CALIFORNIA'S NATIVE SONS.

The Thirteenth Annual Session of the Grand Parlor Will Convene To-Morrow at Chico.

LIST OF THE DELEGATES.

Reports of the Officers Show the Order to Be in a More Prosperous Condition Than Ever Before in Its History.

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An Important Meeting at Which a New Ritual Will Be Adopted—The Place for Holding the Celebration Determined—Insurance Plan Decided Upon.

The thirteenth annual session of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West will convene to-morrow at noon in Chico. It will be the strongest numerically, as it will be the most important since the organization of the Grand Parlor. The personnel of the body is very fine, all the leading men in the fraternity being accredited to the meeting in Chico. A large number of measures of vital importance will come before the meeting, among the most prominent being the selection of a new ritual, the permanent location of the Grand Parlor in San Francisco, choice of a place for holding this year's Admission day celebration, the change from annual to biennial celebrations, the purchase of Sutters Fort, the erection of a monument to General M. G. Vallejo, who was the oldest member of the order, and the adoption of a voluntary life insurance plan. Since its organization in 1875 the order has grown to 156 parlors, with an aggregate membership of over 8000.

The members of the fraternity in Chico have made great preparations for the entertainment of the delegates. On Monday night there will be a reception, on Tuesday night a ball will be given, on Wednesday evening there will be a concert and on Thursday the visitors will be banqueted. The Park Band of this city has been engaged and will give al fresco concerts daily.

On Saturday next the Marshall monument is to be unveiled and it is considered probable that the Grand Parlor will be present. Past Grand President Albert F. Jones will deliver the oration on the occasion, and it is expected that besides the Native Sons some of the New England Pioneers will attend the ceremony.

From the reports of the grand officers it will be seen that the order has made phenomenal advancement in every direction during the year just ended, and presages an even more prosperous career in the future. Despite the assertions and claims of politicians and designing newspapers the order is not political in any sense, and cannot be made so, and its whole history bears evidence of this fact. The purpose of the order is to exalt California for the good of the whole people, to keep alive remembrance of the sturdy pioneer and to teach the members love of country and home, and from these purposes the fraternity will not be swayed.

THE GRAND REPORTS.

What the Fraternity Has Accomplished During the Year.

From advance sheets of the reports the following interesting facts and statistics have been gleaned:

Grand President Frank D. Ryan reviews at length the work of the past year and the condition of the order, and pronounces it a decided improvement over that of the preceding year. Fifty-two District Deputies were appointed during the year, and in the same period eleven official circulars were issued to the parlors.

The Grand President draws attention to the onerous nature of the duties of the Visiting Board and suggests that it be increased, so as to make the apportionment no greater than fifteen visits to each member. He suggests that the laws relative to assistance to distressed members be enlarged, under the plan adopted by the San Francisco Board of Relief.

Among the notable decisions of the Grand President during the year were two relative to eligibility. In one the question was whether a young man born on the Pacific Ocean one day out of San Francisco was eligible to membership and the other whether a person born on the Pacific Ocean, off the coast of Panama, on an American ship bound for California, his parents having left New York with the intention of becoming residents of this State, can join the order. In each instance a negative decision was rendered on the ground that the constitution requires applicants to have been born within the State. In all, thirty-two decisions were rendered during the term.

Since the adjournment of the Grand Parlor seventeen new subordinates have been instituted and two reorganized as follows:

Central Parlor, No. 140, June 19, 1889, at Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County; Inyo Parlor, No. 141, June 6, 1889, at Bishop Creek, Inyo County; Oakdale Parlor, No. 142, July 8, 1889, at Oakdale, Stanislaus County; Sebastopol Parlor, No. 143, June 29, 1889, at Sebastopol, Sonoma County; Tuolumne Parlor, No. 144, July 20, 1889, at Sonora, Tuolumne County; Alcatraz Parlor, No. 145, July 24, 1889, at San Francisco; Halcyon Parlor, No. 146, July 27, 1889, at Alameda; Lakeport Parlor, No. 147, August 10, 1889, at Lakeport, Lake County; Maxwell Parlor, No. 148, August 17, 1889, at Maxwell, Colusa County; McCloud Parlor, No. 149, September 28, 1889, at Redding, Shasta County; San Marcos Parlor, No. 150, October 5, 1889, at San Miguel, San Luis Obispo County; Brooklyn Parlor, No. 151, October 19, 1889, at East Oakland; Cambria Parlor, No. 152, November 16, 1889, at Cambria, San Luis Obispo County; Davisville Parlor, No. 153, December 6, 1889, at Davisville, Yolo County; Alcalde Parlor, No. 154, February 10, 1890, at San Francisco; Cayucos Parlor, No. 155, March 27, 1890, at Cayucos, San Luis Obispo County; Yontockett Parlor, No. 156, April 23, 1890, at Crescent City, Del Norte County.

