

To The Pas-a-Pas Club

(On its Silver Jubilee, 1907.)

By J. SCHUYLER LONG, M. A.

As a traveller on a summit
Stops to rest along the way,
And looks back to view the windings
Where his toilsome journey lay;

Or a Knight discards his armor
At the setting of the sun
And renews his strength and courage
By recounting laurels won,

Comes a pause in thy advancement
On this Silver Jubilee
When the eye may now turn backward
And in clear perspective see

All the past that lies behind thee
With its varied memories
And behold in panorama
All the hard won victories.

Five and twenty years of triumph
Now have crowned thy chartered life—
Years that conquered opposition;
Left thee stronger after strife.

Firmly now thy name established
After years of patient growth;
Step by step progressing onward
Gaining strength and numbers both.

Step by step, though slow but surely
Was thy present glory gained;
Step by step, by slowly climbing
Were the heights by thee attained.

In the motto thou hast chosen
Lies the key to all success;
Step by step, by persevering
Doth the world at large progress.

Why We Celebrate

The word "Pas-a-Pas" is of French origin, the significance of which is "Step by Step." Our Club could not have been more appropriately named, because it has grown from a small society of not more than a dozen to the largest and most influential local organization of the deaf in the United States. Its average membership is seventy, though there have been times when more than a hundred responded to its monthly roll call. The Club has just entered upon its quarter century of continuous existence in "promoting the general welfare and social and literary culture among its members," and it seems fitting that we should in some manner express our jubilation on the occasion of its having reached the twenty-fifth milestone.

The man to whom credit is due for having founded the Club and who has weathered it through many a storm is Mr. Chester C. Codman, whose portrait adorns one of the pages of this work. A good organizer, indefatigable and ever resourceful, this man has never been found lacking in ways and means to tide the organization over whatever difficulties came in its way. The Club has always had for its members the most intelligent of the deaf of Chicago, and it is an acknowledged fact that the mingling together of men and women of different minds to discuss matters of general interest is a powerful factor in furthering their education and happiness.

The last annual report of the treasurer showed that \$667 was expended in running the Club for the past year. This will give outsiders an idea that it takes money as well as brains to keep up an organization like ours.



EDWARD D. KINGTON
President from June 1883 to September 1883.



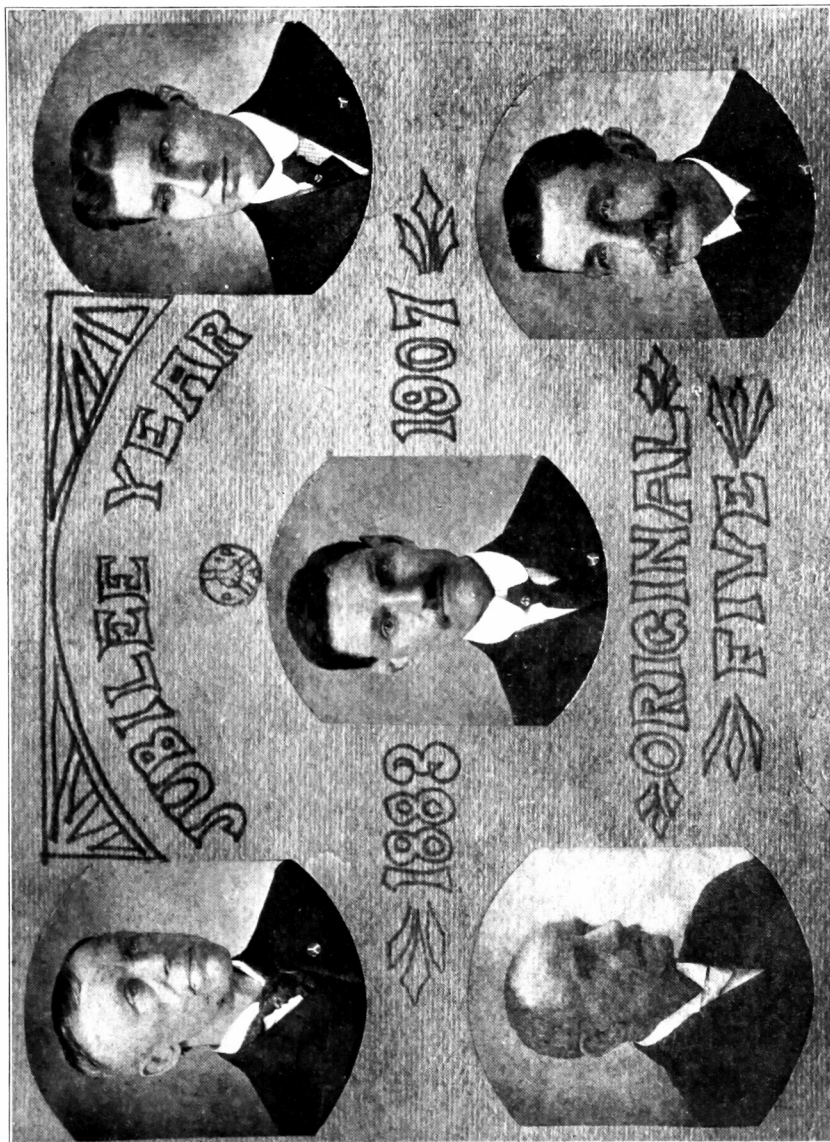
GEORGE T. DOUGHERTY, D. S.
President 1886, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1907.

