\$2.50 and up.

MR. TREAT (2353):--"And up."

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:-Question, question.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. SIZER (6592):-We don't want them.

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question, question, MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It would be well to take a vote as to the feeling.

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

CHORUS OF VOICES:—Question, question, question.

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

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

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

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-Always formally.

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

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

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

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

MR. BAIRD (408):—I will say that our Constitution and

By-Laws provides for no other way than by roll call of
states.

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

MR. TREAT (7353):-Very well, sir.

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

MR. TREAT (7353):-I object.

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

MR. TREAT (7353):-I didn't have time.

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

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

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

"DAVID S. Rose, Mayor."

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

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

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

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

The Vote on Place of Next Meeting.

Mi	lwaukee.	Buffalo.
Alabama	52	52
Arkansas	-	328
California	128	_
Florida		66
Georgia		335
Illinois	279	
Indiana		47
Kansas	76	7 6
Kentucky	149	
Louisiana	347	
Maryland		16
Massachusetts	40	10
Michigan		
Minnesota	93	
Mississippi		250
Missouri		169
Nebraska	60	60
New York		128
North Carolina		54 S:
Ohio	ಜ್ಞಾರ .	31
Oklahoma	58 84	
Pennsylvania	84	104
South Carolina		42
Texas		125
Virginia	311/2	311/2
West Virginia		48
Wisconsin		
Tennessee		240
	2,0041/2	2.2621/2

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

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

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

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

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I announce the vote as follows: For Milwaukee, 2,9041/2; for Buffalo, 2,2521/2.

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

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

The Election of Officers.

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

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

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

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

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

Election of Snark.

SCRIVENOTER:—I will proceed to call the roll of states for nominations for the office of Snark.

(Scrivenoter calls "Alabama.")

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER:-I second the motion.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ALL MEMBERS:-Speech, speech.

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

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

Yesterday I was quite tired from the late hour of the Osirian Cloister and the morning's work, and instead of going to the beach I retired to my room to rest. I did not dream, but when I awoke there was an overwhelming thought, and that I believe will give you a new rallying cry for the next year-not the Hoo-Hoo yell, but a rallying cry: It is "1,000 men for the next annual." We can get them. If every one present will see to it that every one of his friends comes to Milwaukee, we will fill the Plankinton and the Pfister hotels and those steamboats full. We can have 1,000 men at the next annual if you will do your duty, as I shall certainly try to do mine. You will hear from me during the year in various ways and manners, and I shall try to keep the fact before you that you owe duties to Hoo-Hoo. I want to pledge to another thing, that when we go to Milwaukee we will go there for business; and I want to say to the gentlemen who invited us that the first two days must be given up to business and nothing else. (Applause.) During the business hours, from 0.00 until 12.09, probably, and in the afternoon the business must not he interfered with by entertainments. I am tired wasting my time here three, four or five days when we could do it ia two. I appreciate our entertainment here-I never enjoyed myself better, but we could have enjoyed that entertainment and gotten through with our business by simply letting us take care of our business first. The gavel in Milwaukee on both days will fall at 9.09, if I am there, and alive, and I believe I will be. (Applause.) I do not drink beer, and I believe I will get there. (Applause.)

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

MEMBER:-I second the motion.

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

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

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

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

(The motion was put and lost.)

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

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

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

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

MR. VIDNER (2624):- I second that,

Ricction of Senior Hoo-Hoo.

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

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

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

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

SCRIVENOTER:-Arkansas!

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

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

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

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

MR. WILLIAMS (1932):—There is but one candidate before this convention, and I move that the Scrivenoter be instructed to cast the vote for W. H. Norris, of Texas.

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

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

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

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

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

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

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

Ricction of Junior Hoo-Hoo.

(The Scrivenoter begins the roll by states.)

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

MR. McGRATH (2600):—I nominate Mr. C. H. Adams, of Michigan.

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

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

MR. DEFEBAUGH (6):-He has been in Kansas City

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes, sir; there has been such a time. MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—We will proceed with the nominations.

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

MEMBER:—Kentucky wishes to second the nomination of Mr. George B. Maegly. Every man is not a methodical man. I do not know any of the circumstances about Mr. Maegly not being a member of this Order, or at any time not having paid his dues; but any man having a large business might overlook paying his dues, and I judge, from the character of men nominated this morning, that that would be the case rather than any other. Therefore, in George Maegly, a man from a state where Hoo-Hoo is strong, a man from a city where every man who has visited a concatenation has been pleased, a city where Hoo-Hoo is strong, we have a clean man and a worker. There is not a man who can say a word against George B. Maegly; therefore, I cast the vote of the State of Kentucky

to second the nomination of Mr. Maegly. SNARK STILLWELL:-A part of our work, as 1 understand it, that is laid out for the coming year is to bring into our fold some of the good brothers, who, through inadvertence, or any other cause, have dropped temporarily from our rank. I deprecate anything like questioning why he went out, or how long he was delinquent. or when he came back. I deprecate it for many reasons, and I deprecate also one thing that occurred yesterday that the age of any member of the Order should be questioned. My opinion is that when a man becomes a member of this Order that he is a member of it, and his petition would never have been accepted, and he would not have been concatenated if he had not been worthy of brotherhood: and when he is in brotherhood, he is a member whether 50 or 55 years old. We take a man into a band of brothers. and when he is in he is in; and those men who have dropped out from time to time-when they want to come in they should be brought in, or else how could you expect them to get back? We want every good and eligible man who has fallen out of the ranks from any cause to be with us before another six months roll around.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER:-I second it.

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

(The vote was taken and carried unanimously.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEMBER:-I move that the rules be suspended.

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

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

(The motion was carried.)

Election of Boium.

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

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

MR. W. J. T. SAINT (2077):—I second the nomination. MR. POTTER (5892):—On account of a misunderstanding I did not catch the motion that prevails, and was expecting Alabama to yield to Virginia, and the motion passed so quickly that it escaped me. Virginia has a candidate, and the Virginia delegation are unanimous for the office of Bojum. If we are entitled to anything in the Southeast I think we are entitled to this, and for this office I wish to place in nomination Mr. J. E. Duke, Vicegerent of the State of Virginia.

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

MR. ROBERTSON (5360):-In seconding the nomination of Mr. Duke I want to say that in this particular there is no question regarding the gentlemen who have been nominated in time gone by, and that the nomination of M1. Duke will be one that will honor the office and not the office honor the man. Mr. Duke has done more for Hoo-Hoo in this section. than any one who has preceded him as Vicegerent Snark, and with him on the Supreme Nine you will be building an arch as strong, so far as his portion is concerned, as the arch of the original thirteen states that formed the United States. I want to say that Mr. Duke represents Virginia and I believe North Carolina, and is regarded in as good favor and repute as any 1100-1100 you can find in this whole section of country, and he has done more to elevate the Order. You all know that in this section of country the Order was not where it should be. We are bringing it up gradually, and we have to do these things gradually by getting into the Order and placing them in the forefront-men who will command the respect of the people around them. We need more of the lumbermen of this section of the country than we have, and more than we can get unless we do bring it up a little further than it has been in times past; and the name of J. E. Duke, placed before you

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

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

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

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

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

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

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

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

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

Election of Scrivenoter.

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

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

MR. TREAT (7353):-I second that.

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

(The motion is put and carried unanimously.)

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

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

MEMBERS:—Speech, speech.

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

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

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

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

MR. HILL (27):—I second the motion.

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

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

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

Election of Tabberwock.

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

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

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

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

MR. BARNS (3):—He is manager of the J. E. Fox Sawworks.

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

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

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

(The motion is put and carried.)

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

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

Election of Custocatian.

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

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

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

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

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

R. M. SHANKLEN (2348):- I second that.

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

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

(The motion is put and carried.)

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

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

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

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

Election of Arcanoper.

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

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

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

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

(The motion was put and unanimously carried.)

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

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

Blection of Gurdon.

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

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

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

R. H. VIDNER (2624):-I second that.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Constitution and By-Laws Again.

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

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

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

By-Law No. 2. "The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of said bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of \$1,333-33, which sum shall cover all expense for regular clerical help in his office."

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

2. The Scrivencter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order, and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of said bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall pay our moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of one thousand, three nundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,333-33), and be allowed necessary expenses for the proper conduct of his office."

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

Section 3: No change.

Section 4: No change.

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

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

By-Law No. 6: No change.

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

MR. CALL (1390):- I second that.

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

(The motion was put and carried unanimously.)

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

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

(The motion was seconded.)

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

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

MEMBER:—Does not that require a three-fourths vote? MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—That requires a three-fourths vote, and under that ruling I think it was lost. The Scrive-noter will proceed to call the roll of states as to striking out that clause.

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

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—Section 3. Article V. as it now stands, reads as follows: "The Supreme Nine shall appoint regular times for meeting, and may hold such special meeting shall be held unless notice thereof shall be given to each member at least one full day more than it would take him to reach the place of such meeting by the route necessary for him to travel, unless he shall in writing have waived his right to such notice; and when summoned by the Snark of the Universe and the Scrivenoter to attend any such special meeting, or when attending a regular meeting he shall be paid from the funds of the Order his necessary expenses for such meeting."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(The vote having been counted the official teller handed it to the Snark.)

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The vote is as follows: In favor of adopting the report of the committee, 3.274; against, 904. The report of the committee is adopted.

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

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

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

J. II. BAIRD (408):-I second it.

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

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

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

(The question was put and the motion prevailed.)

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

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

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

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

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

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):-Is that a motion?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MFMBER:-I second the motion.

(The motion was put and carried.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

An Important Recommendation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):-I second that.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR, VIETMEIER (2714):-\$33.33

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

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

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

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

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

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

whole Nine

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

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

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

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

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

(The motion was carried.)

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move you that the Constitution and By-Laws as amended be adopted as a whole, MR. CALL (1300):—I second the motion,

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

(The motion is carried.)

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

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

(The motion was seconded and carried.)

The Resolutions.

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

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

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

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

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

wholesome examples of instructive and artistic entertainments.

Whereas, the Pan-American Exposition management at Buffalo, after naming a date for Lumbermen's Week, changed the date at the request of 1100-1100 from the one first fixed to September 15 to 22; and whereas, they went to enormous trouble and expense solely in order to suit the convenience of Hoo-Hoo; therefore, be it

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

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

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

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

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

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

Whereas, the Hoo-Hoo Entertainment Committee of Norfolk, individually and collectively, have extended to the visiting Hoo-Hoo their hospitable and charming courtesses, and, whereas, this Entertainment Committee has been ably seconded by the North Carolina Pine Association, by the State of Virginia through the commonwealth attorney, and by the city of Norfolk through the Board of Trade and the Business Men's Association; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express to the members of the Entertainment Committee, to their coworkers, one and all, on appreciation of their open-hearted and warm-hearted hospitality and our pleasure in its acceptance. To the ladies who so kindly and thoroughly performed the part of hostess to the visiting ladies our especial thanks are due.

The announcement that forty-six of our members have died during the last year recells the lesson of each recurring annual that for some the roll call is sounded for the last time. For those who have gone and whom we shall soon follow let us invoke the ministration of the angelic trio, Faith, Hope and Charity, forgetting their faults and trusting and believing that, guided by a kindly hand, they tread the sunny slopes of a better land. Of them and for ourselves let us say:

"And when the angel of shadow
Rests his feet on wave and shore,
And our eyes grow dim with watching,
And our hearts faint at the oar,
Happy is he who heareth
The signal of his release,
In the bells of the holy city—
The chimes of eternal peace."

The tenth annual of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo then adjourned, at about 2 o'clock in the afternoon, having accomplished many things that will work radical improvement in the conduct of the Order and tend toward lessened expenses or increased membership in the future. Every one appeared to be well satisfied with the work.

MR. BARNS (3):—In view of the fact that this Committee on Ritual probably found it impossible to get through the book, as it now stands and make the corrections suggested. I move you that the Committee on Ritual which has been appointed here be continued, and that they be authorized to prepare and make up a report to be submitted to the Snark for his approval, and that the report which was made the other day, or at least that portion which defines the duties of the Junior be also referred. I would further suggest that the portion of the ritual that relates to the contest, as in the case of salt water, be amended to use plain water, and instead of meat to use candy. Bisulphate of carbon is extremely dangerous, and a good many times

we have really given people very great pain. I remember where a pound was spilled in a man's lap, and that man was really crazy for a while. There is a portion of the ritual which relates to the use of the Hoo-Hoo signature which had as well be stricken out. I do not see any use in that. There are a lot of grammatical errors that might be changed. I would make the motion that the whole matter of ritual be referred to the Committee on Ritual with instructions to report to the Snark, and if he approves that it be printed and sent on.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—The Committee on Ritual, of which Mr. Walker is Chairman, made a report yesterday morning, and it was referred to the Supreme Nine.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):-That is right.

MR. BARNS (3):—I withdraw my motion. As I understood it there was a committee appointed at the Dallas meeting on ritual, and that committee reported here.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—They were here and reported; Mr. Barns was not here on time.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I move that both committees be continued.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—I want to say in regard to the Committee on Good of the Order that I was not able to perform any of the duties, and I wish the Scrivenoter to show that Mr. Neal was Chairman.

MR. NEAL (5227):—I called that committee for yesterday afternoon at the beach, and I understood Brother Weir to say he would be there with us. I looked for him and could not find him, and could only find one other member of the committee. If you think it necessary I will try again to get that committee together, but I think the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws have made such a full report as to cover, in all probability, everything we would have done.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The question is whether we have another meeting. We have a rehearsal at the opera house.

MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—You can make a report that nothing came before your committee, and you can make the report now.

MR. NEAL (5227):—We wish to report that nothing came before our committee,

The Discussion on Employment of a Lecturer.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):—In view of the fact that we, as Hoo-Hoo, and as the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, are going into an era of work to make Hoo-Hoo greater, and of the fact that there are sections of this country where Hoo-Hoo has not been presented properly, I move you, sir, that the work of Hoo-Hoo be brought before those sections in this manner: That the Seer of the House of Ancients give his lecture in those sections provided there has been a request by nine members from the state, and the Supreme Nine as a whele agree as to the expediency of it; and I move that an appropriation of \$990.99 be put into their hands for this use if they conclude that it be to the best interests of Hoo-Hoo to expend it in that way during this Hoo-Hoo year.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—Does that motion meet a second?

COL. McLEOD (737):-I second it.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—It is moved that an appropriation of \$999.99 be made to advance the interests of Hoo-Hoo, by Mr. Johnson in his lecture, provided the Supreme Nine should think it expedient.

MR. SNELL (1795):—I understand that the Supreme Nine shall decide whether it is expedient or not.

MR. FI.OTRON (3747):—Is there any limitation on the amount?

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-\$999.99 is the limit.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):—I don't know what Mr. Johnson asks for his lectures. It seems that we have nine business men elected here, and they will not let sentiment interfere with the good of the Order. It puts them in a position to use Mr. Johnson's services if they desire.

