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Worcester, Mass., June 30th, 1902

James P. Bree Cray

Dear Sir:

Will you be kind enough to let me know by return mail if the Hall officers have decided to go by "From Chicago and Return" our funds? I almost told me he will not come. He says "For me all right. He is a good fellow. After the convention adjourns I expect to stay out and think it over for a few weeks." Hoping for an answer.

Fraternally,

John J. Rogers

C.P.

P.S. I suppose you will attend the convention. The Delegates electing representative live of our P. is opposed his Chief. It is a shame. He is going with a petition signed by over two-thirds of our members.
Mr. James P. O'Brien

878 Chapel St.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your recent letter, also my last printed circular from the New York office, at which time I was detained, I am glad to hear from you that the New England lines would desire to have a representative at the New York Convention. I was out of town at the time but will be in the city May 2nd and I think I can give you the results of our discussion. I have the utmost confidence that the New England lines have named you their delegate.

Yours truly,

A. Loomis
South Framingham, Mass., June 24th, 1907.

John O. Brow No. 1st Sot.

Dear Sir & Bro.,

Your very kind and prompt reply will be much appreciated, for which I feel very grateful. I hope that our visit to Denmark will result in the best possible good for the order, also in pleasant and agreeable association of our Bros. from all parts of the country.

Yours sincerely,

E.J. Slattery.
Monday 2nd June 1902

#365 Pearl St.
New Bedford, Mass.

To James [illegible] and Brother I
send you this note to thank
you very kindly for your
efforts to put down this
Buffoonery on the Irish Race.

Now I was bred in Born in
Ireland in the County Armagh
and I think a good lot about
it. I was brought to Glasgow
Scotland at 4 years of age and
I am assured from Brother Joan
Irishmen worked an fooled an
American in fact treated to
the World as nothing but fools.
And in this country in Boarding homes these Renegade North off Ireland Irishmen making a fool off their country to get others to laugh at them and in fact take it as an insult to be called Irish on top as a Scot quite simply. Because they come from the North off Ireland an often talkin off Ireland a mother's war bad enough to pay about it I had years of experience in those Boarding homes and I what I am talking about I have been one fairly Disannointed listening to them Brockings the country that gave them birth but thank God the battle has took a turn off and had been here on the 14th March.
I bin Would see a Squad of Men that was a credit to their County about able men that could mark an man that is no burden to them. When I belong to 22 Division am has this many a Year been near since it started an We have a fine Body of Men. Principally all teat-takers am there Appearance on the street that tells that an our officers men come in the highest of positions an all hands working to save money an owe nothing to anybody we have very little sick an our Doctor is a smart man an the looks out to warn a himself well Brother I hope your efforts will take effect on most all the Irish shops here says the same an one of this Buffoney thing is simply Disgraceful.
Brother Bee, I am not much of a Writer now, I am out of practice but you will put me right. We all be glad when the 16th comes to see your articles it is a fine paper and I hope the day is not far distant. When we will have it very 2 weeks I have watched that hoping for some of the Glasgow List. That fellows like myself and I never see a name I know now Sir I close Greetings from my Respects an Best Wishes from Brother David Dunean.

365 seconds at the Border Goodbye and I hope some day We will meet on off we do we will talk of the old country. Soon bye goodbye.
Salem, July 2, '02

Mr. James P. Bree.

Dear Sir:

Please send 25 national buttons, C.O.D., as soon as possible to

Thomas Casey
Treas. Div. 5, A.C.H.
11½ Albion St.
Salem, Mass.
Clinton, Mass., July 5, 1903

Dear R. H. Dick,

New Haven, Conn.,

Dear Sir and Bro.:—Please send me two copies of the
circulars of the Ladies Auxiliary Committee.
You have never sent them to me, and I want you to do so,
and I want you to do it promptly and properly.

You will notice that the Ladies Auxiliary was organized before the
office of the Ladies Auxiliary was organized. You have
sent them to me in the past, although I have
sent them to you in all previous

Yours truly,

P. F. Cannon

Receipt rent for 82
A.O.H. Charter rent.
Mr. James P. Bree, National Sec'y, A. O. of H.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:-

Acknowledging receipt your favor of the 1st, advising arrangement for transportation Connecticut Delegation now in hands of John J. Cunningham, 739 Chapel St., New Haven, thanking you for such information, I beg to advise that the Connecticut Delegation have closed with the Lehigh Valley New York to Buffalo, Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Buffalo to Chicago and Chicago & North-Western and Union Pacific from there, joining Massachusetts delegation from Buffalo.

Yours truly,

N. E. P. A.
Brookline, Mass., July 7, 1902

Hon. James P. Bell, N.S.O.H.
State Secretary

Enclosed is a check for $24.50 for the third quarter amounting to that due from Mass. hoping every one will have a good time in Dublin and come home happy.

Sincerely,

James J. Lynch
MARK N. SKERRETT,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.  
ROOMS 103-104.  
WALKER BUILDING.

WORCESTER, MASS.,  
July 5th 1902.

Mr. James O. Bee,  
Albany Street,  
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir,  

The letter of the 4th inst. received. In reply to the inquiries contained therein I will say that I did speak  

in the order introduced by Barrington. I also consider that bad faith was lees  

with the parties that you met, not by you nor the gentleman with you, but by those higher in authority. Under the
Residing circumstances with which you are entirely familiar, I was actually compelled to do as I did, and Furthermore let me add with all due respect to you that I have not the slightest regret for what I did. I still feel very sorry for those who were victimized and if I am in any way said to have done a thing I shall be very pleased to do so.

Very truly yours,

Mark N. Skerrett.
O. S. just one other thought.

Trust me. They gave you all the information. They
had, solely upon my recommendation. 

What did they get in return?

Nothing—absolutely nothing.

And you know Senator

that they did not

complain.

Yours

M. N. S.
Grand Lodge
Of the Ancien t Order of United Workmen
Of Massachusetts

Office of . . .
District Deputy Grand Master Workman.

16 Jefferson St.
July 12th, 02

Jas. P. Bree.

Dear Bro:-

Just a few lines to remind you of what Bro. Cain spoke to you about that is the changing of the time of Election from June to December. I think myself it would be for the best interest of the Order for when New Officers start in July there is generally very slight attendance and that is enough to discourage them.

John Cain was telling me that Jerry Carey is City Engineer in Denver, he said you would probably see him.

Hoping that you will have an enjoyable trip and success in retaining your present office.

I remain

Fraternally yours,

C. J. Hayes.
Attleboro
Mass
July 20, 1902

Mr. Tree

Dear Sir and
Brothers

I would
like to have some
transfer cards but as
I do not know your
prices I wish you
would send me a
catalogue of prices
I would like to have
them as soon as possible
as we need them if you
would be kind enough
to send me 50 I would
promptly pay if

Just - please send me
list of prices so I
can have them in short-
time as we have some
brothers need transfers
hoping to hear from
you at an early date

Sincerely yours
John H. Dabong
16 Tunkham St
Attleboro
Mass
Mr. James P. Bree

Dear Brother,

Please accept my sincere congratulations upon your splendid endorsement as National Secretary of the A.O.H. With best wishes I remain

Faithfully yours,

Patrick J. Judge

Holyoke, Mass., July 21, 1905
Waltham, Mass., July 21, 1899

Hon. James P. Bree.
National Secretary A.O.H.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I make bold at this time to address you for information, although I am aware that this course is a little out of routine.

From the meagre newspaper sketches to hand we find that the time of holding Division elections has been changed to December by the Convention which just dissolved at Denver.

He would like to know if that means that the present officers hold over till then, or will the regular annual election which was scheduled for September take place as usual.