THE ORIGINAL FIVE.

The original members of the club were: Chester C. Codman, Charles H. Angle, Edward D. Kingon, Geo. A. Fraser, Champion L. Buchan, John Heinlein and Ethelbert D. Hunter. Of these five are still members and one is dead. The idea of forming a club was suggested at a picnic held in the summer of 1883.

OUR FIRST CLUB ROOM.

From 1883 to 1890 the members met once a month at the residence of one of their number, except for two years, when their meetings were held in the old Farwell Hall on Madison street, near La Salle. In 1891 it was decided to have a club of our own, and the entire third floor of a building at the southeast corner of Clark and Randolph streets was leased. Improvements amounting to more than three hundred dollars were made at the Club's expense, including a stage patterned after those seen in theaters. Strenuous efforts were put forth to win new members, and frequent entertainments were given. The membership increased rapidly as soon as the deaf learned that there was a club for the exclusive use of members in the down town district, and that they would no longer be subject to the inconvenience of traveling long distances to attend its meetings. The Club has occupied more than half a dozen locations since then and maintained a large membership.



C. L. Buchan
C. H. Angle

G. A. Fraser

C. C. Codman
E. D. Kingon

THE CLUB'S GOOD REPUTATION

The good reputation which the Club has always enjoyed is largely due to the jealous care with which its members guard its interest. Its by-laws and house rules are exceptionally good. Undesirable applicants are not received, and any member guilty of intoxication or disorderly conduct at any of its meetings is subject to a public reprimand, while a repetition of the offense results in his suspension.

No card playing or games of any kind are permitted on Sundays, and the use of cigars or tobacco during evenings of entertainment is forbidden. The Club aims to be run in a manner that places it above criticism and thereby command the respect and good will of the better element of the deaf and of the hearing public.

SOME THINGS THE CLUB HAS DONE.

Probably the most notable achievement of the Club was its success in having a World's Congress of the Deaf held in Chicago in 1893 under the auspices of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the Columbian Quadri-Centennial Exposition. It was held in the Art Institute building, and those who were responsible for bringing it about were all members of the Club, of which the following constituted the membership of the Local General Committee of Arrangements: Geo. T. Dougherty, President; James E. Gallaher, Secretary; O. H. Regensburg, C. C. Codman and Jacques Loew. It was estimated that nearly a thousand deaf people were in attendance, several coming from Europe, and the Club had made elaborate preparations for their comfort and entertainment. The recognition of the deaf by the President of the World's Congress Auxiliary as an intelligent body, fully capable of conducting affairs on a large scale, doubtless did much to raise us as a class in the estimation of the public.

Since 1889 the Club has interested itself in seeing that the day schools for the deaf of Chicago were being properly conducted. [See The Club and the Chicago Day Schools.]