COL. McLEOD (737):—I second that out of respect to the gentleman who offers it. I did not know what it was. I would like to ask him if it is intended for the lectures to be free—is it intended that Mr. Johnson shall lecture before the concatenation or publicly?

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):—Really, it was not my motion, but I heard of it, and thought it a good thing, and I thought it ought to be brought up for discussion. My idea of it would be this: that we invite the people who are eligible in the community and their friends in the lumber trade to this lecture.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-It would be well to put it in writing.

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):—I have it here: "Resolved, That at the request of any Vicegerent and nine members in good standing, the Supreme Nine may appoint, if in their opinion it would subserve the best interests of the Order, a lecturer to exemplify and illustrate the work at concatenations, at the expense of the Order, provided that at least nine initiates be present. There shall be appropriated the sum of \$999.99 for said purpose for this Hoo-Hoo year."

For instance, we have only a few members in the state of Massachusetts. The gentleman intimated that they did not have any lumbermen there. That is not true, exactly. There are a great many retailers in that state and a great many manufacturers who make up quite a little lumber. That territory has never had a real live concatenation. They have had some concatenations, I know, and this is not a reflection on the people of Massachusetts. I believe if Hoo-Hoo were brought before the people of Massachusetts in a right way that they would have a good opinion of it, and there are a lot of men in Massachusetts we would like to have in the Order.

MR. FLOTRON (3747):—The reason I asked the question regarding the limitation was this: if nine men in a territory want Mr. Johnson to come there to a concatenation, it seems to me the amount of money, \$999.99, to go from one place to another is a small amount. If they want to do anything of that sort they ought to have enough money set aside so the whole United States can be taken in and each state given the benefit of it.

CHORUS OF VOICES:-Question, question.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The question is called for. Those in favor of the motion as stated will say "aye."

(The motion was lost, and a division was called for.)

MR. BARNS (3):—Is it understood that this money is to
be in the hands of the Supreme Nine to be used as they
think best for the interests of the Order?

MR. DEFEBAUGH (46):-That is the object of the resolution.

MR. BARNS (3):-If this is so, I want to vote "yes."

SNARK STILLWELL:—My idea about it is, that it is a good idea if it is well guarded. If it is left in the hands of the Supreme Nine, I think with the limit of \$999.99 it is a good thing. Suppose we conclude to have a Hoo-Hoo Day at Charleston, I think we would do the Order a great deal of good to have Mr. Johnson deliver his lectures, and let the nine men who make the application see what amount of money they can raise in their own state. If they wanted the lecture they would be willing to pay something. Even if they wanted it in the State of Washington, and would subscribe something, the Supreme Nine might be warranted in sending Mr. Johnson there; but that will depend on each individual case, and the Supreme Nine can take it up, and they can cut it down to the smallest expense, and

of course if they exceed the \$999.99 that would be the end of it. The scheme is a good one, and I think if carried out within bounds and legitimately, would be good.

COL. McLEOD (737):—If that thing is made specific, and the money is put in the hands of the Supreme Nine to use as they see fit, either by Mr. Johnson, or in any other way, I think it is good.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—I am not in favor of that motion. We are going to have pretty heavy expenses this year, more than usual; are we not, Mr. Scrivenoter?

SCRIVENOTER:-I think so.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):—There will be a great deal of printing: and one thing that has been harped on since the foundation of this Order is expense. I do not believe that it is a good thing. I would rather apply that specific, or some other sum, to be set epart for the upbuilding of the Order in the direction of an endeavor to recover our lost members. I think while the idea is a good one, and all that, I believe it would be better to postpone it a year. We will have a heavier expense than usual, and I think if we set apart this sum in addition that our expense account at the next annual will be something that will surprise us; I am not in favor of it at this time.

MR. GLADDING (99):—I think Mr. Schwartz overlooks the fact that this matter is to be left strictly in the hands of the Supreme Nine. The money is there to be used to that amount provided they believe the Order can stand it and will be benefited. They have to keep an eye on the treasury as the matter goes along. Furthermore, as Brothers to subscribe a part of that. I think if the thing is handled conservatively it is all right.

Speaking of the men who have dropped out—there are a lot of them, and good men, and if they see that the Order is putting itself on a right footing, as it is doing, and will do this year, and Mr. Johnson comes along with his lecture, and they hear that there is going to be a Hoo-Hoo lecture, they will come around and hear the story of Hoo-Hoo, which they, probably, have never heard before, and some of them, doubtless, will pay their back dues from the time they quit, and come back into the Order. I think it is worth trying. After one or two experiences with a lecture of this kind, if the Supreme Nine think it not feasible, they can discontinue it.

MR. CONE (7304):—I desire to ask the question whether this permits the Supreme Nine to make this expenditure from the general fund, or whether it is proposed to set this amount aside for the purpose, and that this is subtracted from the general fund. It seems to me that if it is in their discretion to use this amount, if they see fit, it covers many of the objections.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—I want to make the announcement that an excursion will be given this afternoon to the Norfolk Navy Yard and the Government Dry Dock in Portsmouth, and as many as desire to go will meet in the Atlantic Hotel lobby at 3.15, and from there they will be taken across the river to Portsmouth, and from there by street car to the Yard.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—There are very few here, and all ought to know it.

MR. STEPHENSON (2676):—It is not the idea to set aside the specific sum, but to use up to that amount if desired.

MR. WEIR. Acting Snark:—Those in favor of the motion will please rise and remain standing until counted.

(The vote is taken, the motion carried and the appropriation ordered.)

Discussion on Use of Emblem.

SCRIVENOTER:—I desire to ask if anything was done in regard to the use of the emblem, and if it is the desire of the convention to go into the numerous letters written about the emblem for advertising purposes? It has created some considerable friction, and there are two members I have letters from who refuse to pay their dues until the matter is settled.

MR. SCHWARTZ (4):-The Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws will make a verbal report.

MR. BARNS (4):-I want to say this, as a matter of fact. that the copyright laws of the United States are about as indefinite as anything you can find. The matter came up four or five years ago, and I consulted with the best patent attorneys I could find, and they assured me that in so far as the word Hoo-Hoo and emblem were used in connection with anything but a secret organization and on our stationery we had nothing to do with it; that it was impossible for us to regulate it at all. We can regulate it in so far as it relates to another organization or society, but we can't get a copyright that will cover everything; and I do not see how you will prevent other people from using it. If they will come and put up their sixty dollars and show that they have been using it in connection with goods, and that they are the originators of it and get a copyright for some particular article we can't help it. I am free to say that while we have never advertised this fact, and while we have tried to give out the impression that possibly they ought to go to work and secure some sort of privilege and right to it-we made a bluff in short; but when it came to a show-down we had to give up. I remember in a Texas town a man had a saloon and used the emblem. and we could not prevent it; but he did stop because we threatened him. We not only boycotted him (laughter). but also advertised the fact in the Order. I do not think it is necessary to go into that in detail unless the Order wishes to know more about it.

MR. BAIRD (408):—I quite agree with Mr. Barns as to the legal aspects of the matter, but that is not where the main trouble lies. It is in the use being made of our emblem by our own members. I have in mind, particularly, the cases of two or three men who took our membership list, and besides using the emblem on business literature. used our handbook as a mailing list. It gives these communications booming private business enterprises the appearance of being in some way sanctioned by the Order. At any rate there is a feeling that it looks like Hoo-Hoo was being used to further private interests. That is what is objected to, and is what I had in mind when I wrote the recommendation contained in my report. Personally, I think, that without exception, these notices I have referred to were sent out on the spur of the moment, and without the slightest thought of wrong. My idea was that a properly worded resolution would bring the matter to the attention of all members and remove all grounds for criticism. Let us adopt a resolution that will stop this soliciting contributions to build churches, to buy stock in different enterprises, etc.

SNARK:—I would not limit it to building a church, but anything outside of Hoo-Hoo interest, unless approved by the Supreme Nine.

SCRIVENOTER:—That no one has a right to send out anything without it is first submitted to the Nine.

MR. CALL (1390):—I dislike to see any change made in this direction. We have a bank and there are two Hoo-Hoo emblems on the sign, and we have it on our stationery and on our checks; I would feel lost without that.

SNARK:-We are referring to men sending out soliciting applications.

MR. CALL:—I send out a thousand every day.

MR. BARNS:—You know newspaper men believe in advertising, and personally I do not see any reason why if some one happens to get hold of the list and sends us a circular about a scheme we should care. I get a lot of things like that every day, which I tear up and throw in the waste basket, and I do not see anything objectionable in the use of the emblem by our members on cards or checks. There is one thing that pleases me very much and that is to go along and see a cat in connection with a load of lumber. I do not know of any order so thoroughly advertised as ours.

CHAS. H. ADAMS (7292):—I do not see what we can do about this thing. I think we ought to feel a little proud of it by everybody copying it. I do not care what form they use it in. I do not think it is well to expel a member for using it and let the outsider continue to do so.

D. T. CALL (1390):—I presume it would be proper in this connection before using this emblem to write to the Scrivenoter and members of the Supreme Nine, and get permission to use it.

SCRIVENOTER:—That is all right; this does not touch you. The use of the emblem on your bank is all right. No one, I think objects to a member using it on his card or stationery. I think this discussion will have the effect of stopping everything objectionable.

MR. BARNS (3):—I do not remember to have received more than two or three circulars. A fellow got out some shirts with a cat on them.

SCRIVENOTER:—Yes; and I bought some of the shirts—but my wife wouldn't let me wear them.

MR. NEAL (5227):—I would like to ask for information —I got during the year a proposition from some company that was being formed in Texas, an oil syndicate. I don't know whether that came from a genuine Hoo-Hoo or whether it was a wildcat syndicate. I did not invest in it, but there might have been some Hoo-Hoo who thought that was sent from a member of the Order, and that he was a good man, and would not offer another Hoo-Hoo something he knew was not good. There might be some members who would not look into it and who would put money into some wildcat scheme. I am of the opinion that we should take some steps to prevent the members from using this promiscuously.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:-There is no motion before the house.

MR. HILL (27):—I have not quite caught the drift of this argument, but from what I can catch of it we do not want people to be too enthusiastic on Hoo-Hoo—they do not want anybody to know he is a Hoo-Hoo, and they are alraid that some man who is not a Hoo-Hoo will print a black cat on his card. Let any Hoo-Hoo print a cat on his card who wants to.

MR. WHITEHEAD (6529):—If there is nothing further before the meeting I move that we adjourn.

MR. BARNS (3):—I would like to say, with all due deference to Brother Whitehead about his entertainment at the Navy Yard, that all of us have something to do with the entertainment to-night, and we do not want to put up anything that is a fake. We must stay here and rehearse. MR. VIETMEIER (2714):—I move that we adjourn to

meet on the 9th of September next year at Milwaukee.

MEMBER:-I second that motion.

MR. WEIR, Acting Snark:—The motion has been duly seconded that we adjourn to meet on the 9th day of next September at Milwaukee. Those in favor of the motion will make it known by saying "aye."

(The motion was carried.)

The Attendance.

Charles H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich. E. F. Adams, Greenville, S. C. G. H. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa. Miss -. -. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa. John A. Arringdale, Wilmington, N. C. F. H. Atwood, Cairo, Ill. W. W. Bain, Portsmouth, Va. J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. Anne S. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. W. E. Barns, St. Louis, Mo. H. L. Barto, Chattanooga, Tenn. E. H. Beazley, Norfolk, Va. G. E. Bicknell, Lowell, Mass. E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va. G. R. Bounds, Parmele, N. C. C. F. Braffett, La Grange, Ill. G. S. Briggs, Norfolk, Va. C. P. Brooks, Owego, N. Y. Charles M. Brown, Jr., Washington, N. C. Paul M. Bryan, Savannah, Ga. Miss Elizabeth Bunker. B. M. Bunker, Altoona, I'a. C. L. Bunting, Raleigh, N. C. H. T. Burt, Baltimore, Md. D. Tramway Call, Beaumont, Texas. W. C. Cameron, Milwaukee, Wis. S. C. Carskaddon, Norfolk, Va. G. J. Cherry, Parmele, N. C. W. R. Chivvis, St. Louis, Mo. B. F. Cobb, Chicago, III T. L. Collings, Memphis, Tenn. Albert Cone, Chicago, Ill. E. R. Cooledge, Chicago, Ill. E. F. Cooper, Philadelphia, Pa. S. K. Cowan, Nashville, Tenn. C. A. Cowels, Atlanta, Ga. R. W. Cubbedge, Bluefield, W. Va. F. K. Darragh, Little Rock, Ark. Mrs. W. M. Darrett, Pittsburg, Pa. T. W. Davis, Savannah, Ga. H. L. Daw, Roanoke, Va. William C. Day, Jr., Norfolk, Va. L. F. DeBordenave, Norfolk, Va. E. H. Desebaugh, Louisville, Ky. J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill. George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga. Mrs. F. M. Dodd, Nashville, Tenn. W. B. Dozier, Columbus, S. C. W. A. Drake, Dayton, Ohio. J. E. Duke, Norfolk, Va. Mrs. J. K. Durr, Pittsburg, Pa. H. B. Eaton, Fitchburg, Mass. T. K. Edwards and wife, Chicago, Ill. B. J. Ehnts, St. Louis, Mo. Charles H. Evans, Columbia, S. C. A. R. Evett, Great Bridge, Va. W. C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala. John M. Fewell, Rock IIIII, S. C. Mr. L. B. Fite and Wife, Nashville, Tenn. Misses Eunice and Virginia Fite, Nashville, Tenn. John R. Flotron, Dayton, Ohio, A. J. Brown, Baltimore, Md. Edmond Christian, Norfolk, Va. J. B. Curtis, Fitchburg, Mass. C. H. Denny, Norfolk, Va. E. G. Hoke, Hamburg, Ark. A. C. Jarvis, Norfolk, Va. J. K. Keene, Jr., Gupton, N. C. E. H. Kruger, New York, N. Y.

