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Officers of the Portland Fraternity.

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President—T. C. HERSEY, Esq.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

At the end of another year of labor and of its rewards, it devolves upon me to call your attention to what has been done, and to point out as I may be able to do so, the condition and the needs of our worthy cause at this time.

The Board of Directors has met regularly each month except in December, when the usual meeting was omitted on account of a special meeting having been held so near to the time at which it would have been called. There have been two special meetings, one in October, called to consider the interests of the evening school, and the other just previous to Thanksgiving, to consider the matter of providing a Thanksgiving Supper for the members of the school.

FINANCES.

Financially we can report the Fraternity in better condition than for some time. The following is the Treasurer's Report.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report,	\$4 23
From subscribers and donations,	\$232
“ Collection Mr. Gibbs' Society,	53
	— \$345 00

From Scholars' Tickets,	118 09
“ Entertainments, etc.,	977 80
From Saving Bank interest \$4.36, Sale papers, \$3.00, penny contributions \$1.45,	8 81
	<hr/> \$1,453.93

PAYMENTS.

Paid Janitor,	\$530.00
“ Fuel \$40.79, Gas \$61.20,	101.99
“ Rent,	461.00
“ Printing and Advertising \$32.47, Water \$13.00,	45.47
“ Subs. Periodicals \$31.75,	
Insurance \$9.60,	41.35
“ Sundries,	36.94
	<hr/> \$1,216.75
Balance,	\$237.18

It has been audited by a committee for the purpose, and found correct.

We have a balance in the treasury, it will be observed, of \$237.18, against \$28.04 last year. But this is owing to the fact that there have been no extraordinary expenditures and two entertainments within the time, where last year there was but one corresponding thereto.

It will be seen that our funds have been mainly raised by the two entertainments in City Hall, \$752 having come from that source. We would make especial mention, however, of the kindness of the Rossini Club, who broke a stringent rule of theirs in giving one of their classical concerts in our aid, there-

by netting to our treasury \$95.00. Nor could we overlook the valuable assistance rendered by the St. Nicholas Circle, composed of four young children of interested members of the Fraternity, for they, by their own exertions, raised \$140.00, which they paid over to our Treasurer.

LIBRARY.

The Library is in good condition. It now numbers 717 books, while there are many volumes which have not yet been catalogued and placed upon the shelves. We have received valuable donations to this department from the Misses Ware, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Senter, Dr. J. T. Gilman, W. J. Thom, Esq., Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Anderson, C. E. Jose, Esq., and the family of the late George Bartol, Esq. Under the efficient care of the committee having it in special charge, of which Mrs. S. E. Bragdon is Chairman, the books have been well arranged, neatly covered, and made a very attractive and creditable feature of our apartments.

READING ROOM.

This is in fair condition, being quite well supplied with magazines and other periodicals, but is not large enough for our purpose.

AMUSEMENT ROOM.

The Amusement room became during the year rather poorly supplied with games. An effort was

made by the Committee on Rooms to refit it, and with partial success. The state of our finances did not warrant large expenditure in this direction, and as donations have been small, we are still in want of aid in this department. It is to be hoped that so important a branch of our efforts will not be suffered to decline.

THE SCHOOL.

This department has come into even greater prominence, favor and usefulness than ever before. Under the charge of that most earnest laborer in its behalf, and for that matter, in behalf of all the interests of our Institution, our late Secretary, Mr. Henry F. Coolidge, it has prospered unusually, and yielded a fruit worthy our hopes and exceeding our anticipations. To him I am indebted for a very full and excellent report, which is here presented almost entire:

The number of persons who have availed themselves of instruction the past year, is *one* hundred and fifty-four. The preceeding year it was one hundred and fourteen, showing a gain in favor of the past year of forty.

The sessions of the school, as usual, were suspended during the months of June, July, August and September.

October 2d, the fall and winter term began, since which time we have had one hundred and ten scholars, a number greater by thirty-four than for the corresponding time of 1873.