The parlors reorganized were Dixon, No. 60, and Bohemian, No. 137, which changed its name to Hesperian.

The Grand Parlor is also asked to legislate so the subordinates may create separate funds, and to aid in preserving Sutter's Fort at Sacramento.

The report of Grand Secretary Henry Lunstedt is a lengthy and comprehensive document, giving in detail the organization of all the new parlors, and the financial transactions of both grand and subordinate parlors, and is creditable alike to his energy and genius. From it the following statistics are extracted:

Members initiated 1595, members admitted by card 158, members reinstated 60, members suspended 602, members withdrawn 282, members expelled 5, members suspended for cause 7, resigned 22, rejected 33, members died 46, membership January 1, 1890, 7426, members relieved 641, amount of benefits paid $21,568 42, amount of receipts $100,325 84, amount of disbursements $82,721 12, amount paid Grand Parlor $6669 20, amount of cash on hand $78,022 91, average receipts per member $13 51, average disbursements per member $11 14, average assets per member $10 51.

The order has made a steady and satisfactory progress during the year, the net increase in membership being 866.

The addition of three new parlors since January 1, 1890, and the usual increase at this season make the present membership about 8000.

The report shows that California Parlor, No. 1, has still the largest membership, 357; Stanford Parlor, No. 76, is second with 245; Mission Parlor, No. 38, third with 238, and San Francisco Parlor, No. 49, fourth with 229.

Mission Parlor, No. 38, has the most affluent treasury, $5590 99; California Parlor, No. 1, is next with $4385 79; Pacific Parlor, No. 10, is third with $3525 32, and Marysville Parlor, No. 6, fourth, $3227 75.

Among the distinguished dead mentioned are General M. G. Vallejo and Grand Trustee J. Mervyn Donahue, both of whom died recently.

The Grand Treasurer, Henry S. Martin, reports the receipt of $8885 06 from the parlors, and the expenditure of $8574 70, leaving $3496 76 now on hand.

Grand Lecturer J. W. Ahern reports the results of his official visitations, and urges the adoption of a several degree ritual with elaborate accompaniments. He found all the parlors but two in splendid condition.

The report of Grand Trustee Frank L. Coombs of the Visiting Board suggests that the Grand Parlor provide for two official visits to each subordinate annually by different members of the board.

Grand Trustee R. M. Fitzgerald urges the same thing in his report.

THE WORKERS SKETCHED.

Pen and Pencil Pictures of the Grand Officers.

The remarkable success of the fraternity has been due to the unremitting labors of the grand officers, and its proud position as an order is being maintained by their unselfish and unceasing labors. But little honor and much toil is their lot, and as becomes them, they are as modest as they are patriotic. That the public at large, as well as their fraternal brothers, may know more of the men who have advanced the fraternity during the past year, the following sketches are presented.

H. Clay Chipman.

The Senior Past Grand President of the order is H. Clay Chipman of Sacramento. He occupied the position of Grand President at a time in the history of the fraternity when it was but little known and looked upon as a childish freak. His administration was vigorous, and he laid the foundations for the subsequent prosperous career of the order. He is a native of Sacramento, where

he was born January 1, 1853, and has always resided there. By profession he is a sign painter, and, as befits the youth of California, is a good one. At the present time he is President of the City Board of Education. He was a charter member of Sacramento Parlor, No. 3. By virtue of his position he is a life member of the Grand Parlor, and has attended every session since its institution.

John H. Grady.

Among the patriarchs of the order stands John H. Grady, who bears the proud distinction of being a Past Grand President. He joined California Parlor when it was the whole order, and long before the fondest dreamer dared to presume that the club would ever become a great fraternity. He has in consequence shared the burdens of the early organization. Mr. Grady

was the third Grand President of the incorporated society, and held office at a time when work was imperatively demanded of the incumbent. That his work was well done the early records fully attest. Mr. Grady has held office in other societies and for two years served as Tax Collector of this city, and later served two years as Deputy State Treasurer. He still retains his old love for the order, and regularly attends all the sessions and celebrations.

Albert F. Jones.