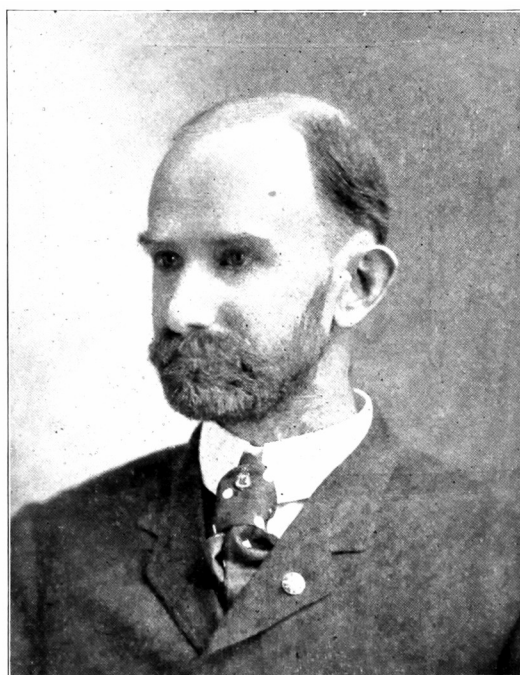
It twice invited the Illinois Association of the Deaf to meet in Chicago and made extensive arrangements for the entertainment of the members.

It has given annual picnics and balls since its organization, and in this way kept itself and the deaf advertised before the public in addition to contributing to the pleasure of all who attended.

The picnic given on Labor Day in 1906 in aid of the proposed Home for the Aged and Infirm Deaf of Illinois originated with Mr. Codman, who secured the co-operation of the Catholic and Lutheran societies of the deaf, with the result that no less than 450 persons were in attendance and the Home fund was \$240 richer.



CHESTER C. CODMAN
President 1888. 1889. 1890. 1894. 1895.



COLLINS & CULBY
President 1897. 1900.

AMUSEMENTS.

Since the organization of the Club it has been a rule to give a picnic every summer and a ball each winter with the twofold object of raising money and advertising itself. These entertainments have generally proved profitable to a high degree, though in giving them the Club has to assume the risk of a slim attendance due to rainy weather in the case of picnics, and inclement or stormy weather as regards the balls. The first picnic given was in the summer of 1883 and netted just one dollar and ten cents. With true Chicago spirit the members went ahead and gave another the next summer and added \$66.68 to the treasury, since which time these two classes of entertainments have brought in a fairly good round sum.

The most successful ball was that held at the Palace Hotel in February, 1891, which drew over four hundred people. The one given at Klare's Hall a year later was also a remarkably successful one. We have not since had any balls to equal these two in point of numbers, the average attendance being about 250.

POPULAR WITH THE COLLEGE BOYS.

For many years the Club has made it a practice to tender a reception to such students of Gallaudet College as passed through Chicago on their way home during vacation. That the boys fully appreciate these little acts of courtesy may be seen from the following extracts from a letter to Mr. Gallaher by Mr. J. Schuyler Long, a teacher in the Iowa School for the Deaf:

"Away back in the eighties, when the Pas-a-Pas Club was struggling through its infancy, I was the recipient of many favors at its hands. The Club used to make it nice for the college boys who went through Chicago on their annual exodus at vacation time. I was one of them and, as I said, received many favors one way or the other. It will really be a pleasure for me to return these courtesies in some way and show that I am not insensible to the former generosity of the Club."

SOME WHO HAVE LECTURED AT THE CLUB.

Following are the names of some people who have delivered a lecture before members of the Club. The list does not include deaf residents of Chicago:

Dr. Edward M. Gallaudet, on "Investments"; Olof Hanson, on "Travels in Europe"; Dr. J. L. Smith, on "The New Woman"; Prof. John W. Swiler; Prof. H. C. Hammond, on "La Salle"; Rev. A. W. Mann, on "The Knickerbockers of New York"; S. T. Walker, on "Life Insurance"; Rev. J. H. Cloud, on "Much Ado About Nothing", and Gov. C. S. Deneen, a political speech during his candidacy.

THE CLUB AND THE CHICAGO DAY SCHOOLS.

The Chicago Day Schools for the Deaf, of which there are at present thirteen, located in different parts of the city, have an attendance of over two hundred pupils. The teachers are all hearing women, and the oral method is the system of instruction used in all of the schools.

The first school was opened in the fall of 1875 with the late Philip A. Emery, himself deaf, as principal, who also was the founder of the school. Mr. Emery, who died March 30, 1907, remained in charge until 1893, when he was succeeded by Lawrence Vaught, a young man fresh from the Normal Department of Gallaudet College. After serving a year Mr. Vaught was succeeded by Henry C. Hammond, a man of wide experience as a teacher and superintendent who enjoyed the respect and confidence of the deaf and the profession. Two years' service sufficed to acquaint Mr. Hammond with the many incongruous elements connected with the management of the day schools, and he resigned to become superintendent of the Kansas School for the Deaf. Miss Mary McCowen, for a time teacher of oral classes in the Nebraska School and later, and for many years, head of the McCowen Oral School for Young Deaf Children, was Mr. Hammond's successor.

