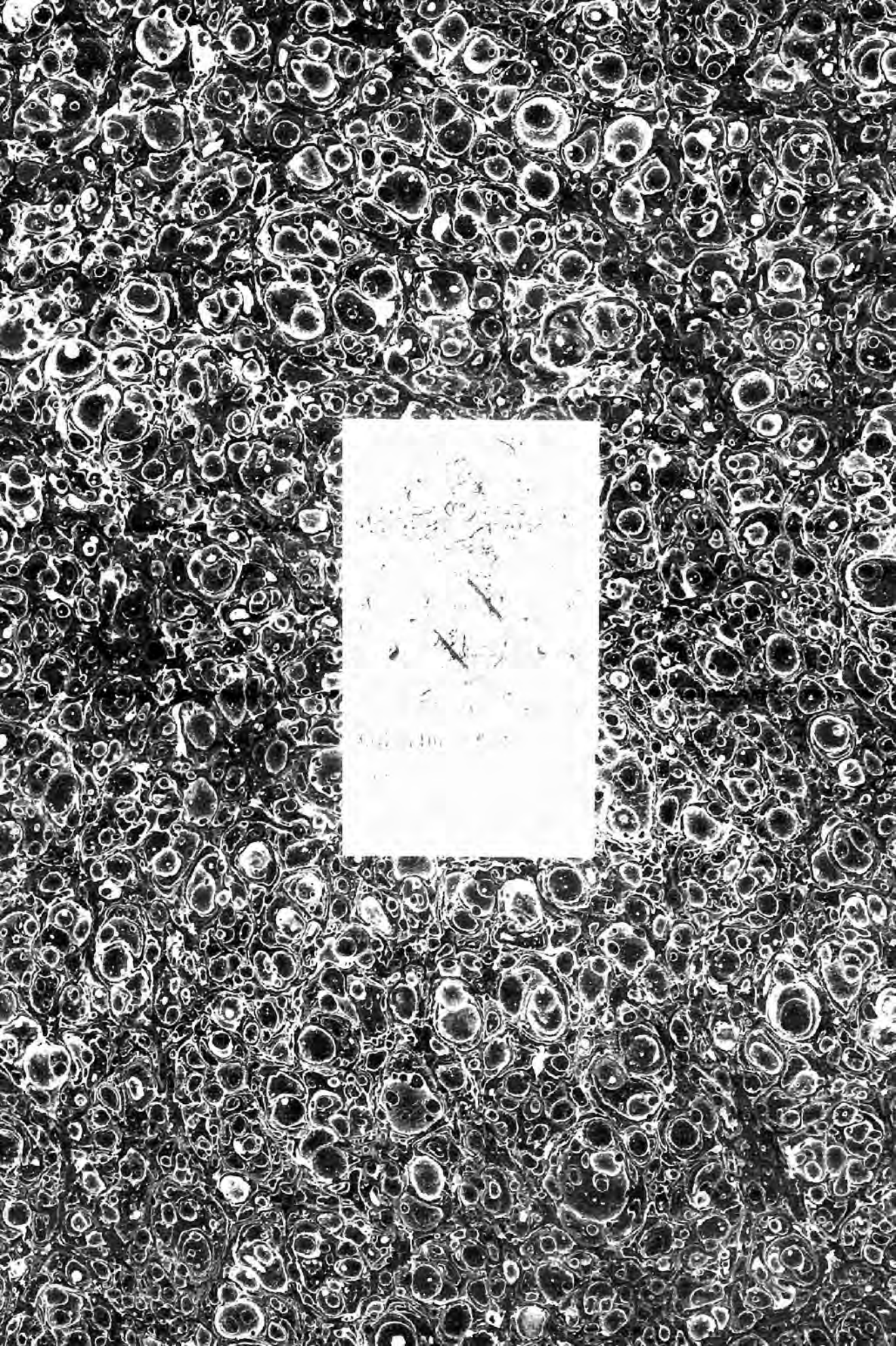
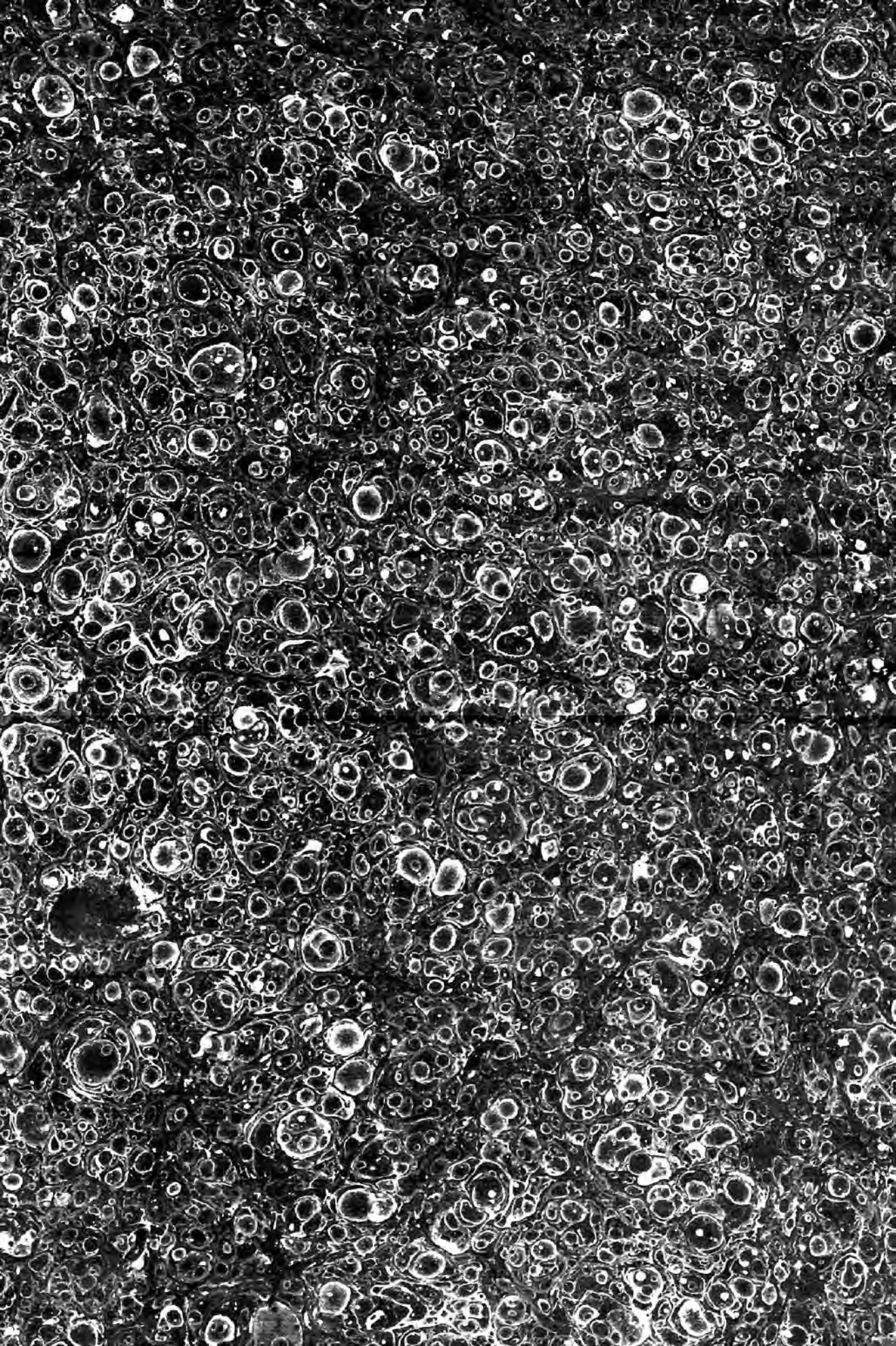