The Pacific Coast has reared a generation of men and women physically, and mentally the peers of any people. The chivalric blood of adventurous pioneers has been perpetuated. Albert F. Jones is a good type of the sturdy Argonauts. He was born in Colusa County February 14, 1858, and completed his education at Yale College in 1879. The same year he was admitted to practice in the Supreme Courts of Connecticut and California, and in 1882 he was elected District Attorney of Butte County, where he has resided since 1880. In 1886 he was elected Senator from the Fourth District, serving two sessions, during which he passed the bill creating a Normal School for Northern California, which was located in Chico. He had the distinguished

honor of being the youngest man who ever filled the position of Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the State Senate.

He was appointed Lieutenant-Colonel and Aide-de-Camp on the staff of Governor Bartlett, and was retained in the same position under Governor Waterman. He has taken great interest in fraternal societies, having served as Grand Lecturer of the Native Sons in 1881, and in 1883 he was elected Grand President of the order. Mr. Jones has also been prominent in Masonry and Odd Fellowship. He has a pleasant address, fine physique and a happy faculty of impressing his associates. In enterprises connected with the development of the northern portion of the State and in politics he has been foremost as a leader.

His record as an official has been clean, with an eye singly for the public weal. He will deliver the oration at the unveiling of the Marshall monument next month.

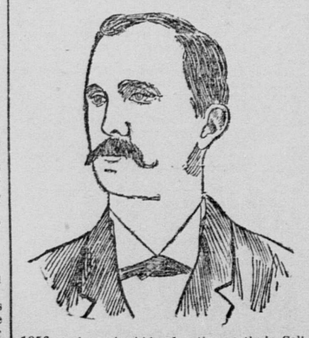
John A. Steinbach.

John A. Steinbach was the first President of the order. He was the protege of General Winn, the founder of the society, and soon became prominent by reason of his unflagging interest and executive ability. The first few months of the little club, which was the nucleus of the present great fraternity, were filled with many trials and few triumphs, but through them all young Steinbach, who was then 15, bore up manfully and encouraged his fellows. For a few

years Mr. Steinbach withdrew from the order, but with the institution of Pacific Parlor, No. 10, he rejoined it and has ever since been an officer of that subordinate. He was repeatedly elected to the Grand Parlor and by it selected for a variety of offices. In 1883 he was elected Deputy Grand President and one year later was chosen Grand President. His knowledge of the affairs of the order extends from the first meeting in 1875 down to the present time, and his exertions and influence have always been expended in behalf of the order.

Fred H. Greely.

The career of Past Grand President Fred H. Greely of Marysville is most truly a representative one for a Californian, and depicts to the fullest the vigor of the youths of the soil. He was born at Galena Hill, Yuba County, July 5,



1856, and received his education partly in California and partly in the East. After graduating from the Marysville High School in 1874 he entered the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, at Keats Hill, Me., and in 1876 continued his studies at Middletown, Conn., and was graduated in 1880. Since then Mr. Greely has been Secretary of the Buckeye Flour-mills, Marysville. In political life he has been honored as emphatically as in his fraternal associations. In May, 1886, he was elected Mayor of Marysville, which office he filled with distinction. In December, 1888, he contested with ex-Congressman Berry for the Senatorship of the Twelfth District, which had become vacant by the death of A. L. Chandler, and won the place by over 200 majority in a district that gave Cleveland twelve majority in November. Mr. Greely is a member of Marysville Parlor, No. 6, and is a Past President thereof. The Grand Parlor of 1884 elected him Grand Treasurer, and the following year it made him Grand President, an office which he filled with great ability.

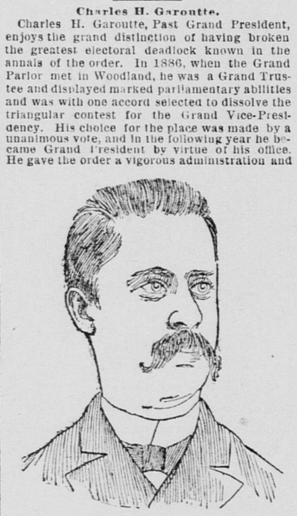
Charles W. Decker.

One of the most distinguished men in the order is Charles W. Decker, Past Grand President. He has been a member of the order fourteen years, and has devoted his energies and means largely to the advancement of the fraternity. He is in the truest sense an enthusiastic and self-sacrificing member of the order, and his sincerity and earnestness have been fitly rewarded by the highest office in the gift of the order. Dr. Decker was born in Sacramento County in 1855, and graduated from the Lincoln Grammar School and subsequently from the Medical College of the Pacific as a dentist, which profession he has since followed with success. In the Grand Parlor he has been Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer, Historian, Grand Vice-President

and Grand President. He is President of the N. S. G. W. Hall Association, Secretary of the Golden West Publishing Company, which publishes the official organ, and is a Director of the N. S. G. W. Library Association. He was Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Parlor of 1888, and a member of the Winn Monument Committee, Certificate and Charter committees. He is the author of the ritual and secret work under which the order has been governed for several years past. He belongs to a great many other fraternal and beneficiary societies, and his connections of this kind are more numerous than those of any other native Californian. He is talented, genial and liberal to the last degree, and is deservedly popular among his associates and acquaintances.