J. H. Marity, Norfolk, Va. S. II. Morgan, Guyton, Ga. J. C. Foster, New York, N. Y. George L. Gearing and wife, Pittsburg, Pa. A. M. Gibbs, Columbia, S. C. H. H. Gibson, Philadelphia, Pa. Wm. L. Gignilliat, Savannah, Ga. N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind. C. W. Goodlander and wife, Fort Scott, Kan. M. A. Hayward, wife and son, Columbus, Ohio. J. F. Helfrich, Baltimore, Md. II. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col. E. A. Hildreth, Columbus, Ohio. C. Homer Hill, Atlanta, Ga. Mrs. F. G. Hindes, Mitchell, Kan. W. P. Hindes, Mitchell, Kan. John F. Hostetter, Kingston, N. C. L. L. Hunter, Tidioute, Pa. W. T. Hunter, Cumberland, Md. F. R. Hyman, New Bern, N. C. II. C. Hyman, New Orleans, La. D. W. Ingersoll, Montrose, La. Karl Isburgh, Boston, Mass. C. P. Ives and wife, Baldwin, Kan. W. M. Jameson, Memphis, Tenn. W. N. Jarrett and wife, Pittsburg, Pa. C. M. Jenkins, Norfolk, Va. B. Arthur Johnson, Chicago, Ill. A. Y. Jones, Brinson, Ga. F. A. Kirby, Baltimore, Md. August Kohn and wife, Columbia, S. C. H. R. Leonard, Norfolk, Va. C. D. Loane and wife, Plymouth, N. C. George W. Lock and wife, Lake Charles, La. J. W. Long, New York, N. Y. A. K. Loop, Bowen, Ky. E. Lundford, Jr., Parmele, N. C. N. W. Lumpkin, Savannah, Ga. George B. Maegly, Kansas City, Mo. J. Watts Martin, Norfolk, Va. Hugo Mayo, Parmele, N. C. D. E. McAllister, Boulder, Col. W. F. McClure, Galveston, Texas. J. D. McCarrick, Norfolk, Va. W. C. McDonough, Savannah, Ga. G. E. McEwen, Donner, La. J. C. McGrath, Gifford, Ark. A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio. K. L. Moore, Galveston, Texas. B. B. Neal, Savannah, Ga. J. D. Newcomer, Sullivan Island, S. C. J. S. Newell, Freeman, Ga. B. P. Norfleet. W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas. H. I. Norvell, Memphis, Tenn. J. Oppenheimer, Chicago, Ill. J. H. Orem, Jr., Baltimore, Md. R. D. Parrott, Jr., Norfolk, Va. H. R. Paulhamus, Centralia, W. Va. A. H. Potter, Norfolk, Va. C. C. Prentiss. Hillsdale, Mich. F. F. Priest, Norfolk, Va. E. J. Putnam, Birmingham, Ala. W. L. Randall, Atlanta, Ga. W. H. Raplee, Shreveport, La. H. M. Rawlins, Moss Point, Miss. J. C. Rives, Montrose, La. W. W. Robertson, Norfolk, Va. G. M. Robeson, Farmville, Ve. F. E. Rogers, Berkley, Va. W. D. Roper, Norfolk, Va.

Miss A. Rosson, Cincinnati, Ohio. D. C. Rounds, Timpson, Texas. W. Lewis Rowe, Baltimore, Md. H. C. Rule, Wilmar, Ark. W. J. T. Saint, Sharpsburg, Pa. C. W. Saussy, Savannah, Ga. A. J. Schureman and son, Houston, Texas. George W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo. Nathan Sellers, Goldsboro, N. C. Richard M. Shanklin, Philadelphia, Pa. II. C. Shreve and wife, Cincinnati, Ohio. Samuel A. Sizer, Brunswick, Ga. Nathan S. Smith, Berkley, Va. Orlando H. Smith, Washington, D. C. Frank N. Snell, Milwaukee, Wis. John N. Steeley, Indianapolis, Ind. C. H. Stephens, St. Louis, Mo. W. M. Stephenson, Duluth, Minn. G. Fred Stevens and wife, Duluth, Minn. W. B. Stillwell and wife, Savannali, Ga. Joe Stone, Columbia, S. C. De Los Thomas, Winston, N. C. Geo. G. Thompson, Jr., Raleigh, N. C. W. S. Tison, Savannah, Ga. J. E. Travis, Buckhannon, W. Va. Curt M. Treat, Buffalo, N. Y. F. D. Trekell, Wichita, Kan. E. C. Trower, Norfolk, Va. C. C. Turner, Chattanooga, Tenn. R. M. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala. Ed M. Vietmeier and wife, Pittsburg, Pa. P. B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn. J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y. John R. Walls, Indianapolis, Ind. E. J. Watson, Columbia, S. C. F. E. Waymer, Tifton, Ga. R. P. Webb and wife, Nashville, Tenn. A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb. J. W. Wenger, Cairo, Ill. John D. Westbrook, Norfolk, Va. Z. W. Whitehead, wife and daughter, Norfolk, Va. T. S. Wilkin, Milwaukee, Wis. B. F. Williams, Victoria, Texas. J. W. F. Williams, Norfolk, Va. U. P. Williams, Norfolk, Va. O. M. Willingham, Atlanta, Ga. R. C. Wilmarth, Pittsburg, Pa. J. B. Wilson, Wilmar, Ark. J. H. Winton, Savedge, Va. J. N. Wollett, Norlolk, Va. J. Sam Wright, Boardman, N. C. N. B. Wright, Atlanta, Ga. Paul A. Wright, Atlanta, Ga. H. F. Wylie, Mobile, Ala. Orson E. Yeager, Buffalo, N. Y. George E. Youle, Altanta, Ga. John W. Zuber, Atlanta, Ga. R. R. Moss, Buell, Va. E. B. Olson, Fitchburg, Mass. E. A. Parmele, New York, N. Y. E. C. Patler, Norfolk, Va. W. T. Sears, Norfolk, Va. I. W. Truxtun, Norfolk, Va. M. P. Williams, Norfolk, Va. W. P. Baugham, Washington, N. C. F. H. Harrison, Norfolk, Va. W. H. McMullen, Faisons, N. C. W. J. Woodward, Norfolk, Va. J. B. Oldham and son, Norfolk, Va. T. J. Mapes, Chicago, Ill. J. J. Curran, Chicago, Ill. E. A. Keyser, Chattanooga, Tenn. T. H. C. Dickinson.

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.

Orange, Texas, September 9, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrive-noter, Norfolk, Va.: The Hoo-Hoo of the Sabine will con-gregate on the roof to-night and mew long and loud on

gregate on the roof to-night and mew long and loud of account of their inability to be with you.

C. F. PANNEWITZ (No. 1395),
C. M. REIN (No. 4450),
A. B. McKENNON (No. 4460),
WM. G. ADDISON (No. 4462),
W. C. STEWART (No. 4447),
R. P. MORGAN, Jr. (No. 7490),
W. P. DUTTON (No. 6330),
A. T. CHENAULT (No. 6945),
R. P. MORGAN (No. 7400). R. P. MORGAN (No. 7490), L. MICHAEL (No. 7483), L. MILLER (No. 5300), HON. J. D. BUTLER (No. 49), W. A. JOHNS (No. 7484).

Pekin, Ill., September 9, 1901.—Scrivenoter Baird, Hoo-Hoo Headquarters, Norfolk, Va.: Sorry not able to be with you to-day. Come to Milwaukee next year. M. C. MOORE (No. 6557).

Knoxville, Tenn, September 9, 1901: Twenty-three fifty-two (H. N. Saxton) and forty-one eighty-six (C. G. Schrader) send best wishes.

Colorado Springs, Col., September 9, 1901: Our astrals are with you all. We drink to the Scrivenoter's re-election.
D. F. McPHERSON (No. 3329),
R. W. HEMENWAY (No. 2223).

Buffalo, N. Y., September 9, 1901: Latest bulletins are very encouraging for the President's recovery—best greeting can send Hoo-Hoo. Hope to see you all Lumbermen's Week.

C. H. STANTON, V. S.

Nicholson, Mississippi, September 9, 1901: Among the sticks where the wild cats yawl and the owls hoot all night reside three black cats, whose hearts and well wishes to-day reside in Norfolk for the health and happiness and long life of Hoo-Hoo.

D. B. HAYNES (No. 1340), J. W. CONNELL (No. 5950), S. L. BENZ (No. 8175).

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1901: Greetings from four lonesome kittens who are consoling each other on the hard-

wood proposition.

M. B. SONDHEIMER (No. 604), Chicago.
J. D. ALLEN (No. 5248), Memphis.
HENRY A. SONDHEIMER (No. 5898), Chicago.
FRANK PAUL WALSH (No. 3994), Chicago.

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 9, 1901: The stupendous and gigantic aggregation of the allied lumber interests will perform here instead of Norfolk. Tell Barr, Hayward, Walls to remember their Cincinnati training. The cat is on the fence and howls.

nd howls.

J. A. PORTER (No. 240), Middletown, Ohio.
FRANK M. SMITH (No. 1121), Newark, Ohio.
JOHN A. DOPPES (No. 3653), Cincinnati.
J. C. DOPPES (No. 3655), Cincinnati.
J. HOUPES (No. 3650), Cincinnati.
J. D. MORGAN (No 7282), Cincinnati.

Bainbridge, Ga., September 9, 1901: 6590 (A. M. Ramey), 7311 (C. H. Caldwell), 7412 (J. M. Sellers), 8319 (R. II. Hurtsfield) send greetings.

Houston, Texas, September 9, 1901: My best wishes for successful meeting.

L. D. SMITH (No. 6384). a successful meeting.

West Lake, La., September 9, 1901: May the good Atlantic breezes and the fellowship of Hoo-Hoo renew our cats life leases with new kittens not a few hoo.
G. W. LAW (No. 20),
E. F. WASEY No. 60),

F. G. LOCK (No. 1658), C. H. COLLAMER (No. 1688), G. T. LOCK (No. 4533).

Cincinnati, Ohio, September 9, 1901: Hoping that wisdom, not personal prejudice, may govern discussion; that the sole thought may be the advancement of Iloo-Hoo, and wishing all health and happiness and long life. C. S. WALKER.

Fort Worth, Texas, September 9: Wish you well at Norfolk. Three old Toms send best wishes, regretting cannot be with you.

GEO. A. SAUER, ED S. BEARD, JAS. HAYS QUARLES.

Galveston, Texas, September 8, 1901: Am in Galveston. ill well. J. CLARK (No. 6850). All well.

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1901: We are with you in spirit, but busy here chronicling your doings. May they be magnificently successful.

ssful.

W. B. JUDSON (No. 624),
LEONARD BRONSON (No. 145),
L. E. FULLER (No. 612),
M. M. MARSH (No. 4025),
S. D. PINE (No. 7863),
W. S. PHILLIPS (No. 7360).

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1901: Sorry can't be with you.
Best wishes for successful meeting. All well.
E. G. HEATH (No. 611),
R. T. WITBECK (No. 637),
C. H. WOLFE (No. 1383),
W. E. CLEGG (No. 8283),
I. I. FDICK (1838c) J. J. FRICK (8285).

Dover, N. C., September 9, 1901.—Norfolk, Va.: I am sorry I can't be with you to-night. O. D. JOBSON.

McComb City, Miss., September 9, 1901: Long live

McComb City, Miss., September 9, 1901: Long Hoo-Hoo, Sorry cannot be with you.

A. A. McCUE (No. 5113),
J. J. JOHNSON (No. 5112),
W. M. WHITE (No. 5122),
L. Z. DICKEY (No. 6616),
F. C. PARSONS (No. 5117),
W. L. CASTON (No. 5109).

Dover, N. C., September 9, 1901: Will be unable to attend annual. Best wishes for success.
D. W. RICHARDSON (No. 272).

Chicago, Ill., September 9, 1901: Tatten 400 send congratulations from the Windy City and hopes for a harmonious session. Not signed.

[This message was evidently "bulled" in transmission. We are unable to say what the telegraph operator was trying to do when he wrote "Tatten 400."—EDITOR.]

Traverse City, Mich., September 9, 1901: To all Hoo-Hoo, Greeting: The great Hoo-Hoo has been kind to us the past year and favored us with prosperity. We regret that we are unable to be present personally; but are with you at heart; and, trusting that your meeting will be a grand success, we remain yours very truly.

HARVEY AVERY (No. 383). WM. BEITNER (No. 1471), J. M. GILLETT (No. 4333), W. N. KELLEY (No. 1458).

Ruston, La., September 9, 1901: Best wishes for a pleasant and successful session. W. J. LEWIS (No. 8028).

Lake Charles, La., September 9, 1901: Success to the meeting. Black cat has been my mascot. C. W. HOLE.

Birmingham, Ala., September 9, 1901: Two kittens send Hoo-Hoo greeting.

May joy attend your meeting.
E. R. CHISHOLM (No. 3378),
D. S. FELLOWS (No. 7417).

Memphis, Tenn., September 9, 1901: 2893 (D. 11. Barbee). 5964 and 6046 (G. P. Phillips) wish all 1100-1100 success. JOS. B. CABELL.

Ruston, La., September 9, 1901: Hoo-Hoo hath served us well; can't be with you, but good luck to the Order.
R. E. CARTER (No. 805), J. L. PITTS (No. 8032).

Philadelphia, Pa., September 9, 1901: Elaborate preparations for Iloo-Iloo mentioned by Norfolk press make me regret the more my presence at annual to be again unpossible. Health, happiness and long life to Hoo-Hoo. J. L. GLASER,

San Marcos, Texas, September 9, 1901: We send greetings. Address the same.

C. G. MEAD, ED A. CHRISTIAN.

Denver, Col., September 7, 1901: Am with you in spirit; sorry cannot be with you in person. Happiness and long life to our great Hoo-Hoo.

C. M. HICKLIN, H. W. HANNA, J. E. PRESTON, B. F. VREELAND, E. R. GRIFFIN.

Seattle, Wash., September 9, 1901: With you in spirit, but extremes cannot meet. Success. T. H. CLAFFEY.

Paducah, Ky., September 9, 1901. Impossible to come. Have written you fully. LUKE RUSSELL.

Willard, Texas, September 9, 1901: We send greetings with best wishes for a most successful annual.

J. T. BEALL (No. 8067),

W. T. WALLACE (No. 8076).

Fairmont, W. Va., September 10, 1901: This is evidence of our absence and expresses our regrets at our inability to be with you.

C. E. PARR (No. 7506), F. H. FOWLER (No. 7501).

Flatwoods, W. Va., September 10, 1901.—Norfolk, Va.: Am at Flatwoods. Could not come to the annual. J. R. GOAD.

Hampton, S. C., September 9, 1901: When you find your-self on the roof surrounded by all the cats and kittens, please put your hands on your Hoo-Hoo, curl your tails and give a meow for W. C. MAULDIN (No. 5225).

Letters.

Columbia, S. C., September 7, 1901.—J. II. Baird, Scrive-noter, Noriolk, Va.—Dear Brother: In compliance with Article VI, section 3, of Constitution of Hoo-Hoo-though only a member for six months, I have had some very pleasant times (after the first night), and am only sorry that I cannot be with you in person at Norfolk. With best wishes, I remain, yours fraternally, R. C. SHAND (No. 7961).

Paragould, Ark., September 6, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Friend: I regret very much that I cannot be with you at the annual, but court is in session, and there is a case in which I am a witness and dare not leave here next week at all. I regret it very much, as I have looked forward to the trip for months, and was in hopes I could witness and take part in the interesting meeting which will be held. Please give my best regards to Mr. E. R. Cooledge and any other inquiring friends. Yours truly, G. B. MEISER (No. 1644).