As we are in the act of revising our by-laws we would like to know how soon we can procure a copy of the new Constitution, and if it can be procured of you. You can readily see why we wish
no conflict in our by-laws with the new constitution.

As I have stated above I send this direct to you as you are in possession of all the information we seek to gain, and we trust you may see your way clear to grant it.

Before closing allow us to congratulate you on the splendid compliment paid to you by the National Convention in the shape of a unanimous election to the office you have so worthily filled.

Hoping to hear from you soon.

I remain

Fraternally Yours

Thomas F. Keniry
9 Elm St. Waltham.
So. Framingham, July 28, 1901

Dear Sir & Bro.,

I hope you are well and enjoying life after your severe task at the Convention.

I am going to be a candidate for 1st. Organizer and would very much appreciate your support for the same.

Since I told my wife some two months ago I am so situated as to give the required time to the discharge of the duties of 1st. Organizer. I will appreciate any support you may see your way
clear to give when the question of appointment comes before your board.

Hoping you are well.

Yours for.

E. J. Slattery.
BOSTON, MASS., July 29, 1902

Hon. James P. Bree.

Green & Bros.

Allow me to congratulate you on your re-election which was well deserved, and I trust your administration the coming two years will be as successful as the proceeding ones.

I would respectfully ask if you would send me a copy of changes in the new constitution when you get a spare moment, and I would also add that I forwarded your cut to address sent from Denver.

Again wishing you success, I remain

Yours sincerely,

John J. Conley
P. F. Cannon,
Fire, Plate Glass, Life Accident and Indemnity
Insurance

REAL ESTATE
AND STEAMSHIP AGENT.

CLINTON, MASS JUNE 29, 1902

Dear P. O. Breu,

Dearest Sir and Bro. I tried to keep you at Denver before starting home but I was told that you had betaken yourself to The Garden of The Gods or that vicinity. We arrived home safely Saturday. We came by Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and Niagara Falls.

Our trip home was a very pleasant one and we enjoyed it very much. I met Farley of New York in Chicago Thursday night and he called on me but the Hon. James P. Breu. He would not be convinced that you were not against Dolan. He would have it that you were for O'Neill first last and all the time while you told Dolan's friends different. I had it our hostal heavy and after we got done, he
P. F. Cannon,

Fire, Plate Glass, Life, Accident, and Indemnity
Insurance

Clinton, Mass., 190

Said that he was glad that he met me as nearly every man in the New York Delegation was of the same opinion regarding the matter, but was pleased to make the matter right if I was sure that you were for Dolan. I don't all that I could convince him that you were and think that I succeeded.

How are you getting along with the Constitution? Have you had any trouble with it? I have seen that Delevie will have the Minutes all right so that you will not need mine.

Ryan felt very badly over his defeat on account of the Mass. when voting against him.

With best wishes I am

Yours truly

P. F. Cannon
P. F. Cannon,
Fire, Plate Glass, Life, Accident and Indemnity
Insurance

REAL ESTATE
AND STEAMSHIP AGENT.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
AND AUCTIONEER.

Clinton, Mass, July 7, 1902

Hon. J. P. Bree
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs and Misses:

I have today received by you under separate covers one of the chairs sent me while away. The lady did not accept it. I brought it to the frame and he said that we could not fix it without it showing. I think myself that it should not have been sent in the damaged condition that it is in. Please send a perfect one as soon as possible and oblige.

Yours truly,

P. F. Cannon
Mr. James O. Buc
Vat. Sec. A.O.H.
New Haven Ct.

My dear Sir & Bro.,

Will you kindly inform me if according to the revised Constitution the County Vice-Pres. County Vice and County Treasurer is entitled to vote in State Conventions.

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you in regard to this matter. But there seems to be a misunderstanding in regard to these affairs. Hoping you will give me the desired information I am,

Yours truly,

T. O'Donnell.
No Atkinson 8-3-02

James P. Brown N. L. A. O. 4

Dear Sir and Brother,

As the Directory has proven to need our organizers and I suppose at the next meeting of the Board something will be done in this line. I would like to have you consider my name and if you think I could fill the Bill to do something for me in this matter. I think with my knowledge of the Ritualistic work that would be required to make the first impression lasting I might be of more value than some of platform orators. I think if I could meet you and talk the matter over it would do me harm if your Board have not done anything in this line and wish you would present my name for consideration. I would like to hear from you again.
Several of the members in my State think & could file the Bill and as I have given so much time to the Order for two years past I think I know our people well enough to go amongst them with good results. Hoping for a reply soon and wishing you success I remainfracially

John P. Coury
Co. Pres Bristol Co
Dear J. P. Bree,

New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir: I have one of the 5th Containing Check for $50.00 came to hand for which I accept thank you if you will let me know when you are coming to Boston next time I will be pleased to meet you and I will try and at least return a little of your kindness.

About that check for the Charter it is singular but I was under the impression that I had made some mistake on it. Enclosed you another one for $2.00.

May I inquire who are those applicants for Organizers? I heard that such would be the outcome. I hope that Dab. Pus. Colaw will use his best judgment in making the selection.
I understand that we are going to have a little spot at Worcester at the State Convention. Are you coming up either night?

Enclosed you will find a receipt for $50.

I saw Byrne Tuesday and he is making the best of his defeat but is a bit talkative about some of the boys who did not vote and work for him.

Mr. O'Neill at Chicago and Niagara he feels very badly and is now sorry that he did not go in for Treasurer instead of for Nat. Pres.

With very best wishes, I am Yours truly,

[Signature]
JAMIES P. BREE,
New Haven,
National Secretary A. O. H. Conn.
STATE OF

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Package containing Charter from your Office has this day reached me.

New York, Aug. 11, 1907.

[Signature]

Aug. 11, 1902

James P. Breck

Walt Blr. of A.T.

Dear Sir:

On reply to June of the 5-cent will pay 50 cents for carriage that conveyed the Bishop to his hotel in behalf of the Committee of arrangements on 13 or a quietly ball in honor of state Convocation of Mass. and casually invite you to be present at the ball, which will take place Aug. 26th, the night before the opening of the Convocation. The banquet will be in the night of the 26th. If it is possible for you to come to the banquet, may I invite you to spend the afternoon of the banquet? In the evening of the evening we anticipate a very successful affair and hope to have your family with you.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
P.S. I just received a letter from Mrs. Johnson of 24 P and Miss O'Connor informing me that she has the announcement for L. A. Constituting ready. I am writing advising her to forward them to you.
Dear Sir, Bro,

In looking over the Constitution that is printed by Bro John D. Cunningham of your city, I find that it is not correct in the changes that were made in the Military Dept of the order and hope that you will see that the same is corrected.

Article XXXV
Sec 1 is alright.
Sec 2 should read that the Natt Officers & Board of Directors should appoint a military officer to receive and compile all reports of the military and report the same to the Natt Board and boards of the jurisdiction of the Natt Officers and Board of Directors and have a seat in the Natt Convention.

Sec 8 of Article XXXVI should read as follows:

Companies refusing to comply with Battalion or Regimental laws, shall be reported by the Commanding Officer to the State Officers, to which such Company belongs and shall be dealt with the same as delinquent Division). Continuation of see X Company by-law to be approved by the Major Battalion by-laws by the Colonel Regimental by-laws by the Adjutant General.

Sec 11 it shall be obligatory on companies in each State Territory and Province to form Battalions and Regiments where a sufficient number of companies exist. State Presidents shall notify the Adjutant General who shall issue the call for such formation. The expenses of Commanders of said Regiments to state and Natt Conventions shall be paid by the State Boards.
Sec 12. Commanders of Companies, Battalions or Regiments shall report annually to the Adjutant Genl. the standing of their respective Commands.