Charles H. Garoutte.

Charles H. Garoutte, Past Grand President, enjoys the grand distinction of having broken the greatest electoral deadlock known in the annals of the order. In 1886, when the Grand Parlor met in Woodland, he was a Grand Trustee and displayed marked parliamentary abilities and was with one accord selected to dissolve the triangular contest for the Grand Vice-Presidency. His choice for the place was made by a unanimous vote, and in the following year he became Grand President by virtue of his office. He gave the order a vigorous administration and



aided materially in fostering the recent great prosperity of the society. He was born in Yolo County, October 15, 1854, and has lived there ever since. He was educated in the county and at 17 he began to teach, meanwhile reading law. In 1876, at the age of 22, he was admitted to practice by the State Supreme Court, and in the following year he was elected District Attorney. He was again chosen for this place two years later, and in 1884 he was elected Superior Judge of Yolo County. He is an enthusiastic Native Son, in the fullest sense of the term, and believes in the order above all others.

Marcellus A. Dorn.

Past Grand President Marcellus A. Dorn is a typical representative of the sturdy pioneers, both intellectually and physically. He is a man of large mental attainments and of commanding presence. He is a native of Los Angeles County, where he was born in 1857, was educated at the University of California and graduated in 1879 with distinguished honors, being the commence-

ment speaker and class historian. Three years later he graduated from Hastings Law College and began the practice of his profession. He joined Pacific Parlor, No. 10, shortly after its institution, was elected Grand Lecturer in 1883, President of the Board of Grand Trustees in 1885, re-elected in 1886, Grand Vice-President in 1887, Grand President in 1888 and is now the Junior Past Grand President. Mr. Dorn is also a member of several other orders. He has a fine address and is an eloquent and brilliant speaker.

Frank D. Ryan.

Frank D. Ryan, Grand President of the Native Sons of the Golden West, was born in Sacramento City May 2, 1859. His early education was received in the public schools of the Capital City and while attending them he was engaged as a carrier on the Daily Bee and Record-Union. In 1875 he received a first-grade teacher's certificate and immediately thereafter taught school for one year at Crystal Peak, Sierra County. Returning from his field of labor he entered the Sacramento Institute, from which he graduated

in 1877, and in 1878 graduated from St. Mary's College, San Francisco. After passing successfully through the highest collegiate courses he began the study of law and was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court in November, 1880.

In 1883 he was elected to the Legislature from Sacramento County, and though the youngest member of the session he was none the less active in securing for his county advantageous measures. During the two sessions of the Legislature of 1886 and 1887 he was chosen Chief Clerk of the Assembly and ably filled that responsible position.

He first became a member of the Native Sons when the order was in its infancy by joining Sacramento Parlor, No. 3, and has always taken an active interest in the welfare and promotion of the organization. He is a Past President of the parlor he first joined and has served it in other responsible positions. In 1880 he acted as temporary Grand President and at that session was instrumental in securing the incorporation of the Grand Parlor. During this session he was chosen Grand Vice-President and has been a member of the Grand Parlor with but two exceptions since its incorporation.

He was twice elected a Grand Trustee of the order and for one year served as Chairman of the board; the following year, 1888, he was a second time elected Grand Vice-President, without opposition, and, by virtue of his office, was, in 1889, unanimously selected Grand President, the highest office in the gift of the organization.

During his administration the affairs of the order have been carefully attended to, and he has spared nothing to promote the welfare and prosperity of the society. The order has grown to be one of the largest fraternal societies in the State, and its continued advancement during the past year is an indication of the efficient administration of Grand President Ryan.

Grand President Ryan was married in 1883 to Miss Ella Boutwell, a native Californian. Their union has been blessed with a happy family of two children, one of them being a native son and the other a native daughter.

William H. Miller.

William H. Miller, Grand Vice-President, was born in Centerville, Alameda County, February 6, 1860. While quite young he moved with his parents to San Francisco and received his education in the public schools of this city, from which he graduated in 1874, being then but 14 years of age.

The ability and application that marked his school days continued during subsequent years, and he is to-day a young man of wide learning and general information.

He joined Pacific Parlor, No. 10, in February, 1883, and in appreciation of his energy he was soon elected President. His earnest attention to duty won for him the respect and esteem of all members of the parlor, and his administration started an era of prosperity that has since continued without interruption.