Patterson, La., September 7, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother Baird: Early in the year I had, with my family, planned to be at Norfolk with all "the boys;" but

"they say," "Man proposes and God disposes," and I am so deep in grief over the loss of my boy that I have no heart for Hoo-Hoo or much of anything else. My boy had made great plans for this very trip; so had my wile and daughter, but—well, you know the rest. May you all have a successful session and have a good time. Fraternally yours, SAM R. GUYTHER (No. 4910).

laeger, W. Va., September 8, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrive-noter, Hotel Monticello, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Broth-er Hoo-lloo: It is with deepest regret that I have to write you that it is impossible for me to meet the great Hoo-Hoo at the annual meeting held at Norfolk, but such is the way. I am among the young cats, and would like so much to meet the old ones and help to do and learn their work. Hoping you all will have a good time. I again send you my regrets. Fraternally yours, B. T. T. O. T. G. S. E. C.,
JOHN SWAN, Jr. (No. 8197).

Evansville, Ind., September 7, 1901.—Mr. J. II. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: I do not know when I have had such a disappointment as not being able to attend the annual this year. I had planned to go, and desired to take part in the discussion of the different matters of importance that will come up for consideration at this meeting, but business of importance coming up unexpectedly prevents my attendance. As Vicegerent of So. Dis. of Indiana under Snark of the Universe Stillwell I have held two concatenations—one at Evansville and the other at Terre Hante, Ind .- and have initiated seventeen kittens, every one of whom is a credit to Hoo-Hoo. As soon as my successor is appointed I shall do all in my power to help him along and let him have the benefit of my experience. I know that Hoo-Hoo is in good hands, and what-ever is done at Norfolk on the 9th will be for the good of the Order. Kindly extend my best wishes to Mr. Stillwell, the retiring Snark, and also to the new Snark, whoever he may be. Hoo-Hoo has been kind to me the past year.

CHAS. S. WOLFLIN (No. 6460),

Vicegerent So. Dis. Indiana.

Tifton, Ga., September 5, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: I regret exceedingly my inability to attend the great annual meeting of the festive black cats. A press of business, combined with other cares, to which all cats are liable, keeps me among the pines of Georgia, while hordes of cats gather at Norfolk for the annual howl. With best wishes for a most enjoyable time at Norfolk and long life to all the cats, I beg to remain yours truly

W. H. HARRIS (No. 6271).

Galveston, Texas, September 2, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Hotel Monticello, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother: In accordance with the time-honored custom and in obedience to constitutional requirements. I write this to let you know how Hoo-Hoo has treated me during the year past. I was somewhat shaken up by the storm at Galveston, which occurred on the 8th of September last. Otherwise I have fared quite well. Am sorry that I cannot be present with my brothers at Norfolk, as an older organization, of which I am an officer, demands my presence at Cleveland, Ohio, where I shall be on the 9th day of this the 9th month at 9.09 o'clock. May our Great Sovereign the offi month at 9.09 octock. May our Great correction be with you and assist at all of your deliberations for the good of the Order. Yours for H. H. and L. L.,
E. N. KETCHUM (No. 573).

Jacksonville, Fla., September 7, 1901.—W. B. Stillwell, F.sq., Snark, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother Stillwell: It is with the most extreme regret 1 have to advise you that at the last minute I find it will be impossible for me to be present at the annual. I have long looked forward to attending this meeting, and it comes as a great disappointment to me that circumstances over which I had no control have arisen which necessitate my being in New York City early next week. My best wishes go out to you and faithful Hoolloo for a very pleasant and harmonious convention, and may all that is done be for the upbuilding and betterment of our unique Order. I hope something will he done to protect us from those not in good standing, by reason of nonpayment of dues or otherwise, attending concatenations. It seems to me we should have a semi-annual or annual password which shall only be transmitted through Vicegerent Snarks to those whose dues are paid and are otherwise in good standing. Again expressing my regrets for inability to attend and with best wishes, I am fraternally yours, H. H. RICHARDSON, V. S. E. Dis. of Florida.

Padneah, Ky., September 7, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Esq., Scrivenoter Hoo-Hoo, Norfolk, Va.--Dear Sir: Owing to some very important business matters west I will be unable to attend the annual at Norfolk, for which I am very sorry, as I expected to be there. Hoo-lloo has treated me howling success. With kind regards, I am yours truly,
J. F. RADEL (No. 7971).

Holdrege, Neb., September 6. 1901.—Brother Hoo-Hoo; l am yet on earth. Sorry can't be with you. Yours, C. A. GALLOWAY (No. 5901).

On the Road, September 8, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrive-noter, Norfolk, Va.—My Dear Brother Hoo-Hoo and all other Hoo-Hoo in Annual Concatenation: Hoo-Hoo hath used me well the past thirteen moons. I trust the agitation of the questions regarding the "Good of the Order" will prove of incalculable good to Hoo-Hoodom. May that good cheer and spirit which were the excuse of Hoo-Iloo's being and are its inspiration, moving force and living energy to-day keep your minds and hearts pure and true to its principles. I wish for one and all such a good time as will send them back to their homes and their business with such deep and wide feelings of brotherly love as will scatter more sunshine than ever in the pathway of every one with whom each may come in contact. To all the brothers give my heartiest greetings. In love, and for a life "void of of-fense toward God and men," I am ever, B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., W. A. BOWLEN (No. 2671).

Austin, Texas, September 7, 1901.—Mr. James H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Brother Baird: It is the duty of every good Hon-Hoo to communicate his whereabouts and condition to those representatives of the Order assembled on the 9th day of the 9th month of each year. I trust that you will convey my greeting and best wishes for a most prosperous session. I have to report that Hoo-Hoo has treated me kindly during the past year, and my only regret is that I cannot be with you. There are a few subjects that will come up for discussion that I believe should have careful consideration; and while expressing my regret of being unable to be with you, I wish to say a word regarding those subjects that seem to me of importance. Regarding the question of a Scrivenoter with sufficient salary and expense limit to permit him to travel and attend to the duties of the Vicegerents, I trust the Order will carefully consider before making such a radical change. I do not believe that a single man could perform the duties of the many Vicegerents as efficiently as they are now being carried out, realizing at the same time that there is an opportunity for much improvement in the present methods. This I believe, however, can be brought about more easily by throwing round the Vicegerents more restrictive rules and allowing less latitude as to mode of procedure and eligibility of candidates. Within my own knowledge 1 have seen cases where the Vicegerents permitted things at the concatenation, both in the way of admission of the candidates and in mode of procedure, that he did not approve of; but the local committee almost forced in their local enthusiasm an allowance of things that there was no positive law against. The eligibility clause should be so specific that because a man is a good fellow and assists the local committee in their work he cannot be run in because he owns'a share in a sawmill, or is the alleged editor of a 2x4 weekly paper. Again, I do not believe in honorary membership as they are now allowed. It has been urged that the amount paid in by them was a source of considerable revenue. The Order does not need the revenue or the man. As the law now stands, there can hardly be a lumbermen's convention but what honorary members, owing to their assistance in entertaining visiting delegates, will be allowed, on payment of their initiation fee, to become hoporary members of the Order, while there is but little in sympathy and scarce a harmonious feeling between them and true Hoo-Hoo. There may be isolated cases where an honorary membership should be granted on account of the distinction of the party seeking admission, and possibly one whose services to his people or his country are such as to make him worthy of admission to the Order. In a case like this I believe in admitting him without charge, and giving to him some distinctive mark aside from that of the rank and file of the Order. While Hoo-Hoo is democratic, it should not become common; and even in a case of a distinguished citizen desiring honorary membership his name should be, in our judgment, reported to the Scrivenoter, and

from him to the Snark, and from the Snark and Scrivenoter brought before the next meeting of the Supreme Nine. Then, if his services and reputation are such, and after investigation they find him worthy, obligations should be given to him embracing in a general way those of the Order, but in a dignified form, and night, if thought best, be in a public way. It seems to me the two questions that I have outlined are closely allied, for with the present lax methods which have been engendered by laxity of rules we cannot expect best results. Neither could a strange Scrivenoter, knowing but little of the community, come in and be more successful than a local Vicegerent; and if his office was to be legislative as well as executive, then you take away the foundation and the corner-stone of our Order and deprive its members of the privilege of self-government. On the other hand, if the members themselves in convention assembled shall throw around such restraining rules and make such stringent laws as will inforce a rigid examination of the candidates to be initiated and prevent any deviation from the ordinary procedure during the ceremonies and obliterate that portion of the mles which permits honorary membership, except in very exceptional cases, then I believe we have nothing to far from our present methods. Trusting that you will have a most prosperous meeting, and extending my hearty greeting with the sincere hope that your deliberations will result in much benefit to the organiza-tion. I am, fraternally yours,

"B, T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C., 58.

Waycross, Ga., September 8, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Brother: I hereby report to you as per our Constitution, and have to say that Hoo-Hoo hath used me kindly since my connection with same. Fraternally, R.L. HILLIARD (No. 7764).

Barnes, Pa., September 10, 1901.—J. H. Baird, Scrive-noter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: I shall not be able to attend the meeting of Hoo-Hoo on account of business at home. Regret very much that I am not able to be with my fellow lumbermen. Fraternally yours, WM. A. HASSINGER (No. 8226).

Barnes, Pa., September 9, 1001.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir and Brother: No. 8008 sends greetings to the Hoo-Hoo annual to be held at Norfolk. and wishes success to all brethren in Hoo-Hoo in their pursuit-of-health, happiness and long life. Fraternally yours, J. II. HASSINGER (No. 8008).

Eldorado, La., September & 1901.—J. H. Baird, Norfolk, Va.—Dear Sir: I am very sorry that I am unable to attend your meeting at Norfolk. I had fully intended with Mrs. Booth and my little girl, Emma, to come; but I took charge of this plant three weeks ago and find that I cannot get away at this time. I am very sorry that I cannot atget away at this time. I am very sorry time. Cannot tend. Hoping you will have a large attendance, and with best wishes for the good of the Order, I beg to remain vours most sincerely.

H. BOOTH. yours most sincerely. H. BOOTH. Manager for Chicago Export Lumber Co., Eldorado, La.

Houston, Texas. September 7, 1901.—Mr. J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, and all Hoo-lloo, Norfolk, Va.—Gents: I hoped up to the last moment that I would be with you this year, and regret it cannot be so, and beg to extend my best wishes to all Hoo-Hoo who may be more fortunate, and to the absent ones as well. Those who were in Galveston this day last year can indeed join me in rejoicing that we are here, and that quite a difference now exists in regard to weather in this locality, and we have much cause to be thankful; and Brother W. F. McClure showed his colors during that trying ordeal and deserves the praise of all Hoo-Hoo for his work. It is fortunate that historically hospitable Virginia was selected as the meeting place for Hoo-Hoo in its new century, With best wishes for all, I am yours,

R. D. BOWEN (No. 2947).

Fort Wayne, Ind., September 9, 1901.-J. H. Baird. Scrivenoter-Dear Sir: On lloo-Iloo Day I enter into a new position, and with this good onten feel sure it will be a good move. Though there are a great many lumbermen here, there are but two other members of our society. Trusting the coming meeting will be a successful one, will close. Very sincerely.

Nansen, Pa., August 31, 1001.—J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter: We, the undersigned, do hereby tender our regrets at not being able to mingle with the other worthy felines in their meanderings through the "onion bed," "sessions on the roof," etc., upon the event of the annual meeting of the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo at Norfolk, but extend to all the members, individually and collectively as an Order, our best wishes for inture prosperity and success, Yours, B. T. T. O. T. G. S. B. C.,

J. B. WRIGHT (No. 8239),

B. E. MI LLER (No. 8220),

B. E. MILLER (No. 8220), J. W. MILLER (No. 8015), C. G. ODELL (No. 8231), H. L. SWAIN (No. 6126), E. A. DUNLAP (No. 8224), O. A. WHITE (No. 8228), A. A. DUNLAP (No. 8223), W. S. IRWIN (No. 8223), W. S. IRWIN (No. 8225).

The Entertainment Features.

Norfolk is particularly well situated in regard to facilities for entertaining visitors. Within a few minutes' ride are numerous summer resorts equipped with everything calculated to conduce to a good time, and always there is the never-ending interest and mystery and fascination of the sea. Hoo-Hoo are adepts in the art of drowning sorrow. They learn that from the precepts of their patron saint, Osiris, that jolly and level-headed Egyptian god, who, according to the best authorities, first taught men to "charm their leisure and to forget." Some improvements on the methods of Osiris have been made by enterprising and ingenious members of Hoo-Hoo who have gone ahead and invented devious and variegated schemes in the way of "charming their leisure and forgetting"-their own names. in some cases; but no better way to drown dull care has ever been devised than to take a dip into the surf, to ride the waves, to get the sunshine in the blood and the salt spray in one's hair. It is true some of our most prominent members have no hair, but in that case they get out of the trouble of drying it; and salt is said to be a cure for baldness.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, under the guidance of A. H. Potter, chairman of the Committee of Entertainment, the visiting ladies and gentlemen of the Hoo-Hoo Annual were taken by ferry to Berkley, where they had an opportunity of inspecting the splendidly conducted sawmill, dry kiln and planing mill plant of the Cummer Lumber Com-· pany. The party was furnished with guides and spent nearly an hour in inspection of this model operation. .

After the visit to the Cummer plant the party was taken by specially chartered trolley cars through Berkley and South Norfolk to Money Point, where the immense creosoting plant of the Norfolk Creosoting Company was inspected. The modus operandi of creosoting piling and timber was carefully explained to the visitors by General Manager Christian. At the time of the visit the company was engaged in creosoting piling intended for government dock work at Porto Rico. Eight pounds of sap, water and acids to the cubic foot were being extracted from the piling and in place thereof twenty-three pounds of dead oil of coal tar was being injected. This process precludes any possible attack of teredo and renders the material practically indestructible. A part of the guests then spent considerable time at the plant of the Roanoke Railroad & Lumber Company, adjoining the creosoting plant. Both plants are models of their kind, and both were sawing on very high-class timber. The entire party voted the trip one of great pleasure and profit. and was highly pleased with the afternoon's entertainment.

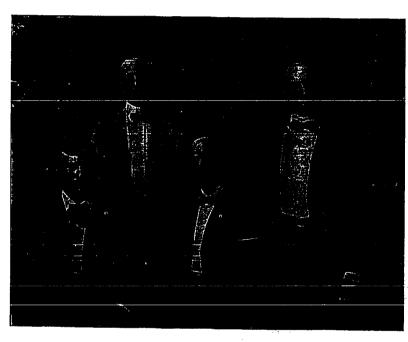
After the wear and tear of the business session Tuesday morning, the excursion to Virginia Beach in the afternoon

was most refreshing. The surf was just heavy enough to make sea bathing a most exhilarating pleasure, the air was delightful and the crowd in a fine humor. A rush was made to the bath houses, and in a very short time grotesque and unrecognizable figures emerged and darted swiftly down the steps and into the water. The bathing suits at Virginia Beach are fearfully and wonderfully made, and the same is true of the figures of some of those who wore them on that memorable day. But the sea is kind, and all shapes look alike in the water. Those who disported themselves in the waves bade farewell to every carking care; and one who is of a meditative turn of mind and who did not go in, sat on the steps and wondered if there is any real connection between crooked legs and wheels in the head.