The scholars are of both sexes, their ages ranging from fifteen to thirty, and they consist almost exclusively of those unable to attend day schools, and who would in all probability, have failed to find other sources of instruction equal to or at all approaching those furnished here.

Your committee have been obliged to fix upon fifteen years as the minimum age of admission, for no other reason than want of room to accommodate the great numbers that would otherwise apply. A large number of applicants under that age have been refused admission.

The yearly fee of one dollar has been paid by each scholar with a very few exceptions.

The corps of teachers numbers fifteen, nine ladies and six gentlemen and they have given their services gratuitously.

On Monday evenings are two classes in Penmanship, one of girls and young women, the other of boys and young men, taught respectively by Mr. S. C. S. Higgins and Mr. George H. Field.

The records of these classes show during the year eighty-four pupils who occupy and fill separate rooms and show all degrees of skill in the art of Writing, from that of the laborious beginner to that of the adept.

On Tuesday evenings are three Arithmetic classes, in as many different apartments, aggregating, during the year, fifty-five members, ranging in their studies from Addition to Compound Interest, and presided over by Miss M. T. Hersey, Miss Annie Farmer, and

Miss Lizzie Day, assisted by Miss Smith and Miss Clark.

On Wednesday evenings are two Reading classes, one of thirty in Hillard's Sixth Reader taught by Miss Rosa Foster, and one of nine pupils in the Primer, taught by Miss J. D. Proctor.

On Thursday evenings are a class of six young men in Mechanical Drawing, under the charge of Messrs. A. Dennett and Alonzo Millett, both practical draughtsmen, and two Book Keeping classes of thirty-eight scholars, under the instruction of Mr. H. F. Coolidge.

Two more Reading classes, taught by Miss Marcia Bradbury and Miss Hannah Talbot, consisting of twenty pupils in Hillard's Fourth Reader are held Friday evenings. Also on Friday evening a class in Grammar of twenty-three pupils, taught by Miss Woodbury.

On Saturday evenings Mr. C. F. Kimball has a class of three in Latin, and Miss E. Hale a class of four in Drawing.

The pupils are at no expense for books except in the Drawing, Writing and Book Keeping classes.

The attendance has averaged much better than in any previous year, and, taking into consideration the circumstances of the scholars, indicates a high appreciation of the opportunities offered and demonstrates the good work done by this department of the Fraternity.

It may also be mentioned in this connection that the pupils have formed a Literary Association which promises very well indeed.

The number of visitors (including pupils) to the rooms during the year has been 9448, against 8397 last year.

The Committee on Entertainments report two Grand Entertainments in City Hall, the financial results of which have already been referred to. Besides these, there have been two or three impromptu but very satisfactory entertainments for the pupils, in the hall over the rooms.

A Thanksgiving Supper was furnished the pupils under the auspices of the teachers. The latter worked most zealously and met with a most flattering success.

Our Janitor, Mr. Joseph C. Woodill, has proved to be the right man in the right place. He has been of very great use to us in all departments under his charge.

For the future, it is evident that we need increased accommodations. We ought to have more class rooms, a larger amusement room, and especially a larger reading room. To obtain all these we must have more money; a little effort will secure it. It is only necessary that a thousand persons give a dollar each—thereby becoming members of the institution for a year—to ensure the complete success of our labors this year, and a degree of usefulness we have not yet attained. The improvement remarked by all, in the tone and bearing of the pupils who have been under our charge, is itself a guaranty that we are working directly to the elevation of man. We are beginning at the right end: not attempting to reform men and women already depraved, but to prevent their degra-

dation, by giving them right views of life, cultivated companionship, and a pure and wholesome surrounding sphere and influence.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD G. JORDAN, *Secretary.*

COMMITTEES.

On Rooms.

Mrs. D. W. Fessenden. Mrs. Dr. H. P. Bacon.
Mrs. Bion Bradbury. Mrs. H. I. Robinson.