Hoping that you will see that we get what belongs to the Military the same as the convention gave us and also to hear from you by next Tuesday as I want to hear from you before I would report the matter to our State Convention.

I remain yours, Fraternally,

Col. Charles McCarthy
131 Staniford St. Boston

P.S. I have the original type written copy as passed by the convention and copied by the Committee on Constitution.
Hon. James P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Bro:—

Would you be kind enough to mail us a copy of the National Directory of the A. O. H. We would be very glad to forward you postage for same when we receive it.

Thanking you in advance for this favor, we are

Very truly and fraternally yours,
Worcester Mass.

Aug 20

James P. Bree Ely,

Dear Sir & Sir,

Yours of the 15th instant. Check & copy of new constitution came duly to hand you will receipt for check included. I am very thankful to you for these constitutions. For our party we will adhere them and to some extent by this time I'll have the amendments of the L D. as Miss B. telling me that she would forward them immediately. I hope you can attend our 13th annual & Convention Ryan is making a challenging trip of the state he is of sound business going to be here. I don't think he will have any opposition. Hoping for an excellent Thanksgiving Day 6th and Fatherly love

John J. Ryan
Hon. J. P. Bire
New Haven Court.

Dear Sir and Mrs. I thought of that same thing but I thought so long as he (Reating) acceded to it, that he let it go through. Of course I called it to your attention at the time. Our friend Col. McLeary, Mr. McLeary Boston that day and he was to have some ours 

We will have it hot in Worcester. I see R. I. elected a new lot. They have two and some more. They told me that John D. would have to be in Lowell last night. They gave J. Sullivan a great reception here. Those that foursome are all secure. I hear you will have no trouble in getting...
The Senate again. I saw this article before you. Sent me the paper.

You are as bad as Toomey for playing the gallant.

I have not received the papers. I want it before the Convention.

With very best wishes I am

Your truly,

P. F. Cannon
Sunday 21st June 1902

# 365 Plant at New Bedford Mass

At James Brown 3rd Brother I send you this note to thank you very kindly for your efforts to put down this Rafferty on the Irish Race.

Now I was Bred and Born in Ireland in the County Armagh and I think a good lot about it. I was brought to Glasgow at 4 years of age and I am Aman in Brither Sean Irishmen worked on foiled an Armiced an I fact Friday at the world as nothing but fools.
Brother Bee, I am out much of a Writer now, I am out of Practice but you will get up with it. We all be glad when the 16th comes to see your Articles. It is a fine paper and I hope the Day is not far distant. When we will have it every 2 weeks I have Watcher in that paper for some of the Glasgow Irish that fellows like myself in Ireland. I know now or I klove you again. Farewell. My Respects and Best Wishes.

From Brother David Duncan

375 Pleasant St New Bedford

Good bye in. I hope some day We will meet an off We do we will talk of the old country.

Good bye. Good bye.
Brookline, Mass., Sepr. 6, 1902

James P. Rice Esq.,
My Dear Sir:

Your congratulations on my re-election as S.T. of Mass. received for which except my sincerest thanks. I would have written you earlier but expected to see the rest of S.O. and find out what action they propose to take in reference to that new Constitutional Article. I am indebted for it and suppose it will not hold good until they decide that I must be placed with a Guarantor Co. Any thing I can do will be cheaply turned over to you if I can do so.

Yours Respectfully,

James J. Lynch,
S.T.
Mr. James P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear sir:

Your letter of August 13th was duly received. Somehow it got mixed up in the files and was mislaid, hence the delay in acknowledging same.

Am pleased to know that you enjoyed your trip over the Burlington. I will call on you the first time I get to New Haven, sometime the latter part of this month.

Yours truly,
The "Burlington Route."

Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Co.

Only through line from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis, either by way of Pacific Junction or Kansas City, to Denver direct.

The shortest line from Chicago or Peoria, via Quincy, to Kansas City, St. Joseph and Atchison.

The direct line from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis to Omaha, Council Bluffs and Lincoln.

The picturesque line from Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis to St. Paul and Minneapolis.

The line running through sleeping cars from Chicago to Galveston and Texas Points.

The new line to the northwest through Sheridan & Custer's Battle Field to Billings, Montana.
Dear J. O. Brew,

New Haven, Conn.

My dear Sir and Bro.: In regard to those Bonds I would say that I would gladly give them to you but I had made arrangements with O'Brien & Russell of Boston for whom I act as agent and for whom I do quite a Bond business to furnish them for me and also for the County Presidents. He has to pay them $3.50. I could get them for $3.00 and now $2.50 but they put on so many strings that I would not have anything to do with them. What Company are you writing for? I am trying to arrange for to Bond the division Officers later.

Yours truly,

P. F. Cannon
Amherst, SEP 11 1902

James O. Brin Eng

New Haven Conn.

My Dear Sir,

Replying to yours of the 8th inst. Beg to State that I am in that line of business myself. Having represented the Union Charity and Guarantee Company of Philadelphia Pa. for the past 3 years, had it not been otherwise I certainly would favor you with any business I would have in that line. However, with you Success and Belive me Ever

Fraternally yours

M.D. Haskell
Hon. James O. Bee.

National Fifty A.F. & A.M.
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Bee Bee,

I enclose you 25.

At H. Buttons with bill and
jew make me the very
best terms you can on them.

I have just got this
order from a Division in our
State and I charged them
25 for them, you no doubt
Can furnish me 25 for a
price pay 15 to 18 Cents each.

Now you do the best you
Can and send them
along as soon as you can
For the Division wants them
For a meeting on the coming.
Monday Evening, Sept. 27th.

I trust you and Miss Bee and all the children are strong and well, and I am yours truly affectionately.

Jno. A. Ryan

No. Braue, N.Y.
James P. Bree, Esq.,
628 Chapel St.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have your note of the 24th and in reply beg to say, that you have not been forgotten. We have been so busy the past month booking people for California and other Western points, that it has been simply impossible for me to get down and see you. However, our rush will be over this week, and I hope to see you some day next week, when I will endeavor to settle up with you.

With kindest regards, I remain:

Yours truly,

[Signature]

N. E. P. A.
ONLY THROUGH LINE FROM CHICAGO, PEORIA AND ST. LOUIS, EITHER BY WAY OF PACIFIC JUNCTION OR KANSAS CITY, TO DENVER DIRECT.
THE SHORTEST LINE FROM CHICAGO OR PEORIA, VIA QUINCY, TO KANSAS CITY, ST. JOSEPH AND ATCHISON.
THE DIRECT LINE FROM CHICAGO, PEORIA AND ST. LOUIS TO OMAHA, COUNCIL BLUFFS AND LINCOLN.
THE PICTURESQUE LINE FROM CHICAGO, PEORIA AND ST. LOUIS TO ST. PAUL AND MINNEAPOLIS.
THE LINE RUNNING THROUGH SLEEPING CARS FROM CHICAGO TO GALVESTON AND TEXAS POINTS.
THE NEW LINE TO THE NORTHWEST THROUGH SHERIDAN & CUSTER'S BATTLE FIELD TO BILLINGS, MONTANA.
Wakefield Oct 3, 1902

Mr James O. Bree

Dear Sir & Bros,

I wish you would send me one of the A.O.T.O Official Button you will find enclosed the price of same in Stamps Hoping the payment in this way is all right.

Fraternally yours
Thos Donovan
Recording Secretary

Wakefield
South Framingham, Mass., Nov. 7, 1903

Jas. P. Bee, Esq., T.A.A.

My dear Sir & Mrs.

Will you please send me a copy of the proceedings of the Nat. Convention and oblige.

Hope you are well and enjoying life.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. Slattery

2 proceeding

1st Nov. 9
March 23, 1903

Mr. James P. Bree,

Dear Sir and Brother:

If you have the official copy of the last L. A. Constitution adopted at the Denver Convention, I wish you would send me a copy. I am having some inquiries for copies to print up with other matter.