. After returning from the beach late in the day, the men prepared for the initiatory ceremonies of the Osirian Cloister, and the ladies proceeded to make most fetching be a most enjoyable occasion and afforded the visiting ladies an opportunity to get acquainted with the wives and daughters and sweethearts of the Norfolk Hoo-Hoo. The orchestra discoursed sweet music during the reception, and dainty refreshments were served.

For Wednesday afternoon there was arranged a programme that was most pleasing to the many inlanders who were present at the meeting-an oyster roast at Ocean View. The party went out in open electric cars, and the ride was in itself delightful. If the weather had been made to order it could not have been more perfect, and never was a crowd in a jollier mood. Old jokes that had been tied up in moth balls and laid away in the cedar chest ever since the last annual were proudly brought forth, and found to be in a good state of preservation. Stories that wore whiskers long before the flood were told again. It was a day in Arcady, and the breezes blew fresh from the coast of Bohemia. A man from New England, who caught a chill last

Chairmen of Norfolk Hoo-Roo Annual Committee.



A. H. POTTER, J. E. DUKE, Chairman Entertain ment Committee. Committee

J. W. BROWN, JR.,

toilets for the Osirian banquet which was to occur later in the evening. It was nearly midnight when the members of the Cloister and the ladies sat down in the brilliant banqueting hall to discuss a most elaborate and tempting menu. The wholesale liquor men were also holding a banquet in another apartment of the same hotel; but despite this, the refreshments furnished the Osirians showed no sign of running short, a fact which speaks volumes for the capacity of the hotel. The speeches made at the banquet were as sparkling as the heverages served, and the spirit of Osiris, which was doubtless present at the feast, must have rejoiced at the enthusiasm with which his teachings were followed.

The ladies of Norfolk tendered to the visiting ladies a reception in the parlors of the Monticello Hotel on the evening of Monday, September 9, while the men were holding the annual concatenation at Elks' Hall. It proved to

spring while courting a Boston girl, thawed out, and grew chummy with a woman who had missed her dinner and who sat on the front seat munching a sandwich and a California pear, which somebody had kindly given her. Old sorrows were forgotten and old grievances and losses; old loves also. Nothing old went but jokes and stories, and they would have been thrown into the sea if anybody had happened to know any new ones.

Arriving at the beach some of the enthusiasts hurried into the water for a little dip before the time of feasting. Others distributed themselves about the spacious verandas of the hotel or sat in groups on the sands. The woman who had missed her dinner ate two more pears and another sandwich. Each was happy in his own way, but not so much so but that his joy was increased when it was announced that the roast was ready. It did not stay ready long. Those who had displayed great energy in buffeting the waves now

showed still greater strength and skill in disposing of everything in sight. The oysters were delicious, the salads and other accompaniments just right, and the beer of the brand that made Milwaukee famous.

Following the oyster roast in the afternoon came a moonlight sail to the capes and Old Point. There are many things essential to the success of a moonlight sail, but the most important is that there be no moon. This happy state of affairs prevailed on the occasion mentioned, and the soft starlight of that cloudless night filtered lovingly over the dark corners of the boat, making just light enough, but not too much. There are times when the man in the moon is too inquisitive.

There were other advantages, too, in the darkness of the night-the lights along the shore glowed more brilliantly, and the rows of incandescents on the hotels at the beach glittered like strings of jewels. And when the search light was turned full on the big battleships lying off Old Point, it was a sight to make the pulses leap.

If there had been nothing else to enjoy but the glory of the summer night, the swish of the waves, the crisp salt breeze, the majesty of the star-gemmed sky and the genial comradeship of those on board, this trip would have deserved to linger in one's memory forever; but with true Virginia hospitality the Norfolk people had provided many creature comforts, and with true Hoo-Hoo vigor and appreciation, all on board fell to and did justice to the efforts of their entertainers.

When the boat landed at the wharf well along toward the shank of the evening, a tired but perfectly satisfied and happy lot of people wended their way to their several hotels.

The Annual Concatenation.

The annual concatenation, the formal report of which appears on another page, was the most ornate and highly successful meeting of the sort that ever happened. That versatile and brilliant genius, Brother Bolling Arthur Johnson, having given full swing to his unique abilities, had evolved some original and bizarre departures, which added greatly to the general joyousness of the occasion. The great feature of the evening was his illustrated lecture, "The Story of Hoo-Hoo," which he delivered with fine effect. A number of new pictures had been added since the lecture was last heard, and to many in the audience the whole thing was entirely new. The entire arrangements for the concatenation were made under the supervision of Mr. Johnson, who was the official director of entertainments and initiations, and the smoothness with which everything passed off reflects great credit on his able management. The central gardens were fenced with ribbons, trees were scattered about under arc lights, and the floor was covered with stage grass of a refreshing shade of green. Each of the stations was a stump, to the top of which had been spiked a small circular saw which rang like a gong under the Snark's gavel.

The initiatory work of the evening was conducted in an especially orderly manner by request of Snark Stillwell, who was unable to be present; and yet it embraced many novel fun-making features, indicating that this feature of the work can be considerably elevated in tone without losing its interest. The closing work upon the ten commandments of the Order was for the first time illustrated with the stereopticon by B. Arthur Johnon, making the work very beautiful and impressive alike to the older kittens and those just initiated.

It was after 1 o'clock when the exercises closed, and the crowd made promptly for the entrance; but there they were met by a tide of sandwiches, salad, celery and other things to eat and drink which rolled in upon them through the

open portal. There was no way of escape, and they had to eat and drink their way out. This was a little surprise prepared by the Norfolk hosts.

Mr. Johnson's Lecture and the Embalming of the Snark.

The grand finale of the whole meeting was, of course, the embalming of the Snark, or rather the embalming of one Snark and the cremating of the other, and the installation of the new officers of the Supreme Nine. This occurred Thursday night, September 12, at Van Wyck's Opera House, and in response to numerous invitations sent to friends of Hoo-Hoo in the city, the house was filled, most of the ladies appearing in evening dress.

Mr. Bolling Arthur Johnson, the founder of Hoo-Hoo, had been made the official director of entertainment and initiation, and to his able efforts is due in great part the success of this public entertainment, which was given on a more elaborate scale than ever before in the history of

As, is well understood by most of the members of the Order, there were two Snarks to be disposed of-one. Mr. Geo. W. Lock, having been "left over" at the Dallas anand last year. He was to be cremated, and the retiring Snark, Mr. Wm. B. Stillwell, was to be embalmed. On account of the painful accident sustained by Mr. Stillwell that gentleman was unable to take part in his own funeral, and this duty devolved upon the man who it was thought would make the best looking mummy. This proved to be Mr. George Youle, whose classic features yielded gracefully to the embalmer's mysterious arts, and who looked not only killed but killing, as in the role of mummy he made his appearance on the stage.

Ex-Snark Lock was duly cremated and his ashes shoveled into a milk can. All the performers acquitted themselves with great credit, and the unique entertainment was greatly enjoyed by the large audience present,

Immediately preceding the solemn ceremonies conducting the new officers in and the old ones out, Mr. Johnson delivered his splendid illustrated lecture, entitled "Stories of the Old South and the New," a most appropriate subject on this occasion, and one on which Mr. Johnson has constructed a very brilliant and entertaining lecture.

A subtle fascination lingers around the old South-its legends and its songs, its picturesque characters that are passing away, its tender sentiment immortalized in story and in verse, its halo of past grandeur. These things the new South never will possess. In the recrudescence of a land once roseate with romance there must ever be lacking that alluring spell cast over it in ages past. The virility and opulence of the new South we all admire, but our hearts respond to the romance and the pathos of the old-time plantation life; and he who keeps alive this longing for the beauty of the ideal has helped humanity to conform to a softer mold. We are too apt to harden when we become utilitarians. Life is a vulgar thing when bereft of sentiment.

And so Mr. Johnson's beautiful lecture performs a mission higher than that of merely entertaining. It is calculated to help a human soul to grow. It begins with that masterpiece of short-story writing, "Marse Chan," in which is so vividly pictured the highest type of the young Southerner of ante-bellum days, and his love for his beautiful sweetheart. In all the range of fiction there is no tenderer scene than that in which is described the negro body-servant. who, having brought home the remains of his master who was killed in battle, wonders how he will break the news to Miss Anne-and finally stumbles into her presence and sobs out: "Marse Chan he-done got his furlough." The man who can read that scene without tears in his eyes and a big lump in his throat, might just as well go and drown himself-he has no soul to save.

But not all of M: Johnson's lecture consists of sad scenes -much of it bubbles with the spontaneous humor of Southern writers in their happiest moods. The illustrations are most excellent, many of them being from photographs taken especially for this lecture.

Random Notes.

Brother George E. Youle, of Atlanta, was the bestdressed man in the gang, and his gorgeous costumes attracted admiration even on occasions where "glad rags" were the usual order of the day. His snow-white suit paralyzed all beholders; but not until he appeared on the stage as a mummy was the adaptability of his particular style of beauty truly appreciated.

Brother E. R. Cooledge was in his element by reason of the presence of so many nice young men. He adopted a lot of new sons and was supremely happy in his role of "Pop." Mr. Cooledge's love for young men and his indifference to young women were quite marked, and much hard feeling was engendered. Unless he can promise a reformation in himself in this respect, it is believed that the present Supreme Nine will take steps to debar him from attending the next annual meeting.

Brother Karl Isburgh, of the firm of Smith-Isburgh Lumber Company, Boston, Mass., was one of the most enthusiastic members present. He was initiated at the annual concatenation on the 9th, and seemed to feel that he had his money's worth. Mr. Isburgh has lately embarked in the lumber business for himself, and though quite a young man, is well known to the trade in the East. He is a Norwegian by descent and is a splendid type of that sturdy race.

Brother Sam K. Cowan was handicapped in his aspirations by reason of his arduous duties as reporter of the meeting for the "Southern Lumberman." He longed to stand for hours on the beach listening to the murmur of the sad sea waves, whereby he hoped to receive sufficient inspiration to enable him to write a letter to his best girl that would soften her flinty heart and induce her to name the day. Failing in this, he put in some excellent and much-appreciated work, and has now bottled up his yearnings and departed on a business trip through the South.

Among all the letters of regret received at Norfolk from those who could not come, none was so touching as that from Brother Sam R. Guyther, of Patterson, La., who lost his only son a few months ago. The young man was the pride of his father's heart, and the life that went out so prematurely had seemed full of promise. "There never was a better boy on earth" wrote the bereaved father in a letter to this office; and surely this is a great tribute, for as some one has truly said: "It is a good thing to be a great man, but it is a great thing to be a good man."

The sympathy of the entire Order goes out to Brother Guyther in his deep sorrow.

Brother W. H. Norris, of Texas, "laid over" all the other Vicegerents in the record made, having held twenty-one concatenations and initiated a hundred and five men.

Brother Will C. Day, of Norfolk, distinguished himself by the very valuable and efficient service rendered in the preparations preliminary to the annual meeting, and showed himsell to be possessed of those rare qualities-energy, steadfastness and the power to resist fatigue. According to the

great Huxley, these constitute all that is necessary to insure success in any line of endeavor. Mr. Day is one of the youngest men in the Osirian Cloister.

Brother Frank N. Snell, of Milwaukee, was one of the Vicegerents present. After the close of the meeting he went to New York for a little outing, and when last seen was at Coney Island, wearing rather a bewildered look. It is not known whether or not he escaped alive.'

Brother F. E. Waymer, of Tifton, Ga., became so wearied with the efforts of the young ladies to capture him that he left before the meeting closed. Hereafter all good-looking and prosperous young men who insist on congregating by themselves at the annual meetings will be fined not less than \$100, the money to be applied to the relief fund.

Brother D. Tramway Call, of Beaumont, Texas, made the highest record at the oyster roast, the number he ate, as we remember it, being seventeen dozen. Mr. Call is the sort of man who succeeds in everything he undertakes.

"Pap" Hemenway, of Colorado Springs, Col., ex-Snark of the Universe, was a welcome figure at the annual, and was the sole representative from his state.

Brother A. H. Brailsford, of Buffalo, was mable to be present on account of an interesting domestic event impending in his family.

Brother Joshua Oldham, of New York, who became an honorary member at the annual concatenation, was accompanied on the trip by his son, a handsome lad about fifteen years old. Mr. Oldham is the proud father of seven sons.

Brother E. Stringer Boggess. of Clarksburg, W. Va., was among the Vicegerents present. Mr. Boggess has done some very effective work for Hoo-Hoo during the past year.

Brother T. K. Edwards enchanted all his hearers with the sweet song he sang at the Osirian banquet.

Brother B. M. Bunker, of Altoona, Pa., probably had as much fun as anybody, being built that way, and also contributed his share toward making others have a good time. Brother Bunker was accompanied by his charming daughter, Miss Elizabeth Bunker, who has been with him on two or three similar occasions, and who is extremely popular with the members of Hoo-Hoo and their women folks.

Brother W. J. T. Saint turned up at the annual with a splendid record as Vicegerent for the Western District of

Hoo-Hoo's Vicegerents last year were a fine lot of men and deserve great credit for their efforts in behalf of the Order. Quite a number of them were present at the annual, among them: W. C. Fellows, of Alabama; B. B. Neal, of Georgia; B. F. Cobb, of Illinois; John N. Steeley, of Indiana; John S. Helfrich, of Maryland; G. Fred Stevens, of Minnesota; John J. Canavan, of New York; F. R. Hyman, of North Carolina; W. A. Drake, of Ohio; F. R. Seeley, of South Carolina; and H. L. Barto, of Tennessee,

Brother Ed M. Vietmeier, of Pittsburg, accompanied by Mrs. Vietmeier, went with the party to New York. Brother Vietmeier has the reputation of being able to work harder and holler louder than any other Hoo-Hoo of his size.

Quite a little party went from the Norfolk meeting to New York by steamer. The trip was most enjoyable, the water being smooth as glass and the weather perfect. After landing in New York the party broke up and went separate ways, some afterward getting lost on the midway at the "Pan," and others fading into oblivion at Coney Island. It is believed that most of them got home safely, but we are without official information to this effect.

Overheard on the Upper Deck.

He-What is your ideal man?

She-That depends,

He-On what?

She-On whether you ask my friends or my enemies. My enemies will tell you that my ideal man is one who will propose to me. But that's a slander.

He-But what do you say yourself? Do you like intellectual men?

She (promptly)-No. A man does not need much brains. He-How much?

She-Enough to make a good living for his wife. If he is too smart, he is apt to be uncomfortable to live with.