On Finance.

M. N. Rich, Esq. Benj. Kingsbury, Jr., Esq.
D. W. Fessenden, Esq.

On Classes.

HENRY F. COOLIDGE, Esq., Chairman.
A. M. Burton, Esq. Miss M. T. Hersey.
Thomas Hill, D. D.

On Lectures and Entertainments.

WILLIAM ALLEN, JR., Chairman.
Mrs. William Allen, Jr. M. N. Rich, Esq.
Mrs. James E. Fernald, H. F. Coolidge, Esq.
Mrs. W. W. Virgin. L. G. Jordan, Esq.
Wm. L. Bradley, Esq.

On Library.

REV. C. W. BUCK, Chairman.
Thomas Hill, D. D. Rev. W. T. Phelan.
Rev. W. B. Hayden. Rev. George W. Bicknell.
Rev. W. E. Gibbs.

To have Special Charge and Jurisdiction of the Library.

MRS. SUSAN E. BRAGDON, Chairman.

Miss Lucy Day.

On Public Worship and Religious Study.

REV. W. T. PHELAN, Chairman.

Geo. C. Burgess, Esq. Hon. Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.

Wm. L. Bradley, Esq. E. J. Shaw, Esq.

On Benevolent Action.

JAMES H. BAKER, Chairman.

Mrs. Thomas Shaw. Mrs. Dr. C. H. Burr.

Mrs. D. W. Fessenden. Mrs. Benj. Kingsbury, Jr.

Mrs. Geo. C. Hopkins. Miss Lillie G. Russell.

Mrs. Samuel Small.

On Members.

Mr. C. Fred. Kimball. Miss Rosa Foster.

Mrs. Levi Morrill. Mr. William L. Bradley.

Mrs. Chase.

Janitor, Joseph C. Woodill.

Life Members.

Hon. Israel Washburn, Jr. Rufus E. Wood, Esq.

Charles Fobes, Esq. Mrs. Samuel J. Anderson.

Hon. Charles P. Kimball. Dr. John T. Gilman.

John Anderson, Esq. Mrs. Chas. Q. Clapp.

Hon. Samuel E. Spring. Cyrus S. Clark, Esq.

T. C. Hersey, Esq. Mrs. St. John Smith.

Miss Maria T. Hersey. Miss Ellen Cram.

ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
OF THE
PORTLAND FRATERNITY,
A Union for Christian Work.

PREAMBLE.

This society is instituted for the promotion of the following objects:

To offer the people of Portland and vicinity, especially the young people, a place of pleasant resort where they may be surrounded by wholesome and elevating influences.

To provide them with means of self-improvement and healthful recreation at little or no expense.

To give them opportunities for doing and getting good by engaging in charitable and benevolent work.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.

Title.

This society shall be called the Portland Fraternity,
a Union for Christian Work.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

All persons, without distinction of sex, sect or age, who sympathize with the objects declared in the Preamble, shall, upon the payment of one dollar annually, become and continue members of the Fraternity; and all persons who shall pay the sum of twenty-five dollars, either in one payment or in five annual instalments, shall become life members.

ARTICLE III.

Officers.

The officers of the society shall consist of a Board of Directors, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and nine additional members, all of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting by ballot from members of the society, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until others are elected in their places. Vacancies occurring from any cause in said offices may be filled by the Board of Directors, and any officers so chosen shall hold their offices until the next regular election by the society.

The Board of Directors shall have power to appoint, subject to their direction, such other officers and committees from among the members as they may deem expedient.

ARTICLE IV.

Duties of the Board of Directors.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors,—

First—To provide for the use of the society suitable rooms, centrally located in the city of Portland.

Second—To provide and keep in said rooms such books, periodicals and newspapers as will in their judgment promote the objects of the society.

Third—To make arrangements for such exercises as may be conducive to mental, moral and religious improvement, and healthful recreation.

