John T. Kelly, Esq.,
Empire Building,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of October 13th, I would state that I have no official knowledge other than as provided in the constitution of the Hibernian Rifles and Hibernian Knights. I am of the opinion that the distinction is made up largely by the dress worn. It is usual for the Hibernian Rifles to adopt for their uniform the corresponding closely to the uniform of the middle of their respective states. I think the Hibernian Knights adopt a more elaborate or so-called Knightly dress. I would advise that you correspond with the officers of the Knights whose addresses you may find in our directory. As far as my knowledge goes the military branch is independent of the divisions. The only requirement, being that it must be made up of men who are members of the Order, their membership in the Rifles being forfeited when they lost membership in their divisions. The Order has prescribed no uniform leaving to each company to select its own. The fee for charter charters is $2 when the same is sent unframed or $5 if sent framed. This charter can be obtained only through this office. I enclose application blank for same so that you may note the information which is embodied in the charter when issued.

Trusting that this will be of use to you and extending my good wishes.
I remain
Fraternally yours.
John P. Gibbons, Esq.,
Hudson, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Enclosed herewith you will find some key cards.

I have had a request for one of these cards from William F. Brennan, division president, of division 15, of Philadelphia. I have replied that I send the cards to you for transmission to the county president to whom Brother Brennan should apply. Will you be good enough to see that the county president of Philadelphia has some of these cards in his possession.

Extending best wishes for your health and prosperity.

I am

Fraternally yours,
William J. Brennan, Esq.,
520 Stephen Gerard Building,

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of October 14th making request for one of our key cards. Replying thereto I would state that I am not permitted under the rules of the Board to send these key cards to division officers. I have, however, sent several to your state secretary with a request that he send same to your county president, McLaughlin, to whom you should apply. Regretting that I am unable to comply directly with your request and extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 16th.

David J. Loftus, Esq.,
Logansport, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Will you be good enough to advise me whether or not a mistake has been made in your report. I have been charging, right along to this last quarter, for 37 divisions in Indiana. Your card dated August 20th shows that you had only 22 divisions on July 1st, 1902, and that since then 2 have disbanded leaving 20 at present. Will you be good enough to explain how it was that payment has been made for 37 divisions right along to July quarter. If you have only 20 now my report must show a loss of 17 since 1901. I want to get this right in time and hope to have your early reply.

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 15th,

Michael Mullane, Esq.,
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Will you please get me the correct name and address of Mary Cleener or O'Connor, the lady who is president of the new auxiliary, No. 31, in your city. I am informed that a letter which I addressed to her under the name of Mary Cleener remains uncalled for at the Stamford post office.

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 16th, 1

P. J. McManus, Esq.,

Burlington and Buckingham Sta.

Halifax, N. S.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your valued favor making inquiry as to the L. A. Replying thereto I would state that under other cover I have sent you some constitutions and one L. A. ritual. It would be some time before you could organize under the new ritual of the L. A. as it is quite elaborate so I send you one of the old ones which would suffice until the division became strong. The manner of organizing is the same as with the men. Get 20 or 25 eligible women together and effect temporary organization, then have the obligation imposed and proceed to elect permanent officers. Each division must have a charter for which I enclose an application blank. The charter fee, if sent unframed, would be $2. This fee should accompany application. In the states the auxiliaries are growing rapidly and I trust you will be able to form a branch in Nova Scotia.

Extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 16th,

Richard McGinn, Esq.,
92 Jersey St.,
Paterson, N. J.

My dear brother McGinn:

I have your valued favor of October 7th and under other cover have sent you ritual, traveling and transfer cards and blanks for charter. The keys are enclosed herewith. Bill of New Jersey’s indebtedness was sent out last night. I trust you are enjoying health and prosperity and have to thank you for courtesy shown me.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Powers-Tyson Co.,

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sirs:-

I have not yet received the two boxes containing directories shipped by you to me some months ago. Will you be good enough to trace same from your end of the line.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am

Very truly yours,
Oct. 16th,

Agnes C. Lynch, R.

Fox 71,

Stoughton, Mass.

Dear Sister:

Replying to your favor of October 14th I enclose herewith a blank form of application for charter for Division 20. Please fill in the blanks as legibly as possible and return application to this office with the fee for charter which is $2, if sent unframed, and $5 if sent from here framed. Charter can be delivered within three or four days after receiving your order.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Edward E. Blount, Esq.,
St. Charles Hotel,
Scranton, Pa,
Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find receipt for $6.50.

Letters from this office have been returned from Mexico for some time past and I had begun to despair of ever hearing from you. I had advice from other parties that the division was not meeting during your absence from Guadalajara and as your letters were being returned, I had concluded that the division had given out of existence. I hope you will be able to keep it alive and will expect a statement from you regarding it when you reach the old Republic. Kindly keep me advised of your whereabouts.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 16th, 3

P. D. Farrell, Esq.;
31 Canal St.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your valued favor of October 13th relative to obligation cards and also to the expenses of the state organizer. Replying to your inquiry as to the next meeting of the National Board I would state that so far as at present known, there will be no meeting of the Board until about the 14th day of July of 1904. We are required to meet some days in advance of the national convention which opens on the 19th of July. I read with much pleasure the "Michigan Hibernian", and am trying to follow the work of your organizer. I am quite certain that organizing is difficult work and that unless the circumstances are known, some are apt to expect from the organizer more than can be accomplished. Our organizers are doing very well indeed and we hope to be able to show that the movement to extend the organization by this means was a wise one.

Under other cover I have sent you the obligation cards as requested. I will be glad to hear from you regarding matters of mutual interest whenever you feel that you have time and opportunity.

Assuring you of my sincere good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
William T. Mehan, Esq.,
1601 Preston St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of October 13th relative to the division of members of the I. A. to business meetings of the A. O. H. and vice versa. Replying thereto, I would state that this matter is covered by report of the committee on rituals found on page 127 of the printed Proceedings of our last convention. It provides that county presidents may grant permission to ritual teams to witness initiations in all degrees excepting the tests. There is no authority outside of this for members of the I. A. to visit our meetings or for our members to visit meetings of the I. A. I am glad to note your prospect of organizing a new division. I trust that it will soon be a reality and wish you every success.

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 15th, 3

Donahoe Magazine Co.,

D. F. Toomey, Manager,

Boston, Mass.

Dear Sirs:

Replying to your request for copy of the new directory of the A. O. H. I would state that same is not available for distribution excepting to divisions of the Order and advertisers. On receipt of the sum of $5 I will be at liberty to forward you copy of the work.

Yours truly,
Oct. 17th,

E. F. Reddy, Esq.,
39 Fourth Ave.,
New Brighton, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have your favor of the 16th enclosing money-order for $10 in payment of fees for charter for division 1 and 2, Richmond county. I enclose blank applications which I would ask you to have filled out and return to me without delay. I should have the information asked for on these applications before making out the charters, I trust you will be successful in your ambition to add to the divisions in your county.

Extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Daniel D. Mahoney, Esq.,
119 Payne St.,
Dover, N. H.

Dear Sir and brother:

Replying to your favor of October 24th, I would state that I have requested the printer who got out these cards for us to send you 300 more. You should have received in the first package, over 1,000 cards, it being intended that each member of the organization should be supplied. I took the last report as a basis. Be good enough to advise me as to whether or not you had as many as 1,000 cards in the first package.

Extending assurances of my good wishes, I am
Fraternally yours,
James N. Balan, Esq.,

S. A. & E. Building,

P. R. C. New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of the 16th and replying thereto I would state that in the Massachusetts case, I had no knowledge of the payment of $550 by Mrs. Carroll, although it now appears that this money was paid to the state officers. The county owed some $1200 on which they have paid $344.40 which sum was raised by voluntary subscriptions. The state has paid over all the money it received. In other words, on behalf of the committee there has been paid the sum of $794.40. I did not feel like accepting this; however, unless I had your views on the matter, I will not give the state credit for this latest payment and cancel the old amount. Will get out circular, immediately, for both assessments.

Regarding Baltimore matter I would state that I heard from O'Connor about three weeks ago to the effect that he would soon come to a conclusion and render a decision. I learned from Mrs. Rice that she did not reach Baltimore until late on the night preceding the time set for the hearing; by O'Connor, and was unable to be present at the hearing.

I expect to take up with the St. Louis committee the matter of definitely securing accommodations for our first and third
J. R. O. --- 2.

I will reserve accommodations for as many as 25 persons. If we should not have that many it will not be difficult to get others to take up the room. Kindly let me hear from you on this point also.

I have just sent O'Brein a few thousand dollars. The L. A. assessment is coming in slowly in spite of the fact that a number of the secretaries have been advised that another assessment was going out on November 1st. I fear that they will be slow in paying the second assessment.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 19th,

Miss Mary F. Kennedy,
609 Wells St.;
Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sister:-

Hereewith enclosed you will find additional moneys as requested. Bill for indebtedness of your state will reach you within a few days. Please forward without delay as much money as you can send on the assessment and benevolent funds, as the treasury is running low and some of the money is needed for general expenses. I trust you will see that every division in your jurisdiction is supplied with a national charter. Having to have a very encouraging report from your state at the end of the year and assuring you of my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 19th, 18

Dear Barry, Esq.,
Bellevue, Idaho,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Hereewith enclosed you will find bill showing that there is due from your division the sum of $1.50 for dues, tax for April, July and October quarter. Please remit at your earliest convenience.

Will you now at your leisure drop a line or two to the Editor of the *National Hibernian*, at Washington, D. C. It would be interesting to the members through the country to learn of your existence as a division and I hope you will favor the Editor with a short sketch of the life of the division and a word or two about your surroundings. If you can do this it would be very much appreciated.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes and hoping to learn of your increase in numbers, I remain

Paternally yours,
October 1931

W. J. O'Brien, Esq.,
Richmond, Ind.

My dear O'Brien:

Hereewith enclosed you will find my check to your order for $130.00 to be credited as follows:

A. G. M. dues, .................................................. $122.80
A. G. M. assessment, ........................................... 198.30
B. A. dues, ......................................................... 262.40
B. A. assessment, ............................................... 10.25
Jewelry, ......................................................... 3.75

Total, ......................................................... $527.75

By the way, do you know what has become of Mary Mac's 30 cents? There is a lady down in Texas interested in finding out about it. I have just heard from St. Louis regarding arrangements for the convention and learn that the committee are at work and that they expect to raise a fund of $5000. Some of the Irish residents intend to keep open house during convention week. The week of our convention will be the peak of the Gable season and undoubtedly an unusual large crowd will be at the fair. I presume I would be entirely safe in reserving 26 rooms which even if our party did not reach that number we would have no difficulty in filling them to come with us. Let me know what you think about this.