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THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—SEPTEMBER, 1893.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
Secretary, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 1, 1893.

Fellow Members of the A. P. A.:

Our last Convention having directed that each officer should report monthly, I can hardly use the space allotted me better than to attempt to point out the main changes made in our By-Laws, as very little official business except the appointment of officers, reported elsewhere, has come before the Board.

First. Applications for membership with the deposit are still to be sent to the Secretary, the deposit to be applied in payment for the stock certificate, which will be issued only when the dues are paid. This subscription for a share of stock should be understood to be an initiation fee. All other correspondence relating to finance, payments of dues, etc., should be sent to the Treasurer. The annual dues are one dollar without any further assessment for the *American Philatelist* or any other purpose.

Second. The monthly publication of the *American Philatelist* is suspended. An official circular containing all business communications will be sent each member monthly without charge, and while it will also appear as an appendix to the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF AMERICA, it should be clearly understood that no member is required to subscribe for that paper, nor will the paper be sent to A. P. A. members who do not subscribe for it independently of their membership. An annual number of the *American Philatelist* will be issued each year about the month of December which will contain the report of the Convention, official reports, by-laws, list of members and literary contributions. A small prize for the contribution deemed most worthy by the Literary Board, will probably be offered. We trust members will exert themselves to contribute to this number and make it a credit to the Association.

Third. Notwithstanding all that has been said against appointing dealers to office, by far the larger number of members who made recommendations last year as well as this, advised the appointment of dealers to the offices of Superintendent of Exchange and Purchasing Agent. Considering this fact and the plans of Mr. G. D. Mekeel, the favorite nominee this year, the Committee on By-Laws, after a careful review of the history of these departments, recommended to the convention the consolidation of all the departments intended to secure stamps for members in the hopes that so consolidated the department might yield sufficient renumeration to justify unusual efforts to build it up. The Convention having accepted the recommendation, the Board has made the appointment in accordance with the expressed desire of members, and would urge every one who desires to see the A. P. A. Exchange and Purchasing Department flourish, to co operate with the new officer, Mr. G. D. Mekeel, by sending in good stamps for exchange and applying at once for exchanges and new issues. Let us not hold back because things have not gone to suit us heretofore or until we see how they are going to go now. Let us remember this is a new deal and a new management and give it a fair trial. The new officer can do nothing unless the members come to his aid. Let us see what we can do together to succeed, and if at the end of the year we have made no improvement, we will try the plans of those who desire a division of the office with only collectors as incumbents.

As I am entering upon the duties of another term I may be pardoned one word as to personal matters. Having accepted so many honors at your hands I did not wish to appear ungrateful or I should have positively declined another term last July instead of merely expressing my desire to be allowed to retire. I fully meant what I said, for while there is no one of you all that more earnestly desires the success of the A. P. A., that would do more to make it a prosperous society, I confess that the apathy alluded to in my address may have led me to believe that others did not care for the society, and that the time at my disposal might be better devoted to promoting philately in some other direction. Numerous assurances of regret at the expression of my wish and of a desire that I should remain at my post caused me to refrain from pronouncing the farewell I had added to my address, and with the belief that the present members of the Board desires me to remain has awakened in me a new enthusiasm. I believe we have decided upon a more aggressive campaign. We want the assistance of every one of you in adding to our membership and pursuing every part of our work. The greater the number of workers the less the expense to each of time, labor and money, the greater the prospect of benefit, the greater the reward. Let us all take hold with a will and use what we have that we may have more to use.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association have organized by the election of the following officers to serve the coming year:

President, John K. Tiffany.
Vice-President, H. E. Deats.
Secretary, Alvah Davison.
Treasurer, N. W. Chandler.
International Secretary, E. Doeblin.

The following members were appointed to fill the offices mentioned:

Superintendent of Purchasing, Sale and Exchange Department, Geo. D. Mekeel.

Superintendent of Literary Exchange, Geo. N. Campbell.

Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton.
Collecting Agent, J. W. Wainwright.
Librarian, W. H. Bodine.
Literary Board, W. C. Stone, Samuel Leland, D. Rice.