He-l am not intellectual-

She (in a satisfied tone)—I have noticed that—

Married Woman (on the other side of the smoke stack)-I hope to gracious you won't snore to-night as you did in the sleeping car coming down,

Her Husband (in injured tones)-1 didn't snore. I never went to sleep at all. I wish-

Fat Man (to elderly gentleman)-Yes, I stayed under till I nearly drowned. When I went in I had no idea that the blamed old bathing suit was torn-

Young Girl (to her best beau)-It isn't so light here. And, oh, aren't the stars just lovely-why don't you get a shave? Your face is so rough-(gurgle, gurgle).

Facetions Benedict-My wife went wild over the soldiers at Fort Monroe. Anything in a uniform goes. She got stuck on the milkman because he wore blue overalls-

General Jumble of Voices-We are not allowed to have our trunks in the cabin-

Can't you pin it up?

"I made an awful mash"-

"Where did you put that bottle?"

"He certainly is a peach"-

"My stomach does not feel just right"-

"The way they carried on was scandalous"-

"Did you ever see a place where there were so many fleas as at Old Point? They are just crawling up and down my. ——,"

"That last drink nearly knocked me out"-

"If his wife only knew"-

"Oh, have you just caught on to that? Why everhody saw ---."

"Gracious, I thought he was a regular Sunday school scholar. Well, you never can tell"-

"I lost my garter at the beach"-

Group of Hoo-Hoo (coming un the steps-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 by the tail of the great black cat, black cat, Hoo-Hoo!

The Constitution.

The Constitution and By-Laws, as revised at Norfolk, after most careful consideration and full discussion, are printed below. It is hoped every member will familiarize himself at once with the important changes made.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

Section 1. The name of this organization is the Con-CATENATED ORDER OF HOO-HOO.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

Section 1. The object of the Order is the promotion of the Health, Happiness and Long Life of its members.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. It being the purpose of this Order to gather together in fraternal relations people engaged in lumber trade and those allied industries which are so closely interwoven with the conduct of the lumber business as to make them practically a part thereof, membership in this Order shall be limited to white male persons over the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character, who possess one or more of the following qualifications:

First-They shall be so engaged, either in the ownership or sale of timber lands, timber or logs, or the mamuacture or sale of lumber at wholesale or retail as that it shall be their main, or principal, occupation, and that it shall be their business which is recognized in the community in which they reside as their vocation. There shall not be admitted under this paragraph bookkeepers, stenographers, clerks, inspectors, sawyers, filers, foremen, nor the ordinary laborers of lumber enterprises. It is the intent and meaning of this section that every application from a person who does not come clearly and without question within the provisions of the first paragraph of this limitation, must be referred by the Vicegerent Snark to the Snark and Scrivenoter with a full statement of all facts bearing on the case before any action shall be taken thereon.

Second-Newspaper men. By this term being meant only the publishers and proprietors of newspapers, or persons regularly connected with newspapers whose principal occupation is the editing and writing of newspaper matter, and who make that work their main and principal occupation and are known as such in the community in which they

Third-Railroad men. By this term being meant only general officers, general and assistant freight, passenger and claim agents, purchasing agents, commercial traveling, soliciting and contracting freight (not station agents). This means the officials of railroads who come in contact with the patrons of the road. It does not mean office assistants, clerks, secretaries or collectors.

Fourth—Saw mill machinery men. By this term being meant persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of lumber, manufacturers of sawmill or planing machinery. This includes those persons engaged in the manufacture and sale of saws and belting, but does not include salesmen for oil

concerns, nor men handling commissary goods.

Fifth—Only such persons as come strictly within the limitations above made are eligible for membership in the Order, and such persons may be initiated under proper application, payment of initiation fee and election to membership and initiation as provided by the ritual of the Order. Membership shall be limited to 9.999 living members in good

Sec. 2. Each applicant for membership shall fully fill out the final application blank. This application must not be voted on until a certificate thereon has been indorsed by two members of the Order in good standing. Each petition for membership shall be balloted on separately. In case three black balls are cast, the applicant shall be rejected. Any applicant rejected shall not be balloted on again within

six months of the date of his rejection. SEC. 3. If any Vicegerent shall knowingly, or by culpable negligence, admit to the initiatory ceremonies of the Order any person not legally entitled to same under the provisions of this Article, he shall mon due proof thereof the Snark and Scrivenotes be removed from his office by the Snark, and, in the discretion of the Supreme Nine, if the violation be flagrant, be expelled from the Order; and any member of the Order who shall sign the certificate on any

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

SEC. 4. Whenever a removal or suspension shall be made in accordance with the provisions of this article, the Scrivenoter shall immediately bulletin the fact to every member

of the Order in good standing.

Sec. 5. This Order retains the ownership of warv hand-book and button issued to its members, such being furnished only for the proper and legitimate use of the members in accordance with the Constitution, By-Laws and Ritual of the Order. Whenever any member, to whom such property is furnished, ceases, either by suspension or expulsion, to be entitled to the benefits and privileges of the Order, the right is hereby reserved to demand and enforce the return of the same to the Scrivenoter.

SEC. 6. The handbook shall be issued between the first of February and first of April each year and shall be sent only to members who have paid dues for the preceding year.

SEC. 7. The initiation fee shall be \$9.99, which, together

with the current year's dues, must accompany the applica-tion. The annual dues shall be 99 cents.

SEC. 8. Honorary Membership in this Order may be granted upon application filed with the Serivenoter by the Vicegerent of the state within which the applicant resides; provided, that such application shall be endorsed by nine members of the Order in good standing. The honorary membership fee shall be \$99.99, and shall accompany the application; and no further fees, dues, or assessments of any mature shall be levied on such membership. The Honorary Members shall be required to take the first obligation in the Ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary.

SEC. 9. Life Membership in this Order may be granted SEC. 9. Life Membership in this Order may be granted upon application by any one eligible under the Constitution upon payment of \$33-33, and no further dues or assessments of any nature shall be levied on such member. Life Members shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of Hoo-Hoo. They shall be required to take the first obligation in the Ritual, but no further initiatory ceremonies shall be necessary.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the Order shall be the Snark of the Universe, Senior Hoo-Hoo, Junior Hoo-Hoo, Bojum, Scrivenoter, Jabberwock, Custocatian, Arcanoper, Gurdon. The above-named officers shall constitute the Supreme Nine and shall perform such duties as are prescribed in the Ritual, of the Universe shall receive the title of "Past Snark," and he, with his succeeding fellows, shall constitute the "House of Ancients," whose high duty shall be to prepare and preserve the historical and archaeological large of Universe and preserve the historical and archaeological large of Universe. serve the historical and archaeological lore of Hoo-Hoo, and shall be the custodians of the copyrights of the Order to protect and care for them. A duplicate of any right or privilege granted by the "llonse of Ancients" shall be filed with the Scrivenoter. The Emblem of Revelation, which has been fashioned and presented to Boling Arthur Johnson as the founder of the Order, shall be by him worn until his death, and when transmitted as a legacy from him to the "House of Ancients," it shall thereafter be worn by the senior member of that venerable body as a perpetual monment in Hoo-Hoo to the memory of him through whom was transmitted the sacred legends and traditions upon which the Order is founded, and there shall be neither fashioned nor worn in Hoo-Hoo another embloar of like form, design or import. The members of the House of Ancients shall have power to conduct concatenations the same as any member of the Supreme Nine.

SEC. 2. The above-named officers shall be annually elected by a majority of the votes cast at the Hoo-Hoo Annual by roll call of states, as hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 3. In case of the death or resignation of an officer, the Supreme Nine shall have power to appoint a successor, who shall fill the unexpired term caused by such vacancy.

SEC. 4. Each state having nine or more members shall be entitled to an executive officer, whose title shall be Vicegerent Snark of ... State. And when in the Judgment of the Supreme Nine the interests of the Order demand, they may appoint two or more Vicegerent Snarks for any state. dividing the territory equitably for such purpose.

SEC. 5. Except as may be hereinafter provided the jurisdiction of Vicegerent Snarks shall be limited to the state defined of vicegerent smart smart be manifed to the state for which they are appointed, and to the conduct of the work of initiation, and within such limitations in the absence of the Snark, and for those purposes which may be necessary to the proper initiation of candidates, they shall exercise all the powers and execute all the duties of the Snark of the Universe in that behalf.

SEC. 6. For the purpose of extending the growth of the Order the Supreme Nine shall attach to the territory of Vicegerent Snarks, such contiguous territory as may be without the requisite number of Hoo-Hoo to entitle it to a Vicegerent Snark; provided, that whenever there shall be nine 1100-Hoo within any such attached territory they may petition the Supreme Nine for the appointment of a Vicegerent Snark, whereupon the authority of the foreign Vicegerent Snark shall terminate; and provided further, that the jurisdiction of the Vicegerent Snarks shall not be less than the boundaries of states in the United States and corresponding civil divisions in other countries, except as provided in section 4 of this article.

SEC. 7. The Vicegerent Snarks shall be appointed by the Snark by and with the consent and approval of the Supreme Nine, and shall serve until the next Hoo-Hoo Day succeeding his appointment, or until his successor shall be appointed, unless removed for cause.

SEC. 8. The Supreme Nine shall cause to be issued by the Snark of the Universe and the Scrivenoter, to each Vicegerent Snark, a warrant of authority, which shall explicitly define his powers and jurisdiction, together with such instructions for the conduct of concatenations, initiations, admissions, as it may deem wise, and shall have power to revoke such authority and appoint a successor to fill the unexpired

ARTICLE V. SUPREME NINE

Section i. The Supreme Nine is vested with full authority to administer the affairs of the Order in accordance, with its Ritual, Constitution and By-Laws in the interim between the Hoo-Hoo Annuals, and shall, through the Scrivenoter. make a full report of its doings to the Order at each annual meeting, and its action on any matter shall be subject to review at such meeting.

SEC. 2. The Osirian Cloister shall constitute the Upper Chamber of Hoo-Hoo, and all Vicegerent Snarks who shall have served one year in that capacity, and all ex-members of the Supreme Nine, may be eligible to membership therein. It shall be competent for the membership of the Cloister, under its own regulations, to prescribe rituals and initiatory ceremonies for the admission of its members; rules and regulations governing the business of the Cloister, including the imposition of such fees and dues as may be found necessary; to regulate and enlarge the limits of eligibility by such vote as may be prescribed in its By-Laws, and, if deemed advisable to the such as the such a ble, to make alteration in the name under which the Cloister now exists. The Cloister shall perform the rite of embalming the retiring Snark preparatory to his incarceration in the House of Ancients.

Sec. 3. The Supreme Nine shall appoint regular times for or, 3. The Supreme rate shall appoint regular times for meeting, and may hold such special meetings as may be required, provided that no special meeting shall be held unless notice thereof shall be given to each member at least one full day more than it would take him to reach the place of such meeting by the route necessary for him to travel, unless he shall in writing have waived his right to such notice; and when summoned by the Snark of the Universe and the Scrivenoter to attend any such special meeting, he shall be paid from the funds of the Order his necessary expenses for such meeting.

SEC. 4. No measure shall be passed by the Supreme Nine except upon the affirmative vote of five of its members.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS.

Section 1. Hoo-Hoo Day is the ninth day of the ninth month of the calendar year. On that day shall occur the regular annual business meeting of the Order, at a place to be selected by vote of the Order, in default of which it shall be selected by the Supreme Nine, the first session of which shall convene not later than the ninth minute after nine o'clock p.m. of said day.

Sec. 2. The entire membership in each state in good standing shall be the basis for voting at the Hoo-Hoo An-nual, and the vote of each state shall be divided pro-rata among the members present from such state. States not represented at the Annual shall have no vote.

SEC. 3. Every member of the Order should attend the meeting on Hoo-Hoo Day if possible, or, failing to be present, he must forward to the Scrivenoter, in time to be read at the meeting, a letter telling how Hoo-Hoo hath used him during the past year, or he must send a prepaid telegram giving his whereabouts, so that it may be known where every member of the Order is on that day.

Sec. 4. In the permanent record of Hoo-Hoo Day, the Scrivenoter shall note the attendance as follows:

First-Members deceased; for the loving memory of those who have gone beyond is always with us.

Second-Those who respond by letter or telegram. Third-Those who are present in person.

SEC. 5. Concatenations are meetings held for the initiation of members, and no business shall be transacted thereat. Concatenations shall be held by the Vicegerent Snark of the state whenever six or more applicants are ready for initia-tion, and the Scrivenoter shall have forwarded to the Vicegerent Snark an authority blank signed by the Supreme Nine, authorizing the holding of such concatenations. The Vicegerent Snark hall not apply to the Scrivenoter for an authority blank for a concatenation until he shall have received from at least six eligible persons their preliminary application and their initiation fee, provided, that whenever there is to be a meeting of lumbermen, or the meeting of a lumber association, an authority blank may be issued conditioned upon the contingency that there shall be at least six applicants initiated.

SEC. 6. At concatenations the Vicegerent Snark shall appoint members of the Order to fill the ritual stations of those members of the Supreme Nine who may not be present in

SEC. 7. The Snark of the Universe may hold concatenations anywhere upon the issuance of authority blank, as may also any member of the Supreme Nine.

ARTICLE VII.

NUMBERS.

Section 1. 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 concatenation reports may be received by him.

ARTICLE VIII. SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION.

Section i. Dues shall be payable on Hoo-Hoo Day for the year ensuing. Members shall be delinquent for unpaid dues on the Hoo-Hoo Day succeeding that on which dues become payable. Within thirty-three days after Hoo-Hoo Day, the Scrivenoter shall send notice to each delinquent member, notifying him that in thirty-three days thereafter he will be suspended. if such dues are not paid; and if dues be not paid within the thirty-three days, he shall be placed on the suspended list, and such list shall be published to all Vicegerents.

SEC 2. When the Scrivenoter sends out the notices herein provided for, he shall prepare a list of those to whom it is sent in each Vicegerency and transmit the same to the Vicegerent Snark, who shall adopt such means to secure the collection of such dues as he may see fit, rendering his account for the expense incident thereto to the Scrivenoter.

SEC. 3. Suspended members may be reinstated upon the payment of all back dues and an additional fee of 90 cents. and upon the approval of the Vicegerent in the state in which such member lives or of the Scrivenoter of the Order.

SEC. 4. If any member of this Order shall violate its Constitution. By-Laws or Ritual, or engage in any unlawful or disreputable business, or in any manner bring public shame or disgrace to this Order or its membership, he may be suspended or expelled only in the following manner: There shall be filed with the Scrivenoter a written statement of the offense charged, signed by the member making the charge and verified under oath, and supported by such affidavits of other persons as he may desire to be present, together with a copy of the same. The Scrivenoter shall file the originals and transmit the copies to the accused by registered mail, without the name signed thereto, which shall he furnished by the Scrivenoter on demand if defense is made. The accused shall have thirty-three days after the receipt of the charges made in which to make answer, which

shall be prepared under oath, and may consist of the statement of others as well as himself. When the Serivenoter shall have received the answer of the accused, he shall transmit a copy of all the papers in the case to each member of the Supreme Nine, who shall determine the innocence or guilt of the defendant, and in case of conviction fix such penalty as they may deem proper.