With regards to Mrs. O'Brien and yourself, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 19th,

Mr. O'Leary, Esq.,

Savannah, Ga.

My dear Brother O'Leary:

Now that there are two divisions of the L. A. in your state, I wish to know whether or not it is desired that the nose, the official communications should go to one of the ladies themselves. I have been sending the nose, for one division to Brother Gillisptte, county president, and now that there is another division in his county, as I am sure it is possible that some other arrangements may be desired, please ascertain what is wanted and advise me. I hope you are prospering and in good health.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,
Oct. 19th,

I am

The Andrews,

"31 Nineteenth St.,

Leavenworth, Kan.

For Sister,—

I beg to remind you that I have had no remittance for 60 months, or assessment in six quarters. There is now due for 1901, the sum of $1.20 which includes $1.20 balance due at the commencement of the assessment in July 1902. If you are not the proper person who has charge of the collection of this money, will you be good enough to advise me of the name and address of the person whom I should write. There is also a 35 cent per capita assessment due which should be attended to.

Please advise me as to the condition of the organization.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
P. J. Maltigan, Esq.,
Editor National Hibernian,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Maltigan:

I have your favor of the 16th and note contents. There is nothing new in the Baltimore matter. O'Connor has not rendered any decision yet. I heard from Dolan this morning on this subject and he knows nothing further than that O'Connor has been in Baltimore and heard the controversy. The October paper is an excellent issue, as in fact, they all are.

When am I expected to send in my contribution to the news columns. I will look with interest to the appearance of the article on the Irish-American Revolution and hope that it will attract attention from the press of the country so that our paper may be quoted.

Regarding the strength of the Order in Baltimore, would state that I have received no report for 1902 for the men. At the close of 1901, the men had 20 divisions with a membership of 1764. At the close of 1902 the L. A. had 16 divisions with a membership of 847. There is some carelessness somewhere in Maryland. Have heard from St. Louis regarding arrangements for the convention. They have appointed the committee, and are hard at work holding committee meetings each week and expect to raise from eight to ten thousand dollars,
P. J. H. --- 2.

The Gaelic games will take place during the same week as our convention; evidently, we cannot attend the convention and see the games, also. I would prefer that the games should come the week following. In making arrangements for the National Board, I hope to be able to secure extra accommodations and will look out for the Editor and a few others with our party.

present my compliments in old friends in Washington, and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,
Oct. 15th,

Edward I. Sheehan, Esq.,

St. Louis, Mo.

My Dear Sheehan:

I have your favor of the 5th and have noted contents. In same mail I received a letter from Brother O'Connor and will take up with him immediately, some of the matters he inquires about.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Miss Maria Curran,
Chatham, N. B.

Dear Sister:-

Herewith enclosed you will find receipt for $2.40, 40 cents credited to your account and $2 for charter for division at St. John. I enclose blank form of application for charter which you will be good enough to fill out and return to me. I need the information asked for before I can forward the charter desired. I enclose some of the circulars calling for the last assessment. Please see that these are distributed to the proper parties if same has not already been done. I cannot send you fifty constitutions as this office does not supply divisions with other than sample copies. Cunningham Bros., of this city, or any other of the printers who do our work would be glad to supply you at a small charge. The annual report blanks will be sent out in December.

With best wishes and hoping to have your early reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 19th, 3

Nimerd F. Blevitt, Esq.,
St. Charles Hotel,
Scranton, Pa.

My Dear Brother Blevitt:-

Herewith enclosed you will find key card and mine, for present quarter. We are naturally desirous of keeping the organization in existence and will have to look to you to keep the thing moving, or if you leave the Republic to designate somebody who can receive communications in your absence. I suppose that there must be some others from the states in Guadalajara who could attend to answering my correspondence. When you reach there please give this some consideration so that there may be no delay in communications.

Trusting that you are in good health and prospering, I remain, with much esteem

Fraternally yours,
Patrick J. O'Connor, Esq.,
104 West St.,
Holyoke, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

I have your valued favor of October 7th. Replying thereto I would state that it is not within the provisions of this office to pass at this time upon your inquiry. It is a matter which concerns the division and the secretary himself. Moreover, should there be any controversy about the matter and it finally reached the National Board we would be handicapped, had we given an advanced opinion.

Regretting that I am unable to advise you fully and extending to yourself and associates, my best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 20th,

Mr. George G. Greenburg, Esq.,
Manager, S. C. Childs & Co.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your request for a list of the secretaries of the organization, I would state that it is entirely possible for you to receive same, but I am not permitted to send out these directories to those outside the organization other than advertisers in the book, unless I have first received the sum of $5 as a contribution toward the expense of publication. On receipt of this sum I would take pleasure in forwarding you a copy of our last directory.

Very truly yours,
Oct. 20th,

E. A. O'Brien, Esq.,
Fredericton, N. B., Can.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find a circular giving instructions for degree work. When received please acknowledge.

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 20th, 1903

Miss Katherine E. Sheridan,
Randolph, Mass.

Dear Sister:

I have your favor of October 19th. Replying thereto I would state that there is to be another assessment upon the L. A. in November. If the L. A. is to carry out its vote at the last general assembly, this assessment is an absolute necessity. Moreover, let me remind you that only 20 cents per capita of the present assessment is to be devoted to the fund. If you will consult the last report you will find that there were at the end of 1901, 31876 members. I regret to state that all of the reports for the year ending December 31st, 1902 are not in, but I assume that there will be some increase. Out of the total number assessed some failed to pay promptly and thus I estimate that the 20 cent per capita tax for the endowment alone will net about $6000. The remaining 15 cents of that per capita tax will be applied toward the expenses of the paper and the general cost of your Order. Inasmuch as during my three years service, the L. A. has been asked to pay only one per capita tax and that of 20 cents, I fail to see how anyone can claim that they are being overtaxed. That have had the paper for two years; they have a national organization; they have a new ritual which cost several hundred dollars and the motive behind the endowment to Trinity College is broad enough to urge even the careless ones to come up and settle. I trust you
will do your utmost to see that the collections in your District.

Noting your reference to the Knights of Columbus and that they have been creating a fund for several years, I would state that that is not at all to their credit. I am a member of the Knights and with others do not relish the delay shown in some quarters in the collection of this endowment. Moreover, I have an impression that some of the Councils of the Knights regard this matter as voluntary. In our case it is not voluntary and divisions which do not pay ought to be taught that the national convention is the supreme body of their Order. It is my belief that we have been altogether too easy in enforcing a proper respect for authority. The National Board has instructed me to withhold mine, from states which are not in good standing. I would be very glad to have your co-operation in making the endowment to Trinity a success, and hope to have the benefit of your assistance.

Extending assurances of my esteem, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 20th,

Patrick Liddy, Esq.,
1281 Beacon St.,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of the 19th making request for 20 transfer cards. Replying thereto I would state that I am not permitted to furnish divisions with these supplies directly, but have sent a package containing cards to the county president, Daniel Reidy, to whom you should apply for them.

Regretting that I am unable to comply directly with your request and extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 20th,

Jr. T. Dolan, Esq.,
S. A. & K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Herewith enclosed you will find communication from Mrs. F. F. Buckley, 16 Sheridan St., Portland, Me., which I have acknowledged and hereby refer to you for reply. In my opinion the division has a right to accept a person without payment of the arrears, inasmuch as the time limited for reinstatement has expired and she must come in as a new member if at all. It would be different if she applied to another division for admission, but the constitution is silent where application has been made for admission as a new member to the same division. See section 11 and 12, article 22.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 30th,

Mrs. F. F. Buckley,
18 Sheridan St.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sister:

I have your letter of October 29th making inquiry for a ruling on the admission of a member who had formerly been suspended without payment of dues to the division. Replying thereto I would state that I am required under the rules of the Board, to refer the same to the National President who will undoubtedly answer you within a few days.

Extending my best wishes to yourself and associates, I am

Fraternally yours,
Miss Katie C. Harrigan,
3501 O St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Harrigan:

I have your favor of October 18th relative to the number liable to assessment in the District. Replying thereto I would state that I examined the report submitted by you and your associates, for the year ending December 31st, 1902 and find that it is typewritten throughout and that opposite the words, "new in membership", 243. I find, however, that whoever made up the report forgot to subtract the decrease during the previous year, which was 29 so that you are absolutely right in stating that the membership at the year 1902 was 214; however, I took the statement in the report as being correct and billed your accordingly. I have now made the correction on your report so that you will be assessed on 214.

You understand, doubtless, that another assessment is to go out the last of November for the sum of 35 cents per capita payable February 1st, 1903. Only 10 cents per capita of the assessment which has been partially collected is to be devoted to the endowment of Trinity College. This will net about $6000 for that purpose. The remainder of the assessment will be applied toward the cost of the paper and other running expenses of the

L. A. During my three years serving as secretary there has been only one assessment upon the organization, that one of 10 cents; nevertheless, the official organ has been sent to everyone of your members since its first issue. They are not to be asked to pay for it in common with the men.

Trusting that this information will be of value and extending my good wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23th, 19

F. W. Evans, Esq.,
Clinton, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have had a request from Patrick Liddy, financial secretary of division No. 7 of Brookline, Mass., for 25 transfer cards. As I am not permitted to send these goods direct to divisions, I notified him and instructed him to apply to his county president. Under the cover I sent you a package containing these articles so that you may supply Brother Reidy as required. I have to inform you that the amount forwarded by you in settlement of the claim against your state on the old assessment will be accepted. Receipt for remittance will be sent by the treasurer and the balance due on that old assessment will be cancelled.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
October 21st, 1903

Thomc Connolly, Reg.
3324 Pleasant Ave.
Minneapolis, Minn.