Auction Agents, Chicago, S. B. Bradt, San Francisco, W. E. Loy.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

Geo. A. Miller now at Petaluma, Cal.
Paul Lazarus, 232 E. 123d St., New York City.
C. Witt, 404 East 86th street, New York.
George Cohen, Box 2092, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. W. Tallman, Lock Box 649, San Antonio.

APPLICATIONS.

CLARK, DR. E. S., 16 Geary St., San Francisco.
References: A. H. Weber, Wm. Sellschopp.

SMITH, B. TAYLOR, 2711 Howard St., St. Louis, Mo.
References: G. D. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.

DEININGER, JNO., 109 Twelfth Ave., McKeesport, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Geo. W. Rode.

GOWING, EDWARD, Medford, Mass.
References: Wm. V. D. Wettern, Jr., L. L. Green.

HALL, W. K., Peterborough, Ont.
References: E. R. Aldrich, E. Doeblin.

KELLAND, E. L. AUBURN, N. Y.
References: J. D. Rice, Samuel Leland.

KONIG, LUDWIG, 16 Metzger Platz, Strassburg, Germany.
References: C. Witt, Henry Clotz.

METCALF, C. J., Greenfield, Ill.
References: Clifford W. Kissinger, F. J. Bescher.
Guarantor: F. J. Bescher.

SUPDOFF, W. H., N. Y. Stock Exchange, N. Y. City.
References: Chas. Gregory, William Rasmus.

THOMAS, BENJ. P., Pemberton, N. J.
Reference: F. J. Bescher, E. R. Aldrich.

WOLF, SIMON, Fremont, O.
References: J. D. Rice, Jno. K. Tiffany.

BOWEN, CHAS., W. 417 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.
References: Alfred Dawson, F. E. Newbury.

JAMES, R. LOWTHER, 30 Highland St., Providence, R. I.
References: Alfred Dawson, F. E. Newbury.

WM. M. MEASEY, Ridley Park, Pa.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: B. F. Measey, Ridley Park, Pa.

F. H. BRINKMAN, Oudebrugstrey 4, Amsterdam, Holland.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BRUDER, AMBROSE F., 149 Crawford St., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, August Buckholz.

LEONARD, WM. A., 34 Moore, St., Providence, R. I.
References: F. E. Newbury, A. B. Slater, Jr.
Guarantor: Geo. E. Leonard.

RESIGNATIONS.

968 Edgar Crocker, 247 Commonwealth, Ave., Boston, Mass.

NEW MEMBERS.

BALDWIN, F. J., Coral, Mich.
COOPER, JOHN P., Red Bank, N. J.
FRISBEE, J. LEE, Oneonta, N. Y.
HAIL, S. ALLEN, Batesville, Ark.
LANE, CHAS. H., Freeport, Ill.
LUDLOW, THOS. W., Cottage Lawn, Yonkers, N. Y.
NORTON, E. Alamo, Mich.
PAYSHEK, EDW. W., 766 Antoin St., Detroit, Mich.
SHERMAN, LOUIS R., 953 Paulding St., Peekskill, N. Y.
SNELL, A. L., Bradford, Pa.
VIFQUAIN, C. J., Lincoln, Neb.

The above members will receive stockholders numbers and certificate of stock, on payment to the Treasurer of any amount due, the payments required being one dollar for one year's dues and one dollar for one share of stock.

The following resignation has been received and will be accepted thirty days from hence if no objections are received.

Leroy D. Walker, 1906 Capital Ave., Omaha, Neb.

As soon as the records and papers pertaining to this office are received by me—which will be in a few days—I shall immediately clear up any correspondence, should there have been any during the change of officers.

The Association is now on a more secure basis than at any time since its organization. With a set of officers devoted to its welfare, no dissentions whatever in the ranks, with the dues down to a merely nominal figure, a good balance in the treasury, what is there to prevent the Association from forging ahead with such strides as it has never heretofore taken? Nothing whatever except the apathy of the members, and from accounts from the convention, they never were more enthusiastic or in better trim for work than at present.

The A. P. A. has weathered the storms of seven years. It has encountered rocks and shoals which would have wrecked many a weaker craft, but they have all been passed and safely.

The charter members—and there are many of us left—recognize in the A. P. A. the father of all national societies, whose object is to advance the pursuit through collective instead of individual effort, and to attain this object the fealty of everyone interested in the pursuit should be freely offered.

Our Association has stood for years because many of its members—hundreds I believe—support it not for the benefit they can obtain, but because they recognize in the society a potent power for elevating and spreading the pursuit, and it is doing it in many unobtrusive ways.

There are still hundreds, and possibly thousands of collectors in this broad country who can be brought into the Association. The Secretary can't bring them, nor can the President or any other officer, but the members can, each doing his share.

As an additional inducement for effort in the direction of getting new members, a resolution will shortly be submitted to the Board of Directors looking to the offering of a prize of some kind to the member proposing the largest number of new members before the next convention, the presentation to be made at Niagara Falls next year.

Fellow members, let us take hold with a will! Thousands of collectors are being made in this Columbian year. Can we add hundreds to the A. P. A.?

First get application blanks, then send them to all your friends, explaining all the low dues, the various departments, conventions, etc., and we warrant there will be few who will not join with us.

Will *you* help?

ALVAH DAVISON, Secretary.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., Sept. 7, 1893.

I have not been long enough in office yet to make a formal report, but I would suggest that our members, in view of the present bright prospects of the A. P. A., make a united effort to get at least one new member each, thus doubling our membership and giving all the members the benefits which such increased membership offers. It will not be derogatory for any of our members, be he millionaire, physician, judge or attorney, to present the claims of our grand association, to such collectors who are not yet enrolled on our books. Many collectors are not fully aware of the advantages we offer and some are not even cognizant of our existence, and many of such collectors would gladly join provided some personal friend would only make the request, and I know that by a little united effort the A. P. A. will have such an increase in membership as will surpass all previous records.

Will you do your share? E. DOEBLIN.