The Native Sons' Library and Reading-room Association, which was founded by Edward Hartman and William H. Miller in 1885, stands as a monument of the latter's untiring labors, and speaks most eloquently of the love that he bears for the order.

This association, composed of members from all the San Francisco parlors, has continually elected him to preside over its deliberations and to control its destinies as a mark of esteem for his able efforts in its behalf, and as a recognition of his qualifications as a presiding officer.

Starting under adverse circumstances and in the face of great difficulties, by the unceasing devotion of Brother Miller and his associates, the association has grown to be a successful institution, and to-day can boast of a large treasury, a splendid library and a most comfortable home, where the members of the order from all over the State meet to transact business or engage in social intercourse.

In 1886 Mr. Miller was sent by his parlor as one of its representatives to the Grand Parlor, which convened at Woodland. His kind and courteous disposition endeared him to his fellows, and his able advice and hard work induced his return as a representative, and he has been a member of every Grand Parlor since.

In 1887 he held the office of Chairman of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, and filled that position with marked ability. In 1888 the Grand Parlor at Fresno elected him Grand Lecturer, whose duty it is to visit the subordinate parlors throughout the State and instruct them in esoteric workings of the order. He proved himself eminently qualified for that position.

Mr. Miller's career as a Grand Lecturer was a pronounced success, and in 1889 the Grand Parlor, at San Rafael, by a most flattering vote, selected him to fill the office he now occupies.

As a parliamentarian he has few equals. Completely versed in the history and theories which underlie the system governing deliberative assemblies he is practically experienced in their application, and, as a presiding officer, always commands the attention and respect of the body of which he may be the head.

Under the law of succession which prevails in the Grand Parlor Mr. Miller will become the Grand President of the order for the fraternal year commencing with this week.

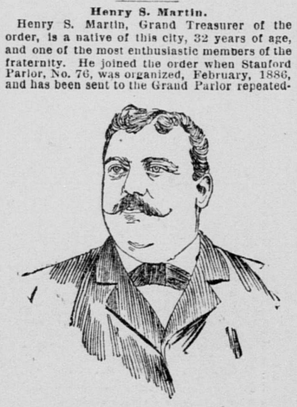
Henry Lunstedt.

Henry Lunstedt, Grand Secretary, enjoys the proud distinction of being an original member of the order and of having sat in every Grand Parlor. He was born in Tuolumne County, August 23, 1856, and he was educated in the schools of this city. To his endeavors in the past the order is sensibly indebted for its present position and in his abiding loyalty to its cause may be read a hopeful augury for its future. In 1879 he served the order well as Grand Lecturer and in the following year was made Grand Secretary,

which he retained for two years. In 1884 he was again elected Grand Secretary and has held the office continuously ever since. He has impressed upon the order his peculiar fitness for the post of Grand Secretary in which he bids fair to be continued the rest of his life. Mr. Lunstedt was the first of the Native Sons upon whom the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite Masonry was conferred. He is a man of large understanding, is liberally informed as to literature, arts and sciences; possesses unusual facility as a speaker, is a ready and forcible debater, and is a recognized authority on all matters of law and practice concerning the N. S. G. W.

Henry S. Martin.

Henry S. Martin, Grand Treasurer of the order, is a native of this city, 32 years of age, and one of the most enthusiastic members of the fraternity. He joined the order when Stanford Parlor, No. 76, was organized, February, 1886, and has been sent to the Grand Parlor repeated-



ly since. Personally he is jolly, good-natured and enjoys nothing better than a good joke. His faith in California is unlimited, and he is, as a result, a good Native Son. The Grand Parlor of 1889 elected him to the responsible position of Grand Treasurer, an office which he has filled with great ability.

J. W. Ahern.

J. W. Ahern, the Grand Lecturer, was born in this city May 17, 1859, and received his education here. Shortly after attaining his majority he went to Arizona to try his fortune, and remained about a year. He returned to California

and ever since has lived in Bakersfield. By profession he is a lawyer, and has been unusually successful. He joined the order in 1884 when Baker Parlor, No. 42, was organized, and ever since has been a prominent and influential member of that parlor. In 1887 he was elected delegate without opposition to represent Baker Parlor in the Grand Parlor, which convened at Nevada City, and he represented it so ably that he was re-elected without opposition to all Grand Parlors thereafter. In the Grand Parlor of 1889 at San Rafael he was elected Grand Lecturer, an office which he has filled acceptably to the order. Personally, he is genial, sociable, and devoted to the interests of the order. With a host of warm friends, studious and ambitious in his profession, and yet slightly bohemian in his tastes and habits, he may well be called a typical Native Son.