Yours fraternally,

[Signature]

P. B. Murphy
James P. Brow

Dear Sir and Brother,

In closed you will find one dozine for 4 1/2 each and some I sent for 4 last week and the

hundred like them first set. I hope that you will let me have

them before Sunday that I can send them to the meeting

on Sunday afternoon.

I remain your sincerely,

Thomas G. [illegible]

1677 South Main St
Fall River, Mass.
JAMES J. LYNCH & CO.,
DEALERS IN
Choice Family Groceries, Provisions, Teas, Coffees,
Spices, Etc. Bakery in Connection.
68 BROOKLINE AVENUE.

Brookline, Mass., April 10, 1903

James P. Blakeley
N. L. Kelly

Dear Sir & B'gs:

Please send check for $1242.50
$1118.50 in Month of 25-4-02.
124.00 for Miler for second quarter.

12425.00

Hoping our Order is flourishing
over the Continent and with best
wishes to your self. Pray remain

Yours fraternally

James J. Lynch

Mass.
RAP CLAN-NA-GAELS.

E. J. Slattery and M. J. Roche Speak.

Hibernians of Charlestown Indorse
Appeal of the U. I. L.

Reference to the State President
of the A. O. H.

The Hibernians of Charlestown held a
meeting in Monument hall last night to
take action on the appeal to help
the United Irish league.

Ex-Pres Edward Callahan of division
37 presided and introduced several promi-

nent speakers, who endorsed the work
of the league, among whom were Hon
E. J. Slattery, ex-state president of
the A. O. H.; Dr. T. J. Gallagher, Michael
R. Doolan of Arlington, Senator Arthur
Harrington and Martin J. Roche.

The meeting was well attended. On
motion of Dr. Gallagher the appeal of
the A. O. H. of Ireland, England and
Scotland and the United Irish league
was unanimously indorsed.

Hon E. J. Slattery said in part:
"The unity of our people being now
unquestioned the time is opportune for
us to answer the prayers of our brethren
across the water and give them that
moral and national support essential
to their complete triumph over land-
lordism and alien government.

No more appropriate place than his-
tory Bunker hill could be selected for
the first answer of the A. O. H. of Massa-
buchetts to the appeal of the A. O.
H. of Ireland, England and Scotland.

To-day Bunker Hill, the corner stone
of American liberty, bathed in the pa-
triotic blood of Warren, the A. O. H.
of Charlestown should send its promise
of support to its brethren in Ireland. It
belonged to the endorsement of the United
Irish league and its prayers to the
President for the success of Ireland and
her people, and that you should do
so notwithstanding the subserviency
of our Clan-na-Gael officers in their
op-

position to the interests and success of
the Irish people.

"Brothers, is it not painful and pitiable
to see the grand old A. O. H. of Massa-
buchetts in the grip of the Clan-
na-Gael and used by them through the
control of its officers against hand own-

ership and home rule for the Irish
people?

"Is it not too bad to see the state
president as such, attending a banquet
in honor of a Clan-na-Gael president
from Chicago, who was traveling
through the country delivering addresses
in opposition to the United Irish league
and appealing to the Irish people to
army efforts to establish an Irish republic,
while he (the state president) repeatedly
refused to attend a meeting in the in-

terest of the united people of Ireland.

"Hibernians of Massachusetts, are you
satisfied with your state executive serv-
ing as Clan-na-Gael first and Hibernian
second? Such is the fact, because he
has so declared it at Clan-na-Gael
meetings.

Ex-State Treas Martin J. Roche said
the members of the A. O. H. in this
country were in hearty sympathy with
the United Irish league, but up to the
pre-

sent time unfortunately not given
it that substantial support to which it
is undisputedly entitled. He claimed
that men at the head of the Clan-na-
Gael were responsible for the present
state of affairs, their sole purpose being
to silence the voice of members in their
approval and endorsement of the U. I.
L.

BODY UNIDENTIFIED
Dear Sir & Brother,

enclosed you will find the bollies bill
for 4 ATT# Buttons we have not got any
national button in the box to show
 sending for 4 of them for my friends
and valine the numbers of the pin
see them I might be able to pin you
a larger order hoping that you
will let me have them before Sunday
I remain yours

Iruey Thomas Graham
1677 South Main St
Fall River Mass

Pires of Sin 16 ATT #
Fall River
Mr O

4-27-03

Brockton Mass

Dear Sir & Brother,

Please send me one H.O. H Button I found last month. I wore it there was 16 rodes.

The goat the same afternoon and we will have that many more. This month let the good work go on include find 25 hoping to wear it Easter.

I remain, 

Sir Brother

Peter J Lynch

Brockton

Mass.

203 Grove St

Grove St
Mr. James P. Bee.

Dear Sir,

I would like to ask you for a little private information if you can give it as a suggestion, or officially if permitted to do so.

Is a Bro. entitled to a sick benefit if he does not notify the Div. through the proper channels, or to receive the services of the Div. Doctor.

Also is a Bro. entitled to a sick benefit who is laid up with a venereal disease and cannot work, and especially if he does not receive the services of the Div. Doctor.

The reason that I ask mostly is that I heard an argument about it, and I would like to know for my own benefit in case it would be brought up at any time.

Thanking you in advance I remain Fraternally yours

Stephen J. Canning
Pine Bank Hall, 99 Green St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Mr. James P. Cree, Jr., Sec. A.C.H.

Dear Bro.:

At our last meeting I was instructed to write to you and send a list of the members of our Div. (40) Suffolk County Mass. I have sent a list to the Editor of the Hibernian of the members of our Div., but those who were dropped from our books receive the paper just the same and the new members do not receive it, although I told him in my letter to send it to those, names of members that I sent him only, as the Div. (40) had a sort of a reorganization, and dropped all the dead wood or former members who did not or would pay their dues in the Div.

I wrote to him also a short piece in regard to the election of Officers and the good work going on in our Div. after the Officers were installed in January 1903, and never heard from him in anyway or manner in regard to it.

I also sent you a copy in February of the list of our members but as yet have received
no reply in regard to it.

That we want and ask of you at this time is that you will please see to it that our members receive the Hibernian every month regularly hereafter, and also to put a stop to former members who are not on our Roll, or even members of the order.

I also ask you for information in regard to an assessment made in 1902 which was paid at the last quarterly meeting by our Treasurer of $9.50. As I understood it, it was a national assessment based upon the number of members in good standing in Dec. 1901.

I would not be positive as to the exact number in good standing, but it was a very small number, less than twenty-five.

I presume that you take it from a list of members formerly sent in. If it is not to much bother I would like to hear from you in regard to it.

Thanking you in advance I remain
226 Lamartine St.  Stephen J. Gunning  Sec. Rec.

Enclosed you will find a list of our members at the present time.

James P. Bree Eso.

Dear Sir & Bros:

I find enclosed money order for twelve dollars and fifty cents, for which I hereby send me at your earliest possible opportunity as many official buttons of the order as that amount will purchase. Same as we had something about two years ago.

And oblige. Yours fraternally,

Dennis J. Halvey
14 Chapman St
Charlestown, Mass.

P.S.

If for any reason you cannot forward immediately, please notify me at once, also accept Bill with goods.
My dear Rev. Bee, 

I am in receipt of a letter from Rev. Cannon to-day and the assessment due you from Mass. Rev. Cannon states same are held back by two counties. 

Now I will write the two County Presidents to-day and bring them up to Rev. Cannon can send for the balance due you from Massachusetts. 