PUBLISHER'S REPORT.

ST. LOUIS, September 13, 1893.

Our contract made with the American Philatelic Association for the publication of the *American Philatelist* expired with the publication of the August number.

The Association in Convention decided to discontinue the publication of the *American Philatelist* as a monthly, and no September number will therefore be issued. We had on hand $19.45 belonging to members of the Association for the unexpired term of their various subscriptions in amounts varying from 8c to 46c apiece. This amount has been paid to the Treasurer of the Association with a list of names and he will credit the various amounts on the next bills for dues that he sends out. This was the course recommended to us by the Association in closing out these small accounts. A large majority of the subscriptions expire at this time and there is therefore no balance.

In the new contract we have made with the Association we are to publish an official circular monthly which will be issued promptly on the 10th day of each month; the present number being late owing to the delay in receipt of copy, the *first* of the reports from the Chairman of the Literary Board having reached us on the 13th.

Mr. Alvah Davison, the Secretary, has made arrangements whereby the official circular is to be mailed direct to members from St. Louis in order that as little delay as possible may occur after it is published. All correspondence in request for sample copies of the official circular should be addressed to Secretary Davison, to whom all surplus copies are immediately sent after the circular is issued and the regular mailing list of the membership supplied.

We will state, however, for the benefit of members, that we can supply any number of the *American Philatelist* between September, '92, and August, '93, with the exception of the number for May, 1893 (Vol. VII, No. 5), at the rate of 15c. per copy; we have besides these odd numbers a few complete files which we will sell as follows:

Vol. VI. 12 numbers complete, $2.00.

Vol. VII. 8 numbers, complete to date $1.00.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. MEKEEL, Stamp & Pub. Co.,

C. H. MEKEEL, Pres. and Treas.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, 1009 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

This department is now open for business and it is hoped that all members wishing to participate in its advantages will let me hear from them. Elsewhere in the official circular will be found a few suggestions which will be interesting and instructive to all. Special attention is called to these suggestions in order to avoid any misunderstanding or dissatisfaction. I hope as many as possible will send in books of good salable stamps for sale and exchange, and those desiring exchange books sent them will make an early request in order that the circuits may be formed and the work in the department organized at as early a date as possible.

The exchange and sales department will be conducted on a *cash* basis with reasonable credit to parties who furnish good stamps for circulation. The department will advise members of the condition of their sheets from time to time before the final returns are made, so that they may know what to expect, and be governed accordingly in their purchases from other sheets. The department will make it as easy as possible for members to effect exchanges with the least cash outlay.

Particular attention will be given members who desire to purchase stamps from this department for their collections, and the department hopes to be able to supply such stamps as are wanted upon the shortest notice. Some little time will be required to get a *full line* of late issues, adhesives, cards, envelopes, etc. Many of the adhesives are to be had now, and orders can be sent in any time for stamps. The cards and envelopes, however, cannot be supplied as early as the adhesives, some time being required for the orders to be executed which I have already placed.

All parties wishing to avail themselves of the purchasing department are requested to send in a deposit of from $5.00 to $25.00, and at the same time state their wants. Arrangements are also being made for unused stamps of current issue to be supplied in the same way as the new issues, the expense to the purchaser being 10 per cent. above the gross cost to the department.

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

SUGGESTIONS TO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCHANGE AND SALES DEPARTMENT.

It will greatly facilitate the work of this department, and enhance its usefulness to all collectors, if the suggestions I am going to make are followed, both in preparing stamps for circulation in the department and in requesting selections from which to make purchases. As far as practicable the following classifications should prevail in making up books for circulation, and better results will be had than from mixed lots. Books to contain 120 stamps will be supplied by the superintendent at 10c. each, and control stamps, which will be used by parties who have removed stamps from books in circulation, can be had at 10c. per hundred. *All stamps for circulation in this department must be mounted in the above books:*

1—United States Stamps.
2—United States Revenues.
3—United States Match, Medicine and Proprietary Stamps.
4—Mexican Revenues.
5—Other Foreign Revenues.
6—British Colonials.
7—European.
8—Stamps of Different Countries.
9—Australia.
10—Asia, Africa and Oceanic.

The above classification may be taken as a suggestion for requests to be made by members wishing to *purchase* stamps from the department as well as suggestions for those who are sending stamps for sale or exchange. This ruling is not arbitrary, however, as it will often be the case that members having a limited number to exchange will have to put a number of the same kind in the same book, but as good results need not be expected as where the above classification is observed.

The pricing of stamps is an important matter in these days, when large discounts are given from catalogue prices by dealers from ordinary stamps it would be useless for members to send in ordinary common stuff priced at full catalogue prices. It would only result in disappointment to them and loss to the department to undertake the circulation of undesirable and unsaleable stuff.

The exchange manager has consulted with the Official Board and will exercise his judgment in the acceptance of stamps for circulation, and will not accept or circulate ordinary stamps that are priced too high. In pricing your stamps place your lowest cash price on them, taking into consideration that the commission of the department is 10%; then if your stamps are sold you can rely on getting satisfactory exchange of other members at correspondingly low rates, or failing to do so you will be entitled to the cash less the commission above mentioned.

The department will be run on a strictly *cash* basis, and members having a credit with the department will be notified from time to time so that they may avail themselves of the privilege of selecting stamps from other sheets before final settlement and return of their stamps is made.

All stamps taken from the books must be paid for in cash except in cases where the party has stamps in circulation and *has been advised that there is an amount due him*, and even in such cases the party must remit for any stamps he may take in excess of the credit of which he has been advised.

The old distinctions between the cash and exchange credit system of this department are hereby abolished, and the above rules will apply on all transactions.

It is the object of the department to furnish collectors a means of disposing of any stamps they have for sale or exchange at fair cash prices, and also to supply members with stamps of any of the classes enumerated above on the same terms.