To My Dear Brother Connolly:

Enclosed herewith you will find receipt for charter which will be sent out within a day or two. You did right in sending the names of the old officers. I am glad to note your promise of adding more members to the roll this winter and trust you will not only add more members, but more divisions. In general, there is a very steady increase in the organization and I think that the report for 1903 when issued will show a very gratifying gain.

Sending assurances of my esteem, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 21st,

Patrick Donahue, B.C.,

1226 Christian St.,


Mr. Lane Brother Donahue:

I have your favor of October 15th enclosing letters from Brother McCarthy, of Greensburg. I have forwarded both letters to the Editor of the official organ and will await his reply with interest. In most cases where complaints have been made the cause has been because of secretaries of divisions failing to give proper addresses. We are, as you doubtless know, most anxious to have each member receive his paper regularly and will do anything within reason to see that he gets the paper. I am frequently reminded by the Editor that the lists of some divisions have not been changed in his office for two years. I have frequently in circulars asked division secretaries to send new lists quarterly. This some of them never do and consequently perhaps thousands of our papers are going to wrong addresses and the names of new members are never sent us. I am satisfied that Brother Haltigan is anxious that every man should have his paper and if the fault is in his office, I have no doubt he will say so. As soon as his reply has been received I will forward same to you.

Hoping you are well and hearty, I remain

Familiarly yours,
Oct. 31st,

F. J. Hanigan, Esq.,
Editor National Hibernian,
Washington, D. C.

My dearsubscriber:-

I enclose herewith letter from Greenburg, Pa., and letter from Patrick Donohoe, state president of Pennsylvania. You will note that the state president attributes the delay in collecting the per capita to trouble about the paper. Please let me have the facts in this case at your earliest convenience.

I am

Sincerely yours,
Powers-Tyson Co.,
Grand Rapids, Mich.

Gentlemen:

I have your favor of the 19th and would state that I have not yet received the goods shipped by you some time ago. I have written Jack O'Reilly, 1104 Olive St., St. Paul, Mo., requesting him to obtain the directories without delay. I assume that his street address was on the package and am surprised that the railroad authorities did not communicate directly with him.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
James O'Tailly, Esq.,
1104 Olive St.,
S. Paul, Min.

Dear Sir: and Brother:

I have been advised by the Powers-Saxon Co., at Grand Rapids, Michigan, that a box containing directories was sent by them to your address remains un-called for at the Grand Island depot in your City. These goods were sent you some time ago and I had supposed that the directories were distributed to the Divisions. Please call and get these directories so that the divisions may have the benefit of the directories, if you have not already sent them out.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 31st, 3

Dennis K. Ryan, Esq.,
36 Sidway St.,
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Hereewith enclosed you will find receipt for charter fee for division No. 9, of Mephamen. I have credited your account with your expenses charges as received. I do not understand that you wish me to send a voucher before the first of the month. If you desire please so state as your letter does not touch on this point. Am glad to learn that you are well.

I sent constitutions and directory some time ago and last night sent out another package for you.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 22nd, 1903

John O'Leary, Esq.,
90 Islington St.,
Portsmouth, N. H.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herald enclosed you will find my receipt No. 1238 for the sum of $90.75. There yet remain a balance of $34.40 on the old assessment. At the beginning of my new term, July 1902, there was a balance of $42.30 on the old assessment of 1891. The assessment of 1902 was $405.25 on which I had received, prior to your last remittance, $372.40 leaving $32.85 due on this assessment. Your remittance now for $32.85 over pays the last assessment and allows a credit of $7.90 to the assessment which being applied leaves $34.40 still due from your estate for the assessment of 1901.

Extending my best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Mrs. Annie E. Bell,
Piedmont, W. Va.

Dear Sister:

Herewith enclosed you will find revised statement of account with Maryland. I find that my bookkeeper in making out your bill sent you a bill for the state of West Virginia, knowing that your residence was in that state. You have received credit for the check of March 26th and for the payment in January, but there yet remains due the July and October quarter for which no payment has been made. In addition to this the whole of the assessment remains unpaid. I have forwarded a copy of this statement to Miss Cavanaugh, your state secretary.

Fraternally yours,
Miss Jennie Cavanaugh,
1037 South Sharp St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sister:

Hereewith enclose you will find a statement of your account
with the organization. Please let same have your early attention.

Sincerely yours,
October 23rd, 2

May Mary J. Connelly,
233 Teneyser Ave.,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sister:

Hereewith enclosed you will find my receipt, No. 1915, for $12.00 credited as requested in your letter of October 18th. I have deposited the other check with your latest one and trust the matter is now settled to your satisfaction.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

[Signature]
D. A. Sloan, Esq.,
10 Public Square;
Watertown, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Replying to your favor of October 21st I would state that in financial matters this office has no knowledge of counties or divisions. We hold the State responsible for the number of members reported in the State and have no knowledge as to how the money is received by the State officers. The National Board remitted a balance due on the old assessment on the strength of statements that there had been error in the number of men reported to the State officers and that it was impossible to collect the amounts charged. Where there has been a decrease in counties or an error in making up the reports we are occasionally obliged to do this; just the same as a merchant would settle a bill.

Regretting that I cannot give you more information on the matter and extending my best wishes to your associates and yourself, I remain

Fraternally yours,
James J. Lynch, Esq.,
Brookline, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find my receipt for $262.10 credited to per capita tax on the old assessment. This sum has now been accepted to balance your indebtedness on that old assessment, the remainder having been remitted by one of the Board.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd,

James E. Dolan, Esq.,

S. A. & K. Building,

Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Hereewith enclosed you will find letter of W. W. Callan, secretary division No. 2 Norfolk, Va., making inquiry for a construction of article 13 section 2. I have acknowledged his letter and stated that it has been referred to Your Highness for consideration and reply. My opinion is that the division cannot refuse to accept this money no matter what the legal rights of the member may be afterward. Under our constitution he is not entitled to sick benefits for any sickness with which he may be suffering at the time he pays up. I believe, however, that this does not apply to section 3 of article 13 so that on the death of a member, unless there are three months' dues or fines and assessments standing against him for three months, his heirs would be entitled to the death benefit.

I also enclose vouchers in payment of your office allowance and of my salary and expenses, both covering the period from July 19th to October 19th, 1903.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd,

W. W. Callan, Esq.,
Emerald Hall,
Norfolk, Va.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of the 20th asking for a ruling on article 3, section 2 of the constitution, particularly in relation to the responsibility of the division for the death benefit of a member who had been in bad standing. Replying thereto I would state that under the rules of the Board I have referred your letter to the national president who will undoubtedly take the matter up with you within a few days.

Extending to your associates and yourself my best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
J. J. Loftus, Esq.,
Logansport, Ind.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of October 29th stating that you now have 36 divisions in Indiana. Your card shows that on July 1st, 1902, you had 22 divisions and that since then you have lost 2 leaving 20 divisions in existence at the time the card was signed, August 20th, 1904. I will make the corrections and thank you for the information.

Sincerely yours,
Oct. 23rd.

Miss Mary H. Brennan,
1106 East 8th St.,
Anaconda, Mont.

Dear Sister:

Cunningham Bros. of this city has advised me that a package containing Gaelic alphabet cards shipped under my direction to your address, remains unclaimed at the express office in your city. I learned that this package was sent out through a mistake in the name of Miss Elia C. Keating, but that it bore your house address. The package is intended for you; the cards being for distribution among the members of the auxiliaries in your state. Please be good enough to receive and distribute the package presenting this letter to the express company as proof of your authority to receive the goods.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
October 23rd,

J. A. O'Neil, Esq.,
70 Lancaster St.,
Portland, Me.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of October 21st. Replying there- to, I would suggest that if you have any charge to prefer against the Hibernian Knights, that you consult your superior officers in the county or in the state regarding same. Without a knowledge of your local laws, this office would be unable to advise you. Regarding your inquiry as to degree work, I would state that the national convention has authorized the use of a short form of obligation for divisions which are unable to get on the new ritual. The state president is authorized to designate the division which may use this form. You will find reference to this given in the proceedings of the last convention, copies of which have been sent to your division.

I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd,

Mr. J. Burns, Esq.,
Box 30,
Detroit, Mich.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

Replying to your favor of the 20th I enclose here-with a blank form of application for charter which should be filled out and forwarded with $2 the charter fee for unframed charter, to this office. An unframed charter, when sent from here, costs $5, but in view of the distance to which it would have to be carried by express, I would recommend that you take the unframed charter. On receipt of your application with fee, charter will be sent out within three or four days. The application should give the names of the first officers, if obtainable, unless the division votes otherwise.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes,

I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd, 19__

William C. Smith, Esq.,
770 W. 163rd St.,
Manhattan,

Dear Sir and Brother:

Hereewith enclosed you will find receipt for $2 for which I have sent 20 buttons to your address, under that cover. I enclose hereewith a blank form of application for charter for your division. It should be endorsed by your county president or by the acting county president, Brother McCrystal and should be accompanied by the charter fee which is $2 for the charter is sent unframed or $3 if sent framed. I can put on the charter only the information asked for on the application and do not need the names of charter members. Please let this have your early attention.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes

I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd, 3

Patrick J. Byrne, Esq.,
70 Holmes St.,
Belleville, N. J.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find a blank form of application for the charter for your division for which I have received money-order for $2. If you desire the charter by next Tuesday you will have to hasten in returning this application filled out with the information requested. Please let this have your immediate attention and I will try to get charter shipped from here by express, Monday night. Call for it at express station Tuesday night, if you get the application back here Monday morning. Receipt for charter fee you will find enclosed.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Oct. 23rd

John J. O'Connor, Esq.,
2718 Thomas St.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your valued favor of October 15th relative to the progress of the work of your committee arranging for the annual convention. I am authorized by the National Board to secure accommodations for them. Their party will include perhaps 25 people as a number of the Board will be accompanied by their wives. Will you be good enough to make some preliminary inquiries at an early date and let me know what you can do in making reservations for this party. We would desire to be near the convention hall, but want the best accommodations.