Fred P. Tuttle.

Fred P. Tuttle, at present Grand Orator of the order, is justly regarded as a representative Native Son. He was born September 28, 1857, at Auburn, Placer County, his father being for many years an eminent attorney and reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court of this State. At an early age the son manifested an inclination to law and his father encouraged him. He studied in his father's office and later attended Hastings College of Law, graduating therefrom May, 1881. In the following July he was admitted to practice by the Supreme Court and he at once formed a copartnership with his father

in Auburn. In the fall of 1886 he was elected District Attorney of Placer County, and in 1880 was re-elected to that position. Mr. Tuttle is one of the charter members of Auburn Parlor, No. 69, and has served it in all its positions, now being a Past President. He was further honored in 1887 and 1888 by election as delegate to the sessions of the Grand Parlor of those years, and at the latter meeting he was chosen Grand Orator for the San Jose celebration. His address delivered at that time was a broad, sensible address upon the duties of the Native Sons toward themselves and their State and received marked approval.

James T. Rucker.

James T. Rucker is a native of San Jose, about 30 years of age, and now holds the responsible office of Grand Marshal. He is a member of San Jose Parlor, No. 22, which he has represented several times on the floor of the Grand Parlor.

The celebration of the order last Admission day at San Jose was under his absolute charge, and that it required no mean ability to successfully conduct such an affair no one who witnessed that gigantic demonstration will deny.

Conrad Gottwals.

Grand Inside Sentinel Conrad Gottwals is the second son and fourth child of a large family and was born in Colusa County, October 20, 1860, about a year later his parents moved to Yuba County. In 1869 his family removed to their present home in Sutter County, thirteen miles from Yuba City. They all labored faithfully and converted a comparatively worthless holding to a valuable farm. At the age of 14 the

subject of this sketch concluded that by his own hands and head he would shape the nucleus for a future fortune. In the fifteen years that have rolled by since that determination was made success has crowned his every effort. For the first nine years after having made his resolve Mr. Gottwals labored during the summer in the harvest fields of Sutter County and in the winter worked at home. In four years, having accumulated considerable money, he, with his brother, took the farm in Sutter County, and they have since conducted it with profit.

Mr. Gottwals is Past President of Marysville Parlor, No. 6, and has been repeatedly sent as a delegate to the Grand Parlor. In this body he has been chosen Grand Outside Sentinel and Grand Inside Sentinel and his loyalty and zeal will doubtless bring him further honors.

H. G. W. Dinkelspiel.

H. G. W. Dinkelspiel, at present Grand Outside Sentinel, was born February 22, 1867, in the town of Solano, and is the third son of M.

Dinkelspiel, one of the pioneer settlers of Solano County. Graduating from the Suisun High School at the early age of 13, he entered his father's employ and continued therein until his eighteenth year, when his mind evinced a decided bent for the legal profession. After a year's preliminary preparation he entered Hastings College of Law in this city with the class of '91, and is at present a member of the middle class. Mr. Dinkelspiel joined the order three days after attaining full age, and it is said of him that he could hardly await the passage of time so anxious was he to become affiliated with California's great order. Less than one year a member of Bay City Parlor, No. 104, of this city, he was elected a delegate to the Grand Parlor at Fresno, and so ably represented his constituents that he was unanimously re-elected in 1889 and was honored at that session by selection to his present place. For four years he has been a Director of the Native Sons' Library and Reading-Room Association, and has been a member of all the important joint committees. He is ever ready to lend his aid to any measure that will promote the best interests of the order, and has during the past year personally brought about the revival of two good parlors.

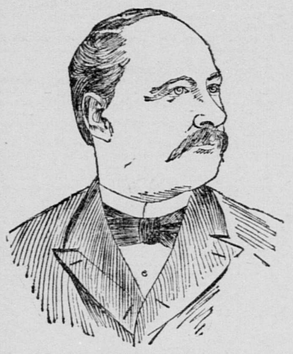
Robert M. Fitzgerald.

Robert M. Fitzgerald, Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, is in many respects a self-made man and an honored member of the fraternity. He was born in this city in 1858, and shortly afterward removed with his parents to Sonoma County, where he resided until December, 1874. At the age of 17 he entered the Oakland High School, and in 1877, before graduating, stopped for a year and took charge of his mother's farm, in Contra Costa County. He graduated in 1879, and entered the University of California with the class of '83, graduating with his class. He was afterward admitted to practice law, and has prosecuted his profession since in Oakland. When the first parlor was organized there he became a member, and has continued therein ever since. At the Grand Parlor of 1888 Mr. Fitzgerald was elected Grand Orator, and he delivered an able speech at the Santa Cruz celebration of Admission day. The next Grand Parlor chose him as one of its Grand Trustees, and on the retire-

ment of Chairman Sperry Mr. Fitzgerald was selected to succeed him. He is an enthusiastic and zealous Native Son, and is ever ready to advance its interests and to lend the hand of fellowship to the humblest member of the order.