Yours respectfully,
G. D. MEKEEL,
Supt. of Sales, Exchange & Purchasing Dep't.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

This department is intended to provide quick and easy means of obtaining all newly issued stamps, envelopes and postal cards at 10 per cent over cost. Any member of the American Philatelic Association is entitled to participate in this department by making his wants known to the purchasing agent and depositing a sum of money not less than $5.00 nor to exceed $25.00 with his application. New issues of the kinds and countries that he may require will be sent him from time to time and charged to his account. As soon as the first credit has been exhausted he will be given an opportunity to renew his deposit; in no case will members be entitled to participate in this department who have not first made the necessary cash deposit, neither will more than three pieces of any single specimen be furnished the same member.

The department has given orders for all new issues, and has already on hand a number of newly issued stamps.

The purchasing agent will also undertake to supply all unused stamps of current issue of any country upon the same terms. In this case there will sometimes be delay on account of having to order them of the various post offices, as they may not be in stock at all times.

Yours respectfully,
G. D. MEKEEL,
Supt. Sales, Exchange and Purchasing Dept.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 14 Court street, Northampton, Mass.

September 3, 1893.

I have received no new claims during the month of August and have made no collections.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 6, 1893.

There have been no accessions since my last report.

Mr. W. H. Bodine, the newly appointed librarian will have charge of this department after this date but the library will remain in the room adjoining my office where it has been, and to save Mr. Bodine the trouble of transfering matter from his office to this all contributions may be directed to me until further notice. Very truly,

H. E. DEATS.

LITERARY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Dr. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

No report received.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E. A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Summer St., Boston Mass.

No report received.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENTS.

S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No report received.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., September, 1893.

The attention of the officers of the association is called to the fact that hereafter all monthly reports must be sent to the Chairman of the Board not later than the second day of each month in order to insure their insertion in the next number of the Official Circular. It is to be hoped that every officer will make some kind of a report each month whether the amount of business transacted by his department is much or little. By keeping the department before the members they will possibly be induced to participate in its workings. Standing headings will be run each month and the absence of a report will be a self-evident fact that the officer is not attending to his duty for if no business has been transacted the members should be appealed to take hold and not let the department drop into obscurity.

Resident Vice-Presidents are earnestly requested to comply with the requirements of the last paragraph of Article VII, Section 11.

Auction Agents will be expected to call attention to coming sales in their districts and to solicit bids for the same.

As the By-Laws require the publication of the membership list in the annual number of the *American Philatelist* it will be impossible to issue that paper until the renewal season is over. Upon consultation with our President the Literary Board have come to the decision that it will be best to defer its publication to some time about Christmas, when it will be possible to issue a full list of members and to gather suitable literary matter to make it a creditable publication.

The time is now at hand for the renewal of our memberships and all members are requested and urged not to put this matter off but to remit one dollar to our treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill., who is the proper officer to attend to this work under our revised by-laws. Don't neglect this.

One of the most important departments of our work was sadly neglected by the members last year. We refer to the purchasing of new issues of stamps at 10 per cent over their face value. We call attention to the report of our new agent and urge our members to send in their deposits. Many stamps secured through this department in the past by the editor have more than saved the amount of the annual dues for a year through the unexpected rise in the price of the stamps. Take for instance the 3½ fr provisional of Congo. This stamp cost through the department 77 cents

and is now listed in Scott at $2.00. Try the department and we are satisfied you will not be disappointed.

Yours respectfully,

W. C. STONE,
Chairman.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Friday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, F. C. Velslage.

For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address Henry Clotz, Box 3489, New York City.

126TH REGULAR MEETING, HELD AUGUIT 18, 1893.

Present: seven members and one visitor, Mr. W. T. Wilson from Birmingham.

Mr. Lienhardt proposes Mr. Fred Gouthman which was referred to the Executive Committee.

The same committee reported favorably on Mr. A. W. Dunning and Mr. W. S. Marshall and they were admitted to membership.

Mr. Watson presented the society with No. 110, 111 of the *Postal Card*.

Mr. Bernichon sends a fine lot of excellent counterfeits for the Album, also a few other counterfeits from a friend of the society.

Mr. Houston sends his photograph.

It was voted that the donors be thanked.

The President made a speech of welcome to the guest of the evening, who replied in the same friendly spirit.

Mr. Wilson exhibited a magnificent collection of rare stamps.

Next meeting Friday, Sept. 15, 1893.

J. W. SCOTT, Secretary pro tem.

Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, A. P. A.

Regular meetings held the third Tuesday of each month, 8 o'clock, at 49 Fifth avenue, Pittsburg, Pa.

Special meeting held Tuesday evening, Aug. 8.

Nine members and one visitor were present.

The following nominations for officers of the "A. P. A." were approved:

President, John K. Tiffany, of Mo.
Vice-President, W. C. Vanderlip, of Mass.
Secretary, Alvah Davison, of N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. Chandler, of Ill.
International Sec'y, E. Doeblin, of Penn.
Trustees, Henry Clotz, A. R. Rogers and Geo. H. Watson.

The following recommendations for appointment were approved:

Supt. of Sales and Exchanges, R. F. Albrecht.
Supt. of Int. Sales and Exchanges, Jos. Rechert.
Literary Exchange Sup., Dr. Geo. W. Campbell.
Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton.
Examiner of Exchanges, R. Wuesthoff.
First Purchasing Agent, C. P. Krauth.
Second Purchasing Agent, C. Witt.
Auction Agent, New York, J. W. Scott.
Auction Agent, Chicago, S. B. Bradt.
Auction Agent, San Francisco, W. A. Cooper.
Collecting Agent, J. A. Wainwright.
Librarian, H. E. Deats.
Literary Board, The Present Board.

Place of next convention, first choice, Niagara Falls, second choice, Washington, D. C.

It was voted that the Branch purchase one share of the stock of the "A. P. A."

Mr. E. Doeblin, was elected delegate to the convention for the Branch.

The following resolutions were adopted.

That it is the sense of this meeting that the publication of the *American Philatelist* at the expense and risk of the Association is not advisable, but that some arrangement similar to that suggested by Mr. Mekeel in his circular letter be entered into.

Regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening, August 15th.

Six members were present and two visitors. Routine business only was transacted, the coming convention was discussed.

A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—OCTOBER, 1893.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
Secretary, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 26th, 1893.

As the by laws of our Association provide that the Vice-President shall perform the President's duties only when he is unable to attend to them, I fail to see the need of a report, and am at a loss what to report on in the way of official business. The only possible way to have my name in the OFFICIAL CIRCULAR each month seems to be to note a few items of philatelic interest.

For several months past I have been studying the 5c. red Petersburg, Va., 1861. But little has been done towards noting the varieties of this stamp, a typeset provisional, and one of the most interesting ones issued by the postmasters that year in the Confederate States. I will be glad if all collectors (and dealers also) who have specimens of this stamp will send them to me for examination during the month of December, *and not until then*, as I shall be away from home until the first of that month.

Unsevered pairs and specimens showing the parts of the adjoining stamp are especially desirable.

Very truly,
H. E. DEATS,
Vice-President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

Capt. Jas. F. Pilcher, Fort Niagara, Youngstown, N. Y.

C. Witt, 304 East 86th street, New York City.

A. G. Gardner, 6 Bergholt Crescent, Stamford Hill, N. London, England.

APPLICATIONS.

TOWNLEY, F. M., Sayreville, N. J.
References: J. D. Rice, H. E. Deats.
Guarantor: N. M. Townley, Sr.

GAERTNER, DR. FREDERICK, 3519 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, August Buchholtz.

WARING, CHARLES, Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn.
References: S. B. Boyd, P. M. Wolseiffer.

LENTZ, CHAS. A., Minerva, Ohio.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

FRICK, WILLIAM, 513 Sheridan, Ave., Pittsburg.
References: E. Doeblin, Adam E. Daum.

SMITH, J. WALTER, Noble, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: J. D. Smith.

DOHERTY, ARCHIE L., 1130 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
References: F. J. Bescher, E. R. Aldrich.

AVALOS, JUAN DE D., Durango, Mexico.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BATTISTE, REV. ALEXANDER, Port-au-Prince, Hayti.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BIERMANN, F. H., 67 Public Square, Room 2, Cleveland, Ohio.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BRUCK, HENRY T., Mt. Savage, Maryland.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

GUNTER, JOHN EDMUND, No. 15 North St., Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

HANNA, H. W., 114 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

KATT, REV. H., 630 Poplar St., Terre Haute.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

EVANS, W. R., Colon, Colombia.

References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

REUTERSKIOLD, BARON A. DE, Brilliancourt, Duchy, Switzerland.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

SANCHEZ, ANTONIO, A., P. O. Box 838, City of Mexico, Mex.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

VAN RIET, FRANCOIS, Borgerhout, Antwerp, Belgium.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

21 STEIN, S. G., M. D., Muscatine, Iowa.
315 LANG, LEWIS M., 513 McMechen St., Bato, Ind.
325 DEMLAND, WILLIAM, 220 S. Main St., Findlay, O.
500 GROVE, E. M., 48th St., & A. V. Ry., Pittsburg, Pa.
501 FRICK, GEORGE, 513 Sheridan Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
502 COHEN, GEORGE, Box 2092, Philadelphia, Pa.
503 FOWLER, HENRY ADES, 29 Shannon St., Toronto, Ont.
504 CLARK, DR. E. S., 16 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal.
505 SMITH, B. TAYLOR, 2711 Howard St., St. Louis, Mo.
506 DEININGER, JNO., 109 Twelfth Ave., McKeepsport, Pa.
507 GOWING, EDWARD, Medford, Mass.
508 HALL, W. K., Peterborough, Ont.
509 KELLAND, E. L., Auburn, N. Y.
510 KONIG, LUDWIG, 16 Metzger Platz, Strassburg, Germany.
511 METCALF, C. J., Greenfield, Ill.
512 SUPDOFF, W. H., N. Y. Stock Exchange, N. Y. City.
513 THOMAS, BENJ. P., Pemberton, N. J.
514 WOLF, SIMON, Fremont, O.
515 BOWEN, CHAS., W. 417 Westminster St., Providence, R. I.
516 JAMES, R. LOWTHER, 30 Highland St., Providence, R. I.
517 WM. M. MEASEY, Ridley Park, Pa.
518 F. H. BRINKMAN, Ouderbugstrey 4, Amsterdam, Holland.
519 BRUDER, AMBROSE F., 149 Crawford St., Pittsburg, Pa.
520 LEONARD, WM. A., 34 Moore, St., Providence, R. I.

The following resignations having been previously published are now accepted:

221 Edgar Crocker.
240 Leroy D. Walker.
21 Geo. T. Rockwell.
325 C. F. Plesse.
315 Victor H. Huberick.

The following resignations have been received and will be accepted thirty days hence if no objections are received.

115 Richard C. Fagan.
432 A. H. R. Schmidt.
313 Fritz Dolling, Jr.

I have notified the different appointive officers of their selection by the Board of Directors, and requesting that they notify me of their acceptance of the various offices to which they were appointed.

I have had replies from the following parties accepting office:

Superintendent of Purchasing, Sale and Exchange Department, Geo. D. Mekeel.

Superintendent of Literary Exchange, Geo. N. Campbell.

Librarian, W. H. Bodine.

Literary Board, Samuel Leland, D. Rice.

Auction Agents, Chicago, S. B. Bradt; San Francisco, W. E. Loy.

Leaving still to be heard from:

Literary Board, W. C. Stone.

Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton.

Collecting Agent, J. W. Wainwright.

In pursuance to a resolution passed at the Chicago convention I have notified all officers that their monthly reports should be sent to Mr. W. C. Stone, to reach him not later than the second day of the month. Respectfully,

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance July 31st	$ 63 90	
Dues to September 30th	28 84	
Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., unexpired subscriptions to *American Philatelist*	19 45	$112 19

EXPENDITURES.