As you are well aware these delays are more or less due to the failure of some of the Directors to act promptly.
P. F. Cannon,
Fire, Plate Glass, Life, Accident, and Indemnity Insurance

REAL ESTATE AND STEAMSHIP AGENT.

Hon. James P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro;-

Enclosed you will find the missing counties from Suffolk.

Very truly yours,

P. F. Cannon

Clinton, Mass., May 20th, 1903
Hyde Park Mass
June 2nd 1903

Mr. Brec

Dear Sir & Bro,

please find enclosed a money order for 25 40cts, buttons please send them as soon as you can and oblige.

CG Meade

Free Nov 10 A04

Addres:
CG Meade

#94 Loving St
Hyde Park Mass

$6.25
Mr James F. Bree
New Haven, Conn
The Pilot,
630 Washington Street.

Boston, June 5, 1903

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly inform us when the A.O.H. Directory for 1903 will be out?

Yours truly,

The Pilot Publishing Co.

W.M. McCready
Nov. 26th 1902

Wm. A. Irwin

Dear Sir and Mr. Secretary,

I write to you of yesterday I would say that I don't blame you one bit. No matter what trouble you may have regarding Mass. I have done all in my power to get this report complete but to no avail. I can see no force in the fault is not at this office. I am sick and tired of writing and urging them to do what they were elected to do without any urging. All I can do is to send you the report go from there with the material at hand. I will do that without further delay.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Hon. James P. Bree,  
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro:-

Enclosed you will please find Annual Report, I am very sorry for the delay and I assure you it was not my fault that you have not received it before now.

Very truly yours,

P. F. Cannon
Medford June 18th 1903

James P. Beez
National Secretary A.O.T.U.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed please find application for Charter (unframed) for Division 39 A.O.T.U. of Somerville Middlesex County. Also find check for two dollars in payment for same. Please forward and oblige yours, fraternally.

Lawrence Murphy
Secretary Division 39 A.O.T.U.

36 Leyden St.

Medford Mass.
Westfield June 2–1908

Mr. James P. Rose
National Sec. A.O.U.O.
Dear Sir and Brother,

Enclosed please find check for twenty nine dollars and sixty cents ($29.60)

Twenty nine dollars and sixty cents for Merchandise

and two dollars for a Charter for American 34 of Suffolk County

It was a mistake I think to send it to you, but I will send it on

Please send the "Malai" to Mrs. O. C. Finley

Yours truly,

Mrs. Mary McCarthy
416 Parker Ave.

State: Texas L. A. May
Hon. James R. Bree
National Sec., A.O.H.
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir and Bro.:

You are cordially invited to be present at the Hampden County field day and parade which will be held in Westfield on July 4th. Prizes are to be given to divisions for best appearance and for most men in line. You have been selected to act as one of the judges on this occasion. If you cannot be present kindly answer by return mail, so as we may act intelligently at our next and last meeting on Saturday 28th.

Hoping you will be able to favor us with your presence, and thanking you in advance for the favor of a reply. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

J. J. O'Connor

Address

191 High St.
Holyoke, Mass.
June 28, 1906

Dear J.P. O’Reilly,

Harvard Law.

Dear Sir and Bros.:—Enclosed you will find check for $2.00 and an application for a Charter from Div. 11 of Brockton. This is to be sent enframed.

Send you the names of Officers of a New Div. Organized in Norfolk Co. if you have not sent in the names have them put in. With best wishes I am yours truly,

P.F. Cannon

P.S. They would like that Charter by the 20th if possible.
Waldo House.
JOHN J. ROGERS, Prop.

June 24, 1903

James P. Boyce Esq.
Hall St. 40 64
Perrin Ave.

If you have any address of someone in Sydney, Australia, you would be doing me a great favor if you would let me have them. I have some funds and cousins who would like to see them. I have not heard from them for years and I hope to be able to send them through the A. P. H.
as I see it is growing quite strong in that营业 as present. I suppose they have a directory. Could you tell me if they have one? Can you get one? Hoping you are well and leading life. I am literally yours.

John J. Rogers
Division No. 35, Ancient Order of Hibernians,
Warner's Hall, Centre Street.
Newton, Mass. June 28, 1903

Mr. James P. Bee

Dear Sir:
Please send me six A.O.H. capel buttons for which you will find enclosed P.O. order for one dollar and fifty cents.

Fraternally,

John Cahill
President

Address
John Cahill
12 Elm St
W. Newton
Mass.

Buttons 5 cents each
June 29, 1903

39 Alpine St.
Roxbury
Boston
Mass

J. P. Brau, A.T. Sec.

Dear Sir & Bro.,

In order to comply with the request of our honored A.T. Pres. Dolan in his communication recently issued that a charter be displayed in the hall where a Division holds its meetings, I feel obliged to call on you for some information on the matter. From what I can learn our Div. was organized April 19th, 1879; this I believe is a matter of guess work as the Div. today is practically composed of members who are in the organization but a few years; about six of them are in the Div. about 10 years and from them
I have received my information regarding the time that the Div. was organized. If you furnish the charter or if you will give us the necessary information in procuring one we will gladly comply with the request of our ex-treas.

Awaiting an early reply.

Drs.

Yours Fraternally

John H. Cole
Fin. Sec.

Div. G.A.R.

Boston

Mass.
Dear Sir & Bro.

Your communication of July 7th with accompanying blanks duly received. I am at present at work in trying to get the exact date of organization also names of both County and Div. Officers and as soon as I get them I will fill out blank and forward it to you with necessary fee.

Sincerely yours,

John Haynes
Fin. Sec. Div. 9
Boston
W. 720.1

Chelsea, Mass. July 8, 1903

Mr. James P. Bree, V. S. A. H.

Dear Sir & Brother,

Will you kindly forward me some Charter Blanks as early as possible, and oblige.

Yours, fraternally

Mrs. D. C. Finlay
Ancient Order of Hibernians.
Brookline, Mass.  July 13, 1903

Mr. J. P. Bres N. S. A. H.

Dear Sir and Bro.

Enclosed find Check 1 $464.45 — the seventh payment on 25th Nov. Ass. which brings total to date $5,690.50

Don't know how much more is coming as P. F. seems to be dragging it from them.

I notice that we are still shy in full amount.

Yours Truly

James J. Lynch

Matched 11-23-13
Charlestown, Mass., July 14, 1903

Mr. James F. McV. Gal. Sec., A.O.H.

Dear Sir & Bro -

Having sent you a check for $25.00, July 6th, for 50 buttons of the order, I wish to state that I have not received them as yet.

Our meeting takes place on Sunday, July 19th.

And if it is convenient, I would like if they could reach us for that meeting, if not please reply and let me know.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Martin E. Joyce, President

19 Medford St., Charlestown

P.S. -
Leicester Mass July 15-03

Mr. James P. Bee, esq.

Sir and Brother Division 14 A.O.T.

of Cherry Valley Mass., was organized in 1874. About 14 years later the Division got a Charter

from the National Organization. The Charter did not have the names of the first Board of Officers of the Division but the names of the Officers at the time the Charter was issued. About 5 years ago the Hall was burned down and the Charter was found in the ruins in a badly damaged condition and has never been replaced. Recently the Division voted to procure a new Charter and a Committee was appointed.
DIVISION No. 21
Ancient Order of Hibernians

COUNTY OF Suffolk, Mass.

Brighton July 20, 1903

Mr. James P. Boz, National Sec. A.O.H.
Dear Sir and Bro.,

Our Division has received tickets for a Prize Drawing for the benefit of Division 1, A.O.H. of Halifax N. S. As we failed to find any record in our National Directory as to the existence of a Division there and not finding any endorsement from the National or State Officers of the A.O.H. It was directed by our Division to communicate with you. If there is a Division of the A.O.H. there, we will be glad to assist them. Enclosed you will find the circular they sent to us. Kindly return the circular with your reply. Trusting that you can give us an early answer, I remain

Yours Fraternally

Thomas J. Kelly
60 Waverly Street
Brighton
Mass.