Frank L. Coombs.

Frank L. Coombs, Grand Trustee, is a lawyer by profession, and has achieved pronounced success at the bar. He is about 35 years of age, and is a man of fine talents as an orator and



parliamentarian, and takes naturally to fraternal organizations. He is a member of Napa Parlor, which he has on several occasions represented in the Grand Parlor, at length, in 1889, being honored with the office he now holds.

W. Walter Greer.

W. Walter Greer, Grand Trustee and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, has made rapid progress in the fraternity. He joined Sunset Parlor, No. 26, September 5, 1885, and in June, 1887, was elected President, previously passing through all the preliminary chairs. In 1887,

and again in 1888, he was elected to the Grand Parlor, and at the latter session he was elected one of the Grand Trustees and made one of the Visiting Board. At the Grand Parlor of 1889 Mr. Greer was re-elected and chosen Secretary of the board. He has been very successful as a teacher of the principles and work of the order. He was born in Sacramento July 27, 1865, and is engaged in fruit-farming.

John R. Aitken.

John R. Aitken is a model Native Son and a self-made man. Left in early years to his own resources he, boylike, went to sea and followed the billows for several years, his youthful fervor being toned down considerably by his experience. When he again became a landsman he followed anything that promised a livelihood, and eventually his business talent made him the owner of a number of valuable newspaper routes in this city. He always had a studious disposition, and during the interims allowed by his business he read law and was in 1886 admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court. He practiced in this city for a short time and then removed to San Diego, where he became Superior Judge. He is a man of marked ability and integrity and has a bright future before him. He has been a member of the order for a great many years, belonging originally to Mission Parlor, No. 38, but latterly joined San Diego Parlor. At the Grand Parlor of 1889 he was elected Grand Trustee, the duties of which office he has well performed.

Jo Davies Sproul.

Jo Davies Sproul, President of Chico Parlor, was born in Solano County, June 6, 1859. His father was a prominent physician of this State, and was an early pioneer. When the subject of this sketch was 10 years old the family moved to Butte County and settled in Chico, which has since been their home. As soon as young Sproul was out of the grammar school, he was appointed to West Point Military Academy. He staid there two years, when he found that a

military life was not in his line, so he returned to Chico and began the study of the law in the office of F. C. Lusk, the leader of the bar in Northern California. The new field was exactly suited to the ideas of Mr. Sproul, and he has devoted his best energies to his profession, with now and then taking an active part in local politics. He has taken an active part in the N. S. G. W. Order, and now acts as Chairman of the local Grand Parlor Committee, and is a delegate-elect to that body. About four years ago Mr. Sproul was married to Miss Georgia Dorn, and has one child.

Miss Lilly O. Reichling.

Among those who will receive the Grand Parlor at Chico is Miss Lillie O. Reichling, to whom belongs the proud honor of having organized the fraternity of the Native Daughters of the Golden West. She was born in Jackson, Amador County, February 18, 1866, and spent her early years with private teachers. In 1876, her parents having moved to Oakland, she attended the Lincoln Grammar School, from which she graduated three years later. Afterward returning to Jackson she continued her studies, and in January, 1882, commenced teaching, assuming charge of the Primary Department of the Jackson School. For five years she taught the youthful minds of that place. This work has great attraction for her, and was a delight rather than a task or duty. In October, 1887, she removed to Chico, where she has since resided. Miss Reichling is possessed of a mind broad and deep, which her studious disposition has constantly improved. She is a young woman of great talent and ability, and displayed rare executive ability in the institution and organization of the fraternity of Native Daughters of the Golden West. After the first parlor, Ursula, was organized but little trouble was experienced in forming new subordinates. She rapidly instituted Minerva, No. 2, and Alta, No. 3, in this city, Santa Rosa, No. 4, Joaquin Parlor, No. 5, Marguerite Parlor, No. 12, Lydia, No. 15, and La Corona, No. 33. The last Grand Parlor of the order recognized Miss Reichling's valuable labor in behalf of the fraternity, as well as her right to the honor of instituting the order, by presenting her with a beautiful silver tablet suitably inscribed.

Miss Reichling is a decided brunette, of medium height, with dark brown hair, sparkling bright eyes and regular features, and is regarded as a very prepossessing woman. She is animated at all times, graceful and gentle, yet positive and aggressive, and is a fit representative of the energetic and charming Native Daughters.