I enclose herewith copy of mass for the L. A., and also forward blank applications for charter. The fee for charter is $2, which should accompany the application. I am glad to be able to congratulate you and your associates upon the organization of these auxiliaries. If the ladies desire they can have county organizations or even a state board. Please ascertain their wishes in this respect so that I may know whether or not to send mass through the men's organization.

Regarding the general work of your committee, I would state that about all that the National Board would expect would be to provide halls or meeting places for the national convention of the
session at the same time. Your chief duty, of course, will be to secure
headquarters and accommodations for perhaps four or five hundred people.
I believe that the convention will be a large one and that a number who
do not usually go to conventions will be there with our party. The
National Board would be glad to be informed from time to time of the
arrangements which are being made for the comfort of the visitors. These
matters, however, particularly in the line of entertainment are within
the discretion of the local committee and I would respectfully suggest
that, in my opinion, it is not necessary to do too much in the line of
entertaining. In the first place, where there is much entertaining it
keeps the men away from the convention of if they do not leave the con-
vention they are obliged to decline the invitations of the committee;
often times perhaps the committees have gone to considerable expense to
provide entertainment, which through press of business in the convention
the members cannot avail themselves of. Then again, entertainment costs
money and while no one would question the general hospitality of Missour
people, i.e, for one, am of the opinion that the majority of the members
are not looking for a great deal of entertaining. Some of course, is
right and is expected. It is customary to have a banquet to which
Prominent citizens, not members of the Order, may be invited. I am quite certain, Brother O'Connor, that I do not need to go into this subject any deeper. This opinion, however, is purely my own, but I have knowledge of the feelings of some of my associates on the Board and I think I can very properly say that my ideas are shared by the Board, generally. I trust you will regard these observations in the line of friendly suggestions with a view to assisting the committee to an understanding of the work which they will have before them. Doubtless you will have the national chaplain and arrange for the church services which always precede the opening of our conventions.

Extending my best wishes and hoping to be favored by a letter from you right along, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd,

John E. Bell, Esq.,

Box 476,

Forest City, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have received your application for charter for division in Forest City. I note that you do not supply the name of the person by whom the division was organized, therefore I will leave that blank space on the charter and you may have same filled in when you have the information. Regarding the other division in your county, I will state that if they were divisions of the American Board before the union they should have a charter issued by that body, at any rate each division must have a charter from the head authority. The American Board divisions must have a charter just the same as the former B. of E. divisions, and as county president you are instructed to see that each division has its charters displayed during the meeting hours. There has been some carelessness on the part of divisions not procuring charters and the National Board is now determined that no division shall be permitted to exist as a branch of our order until it has the authority to do so. This applies to American Board divisions just as much as to the former B. of E.

Tuming that I have made this matter clear to you and extending best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 23rd.

Buck Dovonne, Esq.,

1223 Christian St.,


Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find reply of Brother Maltigan to my inquiry regarding your complaint about the nonarrival of the papers. I also forward to you a statement from Brother Maltigan showing the date on which he received from Philadelphia the lists of names from which he is sending out the paper. I trust you will take immediate steps to cause this condition of things to be changed. In several circulars and in the paper monthly the secretaries of divisions are called upon to forward new and revised lists of their division membership and after each meeting to send on the names of new members and of those who have been suspended. You will observe that this has not been done. In the Greenburg case, Brother Maltigan says that the lists reached him last month too late to be available for the September paper, but that the October papers which went out about the 10th of this month have been sent from the new lists. Under other cover I have sent a package containing mailing lists to your address and I trust you will see that they are distributed to the divisions and that the secretaries use them. Because of
This carelessness on the part of division secretaries the Order is obliged to pay for the printing and mailing of thousands of papers for the members who have been suspended throughout the Union in the last three years and on the other hand there might be a great many new members whose names have never reached us and who consequently are not receiving the papers in their proper annoyance. I hope to have your assistance in changing this condition of affairs and trust you will see that the lists sent you are distributed to the division with the request that new and revised lists be immediately sent to the editor of the National Literator.

Extending to you personally, my best wishes for your success and good health, I remain

Frequently yours,
Oct, 23rd, 3

James McCarney, Esq.,
Greensburg, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brethren:

Your favor of October 9th addressed to Patrick Donahue, the state president of Pennsylvania, has been forwarded to this office by him for an inquiry into the facts. Replying thereto I would state that in places where there is no free delivery very little attention is given by some postmasters to second class matter and unless it is marked for prompt delivery it is liable to be thrown aside. Brother MacIggen, the editor of the paper, writes me that he received new lists of the Westmoreland county. It is late to be of use for the paper for the September issue but that the October papers went out for division 7 of Greensburg, he received together, last month, list for division 1 of Mt. Pleasant, division 3 of Frick, division 4 of Coffee, division 5 of Latrobe, division 7 of Greensburg and 8 of Darragh. If there is a division 6 in the county it has not yet been reached. He is using an old list for division 2 of Derryville. I trust you will see that a revised list is sent from that division. We are most anxious that every member should receive his paper but we cannot send papers to men whose names and addresses do not reach us nor are we responsible for the failure of some of the members to take their papers out of the mail promptly.
When this is not done very little consideration is given to the paper when it appears again in the post office. I may say to you that owing to the irregularity which some secretaries show in revising their lists and the consequent failure of many of these papers to be delivered, result in much annoyance in the post office and the postal authorities are making complaints to the editor and the only way to make sure that members receive the paper is to send a revised list to the editor at least quarterly and to instruct the members where there is no free delivery to call for their papers promptly, about the 10th or 15th of each month.

Regretting that there has been any annoyance to your associates and assuring you that we desire to give the very best possible service, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 24th,

W. T. Pagan, Esq.,

Major Hibernian Knights,

Portland, Me.

To Sir and Brothers:

I now have your favor of the 22nd covering copy of
charges preferred against Company A, of the Hibernian Knights. Repeating
earlier I would state that I have referred the matter to the national
president for a ruling on your first inquiry as to whether or not the
charges should come before the military branch or before the state and
county officers. As to the other point I would advise that the charges
on trial should be specific. The particular act constituting the offence
of offenses should be alleged. Here is no way of telling from the
charges submitted whether or not the acts complained of constitute an
act under the provision of article 36 relating to the military
court or an offence against other provisions of our constitution applying
to the general membership. I presume for the present, all that you
wished would be to acknowledge the receipt of the charges and say that
the question of the authority of the tribunal was being considered. Doubt
less you will hear from the national president within a few days. I had
a letter a few days ago from a brother in your city whose name was J. A.
O'Neill making inquiry as to the proper place to submit charges against
Hibernian Knights. I referred him to his county or state officers.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
James F. Dolan, Esq.,
S. I. A. K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

S. [illegible]

Sir: [illegible]

Herewith enclosed you will find letter of H. A. Magan, Major Hibernian Knights of Maine and the state treasurer of the general organization. I have advised him that the charges presented about in more specific and that the other questions had been referred to you. In fact it may be difficult to pass upon the question of the proper tribunal insomuch as the charges are so incomplete that it is uncertain whether the offence is one against the general laws of the Order or one arising under the provision of article 36. In my opinion if the offence is one under section 35 the regimental officers should be the tribunal. If it is not under this article then the constitution designates the tribunal which should hear it.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 22nd,

S. McL. Smith, Esq.,

New Orleans Post Office,
New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of the 18th announcing the suspension of your state secretary and the appointment of his successor, temporarily. I beg to remind you that the miss, and sent out some time ago, on the strength of your telegram that the money had been mailed; therefore, I feel that you should make good. Moreover, I cannot see why there should be any loss of money as it was the duty of the state officers to produce a bond upon the state secretary. See section 8 of article 4 of the constitution. Enclosed herewith you will find a bill for the indebtedness, I would suggest that the state and county officers immediately put their heads together and try and put the organization into a condition of activity. I am very well satisfied that there are hundreds of Irish-Americans in New Orleans who ought to be enrolled and think that if more energy were shown all along the line that better results would be obtained.

Enclosed herewith you will find a few key cards as requested. Trusting that you will be able to get this matter in shape and extending best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
October 24th, 3

John T. Flood, Esq.,
129 Henry St.,
Portsmouth, Va.

Our Sir and Brother:

Replying to your recent favor I would state that
the county president of Suffolk county in which Foxbury is situated is
Matthew Cummings, 140 Walnut St., Newfane, Mass. Your division should
have three or four directories for its use. The state secretary was
supplied long ago with enough copies of the directories to furnish each
division with three copies. This directory gives the names of all the
officers throughout the country. Kindly advise us as to whether or not
you county president has received the directories.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 24th

Miss Maria Curran,
Chatham, N. E.

Dear Sister:

Hereewith enclosed you will find receipts for $2.30 credited as follows. $2 for charter fee and 20 cents on mine. account. It books do not show any charges against the divisions. I charge the state with the amount of mine, due according to the number of divisions last reported so you will understand that I can give you credit only on behalf of the state or province. I will look into that charter matter and find out why it has not been delivered.

I enclose blank forms of applications for charter. Each division must have its own charter and should apply for same upon the blanks which we furnish, so that the information needed may be obtainable. If the missing charter comes to hand before you again hear from me, please so advise me.

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 24th, 3

John O'Hare, Esq.,
363 18th St.,
Portland, Oregon,

Dear Sir and Brethren:

Hereewith enclosed you will find my receipt for $2 credited as fee for charter for I. A. No. 1 of Portland. Under other cover I have sent you some constitutions for which the Order makes no charge; however, we do not supply divisions with more than a few copies to serve as samples, and books may be procured from any of the A. C. H. printers. Have the secretary send a list of the names and street addresses of all members to P. J. Haligan, Editor National Hibernian, Washington, D. C., so that each member may be supplied during her membership with a copy of our official organ.