The opposition of the educated deaf of Chicago to certain features in the management of the schools had its inception with the Pas-a-Pas Club in 1889, and has been continued from that time to the present whenever there was cause for criticism. In their antagonism toward the schools in the past the deaf gained their point; not only this, but two of the principals who were the successors of the founder were chosen by the deaf themselves. That is, the representatives of the Pas-a-Pas Club came to an understanding with certain members of the Board of Education and recommended their candidate for the principalship, who was elected.

From the above it will be seen that members of the Club, through influential friends, are in a position to make themselves heard in matters affecting the conduct of the schools. Since 1902, when the "Combined System" which had so long been in use was discarded and the Oral Method adopted exclusively, the deaf of Chicago have manifested a spirit of unfriendliness toward the schools and will continue to do so until they are conducted on broader and more elastic methods.



GEORGE E. MORTON
President 1903.



JACOB J. KLEINHAUS
President 1904

THE LITERARY CIRCLE.

This is an auxiliary of the Pas-a-Pas Club, having its own officers, who serve for six month, and was formed with the idea of having the intellectual side of the members of the Club looked after. A literary entertainment of some kind is given regularly once a month, and the meetings are generally largely attended. So anxious are outsiders to be present at some of the meetings that in May, 1907, the President of the Literary Circle was given authority to admit them on the payment of an admission fee. James E. Gallaher was the first president.

SCHOOL PAPERS SENT TO THE CLUB.

The editors of a number of our school papers have generously been sending a copy of their paper regularly to the Club, a fact which is greatly appreciated by all the members. We here take occasion to gratefully express our acknowledgments to the editors of the following periodicals:

The Companion, Faribault, Minn.
The Illinois Advance, Jacksonville, Ill.
Silent Worker, Trenton, N. J.
The Wisconsin Times, Delavan, Wis.
The Michigan Mirror, Flint, Mich.
The Hoosier, Indianapolis, Ind.
The Kansas Star, Olathe, Kans.
The Deaf Hawkeye, Council Bluffs, Ia.
The Lone Star, Austin, Tex.
The Pelican, Baton Rouge, La.
Nebraska Deaf Mute, Omaha, Neb.



OSCAR H. REGENSBURG, B. A.
President 1896, 1905.



THOMAS RITCHIE
President 1906.

OUR PRESIDENTS.

The following is a complete list of the Presidents of the Pas-a-Pas Club since its organization:

1883 (June to September)	Edward D. Kingon
1883-1884	Ethelbert D. Hunter
1884-1885	John Heinlein*
1885-1886	Geo. T. Dougherty
1886-1887	Matthew Mullen
1887-1888	C. C. Codman
1888-1889	C. C. Codman
1889-1890	C. C. Codman
1890-1891	Geo. T. Dougherty
1891-1892	Geo. T. Dougherty
1892-1893	Geo. T. Dougherty
1894	C. C. Codman
1895	C. C. Codman
1896	O. H. Regensburg
1897	C. C. Colby
1898	F. P. Gibson
1899	F. P. Gibson
1900	C. C. Colby
1901	W. B. Wayman
1902	Charles Kessler
1903	Geo. E. Morton
1904	J. J. Kleinhaus
1905	O. H. Regensburg
1906	Thomas Ritchie
1907	Geo. T. Dougherty

*Deceased.