President Division 21, A.O.H. Suffolk Co. Mass.
Jamaica Plain, Mass., July 21, 1903

Mr. James P. Bree
New Haven Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Your letter of the 15th received and I wish to thank you for your prompt reply and kind attention to the same. I have made out a new list of the members of Div. 40 which I send to you as I did not know but what you would like to look it over before it went to the Editor of Nat. Hibernian.

In regard to Bro. Heaney, he has not changed his place of abode for more than three years to my knowledge and still resides at 97 Call St. J.P.
If it is not asking too much of you will you kindly forward this list to the Editor of the 7th Hibernian.
If you wish the names of any new members who would join in the future I will send them as soon as admitted. Not knowing whether it was necessary or not before I have done so.

Thanking you in advance
I remain
Fraternally yours

Stephen J. Gunning
226 Lamartine St.
J. P.
CLINTON, MASS., OCTOBER 15, 1902.

To the Officers and Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Massachusetts:

Greeting:

Brothers: At a meeting of the State Board held at the United States hotel, Boston, on Sunday, October 12, 1902, the following Resolution was unanimously adopted.

We recommend that where any member of the Order attacks or casts any reflection upon the Order its policy or upon the Officers, either from a public platform or through the public press, that they be dealt with in accordance with the Constitution.

We recognize the right of every man to join and belong to any organization which does not conflict with the Ritual or Constitution of our Order. We are strongly of the opinion that every organization should manage and conduct its own internal affairs without interference with the affairs of others.

The policy of The Ancient Order of Hibernians has been to keep out of the quarrels of other societies. It is going to pursue the same policy now.

Brothers, The Ancient Order of Hibernians should be and must be allowed to conduct its own affairs and carry out its mission according to its preamble.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians have ever been and are now loyal to the spirit of Irish Nationality, the cause of the Irish people has been ever near and dear to the hearts of every Hibernian. Our Order has made many sacrifices to unite our people, and it is not now going to enter into any controversies to divide them.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is not and will not be controlled or run in the interest of any other organization, nor is it to be used in the interest of any.

Brothers, remember at all times that you are Hibernians, and that you should guard its interests and welfare. Keep the affairs of other organizations outside of it. They should not be discussed or brought into your Division meetings. By so doing you will have harmony and avoid debate that only bring disunion and discord into your Divisions.

Relying on Officers and members to use their best judgment in this. We are,

Sincerely and fraternaly,

JOHN A. RYAN, State President,
DANIEL H. TOOMEY, State Vice President,
PATRICK F. CANNON, State Secretary,
JAMES J. LYNCH, State Treasurer,
REV. THOMAS H. McLAUGHLIN, State Chaplain,
THOMAS P. WALSH, County President, Berkshire County,
JOHN McCARTHY, County President, Bristol County,
JAMES RYAN, County President, Essex County,
JOHN J. WOODLOCK, County President, Franklin County,
TERRENCE O'DONNELL, County President, Hampden County,
JOHN J. KIDGELL, County President, Hampshire County,
JAMES O'BRIEN, County President, Middlesex County,
DANIEL REIDY, County President, Norfolk County,
JOHN D. CARNEY, County President, Plymouth County,
MATTHEW CUMMINGS, County President, Suffolk County,
PATRICK T. CORLEY, County President, Worcester County.
James P. Bree, Natl. Sec.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,

We send you by express paid to-day 432 of the buttons and the balance we will send later. We have charged the full amount. We also send the mailing boxes.

We are well pleased with these buttons and have no doubt you will be also. We think they are an improvement on the sample. The goods are sent in one case and one package. The buttons are enclosed in the package.

Hoping to be favored with your future orders, we are,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

The Boston Regalia Co.
James P. Byrne

Dear Sir & Brother,

I am sending to you for 50 buttons and I would like you to send me these buttons before the end of this week. The members of the bar are after me and as I have been bothering me for some time to get them buttoned. I hope you will oblige me by sending them before Sunday next.

I remain yours fraternally,

Thomas Graham
1679 South Main St.
Fall River, Mass.
Somerville, Mass., April 7, 1904

Mr. James P. Bree, S. I. A., O. H.

Dear Sir and Bro.,

I would feel obliged if you would kindly send me some blanks as I want the names of the members of Div. 36, A.O.H., sent to the National Hibernians. I sent a correct list in the early part of Jan., two the County, Pres. Bro. Bowan, to be sent by him the proper way I was sorry so many of the Members particularly the new Members did not receive the Paper for February as March I wrote to the Editor Mr. McAlligan to find out the cause and received a reply stating that he received no list of the names of the members of Div. 36.

Farewell.

Sincerely yours,

M. No. 2.

Michael Donovan
Pres. Div. 36, A.O.H.
James P. Bree

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am writing to you to ask you a question in regard to the degree pass word of the order in this city. In fact in Bristol County, when a brother goes to a meeting he will give the doorkeeper the first degree pass word and when the Sargent-at-Arms goes round to take up the pass word the numbers give him the first degree pass word. That is always someone you know that we have had.
3 Degree pass words this last two years, and any Trumors or any man who had been a member of the order writes in this last two years go to any brom meeting with these pass words.
Now I would think that the Quarterly pass word that we get should be the pass word to be taken up by the Sergeant-at-Arms and it should be given at the door when it numbers goes to a meeting; but we do not do that, we keep that pass word and only give it to the man who has passed the four degrees. And of course it is used when we work the 4th degree.
we are all twirled with those
years words, and I hope you
will try and put us right
about 3 years ago we received
A letter even from you stating
the the first degree password
should be taken up when the
meetings are opened and
of course that is what all
the divisions in this county are
doing. Now I have spoken to
the County this about this
but he is just as dumb
at sea as we are and
he thinks there is something
wrong about the way the
password words are used. I hope
so that you will write
to me about this and let
me know just what
we should do
1st degree always
2nd degree work
3rd degree to gather
4th degree for country

What must be done with
the quinny's pass word
I hope sir that you have
received the postal order
for those 30 buttons alright.

Remain

Fraternally yours

Thomas Graham
1674 South Main
Fall River
Bus of Jan 16 90
James P. Bree, Natl. Sec.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:—

We are sending you to-day by express paid 568 of the buttons. This with the 432 sent you April 1st completes your order for these buttons. Thanking you for this order and hoping to be favored with same in the future, we remain,

THE BOSTON REGALIA CO.

Yours very truly,

May 20, 1904

Mr. Jas. P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sirs:—

Your letter of the 10th at hand with order for 300 Ladies Auxiliary A.O. H. pins with stick pin at back. We accept your order for these goods at 14 cents each. We will ship part of the goods and probably all of them the latter part of next week, probably Saturday the 28th, and trust this will be satisfactory. We thank you very much for the order.

THE BOSTON REGALIA CO.

Yours truly,
Boston Mass. Apr 12, 04

Dear Sir & Bro.

As we have mislaid the blanks you sent us we wish you would be so kind to send to us two more blanks and you will be doing us a great favor as our members are anxious to receive the Hibernian paper. I will also see that the names & addresses of members will be filled on the blanks & send back at once.

Fraternally Yours

J.P. Kerigan

(over) Sir 61 A.O.H. Res. Sec.
J. P. Kerrigan
19 Fountain St
Medford
Mass.

P.S.
Send blanks to above address.
Boston, Mass., 4/22/04

My dear Bu' See,

Can you meet me ob. 12 to 1 P.M. Monday, April 25/04, at the Allyn Home, Hartford, Connecticut? I want to

see you for a confidential talk.