Congratulating you upon your success and extending my best wishes for the growth and prosperity of the division, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 24th,

Edward T. Shaler, Esq.,

R. T. Wood, Portland,

St. Louis, Mo.,

My Dear Brother,-

I have your favor of October 22nd covering expense
account from October 12th to that date. I have drawn checks in your
favor for $1000 and have sent same to the national president for counter
signature. It would be well for you to write the national treasurer
now to send you if he is in your present address.

Fraternaly yours,
Oct. 24th,

E. A. O'Brien, Esq.,
Fredericton, N. B., Can.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Replying to your inquiry I would state that all those who are members of the organization at the time the division takes up the new ritual, are exempt from going through the new work and are entitled to have the passwords of the four degrees.

Trusting that this will answer your inquiry, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 24th,

Miss Ella C. Keating,
322 1/2 Tenth St.,
Seattle, Washington.

Dear Sister—

Your favor of October 19th stating your intention to remain for some little time in Seattle has been received. Communications intended for you will be sent to the address given.

Trusting that you will recover your health and at the same time have an enjoyable vacation, I remain

Fraternally yours,
P. E. O'Brien, Esq.,
320 West 32nd St.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your valued favor of October 16th I
would state that the county president may permit those whom he recognizes
as members of the degree team of the I. A. to witness all the degree work
excepting the test. On the other hand the I. A. county president may
grant a like privilege to those whom she recognizes as member of degree
team in the A. C. P. You will find this provided for in the report of
committee on rituals noted in the printed proceedings of the Denver conven-
tion, copy of which has been sent to your division. If not at hand inquire
for them of your county president. I do not see how you can
admit a boy under 16 years of age. The only way I could suggest
would be to recognize his age as 16 by unanimous consent of the division
and take him in.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 24th,

J. J. Lannon, Esq.,
Albia, Iowa.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I very much acknowledge you will find by receipt you had credited as fee for new charter for division No. 451. We do not state by whom the division was organized nor when it was in your county; I will assume that you were the organizer and insert your name on the charter. I can not use the blank of the charter because no space has been allowed for them on the blank. Please accept my sincere congratulations upon this very good work in your county. I hope that the division will increase and prosper and be a credit to its originator and to the organization.

Please have the secretary send a list of the names and your officers addresses to Dr. J. Hultigain, Editor, National Laboring, Washington, D. C. so that each member may receive monthly a copy of the official organ of the society.

With best wishes, I am,

Respectfully yours,
Oct. 26th, 3

Mrs. Lettie Fitzgerald,
324 May Ave.,
Burlington, Ia.

Dear Sister:

I have your favor of the 19th and note what you have to say regarding supplies. I sent you 25 rituals and also sent you transfer cards and keys. I am now sending you 15 rituals, transfer cards and enclosed the key of No. 3 in this letter. Each division is supposed to have 5 or 6 rituals. That is the basis upon which the rituals were printed. You will now have 40 rituals and doubtless there must be some among the divisions in your state; at any rate 40 rituals should supply your division. In about ten days you will receive notice of an assessment on 1-2-4-6 to make up the balance due for the Trinity College endowment and to provide for running expenses and the cost of the paper.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 26th,

James E. Dolan, Esq.,
S. A. K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Hereewith enclose you will find voucher No. 358 for $250 on account of salary and expenses of Edward L. Sheehan, national organizer. He has written me from St. Louis that he is in need of funds.

Replying to your favor of October 24th regarding the Newberet matter, I would state that the reference made by Mr. Sheehan are entirely untrue in so far as he says that I have advised who suspended division No. 1 and is one with them; moreover if they have not received official notice of the action of the National Board the fault is not mine. I enclose you copies of letters which I sent by your request to John Dillon, the state president, to Terrence F. Gates, the county president, to Patrick Conroy, the acting president of the suspended division and to James Aldworth, the suspended president. I have received acknowledgment from Mr. Aldworth of the receipt of my letter.

I have had no communication with or from either of the other three persons mentioned and know nothing of their intentions. I have this to say, however, that it is my opinion that the action of the National Board, of which I advised these gentlemen, of itself reinstate
either the division or the division president and unless you instruct me
directly to do so, I did not feel that I had the right or authority to
order his reinstatement. In my opinion the reinstatement of the division,
when made, should be made by the authority which suspended it, namely,
the state officers. It is my opinion further that the reinstatement of
the suspended president should be made by the authority which suspended
him, namely, the county president or the county officers. I offer this
opinion for what it may be worth. Moreover, judging from the fact that
your letter of the 24th states that you"will suspend the state officers
unless they comply with the wishes of the National Board"I should infer
that you, yourself, had some doubt as to who should make the reinstate-
ment. If the state officers, in my opinion, refuse to set aside the sus-
pension and reinstate the division, then it will be time for you to act.

I note with much surprise the instructions given you by
Hugh J. Carroll when he tells you what you should do. The fact that he
not only quarrels with me, but attempts to show you what your duty is or
what he thinks it is will give you an idea of the all embracing con-
sequence of the men. I consider that I have carried out my duty in
every respect in relation to this Pawtucket matter and will proceed fur-
ther in it only as specifically instructed.
J. J. D. --- 3.

I am glad to hear from you further on the subject should you find it necessary to take it up with me again.

I am advised by the president of Louisiana that he has suspended the state secretary P. L. Proctor for neglect of duty. There has been no part of the per capita tax paid me and in general the state secretary has neglected his duty. I am unable to find any authority in the state president to suspend a state officer, and would not be surprised if you would hear of the matter, officially, on account of that. Only the national president is authorized to suspend a state officer, and much as Proctor seems to have merited the suspension, I question if his state president is authorized to act.

I would like very much to have one of your photographs, cabinets size. I wish to get the photographs of all the national officers after which I expect to have them set in a frame and hung in my office. If you have a photograph of recent or earlier vintage please send it on to me. I am having some of mine made now and will exchange with you.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
October 26th, 19__

Miss Mary A. Berry,

522 West Main St.,

Springfield, Ohio.

Dear Sister:

Hereewith enclosed you will find some blank applications for charter. The charters are so prepared as to give only the information asked for on the enclosed blank. There is no room for the names of the charter members on the charter. The fee for charter, when sent unframed, is $2; if sent framed, $5. Application should be accompanied by fee in all cases.

Trusting that you are prospering personally and that the organization is growing, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 26th,

F. J. Baltigan, Esq.,
Editor National Hibernian,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Baltigan:—

I have your card making reference to sale of buttons. Some time ago the Board voted that these buttons should be obtained only through the office of the national secretary and a statement to this effect appears on the nessa slips. Upon the assumption that the Editor of the paper was acting as agent for this office, it might be permissible even in view of that vote to place the buttons on sale with you; however, I would like to have the national president informed of the matter and will write him on the subject and later take the matter up with you.

I have had no news yet regarding the Baltimore matter. I advised the state president of Rhode island of the action of the national Board regarding the suspension of division 1 of Pawtucket and the division president. I have heard nothing from there regarding it and do not know whether they intend to reinstate this division or not. While over there trying to settle the trouble I got the impression that the state officers considered that the National Board had interfered in state business and that there might be some show of resentment over there. This is for yourself, only.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 26th,

John L. Canna, Esq.,
32 Oak St.,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find receipt for your remittance of $15 credited as follows: to charter fee for division 20, $5 and to buttons, which have been shipped you under other cover, $10.

Thanking you for your courtesy for this and other matters, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 26th,

P. F. Cannon, Esq.,
Clinton, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of October 24th and note what you have to say regarding conditions in your state. Personally I am glad that the Middlesex county matter is out of the way, although I was anxious to get all that I could for the National Board as our expenses are mounting all the while and collecting assessment is not a pleasant matter. Some times I have to write to good friends of mine who are secretaries or state presidents to prof them about this matter when I would rather say nothing about it. We are getting low in funds again, I am about to send out another assessment.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
October 26th,

William T. Keenan, Esq.,
1601 Pristien St.,
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir and Brother:—

Replying to your favor of October 22nd permit me
to offer my congratulations upon the good work done in organizing the I.
A. Regarding paraphernalia my suggestion would be that you write to
those manufacturers whose advertisements appear in the National Hibernian,
Lynch & Kelly, etc., until such time as the new division is able to put
on the degree work. The obligation alone will be sufficient for members
to take. I note with much pleasure your reference to the recruiting which
is being done in other places and will look forward to the end of the
year for your annual report. At all times I shall be glad to hear from
you and trust you will write whenever the occasion offers.

Extending my best wishes to yourself and presenting
my compliments to Brothers Keenan and Butler, I remain

Fraternally yours,

P. S. I enclose blank for a charter; fee for same which is $2 should
accompany application.
Oct. 26th,

Miss Mary McKeever,
5828 Princeton Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister:-

I have your valued favor of October 23rd relative to the state board meeting and also to the invitation to visit St. Louis. There can be no objection to the going to St. Louis to organize and I would say by all means go and try and get another division if possible. I had some inquiries on this subject from Brother J. J. O'Connor who is the state president residing in St. Louis. I shall be glad to hear from you on your return and hope you will have a very pleasant time in the Exposition city and will be enabled to start what will be a prosperous division.

Assuring you of my esteem, I remain

Sincerely yours,
Miss Mary Cregan,
1226 South 23rd St.,

Dear Sister:-

Enclosed you will find receipt for $200 which has been credited on account of per capita. Replying to your inquiries I would state that the only advice I can give you regarding the decaying divisions is do the best you can. When your account is complete, that is, all paid so far as you can collect, if you will make another statement of the reasons of your failure to get whatever sum may be due the National Board may "exempt" the balance, but in general this office does not recognize counties or divisions. We assess the state for the total amount which has been reported and we labor under the belief that usually the state officers collect more than they pay us, with which we have nothing to do. As I stated above do the best you can and there will be no fault found at the end of the line.