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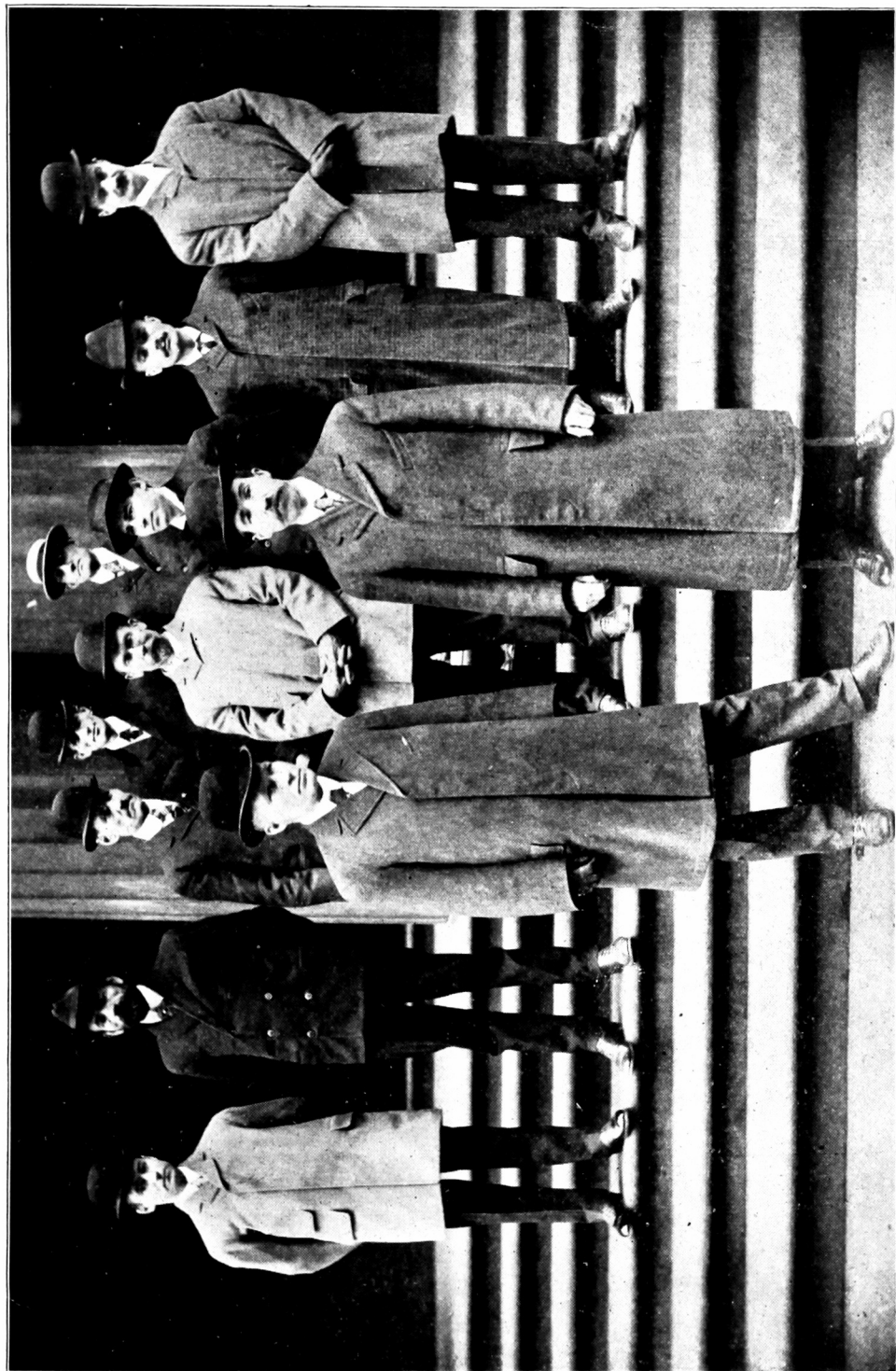
Frank Cronin.

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How We Elect Officers

Ours is an up-to-date method of electing officers of the Club as will be seen from the following specimen ballot.

The Pas-a-Pas Club

ANNUAL ELECTION
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1st, 1906

☐

REGULAR TICKET

For President

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G. T. DOUGHERTY

For First Vice President

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E. W. CRAIG

For Second Vice President

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G. A. FRASER

For Corresponding Secretary

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A. L. ROBERTS

For Recording Secretary

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OSCAR THOMAS

For Treasurer

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B. F. FRANK

For Financial Secretary

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A. I. LIEBENSTEIN

For Sergeant-at-Arms

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L. NEWMAN

For Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms

☐

RALPH MILLER

For Trustee

☐

THOMAS RITCHIE

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of this publication was done by Harry A. Brimble, a graduate of the Illinois School and a valued member of the Club. It is only fair to him to state that he is by occupation a brass bed trimmer and does photographing only as a side line outside of working hours.

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