In case accused shall not make answer, within the time herein prescribed he shall stand suspended until such answer

If any member shall make a false or malicious charge against another member, he shall be subject to suspension or expulsion by the Supreme Nine, and in any case in which the accused may be acquitted the burden of proof shall be upon the complainant to show that he acted in good faith in case the acquittal shall result from a failure to prove the facts alleged, but not when the acquittal results from the construction of the law.

SEC. 5. Whenever a member of this Order is suspended the Scrivenoter shall demand of him a return of his handbook and button, which shall be retained by the Scrivenoter during the period of his suspension. Whenever a member of this Order is expelled, the Scrivenoter shall demand a return of his handbook and button, and if the same shall not be returned within 33 days, he shall proceed to the recovery of same by action of law.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. This Constitution may be amended by a three-fourths vote of the represented membership of the Order as provided in Article VI hereof at any Hoo-Hoo

By-Laws.

- I. In the absence of the Snark from any Hoo-Hoo Annual, his place shall be taken by the next officer in rank who is present. In case of temporary vacancy in any position, the Acting Snark shall have power to temporarily fill such
- 2. The Scrivenoter shall be custodian of the funds of the Order and shall give a bond satisfactory to the Supreme Nine in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), the cost of the bond being defrayed by the Order. He shall pay out moneys only on vouchers countersigned by the Snark and Senior Hoo-Hoo. He shall receive an annual salary of one thousand, three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$1,333.33), and be allowed necessary expenses for the proper conduct of his office.
- 3. The accounts and disbursements of the Scrivenoter shall be annually audited within nine days of each approaching annual by a competent accountant appointed by the Snark for that purpose; and the certified report of such auditor shall accompany the annual report of the Scrivenoter. Such necessary expense as may attach to such auditing shall be paid upon proper voucher.
- 4. In case of the death of a member of the Order in good standing his number and name shall be retained in all official numerical lists of members of the Order thereafter published, but surrounded by black lines. In case of the resignation, suspension or expulsion of a member, his name shall be dropped from the rolls of the Order.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the Vicegerent Snark, at the close of each concatenation, to remit to the Scrivenoter \$5, together with one year's dues, for each regular member initiated, which amount shall cover the dues to the next Hoo-Hoo Day. He shall remit ninety dollars (\$90) for each Honorary Member and twenty-three dollars and thirty-four cents (\$23.34) for each Life Member obligated under sections 8 and 9 of Article III of our Constitution. He shall also remit the balance of funds received at any concatenation which has not been expended in the necessary expenses of the concatenation, rendering a detailed account for same attested by acting Scrivenoter and Custocatian. Out of the funds set apart for the Vicege-ent Snark he may pay his necessary expenses for attending such concatenation, and those of such other members as he may deem necessary to call upon for assistance in the work.
- 6. The Hoo-Hoo Annual shall be governed in its deliberations by Roberts' Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for.

The Osirian Cloister.

The annual business meeting of the Osirian Cloister occurred on Monday afternoon with the following Osirians present:

J. E. Defebaugh, Chicago, Ill. B. A. Johnson, Chicago, Ill. W. E. Barnes, St. Louis, Mo. A. D. McLeod, Cincinnati, Ohio. Geo. W. Lock, Westlake, La. Geo. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo. R. H. Vidmer, Mobile, Ala. Platt B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn. T. K. Edwards, Chicago, Ill. Ed M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa. E. R. Cooledge, Chicago, III. J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. H. H. Hemenway, Colorado Springs, Col. N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind. E. H. Defebaugh, Louisville, Ky. W. J. T. Saint, Sharpsburg, Pa. L. N. Kimmerer, Mattson, Miss. J. Sam Wright, Hub, N. C. M. A. Hayward, Columbus, Ohio. D. T. Cali, Beaumont, Texas. J. B. Wall, Buffalo, N. Y. C. W. Goodlander, Ft. Scott, Kan. Geo, B. Maegly, Kansas City, Mo. R. P. Webb, Nashville, Tenn. Chas, H. Adams, Grand Haven, Mich. B. M. Bunker, Altoona, Pa. B. B. Neal, Savannah, Ga. A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb. W. F. McClure, Galveston, Texas.



WM. C. DAY, Jr.,
An attache of the N. & W. Ry., of Noflolk, who made himself most
agreeable to the visitors, and who has the honor to be the
youngest member of the Osirian Cloister.

The Scribe read his annual report, showing sufficient funds on hand to pay all bills, and sufficient resource in the way of dues and assessments to meet all demands of the current year. The features of importance were the new Tablet of Law and the revised ritual prepared by Osirians Ewart and P. B. Walker. Both were adopted. The reports of the several committees named at the informal conference held at

St. Louis in May were heard and adopted. The various devices for the initiatory ceremonies and the public exhibition which these committees were to seeme were inspected and approved, and all details were perfected for the Cloister work at this Annual meeting.

After some discussion the Annual Osirian Banquet was fixed for Tuesday evening after the initiatory work, and Osirians J. E. and E. H. Defebaugh and N. A. Gladding were appointed to make all arrangements with the hotel.

The Cloister then went into the election of officers, with the following result:

High Priest of Ptah—Geo. W. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo. High Priest of Anubis—A. H. Weir, Lincoln, Neb. Iligh Priest of Thoth—J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn. High Priest of Hathor—N. A. Gladding, Indianapolis, Ind. High Priest of Csris—W. I. Ewart, St. Paul, Minn. High Priest of Ra—Ed M. Vietmeier, Pittsburg, Pa. High Priest of Sed—P. B. Walker, Jr., Minneapolis, Minn. High Priest of Isi5—D. T. Cell, Beaumont, Texas. High Priest of Shu—Chas. H. Adams, Grand Haven, lich.

Tuesday's Initiatory Session.

The initiatory ceremonies were somewhat delayed from the unforeseen occupation of the hall by another secret society, and it was nearly to o'clock when the twenty candidates were robed and admitted to the sacred precincts of the temple. The beautiful and dignified new ritual was administered by the following priests:

Chief Priest, Platt B. Walker. Ptah, A. D. McLeod, Isis, Geo. W. Schwartz. Hathor, N. A. Gladding. Thoth, J. H. Baird. Sed, B. Arthur Johnson. Ra, E. M. Vietmeier. Shu, A. H. Weir. Anubis, C. H. Adams.

This was the first ceremony under the new ritual, founded correctly upon the Egyptian Book of the Dead. The hall was splendidly arranged and decorated to represent the approach to the front of an Egyptian Temple, and presented a most imposing effect. The candidates who were honored with a part in the first exemplification of this ritual were the following:

C. C. Prentiss, Hillsdale, Mich.
George E. Youle, Atlanta, Ga.
H. H. Gibson, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. F. Braffett, La Grange, Ill.
W. H. Norris, Houston, Texas,
H. C. Shreve, Cincinnati, Ohio,
W. M. Stephenson, Duluth, Minn,
William C. Fellows, Birmingham, Ala.
G. H. Anthony, Pittsburg, Pa.
H. M. Rawlins, Moss Point, Miss,
K. L. Moore, Galveston, Texas,
C. M. Jenkins, Norfolk, Va.
A. H. Potter, Norfolk, Va.
A. H. Potter, Norfolk, Va.
G. C. Turner, Chattanooga, Tenn,
George V. Denny, Savannah, Ga.
A. E. Keyser, Chattanooga, Tenn,
E. Stringer Boggess, Clarksburg, W. Va.
Albert B. Cone, Chicago, Ill.
William C. Day, Jr., Norfolk, Va.

The Barquet.

The banquet was held in the private dining-room of the Monticello. Forty people were present, members of the Cloister and ladies. The hour set was ten o'clock, but it was necessarily postponed somewhat awaiting the conclusion of the ritual work at Elks' Hall. Mr. J. E. Defebaugh acted as toastmaster, and when the menu was concluded, called on A. H. Weir to respond to "Our Snark," which he did in his usual dignified and able manner. In his usual Telicitous style but briefly, owing to the lateness of the hour, W. E. Barns, who was asked to speak about the feasibility of ad-

mitting ladies to membership in Hoo-Hoo, told of one lady who was already a fully initiated member, several of those present at the banquet having been present at that concatenation. He concluded, however, that the present arrangement was best, the gentlemen having all the responsibilities and the ladies sharing in all the pleasures. Thomas K. Edwards, musical director, being called upon for a song, responded with one of Tom Moore's sweetest love melodies. Platt B. Walker spoke about the work of the Osirian Cloister. George B. Maegly, being called upon for a recitation, averred himself "no recitator" and promptly disproved his statement by giving a Bostonese rendition of "Twinkle, twinkle little star." N. A. Gladding told some ancient Osirian legends with a curious modern flavor. R. D. Vidmer toasted "Our Scrivenoter" and highly complimented that official's faithful work during his extended term of office. B. Arthur Johnson, having spent the afternoon in setting the Osirian paraphernalia, dubbed himself the Supreme Porter and set the table in roar after roar of laughter with his comically exaggerated experiences in getting up Hoo-Hoo entertainments, forming an effective close for the evening entertainment programme.

Comments on Concatenations.

Several good concatenations have occurred during the past month, but lack of space prevents extended comment,

Three good meetings have been held in the East, one at Rochester, one at Cleveland and one at Buffalo. All these were quite successful concatenations, and reports reaching this office from various sources indicate that the boys had a high old time.

Two concatenations have been held in the South at Columbia, S. C., and Jackson, Miss. Also one on the Atlantic Coast—the "annual" concatenation at Norfolk, notice of which appears on another page.

In the West the record has had added to it the concatenation held by Vicegerent A. B. Calder, at Hoquiam, Wash., which was a very good meeting indeed.

In the Middle West the ball has been set a-rolling by Vicegerent J. Moetzel, who held a most excellent meeting Sept. 27th—the first concatenation of this Hoo-Hoo year and the first to be held in Iowa for quite a long while. Twenty-five good men were initiated. Vicegerent Moetzel was ably assisted by the members present, particularly Brothers L. C. Bricker, G. C. Grace, Geo. K. Gibson, Harry V. Scott, and F. B. Stewart, who rendered valiant service in the preliminary work. During the evening also Brothers J. A. Getchell, C. T. Hulbert and J. J. Pedersen very ably assisted the Vicegerent. The following menu was served at the session on the roof:

Blue Points "With the Bark On."

Planked White Fish, "Off the Log."

Roast Chicken, "Off the Fence."

Sweetbreads, "First Clear."

Hoo-Hoo Punch, "Double-Beaded."

Cucumbers, "Warranted to Warp."

Salads. "From the Garden."

Mushrooms. "From the Timber."

Sweet Potatoes. "Furred."

Assorted Cakes, "Glazed."

Fruits. "Embalmed."

Coffee. "Double Strength."

Ice Cream, "All White Pine."

Edam Cheese, "Free From Sap."

Cigars. "Dressed and Painted."

Important Notice.

It is hoped that the following request from Mr. Barns will be carefully heeded by all vicegerents and other officers who may have newspaper clippings. The work he has undertaken is a valuable one, and will provide a fund of historical data of much interest for the future.

For the past ten years I have been diligently accumulating the various notices that have appeared in different newspapers about the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, menu cards used at sessions on the roof, announcements, programmes, etc. All these notices are of historical value, and it has been my desire to preserve them in some shape for future reference. I have been authorized by the Supreme Nine to have the data I have accumulated put in a scrap book, and I will begin work on this at once. It just occurs to me that there are probably a good many men in the Order who have preserved notices that have appeared in the local papers from time to time. I desire to especially request that all those having any newspaper clippings or other printed matter referring to the Order in any way, will please send same to me at Suite 1202, Fullerton Bldg., St. Louis, Mo. W. E. BARNS (No. 3).

Concatenation Reports.

No. 731. Columbia, S. C., August 20, 1901. Snark, Chas. H. Evans.

Senior Hoo-Hoo, R. L. Scay.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, E. J. Wilson.
Bojum, E. B. Clark.
Scrivenoter, Howell Thomas.
Jabberwock, W. E. Thompson.
Custocatian, Joe Stone.
Arcanoper, John C. Stone.
Gurdon, R. C. Shand.
Dick Barnett Foster, Columbia, S. C.
William Otherend Godfrey, Cheraw. S. C.
James Selkirk Griffin, Columbia, S. C.
William William Kinsler, Columbia, S. C.
William Wallace Lumpkin, Columbia, S. C.
George McCrary Stone, New Orleans, La.
John Irwin Sutphen, Columbia, S. C.

No. 732. Rochester, N. Y., August 21, 1901.

Snark, E. R. Cooledge.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. H. Defebaugh.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, D. Tramway Call.
Bojum, C. S. Curry.
Scrivenoter, R. G. Burke.
Jabberwock, Frederick Clopproth.
Custocatian, J. McLeod.
Arcanoper. M. C. Moore.
Gurdon, J. P. Pitman.
Alton Barrows Atwood, Chelsca, Mass.
Harmon Chamberlain Clark, Chicago, Ill.

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Francis Xavier Hooper, Glenarm, Md.
Says James Southland Innes, Chatham, Ont.
Charles Perry Knupper, Rochester, N. Y.
Frederick Joseph Kress, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Says Elmer Lloyd Morrison, Rochester, N. Y.
William Henry Niblick, Decatur, Ind.
Demetrius Pee-Wee Rousopoulos, St. Paul, Minn.
William Daniel Sexton, Cincinnati, Ohio.
William Boxer Webb, Rochester, N. Y.
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Frank Milton West, Springfield, Mass.

No. 733. Buffalo, N. Y., August 28, 1901.

Snark, C. H. Stanton.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, O. E. Yeager.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, J. B. Wall.
Bojum, C. H. Seymour.
Scrivenoter, Geo. J. B. Rose.
Jabberwock, A. J. Chestnut.
Custocatian. F. J. Blumenstein.
Arcanoper, Geo. E. Jackson.
Gurdon, H. S. Jones.

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Edward "Bandsaw" Christianson, Brooklyn, N. Y.
John William Henrich, Buffalo, N. Y.

John Heavy Riemann, Buffalo, N. Y.

Saoz Newton Stewart, Buffalo, N. Y.

No. 734. Cleveland, Ohio, August 31, 1901.

Snark, A. W. Ellenberger.
Senior Hoo-Hoo, E. R. Cooledge.
Junior Hoo-Hoo, O. T. Jenks,
Rojum, John R. Flotron.
Scrivenoter, W. E. Bonesteel.
Jabberwock, F. P. Potter.

Custocatian, Chas. D. Haywood.
Arcanoper, Geo. H. Buttrick.
Gurdon, J. S. Hayward.
Charles Andrew Dawson, Cleveland, Ohio.
Paul Baldwin Knowles, Cleveland, Ohio. 8411 Hunter Savidge, Saginaw, Mich. 8412 Elmer E. Teare, Cleveland, Ohio.

No. 735. Jackson, Miss., September 3, 1901.