Fourth—To open to members opportunities for engaging in Christian work.

Fifth—To render aid, assistance and encouragement to members and others who may be in any want.

Sixth—To extend to strangers a hand of welcome and friendship, on the part of the Fraternity.

ARTICLE V.

Meetings.

The annual meeting of the Fraternity for the choice of officers shall be held on the first Tuesday in January. The Board of Directors may call other meetings from time to time. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum of the society for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE VI.

Permanent Fund.

The Board of Directors shall transfer such funds of the society as they may think best to a Permanent Fund; may appoint five trustees to control such fund, and shall at the time of such appointment

determine the character of the trust by an instrument in writing. Vacancies occurring at any time hereafter in the number of said trustees, shall be filled by the remaining members, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors for the time being.

ARTICLE VII.

Amendments.

These Articles may be added to, altered or amended at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for the purpose, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, provided that such additions, alterations or amendments shall have been proposed in writing, at one meeting at least prior to that at which they are to be acted upon

By-Laws of the Board of Government,

ARTICLE I.

Meetings.

Regular meetings of the Board of Government shall be held on the first Friday of each month. Special meetings may be called at any time by order of any two members of the Board. The Secretary shall notify members of the time and place of such meetings.

ARTICLE II.

Standing Committees.

At the first meeting of the Board in each year, standing committees shall be appointed by the President, who shall be under the authority and subject to the direction of the whole Board, and the reports of the various committees shall be first in order at each regular meeting of the Board.

The committees may appoint, subject to the approval and ratification of the Board, such sub-committees from among the members of the society as

they shall deem fit. The committees shall be constituted as follows :

1. *Committee on Finance.*—They shall have charge of the financial affairs of the society, and shall, with the Treasurer, devise ways and means for procuring funds, obtaining donations and assessments, investing the same, and superintending all disbursements. They shall audit the report of the Treasurer before it is submitted to the Fraternity at the annual meeting.

2. *Committee on Lectures, Classes and Entertainments.*—They may provide for courses of lectures or single lectures ; shall organize and have supervision of all clubs and classes formed for instruction, discussion or recreation, and shall have general supervision of all entertainments, both public and private.

3. *Committee on Library.*—They shall have general charge of all matters connected with this department. They shall solicit donations from the public, and procure such books as they deem expedient for the library ; and shall obtain newspapers and other periodicals for the use of the rooms.

4. *Committee on Rooms.*—They shall have the general charge of the rooms, and shall take especial pains to introduce strangers visiting the city.

5. *Committee on Members.*—They shall organize means for increasing the membership of the society, and shall have the general supervision of the admission of new members.

6. *Committee on Benevolent Action.*—They shall organize means for providing strangers and others in

want with employment, with good boarding houses, with seats in churches, and shall have the general supervision of all work of benevolence and reform undertaken by the Fraternity.

7. *Committee on Public Worship and Religious Study.*—They shall have charge of all measures for public religious worship undertaken by the Fraternity, either within or outside of the rooms of the society, and shall have the supervision of all classes formed for religious study and discussion.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer, *ex officio*, shall have the supervision of all printing and advertising.

ARTICLE III.

Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall present to the Board a quarterly report, showing the condition of the finances. No money shall be paid by him except by the authority of the Board, or approval in writing of some member of the committee under whose direction the expenditures were incurred.

ARTICLE IV.

Annual Report.

The Board shall present at the annual meeting of the society a detailed statement of the condition of the institution and of its operations during the preceding year.

ARTICLE V.

Reports of Committees.

It shall be the duty of all committees and sub-committees to keep a detailed account of their proceedings, and at the end of the year to place the same in the hands of the Secretary of the society.

ARTICLE VI.

Amendments to By-Laws.

The foregoing by-laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board, provided two-thirds of the members present assent thereto; but no alteration, addition or amendment shall be adopted at the same meeting at which it is proposed.