In about ten days you may expect notice of a new assessment.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Miss Jennie Cavanaugh,
1037 South Sharp St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sister:—

I have your favor of October 23rd relative to the indebtedness in your state. Replying thereto I would state that it is my advice that your state president notify those divisions in the state which fail to pay that unless the money is in your hands by a certain date that the decree of suspension will be announced against them. The payment of moneys alone does not keep a division in good standing. The obligation to pay the per capita is just as great as that to pay the moneys, and I think that if something further was done now, it would be the means of restoring respect for authority. I have heard nothing regarding the settlement of the unfortunate controversy in your city other than that brother O'Connor had been there and would soon announce his decision.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
R. M. Frizzell, Esq.,
Fort Smith, Ark.
Dear Sir and Brother:

Hereewith enclosed you will find my receipt for $2.50 credited to m/sa. This will put you ahead for 3 quarters.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter and extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Miss Rosy Andrews,

J. M. Granger & Co.,

Leavenworth, Kan.

Dear Miss—

I have your favor of October 23rd and replying thereto I would state that I cannot send the same until you have put your state in good standing. I have not received a penny of same, since July of 1902 and have received the report from your state for the year ending Dec. 31, 1902 so that I have no information as to the number of members which were then in good standing; moreover, I beg to remind you that not one cent of the per capita which was levied last spring has reached me. Under this circumstance, I am not at liberty to recognize your state as being in good standing and therefore cannot send you the same. I trust there will be a better discipline shown in the future. The same has been properly withheld from you as it is our way of cutting off communications with divisions, counties and states who do not meet their obligations.

I trust you will immediately bestir yourself to get things in proper shape as I very much regret that there should be any negligence shown by the I.A. of Kansas.

Extending my best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
James O'Brien, Esq.,
Box 8,
Ashland, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

I have to advise you that the amount tendered by your state in settlement of the balance due on the old assessment has been accepted and I have entered on my books a note cancelling the balance due from Mass. There was a small sum paid outside of the $244 raised in your county. The matter is now closed and I am certain that all parties are glad of the ending.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 27th,

Miss Louie: A. Blake,
Clinton, N. Y.

Dear Sister:

I have your favor of October 24th and am, to say the least, surprised at the condition of the Order in New York State which your letter pictures. There will be another assessment of 35 cents upon the L. A. soon, and within two weeks, and of this you will, of course, receive due notice. Let me state that, in my opinion, the L. A. has not been in any sense overtaxed by this office. Since I have been national secretary, three years, you have been asked to pay only one tax of ten cents, prior to this 35 cent assessment. This last assessment was made large by reason of the fact that your general assembly had authorized the endowment of Trinity College in the sum of $10,000 and had allowed two years within which to pay it. The National Board has increased the amount fixed upon by the general assembly because it was necessary to do so. In the first place there are not many over 20,000 members in the L. A. who will pay this tax. Of the 35 cent assessment, 20 cents only is for the endowment, the remaining 15 cents is to pay the cost of the official organ and the running expenses of your advisory board and the L. A. We have to do your printing; the new ritual of the L. A. cost several hundred dollars; we furnish the proceedings of your convention, pay the expenses of your advisory board, furnish transfer cards, and many other things.
Y. A. R. — S.

and answer correspondence and furnish to each member of the Y. A., a copy of the official organ. Although the paper has been cut for over two years, this is the first time the Y. A. has been asked to pay for it. You will understand from this that out of the 35 cent assessment, about $6000 only is for the endowment of Trinity College. The remainder is for running expenses of the Y. A. With this $6000 in hand it will be necessary to levy another assessment in November to raise the remaining $4000 before the two years expire which would be in July of 1904. The two years allowed by the general assembly began in July of 1902 and we are, if possible, to make good the promise of the Y. A. to raise this endowment within two years. I regret very much that there should be any question about this assessment, but no exception can be made among those who are legally bound to pay it. I shall continue to hope that you will assist us in presenting this matter to the auxiliaries in such a way that they will see their duty clearly. Let me assure you that it is not an exorbitant tax. No national organization of the size of ours has ever been conducted on less money, particularly when you consider the good which has been done and the character of the endowment which the society is trying to make. This assessment, to go out in November, will be due in this office on February 1st of 1904. This will not be two assessments within a year. With best wishes, I am Fraternally yours,
Miss Ellen F. Kelley,

14 Python St.,

July,

Dear Sister:—

Replying to your favor of October 20th I would state that the reason why I notified you of the decision in the O'Connell case, was that I considered you were the appointed representative of the division in this matter. It is customary, and doubtless was so done in your case, to appoint a committee to have charge of litigation of matters of this kind and as you had brought me the papers I assumed that you were the agent of the division for this purpose. If this is not correct please advise me so I wish to communicate with the person who is authorized by the division to handle this business. Regarding the time of giving the password I would state that there is no certain ruling about it. It is practically a matter of judgment with the person in charge of the degree. It should be brought in when the exercises seem to call for it.

Regarding the bond and the substitution of Miss Cunningham's name for yours, I would state that in order that this be done that the old bond should be returned to me.

Awaiting your pleasure, I am

Very truly yours,
P. X. Christy, Esq.,
518 Seventh Ave.,
Altooa, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of October 20th, I would state that this office is not in a position to supply division seals. The seal used by me was made by John O'Callahan & Sons of Philadelphia.

Reciprocating your good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
John E. Furlong, Esq.,
1326 Victorian St.,

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Replying to your favor of October 28th asking for a copy of the directory, I would state that I am at liberty to send three goods to you. Your division should have, for the use of its members, at least three copies; as I sent to your state secretary months ago a sufficient number of copies to supply the state officers, each county president and each division. If you will apply to the president of your division for this book I am quite sure you can be accommodated. If he has not I am quite sure he would apply to the county president for those to which the division is entitled.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 27th, 3

[Address]

Dear Sir and Brother:

Herewith enclosed you will find my receipt for $3, see for unframed charter. Before I can issue this charter I must have certain information asked for upon the application blank which I enclose. Please fill out this blank application without delay and return it to me, after which charter will be shipped to the address given on the application.

Extending to yourself and associates my best

[Signature]

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 31st,

Patrick H. O'Rourke, Esq.,
395 Music St.,
Providence, R. I.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of the 28th, I would state that I must have the application blank giving the information needed for the charter before I can issue same. Will you be good enough to make out the enclosed application filling in the blanks so that I can send your charter without further delay. Receipt for $1 is herewith enclosed.

Hoping to have your early reply, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 27th, 1890

P. J. Mattigan, Mgr.,
Publisher National Declarian,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and Brother:-

I have your favor of the 38th covering bill for October issue. In this mail I have forwarded voucher to the national president and trust that check will reach you by the last of the month. I beg to very much to have to inform you that there is likely to be some trouble over the Pawtucket, F. J. controversy. I have just received from the national president a copy of a call for a state convention to be held on November 8th, in Providence, sent out by the state officers; the purpose of the convention being to approve or disapprove of the action of the state officers in suspending the Pawtucket division. The National Board voted that, in its opinion, the division should be reinstated and at Brother Boland's request I sent notice of this vote to the state president and to the county president as well as to the acting president of the suspended division and to a division president who had been suspended by the county president. All these matters were being appealed from within the state; at the same time an appeal was taken or a request was made, rather, to the national president for his intervention. I went over there and tried to ascertain the feeling of both parties. I saw both sides of the controversy, but was unable to get any assurance that the breach would be healed. Doubtless you will hear more of this later on. It is very much to be regretted.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

P. J. I have learned in an indirect way that the state president of Pa., Brother Onan, has sent in his resignation and that there may be a special state convention soon to select his successor.

Regarding Poland I would state that as insists upon a claim of $100 for $100 on account of passing proofs of a job which he did for H. I. I allowed his claim for proof reading considering it his duty to read proof and turn out a clean copy. This is probably what he has in mind in holding you up on your bill.
Oct. 27th,

Mr. Mary Hurley,
Old Forge,
Lackawanna County, Pa.

Dear Sir:

I have your favor of October 5th making inquiry as to charter for Division No. 24. Receiving therein I would state that it is necessary that I should have certain information which should be filled out upon the enclosed application blank. The fee for charter is $2 if sent postmarked or $3 if sent from here prepaid; this fee should accompany the application. Please fill out the application and return with fee at your convenience. Charter will then be shipped by express within three or four days after receipt of application.

Awaiting your pleasure, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 27th,

James E. Dolan, Esq.,
S. A. & K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Here enclosed you will find voucher for
$14.10 in payment of bill of P. J. Haltigan, for publishing the October
issue of the National Abolitionist. Please forward same to the treasurer at
your convenience.

I have your letters of the 26th relative to the
saw-mill case. I will at once prepare a new statement regarding my
visit at Providence on this errand. Some of the papers, such as the
Carne and O'Brien letters you will find among your own papers. I think
that you also have the letter of state secretary Matthews, as my memory
tells me that it was addressed to you. I will send you copies of such
papers as I have bearing on the subject, with statement you ask.

Extending my best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 28th,

McCartney, Esq.,

Cumberland, Pa.

Dear Sir and Brethren:

I have your valued favor of October 26th relative to mailing lists for division in your county. I want to thank you for your cooperation in trying to get mailing lists from all divisions and trust that you will be successful in having a revised list from all divisions by the 1st of January. It is a pleasure to note your kind words regarding the official organ. We believe it has done much good and it is with regret that we learn that sometimes there are mistakes about its delivery. We are always glad to correct these and know that we will have your cooperation in the preparing of the lists and forwarding of the same to the publisher of the official organ. Any complaint, however, will be welcomed as we wish to keep the publisher up to his best efforts with every issue. I shall always be glad to hear from you on matters concerning the Order.