Telegraph answer at my expense. This is strictly private and confidential.

Yours truly, John Ryan.
Mr. James P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Brother Bree:-

I have this day sent an order on our State Treasurer for $70.65, this being the total amount that I have collected, and I believe all that I can collect on the National assessment of twenty five cents of 1902. I received to day from Kings County, M. F. McPartland the County President, $36, he claims that one Division of fifty members went out of the Organization and joined the B. of E. under the leadership of that famous and notorious gentleman, Patrick McGuire of Brooklyn. If you desire the itemized statement of the balance due $55.25, I can send it to you.

On the 15th inst. I sent an order on our State Treasurer in favor of you for $1,000 to apply on the National assessment this making the second installment, in all $2,000. I hope you have received this amount and I hope to be able to make another remittance about the first of the month.

From reports before me, many of our county's are in very close financial state and unless there is something done to keep down the expenses, I fear the Organization will suffer. I will be able to send you my report next week, I have all the counties in now but two, one of these I do not expect to hear from as they have not paid any thing to the Organization in over a year and I do not expect that they will pay
J. P. B----2.

any more until they are re-organized. The other County is Delaware, they have a membership of only twenty members.

Your article in the April Hibernian was O. K. I fear that the trouble is that the poor delinquent divisions as well as County Officers never read the columns of the Hibernian, if you could see some of the reports that I receive from County President's and signed by their Secretary ad Treasurer, one would wonder where the intelligence of our people is, in many cases I have to work over every report as I am trying to get a bases and I will insist on an honest report.

With best wishes for your good health, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

P. J. Farley

State Secretary.

P. S.---Enclosed find application for charter for Division No. 5 New York the money was sent to you by our State Treasurer last Nov. and it was only now that I succeeded in getting the names for this charter. Please send it as soon as possible to them.
James P. Bree, M. J. 29th
Dear Sir or Bro.,

Enclosed find

Check for $1404.40 - to wit -

Second quarter Mils $124.00

30th July Acc. (third payment) 1280.40

$1404.40

Yours Fraternally,

James J. Lynch

4-25-04
East Cambridge, Mass., April 26th, 1904

Dear Sir & Bro,

Will you please forward me a charter for my Division as our charter is in a very poor condition, and the members wish to have a new one.

Yours,

Fraternally yours,

Patrick Kilker 803 Lamb St.

Cambridge, Mass.

Recording Secretary

Div 18: A IoT.

Secretary,
Mr. James O. Bee.
National Society 4th.
New Haven, Conn.

My dear Mr. Bee:

Charges have been preferred against County President C. Brown of Middlesex County Mass. I suspended him from office. Bro. Cannon thinks I did wrong in doing it. It's a quirk and the justice claim that no time is set in the Constitution when Bro. Brown must furnish a Bond as County President.

Bro. Cannon states that charges would be preferred against me to the National President and we don't they may trump up some charges against me and I am full sure of one thing they
will try to do so. But in this case the charges against Bro. Brown will be settled as soon as the State President by three (3) Presidents of its A.O.H. in Middlesex County, and under these conditions I could not refuse to suspend Bro. Brown.

In ten days I will report to the State Officers and then the charges will be heard and the State Officers can decide on the issue. Such is the A.O.H. in the old boy state and I am minded of its opinion that there are some serious defects which, and you grant this business will end with right and justice triumphant over hickey and cheap practice.

Yours very truly,

John A. Ryan.
Newburyport, Mass., May 15, 1904

Dear Sir/Esq:

I see reading the national Hibernian 14th that you advertise the official button of our society, are few of the members of Div. I have a button and there are a great many want to adopt one. If you will kindly send me a sample of one, I think I will be able to dispose of a good number of them among the members if they are satisfactory. We have about 140 members in our Div. and they are growing stronger every day. I hope to hear from you soon.

Fraternally yours,

John J. O'Brien
Pres. Div. 9.

Newburyport
Ancient Order of Hibernians

Brookline, Mass.

May 4, 1904

Dear Sir and Bros.

Enclosed check for $344.20 - Fourth Payment in 50th Year.

J. P. 

Received 6-6-04

James Lynch

Sec.
Arbidge Mass.

MAY 18, 1904

Mr. James O'Brien

Dear Sir,

Will you please furnish me with forms to send an corrected checks from time to time to the National Hibernian also will you please send me a National Directory.

I have never received one for the last 3 years. It is important that I should have one as I conduct the correspondence.

Yours faithfully,

George J. O'Farrell

Ancient Order of Hibernians

Brookline, Mass., May 18, 1904

Mr. J. P. Byrne, M.D.

Dear Sir and Bros.:

I enclosed find check for $285.90, our fifth payment on 1907 Wireless.

Yours truly,

James J. Lynch

August 7, 1904
Ancient Order of Hibernians.

OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY.

Clinton, Mass., May 16th, 190

Hon. James P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir & Bro;-

Enclosed you will find application for Div. 39 of Worcester County. This is a new division just organized, also find check enclosed for same. I am also pleased to inform you that State Treas. Lynch will send you check for $285, on 30% Nat. assessment. This will come pretty near clearing up the Mass. account. I have report almost complet and hope to be able to it to you by Tuesday or Wednesday. I wish you would send me a few Ciphe
Ancient Order of Hibernians.

OFFICE OF STATE SECRETARY.

Clinton, Mass., 190

Hon. J. P. B. 2

cards, about 25 Rituals and some transfer cards.

very truly yours,

[Signature]

State Sec.
Clinton, Mass., May 18, 1904

Dear Sir,

New Jersey Council,

Caucus and Bro.-Enclosed you will find the Massachusetts Report for 1903.

I can assure you that I never want such a lot again as I have had trying to get this Report. Jad 9 out of the 11 Feb. 1 and the County with 3 divisions and Buckley Co. has told me up ever since.

It is unfortunate that McD will be elected to positions that are not fit for them, and who will accept the positions without having any intention to perform the duties pertaining to the office or position.

The latter County is the same one that has held me up on the Post ass.

With best wishes,

Yours truly,

P. F. Cannon
Clinton, Mass., May 2, 1904

Dear Sir,

 enclosed you will find an application for a Charter for Div. 11 Hampden Co., also check for $50.

Please send it at once. I shall just received my last report and will get at it at once. I will have it for you very next week. I am two weeks this week and you know what that means.

I have all the money but our County Treasurer will send you a check this week.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

P.S. Have had call for the short form of Ritual several times. Have you such a thing?
Mr. Bee:

Dear Mr. Bee:

Enclosed please find $15 order for five dozen and send me at once twenty of the official A.O.T. tumbler, the one you sent me was very satisfactory and the members were all perfectly satisfied with it. I have not had the time to get around among the members but later on you may expect an order for more. Please send me twenty at once and oblige.

Fraternally yours,

John G. O'Brien
5 Kent St.

Pres. Div. 9 A.O.T.
The Boston Regalia Co.
Masonic, Odd Fellows, and all other Society Regalia.


Make all checks, drafts and money orders payable to The Boston Regalia Co.

7 Temple Place, cor. Tremont St.

Boston, Mass.,

May 28, 1904

Mr. James P. Bree, Sec.,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,-

We send you today 13 dozen (156) of the Ladies Auxiliary A. O. H. pins. We will send the balance next week. We trust this will be satisfactory. The boxes we will send with the buttons next week.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

The Boston Regalia Co.

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Mr. James P. Bree,
New Haven, Conn.

Dear Sir,-

Yours of the 4th at hand ordering 500 of the A.O.H. buttons. We thank you for the order and will make and send your goods just as soon as possible. Please advise what boxes you will need for this lot and we will send them with the goods.