ROLL OF OFFICERS.

Those Who Will Have Voice and Vote in the Grand Parlor.

The roll of grand officers and delegates numbers 228 and is as follows:

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California Parlor, No. 1—W. W. Shannon, George K. Liddle, John E. McDougald, J. P. Dockery, J. J. Jamison.
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Stockton Parlor, No. 7—W. B. Nutter, R. E. Murray, W. M. Bours.
Argonaut Parlor, No. 8—Lewis Freer, Albert M. Smith.
Placer Parlor, No. 9—Henry S. Burdick, Galusha Carpenter.
Pacific Parlor, No. 10—John T. Greany, W. H. Chamberlain, J. R. Kropp.
Modesto Parlor, No. 11—J. A. Witty.
Humboldt Parlor, No. 14—John P. Donnelly.
Mount Lassen Parlor, No. 15—
Amador Parlor, No. 17—J. H. Tibbits.
Visalia Parlor, No. 19—Charles L. Lindsay.
Arcata Parlor, No. 20—Albert Greenwald.
Chico Parlor, No. 21—Joseph D. Sproul, O. W. Jasper.
San Jose Parlor, No. 22—W. A. Gaston, T. W Hambly.
Yosemite Parlor, No. 24—W. M. Conley.
Fresno Parlor, No. 25—A. J. Pedlar.
Sunset Parlor, No. 26—C. E. Grunsky, J. O. Funston.
Bear Flag Parlor, No. 27—H. H. Maynard.
Western Parlor, No. 28—George B. Duncan, John McMinn Jr.
Golden Gate Parlor, No. 29—James I. Boland, Adolph Eberhart, Bryan J. Killilea.
Woodland Parlor, No. 30—Robert G. Lawson, Ed E. Gaddis.
Excelsior Parlor, No. 31—C. M. Kelley, H. P. Murray.
General Winn Parlor, No. 32—C. M. Belshaw.
Ione Parlor, No. 33—E. G. Amick.
Mount Shasta Parlor, No. 35—George J. Bicking.
Manzanita Parlor, No. 36—E. F. Buss.
Hanford Parlor, No. 37—R. W. Musgrave.
Mission Parlor, No. 38—W. H. McLaughlin, Eugene F. Bert, J. J. Kennedy, David Cumming.
Solano Parlor, No. 39—W. A. Newcum, C. B. Webster.
Rainbow Parlor, No. 40—B. I. Langdon.
Elk Grove Parlor, No. 41—C. C. Ross.
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Tulare Parlor, No. 43—M. C. Zumwalt.
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Los Angeles Parlor, No. 45—A. Ramish.
Alta Parlor, No. 46—
Alameda Parlor, No. 47—Ad Traube, R. B. Tanpin.
Plymouth Parlor, No. 48—
San Francisco Parlor, No. 49—W. H. Thornley, C. C. Higgins, C. R. Heverin.
Oakland Parlor, No. 50—Charles E. Snook, Rod W. Church, George C. Pardee.
El Dorado Parlor, No. 52—C. G. Meussdorffer, William H. Metson.
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Hydraulic Parlor, No. 56—D. E. Morgan, Fred Searles.
Golden Fleece Parlor, No. 57—William J. Schultz.
Quartz Parlor, No. 58—T. C. Hocking, W. S. Robinson.
Auburn Parlor, No. 59—L. L. Chamberlain.
Dixon Parlor, No. 60—James Frizell.
Los Osos Parlor, No. 61—George A. McCalvy, M. de la Guerra.
Napa Parlor, No. 62—Henry C. Gesford, Henry B. Hogan.
Silver Star Parlor, No. 63—J. J. Pelster.
Mount Tamalpais Parlor, No. 64—James I. Taylor, W. F. Magee.
Watsonville Parlor, No. 65—G. G. Radcliff, J. A. Hall.
Redwood Parlor, No. 66—A. D. Walsh, W. P. McEvoy.
Calaveras Parlor, No. 67—
Sotoyome Parlor, No. 68—Thomas G. Young.
Colusa Parlor, No. 69—H. W. Hubbard.
Sutter Parlor, No. 70—H. C. Clark.
Uklah Parlor, No. 71—Charles Cunningham.
Rincon Parlor, No. 72—G. H. Dryden, John F. Finn, J. P. Donovan.
Porterville Parlor, No. 73—
Invincible Parlor, No. 74—H. C. Kellogg.
Monterey Parlor, No. 75—Alexander Underwood.
Stanford Parlor, No. 76—E