Extending my best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 28th,

P. J. Mulvigan, Esq.,
618 8 St., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mulvigan:

I have your favor of the 28th and had learned about the Rhode Island matter from Dolan who sent me a copy of that call. Our friend Carroll is doing considerable writing. As he had also written the national president on this subject that letter being forwarded to me for perusal. In the letter to the national president Carroll accuses me of acting contrary to honor. That statement is entirely false. Dolan has sent out to the members of the Board a copy of the call for the convention and also has asked for an expression of opinion regarding the conduct of the state officers. I see nothing rebellious in the call. In fact their contention is that they have a right to manage their own affairs in the state according to the law of order and that the intervention of the National Board on a matter which was before them through an appeal is entirely unwarranted. There is no doubt what there will be some further steps in the matter as the national president is quite determined in his attitude. He thinks the Board has a right to step in. I do not agree with him but I am carrying out his instructions whenever he gives them regarding this case and sent notices of the action of the National Board to the persons interested. The statement in the Carroll
F. J. W. --- 2.

letter to you that the division had no notice of the action of the Board is untrue. I sent a notice to the acting president of the division, Patrick Conway, and also sent a notice to James Alworth, the suspended president but I do not consider this man or the division reinstated until some authority reinstates them. There will be some fur flying pretty soon. I return the Carroll letter and the copy of call, with thanks for your thoughtfulness in forwarding same.

I also sent you the names of the officers of the new I. A. division organized at Louisville, by the state officers of the A. O. N., who reside in Louisville. Please give some mention in your next issue. This is the only division of the I. A. in that state.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours.
Oct. 29th,

P. L. Moorman, Esq.,
Lock Box 127,
West Mound, Kan.,

My Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith you will find my receipt for $2 credited to me for division charter. The charter will be sent you by Adams Express and ought to reach its destination within three or four days. When received please acknowledge. Charges have been prepaid.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 29th,

John P. Gibbons, Esq.,
Milton, Pa.

My dear Brother Gibbons:

I have your favor of the 29th relative to remittance supposed to have been sent me by your treasurer. It has not yet reached this office. Doubtless it will come along in a day or two as Brother Kelly has been very prompt in paying bills after he gets the order.

Trusting that you are well and hearty, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Edmond Reddy, Esq.,

49 Fourth Ave.,

New Brighton, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brothers:

Replying to your favor of October 26th I would state that it will be impossible to get the charters to you perhaps this week, although I will do my best to have them delivered then ready. In account of the announcement of the National Board that these should be withheld from those divisions which have been without charters, there had been a rush of applications so that there are many of these applications ahead. I have, however, given your charter to the express and expect that they will leave here tomorrow night, but it is somewhat doubtful if you can get them by Saturday night. They go from here by express, I would suggest that you call at the express office Monday as they may then be there. The fee you paid does not cover the express charge which will be collected on the other end.

Trust that you are enjoying health and prosperity, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 29th,

E. McL. Cruice, Esq.,

New Orleans, La.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your favor of the 26th and assure you that I read the same with much interest. On October 8th, I received a telegram which had been sent out as a night message from New Orleans, the evening before, as follows:

New Orleans, La., 8th,

To James F. Free, New Haven, Conn.

Send goods immediately. Wire received. Money forwarded by mail.

E. McL. Cruice.

This came as a night message and was delivered to me on the morning of October 8th, coming over the Western Union wires. On the morning of October 8th I had received from the Postal Telegraph Co., a night telegram dated at New Orleans, La., October 8th, 1903, addressed to me and asking: Has per capita for Louisiana been sent you? Answer paid.

E. McL. Cruice,

State President,

1301 Constance St.,

To this I replied on the 8th, as follows:

E. McL. Cruice, 1301 Constance St., New Orleans, La.

No tax has been received up to this hour.

James F. Free
F. No. 1. C. -- 2.

The telegram of October 8th acknowledging over your signature, which I supposed was genuine, the receipt of my telegram of the 8th and asking me to send out the issue. Will you be good enough to state what connection, if any, you had with the telegram sent to me on October 8th and whether or not you received my telegram on October 8th. The whole transaction looks very suspicious and evidently calls for some sort of positive action. I note your statement that you keep up the fight for an increase in membership and am very glad that you are determined upon adding to the number of members in Louisiana.

Referring to a statement in your previous letter that you had suspended the state secretary, I would remind you that, in my opinion, the offenses committed by the state secretary should have been made known to the national president who alone is authorized to suspend a state officer. I beg to call your attention to section 1 of article 31 of our constitution. I do not know, of course, whether or not the state secretary will be disposed to question the right of the state president to suspend him and I make this suggestion to you in order that you may
know my opinion in the matter so that if you think it advisable to present
the matter to the national president you may do so. I shall be glad to
hear from you regarding this telegram business and trust you will probe
it to the end. It is the first time in my three years experience that
a letter or telegram addressed to me has been questioned and I trust you
will take every means to punish the party who had imposed upon us.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 28th.

Mr. H. Gaul, Esq.,
206 Fillmore Building,
60 Fountain St., N. Y.

Sir: And brethren—

I herewith enclosed you will find statement sent the editor of the National Abolition by the post master in your city. It shows that a number of the papers are not being taken out of the post office and I would request that you cause the division in your city to send at once new and revised lists of their present membership, to the publisher of the official organ, in that way he will know just who are entitled to now receive the paper. After you have consulted the list I am sending you, you may forward it to the county president of the women's organization in your city as I noticed the names of many ladies on the list.

Trusting that you will give this the favor of your attention, I remain with best wishes,

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 26th,

Patrick J. Byrne, Esq.

611 Nassau St.,

New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother:

There has been an unusual rush of applications for work within the past two weeks and it is difficult for the artist to keep up. I sent your checker out on the 26th by Adams Express, but of course it is doubtful whether it reached you by Wednesday evening, as you desired. The time was so short that I could not wholly comply with your request.

Trusting that you will not be inconvenienced, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 29th,

F. P. Cannon, Esq.,

Clinton, Mass.

Dear Sir and Brothers—

Herewith enclosed you will find a list sent to the editor of the National Hibernian by the post master at Holyoke. It shows that the lists from that city are in need of revision and I trust you will cause the division secretaries to forward without delay new and revised lists to the publisher. The Order is losing money by carrying so much deadwood and there is probably cause for complaint in the fact that new members are not reported to the publisher.

Hoping you will co-operate with us in getting this matter in good shape, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 29th,

Mr. J. H. Hogan, Esq.,

6 E St., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hogan:

Division 8 of New Britain, Conn., is a new division organized during this spring. I have forwarded your lists from Chicago to the county president and the list from Holyoke to Brother Cannon, of Boston with the request that a new and revised list be immediately sent in.

With best wishes, I remain,

Fraternally yours,
J. M. McFarland, Esq.,
23 Light St.,
Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Replying to your favor of October 26th I would state that I enclosed a statement of account showing the situation to be as I wrote you in my earlier letters. Probably the error arose from your supposition that the msaec was not payable in advance. Your msaec account is clear up to October last, but it is the law that the msaec money should be sent out at the beginning of the quarter so that you owe this office the sum due for the October msaec. In addition to the balance due on the assessment of 1905, I trust you will be able to clear this up without further delay as I am about to issue another assessment which is made necessary by our expenses in connection with the national organ and the organizers.

Hoping to have the pleasure of meeting you at our St. Louis convention, if not earlier, I remain

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 30th, 3

Patrick O'Neill, Esq.,
1826 South Broad St.,

My dear Brother O'Neill:

I have your valued favor of the 25th and read and re-read same with much interest. There is much news in it. Regarding a re-election as national secretary, I would state that I am considering whether or not I should become a candidate. The work takes up a good deal of my time but on the other hand I find some of the duties so pleasant and the opportunity of meeting some of the best men of our race so pleasing, so that I am now of the opinion that I would be a candidate in St. Louis. Much however, would depend upon the wishes of my friends. I do not set upon it and could very easily relinquish it and assist in the election of other persons if it seemed desirable to those whom I know to be my friends, so to do. This matter would, of course, be guided largely by your judgment and should I not be a candidate think it not at all unlikely that you and I would probably be found supporting the same person.

Sending assurances of my good will, I remain,
Fraternally yours,
Oct. 30th,

James E. Dolan, Esq.,
S. A. & K. Building,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brethren:

I am in receipt of a letter from Toronto making reference to some matter which has been referred to you for adjustment. It concerns the divisions in Toronto as I understand it and has been under consideration by you for some time. I am requested to remind you of it. Personally I do not recall what it is but doubtless you can use this reminder. Judging from the letter at hand I should say the same, is being withheld from some of the divisions as they claim contrary to justice. This may not be the question submitted to you, however, you will probably be put on the track of it by the reference made to some of the provincial boards.

I enclose voucher for D. E. Ryan for salary for this month. He has written me from Buffalo to send on a voucher for this matter and he will allow his expense account to accumulate until it balances the over drafts now standing against him. I have your communication relative to division in Honolulu and will prepare and forward the charter. Brother Carroll sends me from St. Louis a money-order for &2 for this charter.
I am requested by him to send to the publisher of the National D. C. B. a list of the names of the members so that the paper may be forwarded to the new brothers. Also I would like your instructions about lodge and ritual. I presume it would be alright to forward same as usual.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 30th,

Hugh McIntyre, Esq.,
33 Wellington Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario, Can.

Dear Sir and Brother:

I have your valued favor of October 26th relative to the detention of mine, and would say that I know of no reason why the mine should be withheld from you. This office has no direct connection in financial matters with counties or divisions and hold the state responsible for the mine, money, and for the assessments. We do not know who pays within the province or who does not pay as those matters are regulated by the organization there. I will immediately write Brother Dolan asking him to give consideration to the case and trust that within a short time it will be adjusted to your satisfaction.

Extending to yourself and associates my best wishes.

I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 30th: 3

Miss Gertrude O'Sullivan,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sister:-

Your favor of the 27th at hand. Replying thereto I would state that your account shows that you have not been paying in advance for the same. You can tell this by your receipt, as you should have paid since the new term beginning with July of 1902, six quarters made.

Regarding your statement as to the assessment I would state that you must labor under a misapprehension. The assessment as you will note from the call is not 25 cents for the endowment alone. Of the 35 cents assessment only 20 cents is for the endowment of Trinity College. The remainder has been added by the National Board in order to collect for the paper and for the running expenses of the L. A. Up to now, your organization has not been asked to pay its share of the expenses of the paper. This expense is about 22 cents per year per member. There are only a little over 30,000 of your members who will pay this assessment. At 20 cents each that would net about $6000 for the endowment itself. This will necessitate another assessment to make up the remaining $4000. This second assessment, about to go out, will be due on the 1st of February and inaugurated as the general assembly of the L. A. allowed itself two years from July of 1902 within which to raise the $19,000 the manner in which we have dealt these assessments will give two years for that purpose.