Yours truly,

[Signature]
Mr. James O. Bee.

Nationale party, Conn.
New Haven. Conn.

My dear Mr. Bee.

I am to ask you to tell me
how are your health for the July 19th?
Campaign do you know anything of
importance. I am to send you a letter of
a letter you can read and then return
me. I saw this mean Carroll a
dressing down in a letter to him.
How is Phila. Pa. entitled to four
15 delegates to St. Louis with 9000 members
here is a pointer for you to look into
you can see in this letter the
five Italian bands of some crafty
 conexión. who wants votes
you or I will not. I do this thing
into your can as Secretary please.
game of floating votes who refused more. 

Bri Bri, let me know what you think of me running against Dolan. The Conner tax is out for a second term. But you can see from the letter herin that Dolan is with Cannon, and that of course means he will do all he can to maim me and put your only Cannon's way. When you attend the other Convention, find out what say the men of our side all to do and then we can line up in a way that Dolan will know we are at St. Louis in July 1904.

This letter is of course personal and strictly confidential and just read and return me the letter herin anything just mention I will keep sacred and confidential. Just can depend on what I tell you.

Sincerely and heartily yours,
May 31, 1904

To Sir. P. C. T.,

Dear Sir and Bro.:

I wrote you some time ago that I had collected all that I could on the account of the 25th Ave. The assessment is from assessments that went out of existence before their assessment was due or became due. I will furnish you a detailed statement if you want it. Assume that I should have it.

Yours truly,

P. Cannon
New Bedford, Mass., June 18th, 1904

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly send me one of your samples of A.O.H. Buttons Coat Lapel as the Division has decided to purchase some, they have ordered me to write for samples. Hoping you will oblige Div. 7 by sending a sample Button.

I remain yours,

Bro. James Quinn, Sn. Secretary
Div. 7, A.O.H. 89 Mosher St
New Bedford, Mass.
Norwood, Mass., June 3rd, 1904,

Mr. James P. Bue, Nat. Sec.,

Hearty & Brother.

We received a letter from you last August stating that you were prepared to furnish Bonds for the Officers at Three dollars per one thousand. Our Officers Bonds expire this month and I have been instructed to inquire if your offer still holds good. Our Treasurer is Bonded in the sum of $4000, and Financial Secretary in the sum of $200. An early answer will relieve.

Yours fraternally,

William J. Sullivan, R. S.
25 Monroe St.
Norwood, Mass.
June 11, 1904

Dear Sir and Gentlemen,

I came to hand a reply to the letter of May 28th, 1904, regarding the amendment of the 1898 rules, as of the 9th of the same month. I wrote to you that I would try to have the books closed before the close of the year. I know that I can not get any more on that 25% case, I will send you a statement on it and you can either close it up or bring it before the auditing committee at the session.

Now as to the Naval War, matters I would say that so far as I know now I will be a candidate. I did not think that I would be a candidate, but as the name is mentioned for the office of Judge, it is not in accordance with my promise made two years ago.
Agg, when you promised of your own free will that if I should be a candidate again you as Delegate that you would not run again and that you would not be with me and for at the next Convention you made the same promise in your room at the Albany House in Denver.

Keep my promise.

Yet as stated above you have a perfect right to be a candidate again and I want you to understand that there is no feeling against you for doing so, where always think it the right and truly the most kind feeling for you and hope that despite this Contest that I will feel the same after it is over. I am going into with the most kind feeling for all and the people come out of it the same way we are now.

With my best wishes.

Yours, Frank Cannon.
Mr. James O. Bus.
New Haven, Conn.

Enclosed please find bank check amount of ten dollars as payment of your bill. Please receipt same and return to me.

Yours respectfully,
Charles Cord.
The Hon. Edward J. Slattery believes they are injuring the Irish cause.

The Hon. Edward J. Slattery of South Framingham has issued a statement to Irish sympathizers in Massachusetts and elsewhere, designating, he says, to counteract the Irish cause in which he believes is being done by the utterances of the Clan-na-Gaels. Mr. Slattery is a former state president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, a former state senator, and candidate in 1893 for Lieutenant Governor with Bruce in 1890. His statement is as follows:

"Through the United Irish League and the leadership of John E. Redmond, Ireland's greatest constructive statesman, the Irish leaders have been more united and better organized than at any time during the past 25 years, and as a result of such unity of action and purpose a Tory government has been forced to abandon the policy of imprisoning Irishmen, and request Parliament to pass a land bill for the benefit of the Irish people. The bill may not be all that Irishmen and their descendants and friends may wish for: still it will bring relief and benefit to the people of Ireland and will also sound the death knell of Ireland's greatest curse, Irish landlordism."

"The bill also involves many financial benefits, and in the complete ownership of the land by the tenant farmers of Ireland, and when it is generally understood that four-fifths of the people of Ireland, and not from the cultural pursuits, the vast importance of the land act to the people of Ireland will be a clear appropriation of the land."

"No sound thinking man will doubt that a home rule bill will follow the enactment of the land bill, while to bring it forward at this time will imperil the success of both, and with the land and home rule for Ireland on the statute book, immediate industrial revival to stimulate the energy and interest of the Irish people and in less than 25 years again raise Ireland in the industrial and commercial markets of the world."

"I am at a loss to understand how any man of Irish blood or any man professing to be a friend of the Irish race, can consistently oppose a legislative measure which will, according to the opinions of the representative men of all parties, grant lasting benefits to the people of Ireland."

"I have no faith in, or sympathy with, that class of Irishmen who are opposed to the United Irish League and who would keep the people in Ireland in the servitude of feudalism with the hope of impressing upon their minds the thought and belief in Ireland by physical force."

"Just think of it. A people without a reserve fund, without a navy, without an army, without one single element of modern warfare, talking the freedom of Ireland by physical force, and Clan-na-Gaels leaders in the United States advising an appeal to arms to establish an Irish republic. It is not only absurd, but criminal."

"The rank and file of the Clan-na-Gaels are hard-working, honest men, who sincerely believe that by their membership, they contribute to the welfare and independence of the Irish people, but they are fooled and deceived by the leaders, who do not allow them any knowledge of workings or purposes of the few who control the clans."

"I offer no objection to the opposition of the Clan-na-Gaels of the United States to the people of Ireland, if properly submitted to public opinion, for once placed under the lash of intelligent thought and consideration, it would very soon reveal itself as the waste basket of indegustible rubbish."

"The policy of the clans has been and is to enroll the officers of other organizations, and of the A. O. H. in particular, and through them oppose any Irish movement. Over the American Union as a badge, hence we find the 'St. Patrick's Day' society in the hands of the leaders, of the A. O. H. of Suffolk county."

"The A. O. H. is too sacred in its conception and too lofty in its motto to allow its splendid organization in Massachusetts to become the subervent of the Clan-na-Gaels in their unmerited opposition to the declared principles, wishes, and fondest hopes of a united Irish people."

"Every division of the A. O. H. in Ireland will send delegates to the United Irish League convention in Dublin the coming week, while in Massachusetts it would be a worthy event of such convention."

"Brother Hibernians of Massachusetts, whom will you support in this history making period of Ireland's struggle for land ownership and home rule? Our brothers in Ireland, who have recently been affiliated, and who in the spirit of patriotic devotion are making every possible sacrifice to better the conditions of the Irish people, or the Clan-na-Gaels, who would blast every hope and defeat every Irishman."

"I presume the above will be considered sufficient for the Clan-na-Gaels, officers of the A. O. H. to assemble again and give vent to their physical force in the waste basket of indegustible rubbish."
but I will see to it that the money will be forwarded and you will excuse the delay as my account to myself are as you must know only closing the account was closed some months ago.

Yours truly affectionally,

John A. Ryan