Rent of Hall for Convention, August, 1893	$ 20 00
Cash balance September 30th	$ 92 19

STOCK FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance July 31, 1893	$140 00
M. F. Walton, Sect., August 10th	16 00
Stock subscriptions to September 30th	25 00
	$181 00

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.
Collinsville, Ills., September 30, 1893.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The only work I have done so far was writing a letter to the "Frankfurt Philatelic Society," in regard of the "Verlrauliches Korrespondeuz Blatt." I wish my fellow directors or members of the American Philatelic Association, would give me pointers what I could do for the benefit of the society. E. DOBELIN.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. LOUIS, September 30, 1893.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, 1009 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

My report not having reached members until after the 15th of last month, it is not surprising that I have but little business to report.

I have received 41 books of stamps for the Sales Department, 14 of which were sent me by

the former Exchange Manager, he having received them too late for circulation, the gross value of the 41 books is $1,514 40. These books are all in circulation and I am glad to report that I have been able to supply all demands made upon me for books so far, excepting some requests for special United States and British North America. I would urge members to read the suggestions printed in this OFFICIAL CIRCULAR very carefully.

The demand for books and control stamps has been as follows:

67 books	$6 70
900 control stamps	90
	$7 60

In ordering control stamps and books members are requested to remit cash with order in all cases. 10c. for each book, and 10c. per 100 for control stamps. I will not send these with bills, as often requested, as I do not want to be bothered in keeping these petty accounts. In answer to several inquiries will say that the books and control stamps issued by the former Exchange Manager are of course accepted by me. Thus far only two branches, those of Pittsburgh and San Francisco, have requested books for circulation, all other requests were from individual members; I should like to have requests from other branch societies.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

New issues have been received from the following countries:

Portugal, Bolivia, Venezuela, Hawaii, Shanghai, Brazil, Belgium, Mexico and Egypt.

Deposits have been received from the following members:

W. A. MacCalla	$ 5 00
Wm. R. Baird	10 00
Alfred L. Becher	10 00
Lawrence Barr	25 00

To make this department a success I must have liberal patronage as new issues have been ordered from every country, and I urge members to make their deposits, stating what stamps they require, as early as possible.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

SUGGESTIONS TO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCHANGE AND SALES DEPARTMENT.

It will greatly facilitate the work of this department, and enhance its usefulness to all if the members following suggestions are followed, both in preparing stamps for circulation in the department and in requesting selections from which to make purchases. As far as practicable the following classifications should prevail in making up books for circulation, and better results will be had than from mixed lots. Books to contain 120 stamps will be supplied by the superintendent at 10c. each, and control stamps, which will be used by parties who have removed stamps from books in circulation, can be had at 10c. per hundred. *All stamps for circulation in this department must be mounted in the above books:*

1—United States Stamps.
2—United States Revenues.
3—United States Match, Medicine and Proprietary Stamps.
4—Mexican Revenues.
5—Other Foreign Revenues.
6—British Colonials.
7—European.
8—Stamps of Different Countries.
9—Australia.
10—Asia, Africa and Oceanic.

The above classification may be taken as a suggestion for requests to be made by members wishing to *purchase* stamps from the department as well as suggestions for those who are sending stamps for sale or exchange. This ruling is not arbitrary.

The pricing of stamps is an important matter in these days, when large discounts are given from catalogue prices by dealers from ordinary stamps it would be useless for members to send in common stuff priced at full catalogue prices. It would only result in disappointment to them and loss to the department to undertake the circulation of undesirable and unsaleable stuff.

The exchange manager has consulted with the Official Board and will exercise his judgment in the acceptance of stamps for circulation, and will not accept or circulate ordinary stamps or those that are priced too high. In pricing your stamps place your lowest cash price on them, taking into consideration that the commission of the department is 10%; then if your stamps are sold you can rely on getting satisfactory exchange of other members at correspondingly low rates, or failing to do so you will be entitled to the cash less the commission.

The department will be run on a strictly *cash* basis, and members having a credit with the department will be notified from time to time so that they may avail themselves of the privilege of selecting stamps from other sheets before final settlement and return of their stamps is made.

All stamps taken from the books must be paid for in cash except in cases where the party has stamps in circulation and *has been advised that there is an amount due him*, and even in such cases the party must remit for any stamps he may take in excess of the credit of which he has been advised.

The old distinctions between the cash and exchange credit system of this department are hereby abolished, and the above rules will apply on all transactions.

It is the object of the department to furnish collectors a means of disposing of any stamps they have for sale or exchange at fair cash prices, and also to supply members with stamps of any of the classes enumerated above on the same terms.

Yours respectfully,
G. D. MEKEEL,
Supt. of Sales, Exchange & Purchasing Dep't.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

This department is intended to provide quick and easy means of obtaining all newly issued stamps, envelopes and postal cards at 10 per cent over cost to the department. This *cost* is often a little over *face* value on account of the commission paid foreign agents, postage, etc. Any member of the American Philatelic As-

sociation is entitled to participate in this department by making his wants known to the purchasing agent and depositing a sum of money not less than $5.00 nor to exceed $50.00 with his application. New issues of the kinds and countries that he may require will be sent him from time to time and charged to his account. As soon as the first credit has been exhausted he will be given an opportunity to renew his deposit; in no case will members be entitled to participate in this department who have not first made the necessary cash deposit, neither will more than three pieces of any single specimen be furnished the same member.

The department has given orders for all new issues, and has already on hand a number of newly issued stamps.

The purchasing agent will also undertake to supply all unused stamps of current issue of any country upon the same terms. In this case there will sometimes be delay on account of having to order them of the various post offices, as they may not be in stock at all times.

Yours respectfully,
G. D. MEKEEL.
Supt. Sales, Exchange and Purchasing Dept.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 14 Court street, Northampton, Mass.

No report received.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 25, 1893.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian.

Since the last report I have received the following from Mr. E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minn.

No. 13. Circulars of the Dealer's Protective Association.