In July of 1904, the two years limit will have expired and by that time
It is hoped that the whole sum of $10,000 will be in our hands available for the specific purpose of the endowment. Please make this clear to your associates and members. There will be another assessment on every member of at least $1.50 to pay for the paper alone, moreover, as during the past three years prior to this last assessment there has been only one assessment of ten cents levied upon the L.A. for necessary expenses.

It must be admitted that the national organization has not asked too much from the L.A. The National Board will insist upon the proper respect being given to the vote of the convention and to their authority in levying the assessment for general purposes of the organization. I would suggest that you again read over the call and you will find that it is not an assessment for one purpose but an assessment for three distinct purposes, namely, the endowment, the cost of the paper and the general expenses of the society.

Under other cover I have sent you transfer cards and applications for rituals, as requested. I must remind you that payment should be made upon your indebtedness otherwise your name will be withheld at the end of this quarter. If divisions are now notified that this course will be pursued, it may aid you in bringing in the money.

Extending my best wishes to yourself and associates, I remain

Fraternally yours,
John T. Keating, Esq.,
8610 Jackson Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Keating:

Replying to your favor of the 28th I would state that
the Pawtucket trouble arisen from the suspension of division 1 of Paw-
tucket by the state president who has been sustained by the state officers.
From this action of the state officers an appeal has been taken to
the next state convention, at the same time the intervention of the
national president was sought and as you know the matter came before the
gentlemen at Cliff Haven. In my opinion, the voice of the Board was an
expression of opinion for the guidance of the national president. I have
written him to this effect but he denies strenuously and insists that the
action of the National Board was intended to be obeyed by the state
officers and others in Rhode Island. I consider that the proper step to
be taken now is for the national president notify the state president
that the division should be reinstated within a reasonable time. Should
the state president fail to comply he might be suspended by the national
president. I do not think that the action of the National Board, if it-
self, reinstates this division. It may be that I am wrong in this and if
so I want your opinion. There has been a suspension of a division pres-
ident by the county president of Providence county which enters into this
same trouble. The president of this suspended division was himself sus-
pended by the county president who reported the matter to the county officers, who sustained his action. This case was also brought to the attention of the national president. I went over there to ascertain if the parties could be brought together and found that the state officers and the county president were not in favor of listening at all to the degree which had been pronounced. In fact they feel that the action of the National Board was an interference with their rights as state officers and you may recall that this is practically the same ground which I took in the National Board meeting. I think that, inasmuch as the matter was being pushed along in the state that it is extremely doubtful whether the National Board has a right to step in and censure the state officers of their authority. I have written Dolan to this effect.

Hugh Carroll writes a letter to Dolan in which he accuses me of acting contrary to honor in the matter and states that I have advised this action on the part of the state officers in calling a convention. That is absolutely untrue as you doubtless know, but those who do not agree with Brother Carroll are bound to be wrong in his opinion.
I sent notice of the action of the Board to the state president, the county president, the acting president of the suspended division and the suspended president as I had been requested so to do by the national president. In fact I have all along taken the position that it is the duty of the national president to act and that the vote of the Board was at the best, only advisory. As I have before stated Dulan will not have it this way and insists that the action of the Board was intended to be a vote of reinstatement.

Trust that I have made myself clear and extending best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 31st,

James F. Dolan, Esq.,

S. A. & K. Building,

Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Replying to your request for a more detailed statement of my visit to Parma and Providence, I submit the following:

In reading over my letter to you of September 29th consisting of six pages, I could state that I do not see many particulars in which I could enlarge upon my earlier statement. I must, therefore, ask you to consider that statement as being as ample as I could make it with such additions as are herein stated, the same being facts which now come to me.

I wired State President Dillon to meet me at Parma. He did so; with him was the state secretary, the state treasurer and the county president. They came to my room in the Hotel and we spent the evening in a discussion of the situation. Before that time, through the columns of a Boston newspaper of which I have already advised you, a statement of the action of the Board had appeared and was therefore known to them. They felt some resentment at the premature publication of the action of the Board especially as they had received no official notice. I did not intend that notice of the action of the Board
should be given to either side of the controversy excepting that if
neither party knew of the action of the Board it would be easier for me
to effect some kind of a compromise. I found the state officers agreed
in voicing the opinion that the National Board had exceeded its authority
and they declined to make any movement toward a mitigation or reversal
of the sentence of the suspension against the division.

I later called upon Hugh J. Carroll and Thomas Reilly, Jr.,
who represent a majority of the members of the suspended division. Let
me say that I ascertain that some members of the division consider the
action of the state officers justifiable. One of those who consider the
action of the state Board justifiable, was Patrick Conroy who was vice-
president of the division at the time of the president's suspension and
who was in the chair and acting president at the time the county presi-
dent called. It was this Conroy who invited the county president to give
his opinion on a certain matter which was being discussed and on the
refusal of the division to listen to the county president or to let him
speak, the suspension resulted.

Another man who agreed with Conroy was Patrick O'Sara,
Sr., who is the treasurer of the suspended division.
Another man who shared this opinion was named Crowley. There was another man there, a member of the division whose name I have forgotten who also agreed with Crowley. After stating these men I saw T. J. Matthews, former state secretary and he thought that the punishment was too severe. Crowley, the acting president of the division, told me that the division had voted to offer an apology to the county president, through the state officers, but that as he was of the opinion that the suspension of the division disorganized it, he had done nothing about it and the county president who was standing there at that moment, learned for the first time that a vote of apology had passed the division. I told Crowley that the division should keep up its organization, hold its meetings and pay its bills and collect its dues and that the suspension did it off only for the time being, with communication of the rest of the Order.

He proceeded to call a meeting of the division, although as seemed to be in some doubt as to the soundness of my advice on this point. As I wrote you in my letter of September 22nd, I spent some time in the bank trying to straighten out the tangle over the deposit there. When I left it was with the agreement from Brother Reilly, who had several notes on the bank, that the matter would be taken care of by themselves.
at the next meeting. Since my return I have had no notification of their action.

Referring now to your inquiry as to my opinion of the case at present, I would state that I see nothing objectionable in the calling of the state convention. In my opinion given with regard for what I believe will be transparent due your position as national president,

the vote of the Board should be followed in order to be effective by action on your part; namely, an order upon the state president that he reinstate the suspended division, also an order on him that he request the county president to reinstate the suspended president; in other words, I do not believe that the vote of the Board, of itself, amounts to a reinstatement. Should the state president fail to comply within a reasonable time with your order, I believe that you have the authority to suspend him. Should he fail to request the county president to reinstate the division president, I feel that you have the authority to order his suspension on that ground, also; but at this time, as he has not, in my opinion, refused or failed to comply with any order I do not see that
at this present, a suspension would be effective. In making this state-
ment I do not retract one particle from my position taken in the National
Board meeting and think that you will have to meet that question of the
rights of state officers when we assemble in St. Louis.

Complying with your request in your letter of the 26th,
I have in my statement of my opinion.

With kindest regards, I remain

Fraternally yours,

National Secretary.
Oct. 31st, 19

Res. 406, No.

L. 0. Res 447,

Honolulu, E. I.

Dear Sir and brother,

Your letter of October 10th addressed to our
national president at Syracuse, has been forwarded to me for reply. Per-
mit me to offer my congratulations and best wishes for the success of the
new division in the far-off island in the Pacific. I have received from
Mr. J. J. Smith, national organizer, your resolution of §2 which has
been referred to your division as its charter for. Under other cover I
have sent to your address some reports and constitutions and a form of
obligation which will be sufficient for your division to use in the
organization of members until such time as you feel yourself strong enough
to take up the more elaborate degree work. Donations the national presi-
dent has advised you regarding the extension of the Order throughout the
Islands. It would be well, perhaps, to go slowly until you have ascer-
tained whether or not there is sufficient material at hand to maintain
one or more divisions. Each member of the Order will be entitled to a
copy of our monthly paper. If you have not already sent on the correct
name and addresses of each member please do so without delay on enclosed
blank list which should be sent to the Editor of the National Hibernian,
at Washington, D. C.
The rent against each division is 50 p. every three months or if not over 2 years, as we said. Assessments are levied for general purposes from time to time of which you will receive notice. I would be very much pleased if you would find time to address the Editor of the National Liberator and the general Order through the columns of its official organ. Be in the future, would be very happy to have something from your pen and I trust you will find it convenient to write the publisher from time to time. Just as soon as I have heard from you so that I may be sure that communication has been really established between us, I will send you the private work of the Order.

Extending to your associates and yourself my best wishes,

I am

Fraternally yours,
Oct. 3rd, 19

Mr. C. E. Fisher, Esq.,
Richmond, Va.

My dear Charles:

I have your valued favor of the 27th enclosing receipt
for last remittance and check for salary, etc. Regarding the rooms at
St. Louis, I should state that I did not expect that the Board, of itself,
would need more than eight or ten rooms, but thought it advisable to
extend the number so that I could make sure for providing for some others
who were spoken to me on that subject. For instance, Halvigan and his
wife expect to go. Then the Connecticut delegation would be to be pro-
vided for. There will be 14 or 15 people from Connecticut and it was my
opinion that by engaging 20 or 25 rooms I would have no difficulty in
filling them. I presume we will have to pay as high as we have ever paid
at any convention. I have written John J. O'Connor, at St. Louis on this
subject and await his information.

By the way, I would be very much pleased to have one of
your photographer's cabinet size. I would like to get photographs of all
of the members of the Board with the expectation of framing them and
hanging the combination of intelligence, wit and beauty on the walls of
my office. I am adding my own photographs now and will be glad to ex-
change with you.
M. J. O'B. --- E.

The national president with the assistance of Organizer Frank Jr., has instituted a new division in Honolulu, Hawaii Islands.

Some of the women's societies are likely to hold back on the payment of the assessment. The assessment which was due in August from them is coming in very slowly.

With best wishes to yourself and the members, I am

Fraternally yours,