Snark, E. A. Hill. Senior Hoo-Hoo, John E. Williams. Junior Hoo-Hoo, D. J. Batchelor. Bojum, H. B. Bostwick. Bojum, H. B. Bostwick.
Scrivenoter, W. G. Harlow.
Jabberwock, R. H. Barrett.
Custocatian, F. S. Council.
Arcanoper, W. S. Phillips.
Gurdon, B. A. Tucker.
Hugh Nathanici Alexander, Greenville, Miss.

George Hatton Beekman, Kansas City, Mo. At Steinard Wesley Bonds, Meridian, Miss. Richard Wesley Bonds, Meridian, Miss. William Scott Dolton, Yazoo City, Miss. At Bugene Fisher Jones. Jackson, Miss. Eugene Fisher Jones. Jackson, Miss. W. D. Pugh, Yazoo City, Miss. Frederick Editor Sullens, Jackson, Miss.

No. 736. Norfolk, Va., September 9, 1901.

Snark, W. E. Barns. Senior Hoo-Hoo, Ed. M. Vietmeier. Junior Hoo-Hoo, W. F. McClure. Bojum, B. M. Bunker. Scrivenoter, J. H. Baird. Jabberwock, B. F. Cobb. Custocatian, J. B. Wall, Arcanoper, W. M. Stephenson. Gurdon, John R. Flotron.

8421 William Patent Baugham, Washington, N. C. 8422 George Stuart Briggs, Norfolk, Va. Andrew Johnson Brown, Baltimore, Md. Edmund Christmas Christian, Norfolk, Va. James Bradford Curtis, Fitchburg, Mass. Harry Lyman Daw, Roanoke, Va. 8426 Chas. Harlen Denney, Reidsville, N. C. Frank Hardware Harrison, Norfolk, Va. 8420 Ernest Guy Hoke, Hamburg, Ark. 8430 Karl Boston Isburgh, Boston, Mass. Arthur Campbell Jarvis, Norfolk, Va. Joseph Louis Keine, Jr., Grifton, N. C. Edward Henry Kruger, New York. Wilbert Howard McMullen, Faison's, N. C. James Harvey Mavity, Richmond, Va. Samuel Hill Morgan, Guyton, Ga. 8435 Robert Roy Moss, Buell, Va. Ezra Bert Olson, Fitchburg, Mass. 8438 Edward Adariese Parmele, New York, N. Y. Eugene Clinton Potter, Norfolk, Va. George Maxwell Robeson, Farmville, Va. William Thomas Sears, Wilmington, N. C. De Los Thomas, Winston-Salem, N. C.

> Montgomery Peters Williams, Norfolk, Va. William James Woodward, Norfolk. Va. No. 737. Hoquiam, Wash., August 20, 1901.

Wm. Scotia Tison, Savannah, Ga. Isaac Walke Truxton, Norfolk, Va.

> Snark, A. B. Calder. Senior Hoo-Hoo, George H. Emerson. Junior Hoo-Hoo, T. H. Claffey. Bojum, E. Park Evans. Scrivenoter, Geo. M. Cromwell. Jabberwock, W. J. Corbin. Custocatian, S. L. Johnson. Arcanoper, Victor H. Beckman. Gurdon, A. M. Kellogg.

Grove Morgan Antrim. Aberdeen, Wash. William Walker Gordon, Portland, Ore. James McLellan Hackett, Aberdeen, Wash. Harry Brewer Hewitt, Hoquiam, Wash. Donald Musgrove Lee, Summitt, Wash. Philip Stanley Locke, Aberdeen, Wash. George Woodbury Sherwood. Tacoma, Wash. Marc Raimond Sherwood, Aberdeen, Wash.

No. 738. Den Moinen, Iowa, September 27. 1901.

Snark, J. E. Moetzel. Senior Hoo-Hoo, J. A. Getchey. Junior Hoo-Hoo, L. C. Bricker. Bojum, W. E. Grace. Scrivenoter, Geo. K. Gibson. Jabberwock, Harry V. Scott. Custocatian, C. T. Halbert. Arcanoper, Pedersen. Gurdon, F. B. Stewart. Gurdon, F. B. Stewart.

8456 Richard Arthur Belding, Des Moines, Iowa.

8457 Benjamin Allen Brown, Colíax, Iowa.

8458 Austin Baldwin Caswell, Chicago, Ill.

8459 William "Bell" Clapper, Des Moines, Iowa.

8460 Ellis R. Englebeck, Des Moines, Iowa.

8461 George Nichol Fairchild, Des Moines, Iowa.

8462 J. M. Harlan, Indianapolis, Ind.

8463 David Henning Hoops. Des Moines, Iowa.

8464 Thomas Nash Hooper, Jr., Colfax, Iowa.

8465 William Carmon Layton, Des Moines, Iowa.

8466 John William Lloyd, Chicago, Ill.

8467 Benjamin Anshutz Lockwood, Des Moines, Iowa.

8468 Anthony Melroy McCall, Woodward, Iowa.

8468 Simpson Grant Magden, Des Moines, Iowa.

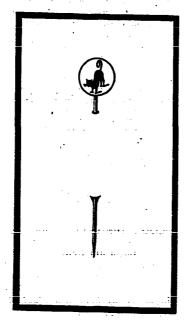
8470 James Rowan Martin, Des Moines, Iowa.

8471 Fred Herschell Munn, Ames, Iowa.

8472 Harry Iowa Pierce, Davenport, Iowa. Harry Iowa Pierce, Davenport, Iowa. Edward Cameron Roberts, Davenport, Iowa. William Henry Rudd, Corydon, Iowa. William Preston Steele, Corydon, Iowa. Clarence Ira Thorp, Bondurant, Iowa. Clarence Ira Thorp, Bondurant, Iowa. James Rollin Veitch, Des Moines, Iowa. Buffon Stewart Walker, Des Moines, Iowa. Charley Henry Weitz. Des Moines. Iowa. Frederick Shear Whiting, Waukee, Iowa.

The Ladies' Pin.

The cut herewith shows the Hoo-Hoo Ladies Pin. We have yet to see a lady, old or young, who did not want one of these pins the minute she saw it. To have these pins in the hands of pretty women—and a good Hoo-Hoo knows no other sort is the best possible advertisement for the Order. Every Hoo-Hoo ought to buy one of these pins, have his number engraved on it, and give it to some good woman. Remit \$1.60 to the Scrivenoter, and one of these pins duly engraved will be sent by registered mail to any address. It is one of the nicest presents imaginable for a man's sweetheart. Only members in good standing can purchase.



ERRATA.

On the inside title page of this issue of The Bulletin the date appears as October, when it should be September. In the short space of time following the Annual Meeting, of course, it was impossible to get out the annual number of The Bulletin before the month of September had expired, and the printers, thinking that as the paper would come out and be mailed in October, it should be the October Bulletin, and in the hurry of getting the paper to press the error on the first page of the first form sent to press was not observed. The date and number as it appears on the front cover page is correct.

The Practical Side.

The men whose Hoo-Hoo names appear in the notices below are out of work and want employment. This is intended as a permanent department of Tus Butlierin, 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 thoo-Hoo's central theme of helping one another. It is hoped the department will receive very careful attention each issue.

WANTED—Position. An all around Saw and Shingle Mill man open for engagement. Fifteen years experience in North and South. Thorough office manager. Gilledge references. Address, "Vicehoo," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—By an experienced yellow pine lumberman, position as buyer or inspector. Good references. Address, No. 5891, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED—Position on the road buying yellow pine for some good firm. Have been sick a long time, but am now able to work, and want a job. Am competent and can furnish references. I ask all Hoo-Hoo to assist me in securing a position. Address, No. 1970, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as buyer of yellow pine and hardwoods in the Bouth. 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 buyer. Successful experience in buying and selling hardwood lumber; large acquaintance in South. Good references. Address. No. 2883, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn. Nov. 99.

WANTED.—A position as traveling salesman, general office work, or retail yard work. Have had several years experience in yellow and white pine. Can furnish references. Address, No. 5865, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as manager of lumber yard or a series of yards. Have had experience in laying out and planning yards and sheds, and keeping stock in shape. Best of reference given. Out of position on account of yard selling out. Address, No. 3426, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—An experienced business man, 33 years of age, speaking Spanish, French and English, desires to represent some American firm in Cuba. Am well acquainted, having lived on the island for three years. Can furnish best of references. Address No. 4318, P. O. Box 245 Santiago de Cuba, W. I.

WANTED.—A first-class experienced saw mill salesman, one fa-miliar with Southern trade, and capable of making estimates and mill plans. Address 233, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter, Nashville, Teon.

WANTED.—One or two machine men, also a shipping clerk for planting mill. In the machine men, we need band and scroll sawyers, planer man, and molder man. Buell Planting Mill Company, Dallas, Texas.

WANTED.—We want to secure the services of a lumber salesman familiar with the trade in Southwest Missouri and Southeast Kansas. Address Ferguson Lumber Company, Little Rock, Ark.

WANTED.—A man capable of filling position as traveling representative and salesman for an Arkansus foundry and machine company manufacturing saw mill and other machinery. Must be up-to-date and competent to figure on contract work of all kinds; can assuse combination from all beas moulder. Good Jobs for both men if right sort of men. Address 3373 care J. H. Baird, Scriveneter, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position by experienced lumber bookkeeper, stenographer and all-round office man about October lat. West or southwest preferred. Address 6424, care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED.—Position as planing mill foreman. Fifteen years' ex-perience. Thirty-four years of age. Best of reference. Address No. 300, Tioga, P. O., La.

WANTED.—A shingle filer, one who understands the Challoner double block machine; not a planer man. L. G. Nichols & Son, Plaquemine, La.

WANTED.—A position as lumber inspector. Have had several years experience in this business, and can furnish good references. Address "Leon," care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Hoo-Hoo at present employed wants a place where ability and hustling are appreciated. All around man. Can handle any proposition. West ceast preferred. A! references. What have you? Do business quick. Address "Vim," care Builetin.

WANTED.—Experienced lumber bookkeeper wishes to change present position for one in healthier locality. References, salary expected, etc., can be furnished upon request. Address "K" care J. H. Baird, Scrivenoter.

WANTED.—Two experienced and recommended men. One as foreman of planing mill and one for sawyer, who understands cuting for rift and finish. Address Yellow Pine Lumber Co., Yellow Pine, Ala.

WANTED.—A first-class bookkeeper accustomed to detail work; one who can take charge of office and show expenses, receipts and net results of each department. We operate band mill cutting hemiook and hardwood iumber in Michigan. Prefer a man between 25 and 35 years of age. Address "Michigan," care J. H. Baird, Serivsultar.

WANTED.—Position as hardwood lumber inspector; have large acquaintance in Arkansas; ten years' experience; can furnish best of references. Address No. 6902, care J. H. Baird, Nashville, Tenn.

WANTED.—Position as traveling salesman; satisfactory references furnished. No choice of territory. H. H. 2916, care J. H. Baird, Nash-ville, Tenn.

WANTED.—A man to take charge of important retail yard in the west. Must have recent experience and be in every way competent. Will pay \$75 to the right kind of man. Address "Kansas," care J. H. Baird, serivenoter.

WANTED.—Posittion as planing mill foreman. Have had 25 years' experience, and can give best of reference. Address W. E. Fast, Magnolla, Miss.

WANTED.—An experienced bookkeeper and office man for hard-wood mill office. Address Hos-Hoo 2711, Lock Box 75, Massillon, O.

Unknown.

Letters from the Scrivenoter's office addressed to the following men have been returned unclaimed. Any information as to the present address of any of these men should be promptly sent to the Scrivenoter.

6468--W. F. Elwell, Montbourne, Wash. 6343-E. S. Stone, Silsbee, Texas.

6356—E. R. Glass, Atkins, La. 4867—Alonzo Shader, St. Louis, Mo. (Removed from Springfield, Mo.)

6298—J.M. Smith, Hatfield, J. T. (Office discontinued.) 1587—Marshall J. Porter, 1744 Grand Ave., Denver, Col. 1502—C. H. Greve, Holstein, Ia.

2467—G. A. Verge, Boston, Mass. (Reported removed to Seattle, Wash.

6433-L. S. Eaton, 213 Oak St., Evansville, Ind. 6433—L. S. Eaton, 213 Oak St., Evansville, Ind, 6067—R. J. Poulton, Savannah, Ga.
5212—W. B. Bynum, Riner, Ga.
7224—J. P. Hughes, Everett, Wash.
6336—T. C. McLain, Jasper, Texas.
5254—E. C. Crow, Merrill, Wis.
6692—J. J. Merrill, 740 West 46th Place, Chicago, Ill.
5835—S. S. Smith, Henderson, Ky.
6685—J. B. Smith, Brookhaven, Miss.
7019—W. E. Metz, New Iberia, La.
7139—W. B. Rossiter, Camden, Ark.

7139 — W. B. Rossiter, Camden, Ark. 7046—E. C. Elson, Kansas City, Mo.

7046—E. C. Elson, Kansas City, Mo. 1656—Ben F. Hawkins, Stamps, Ark. 1604—A. J. Lockman, Fargo, N. D. 16602—N. H. Clapp, Jr., Cloquett, Minn. 7191—P. E. Toolin, Jacksonville, Fla. 1487—B. S. Miller; Seattle, Wash. 281—Chas. D. Boyce, San Diego, Cal.

3123-J. B. Stevens, Lines, Ohio.

7409—E. H. Hammond, Thomasville, Ga. (Said to be at Bainbridge, Ga.)

oridge, Ga.)
6185—Robert Finley, Thornton, Ark.
1819—Fred Hamilton, Minneapolis, Minn.
6748—J. T. Donaldson, Mena, Ark.
6780—Henry Gay, Mt. Vernon, Wash. (Sank, Wash.)
3888—E. L. Shaffer, Council Grove, Kan. (Topeka, Kas.)
3344—F. W. Simmons, Kansas City, Mo. (Hillsboro, Tex.)
3165—F. Trolander, Alboen, Minn.
7167—A. P. Linsley, Bayou Sara, La.
7489—A. E. Chambers, Lake Charles, La.
6189—R. C. Branch, St. Louis, Mo. (Texarkana, Ark.)
6383—Win, Ross. Houston, Tex.

5083—Win. Ross, Houston, Tex.
908—B. F. Edwards, Chicago, Iil.
1824—George E. Powell, Three Lakes, Wis.
3573—H. E. Brommer, Kansas City, Mo. (Mena, Ark.)
1990—L. G. Mullen, New York, N. Y.

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5111—J. A. Hudgens, Kentwood, La.
5427—J. H. Martin, Nevada, Mo.
6292—C. M. McDaris, Winthrop, Ark.
5758—D. J. Spaulding, Black River Falls, Wis.
4698—R. D. Myers, Chicago, Ill.
3840—P. D. Bowier, Kashville, Tenn. (London, England.)

2494—F. H. Lynam, Chicago, Ill. 4834—W. S. Hawkins, Tifton, Ga.