No. 14. Constitution and Rules of the Philadelphia Section of the Dresden Society.

No. 15. Constitution of the Australian Philatelic Society.

No. 16. Miscellaneous lot of seven pieces including the Constitution and By-Laws of the Philatelic Society of America.

A copy of number 27 of the *Stamp World* of Cincinnati, Ohio, is needed.

W. H. BODINE,
Librarian.

LITERARY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., October 3, 1893.

Dr. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

I have received three lists of papers which I have sent to members requesting them and have also received letters from two others asking for lists with which I was unable to comply. I have also been asked to see if any one has a copy of the London Society's "Stamps of British North America," for sale and price of same and copies of Nos. 1 and 4, Vol. I, *Philatelic Journal of American* and prices.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E. A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

No report received.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENTS.

S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No report received.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., October 3d, 1893.

I again desire to call the attention of the different officers to the new regulation that all reports should be sent to me for publication. Our publisher informs me that it is necessary for him to receive the copy from me by the fifth of the month to insure promptness in publishing the tenth as is our desire. Therefore it is absolutely necessary that reports should be in my hands not later than the second of each month. Last month nearly every report was delayed and I was unable to forward them to Mr. Mekeel until about the time the CIRCULAR should have been issued. At the present date only six reports are at hand and as a consequence the CIRCULAR will again be delayed. Please see to it that it does not happen in the future.

As will be seen by the report in another column the purchasing agent has already begun to receive new issues and members should at once send in their deposits if they desire to receive them regularly. Full regulations will be found in the last number of this CIRCULAR. There is no department which can be of more benefit to the members than this if it is properly supported and in charge of the proper person.

A title page and index to the *American Philatelist* will be issued as soon as the annual number is ready. In order that the list of members may be as complete as possible this will not appear until about December.

The index to philatelic periodicals which was commenced some time since has not progressed as rapidly as it should on account of the other duties of the editor not permitting him to give proper attention to it. He is now prepared to devote himself to it and if possible will try and have it ready for publication by the last of next year. All those who are willing to assist in the work are requested so notify him of the papers they have and which they will index. Instruc-

tions will then be sent and if responses come in in sufficient quantity there is no reason why the work cannot be published as above stated.

We recommend to our brother officers that they each of them supply themselves with stationery bearing the seal of the association. It will seem more business-like than to receive a letter written on paper bearing the business card of Tom, Dick & Harry, dealers in this, that and the other thing.

Our library has received a few additions it will be seen by consulting the report submitted this month. Now keep it up and make Mr Bodine send in a longer list next and each succeeding month. We propose to do our share and will see to it that a good sized Christmas offering goes to Flemington.

Two Resident Vice-Presidents send in reports this month and we trust the rest will wake up and do likewise in the future. By our by-laws reports should be made at least quarterly but thus far very few have attended to their duty.

Only eighteen applications this month. That is not half enough and we trust that our members will hustle around and do better next time. We must have those thousand members before we meet at Niagara next year.

WILLIAM C STONE.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Pittsburg Branch of American Philatelic Association is in good working order, holds its meetings regularly every month and is prospering. The members are waiting for exchange books to take stamps for their collections. Since the last convention I have sent four applications for membership to our society. E. DOERLIN.

Pittsburg, Pa.

The St. Louis Branch of the American Philatelic Association has not been in perfect order since the Exchange Department was under Mr. Clotz. A meeting has been called for a date early in November, during the time Vice-President Deats will be in the city, and it will serve as a reception to him as well as furnish an opportunity to thoroughly reorganize the branch in this city. We hope to add many new members and to get an exchange branch in good working order.

C. H. MEKEEL.

St. Louis, Mo., October 2, 1893.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Friday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, F. C. Vehslage.

For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address to Henry Clotz, Box 3489, New York City.

127TH REGULAR MEETING, HELD SEPT. 29, 1893.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8:15 P. M., with the following members present: Messrs. Aug. Dejonge, Henry Clotz, R. F. Albrecht, Oscar Dejonge, J. O. Hobby, Henry Obert, Mrs. Albrecht, Hugo Kessler and F. C. Vehslage.

There were present as guests Miss Katie Albrecht and Mr. Alfred Richter.

The minutes of the 126th regular meeting were read, and after correcting an error by adding Mr. Levick's name to the list of those being present, they were adopted.

Mr. F. Gouthman's application was withdrawn.

A communicat on was read inviting us to attend the first convention of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, to be held September 13th.

The secretary was instructed to reply expressing regrets that the invitation came too late for us to send a delegate.

A communication was read from Paul Wilkendorf, Magdeburg, Germany, offering to exchange current stamps of Germany and Austria for United States Columbians. This and all such offers are declined by the society.

Mr. Watson presents the society with No. 112 of the *Postal Card*.

Messrs. Ashcroft and Ogden present Vol. 1 complete of the *Long Island Philatelist*.

Mr. Witt presents some good Lubeck counterfeits.

Mr. Aldrich also sends some counterfeits for the society's album.

Mr. Stone sends a complete issue of the currency issued by the Hancock Sewing Machine Co., used during the year 1862.

Mr. Willet sends 1 hoto.

Upon motion they were accepted and a unanimous vote of thanks tendered the donors.

Upon motion of Mr. Albrecht, seconded by Mr. Clotz, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the 19th of next March will be the 10th anniversary of the organization of this society.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner.

Messrs. Clotz, Albrecht and Benary were appointed as a committe with power.

Mr Albrecht exhibits an unknown, uncatalogued variety of the 1868 issue of Mexico, blue or pink, which reads 85 instead of 25 cents.

Some United States stamps sent by Mr. Ginn were exhibited and will be circulated among the members. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

Next meeting October 20, 1893.

F. C. VEHSLAGE, Sec'y.

FOREIGN MEMBERS NOTICE.

At the last convention the rules of the Association were changed requiring all members to be stockholders and to pay $1.00 annual dues. All foreign members now in good standing, on payment of $1.00 dues for the current year will be entitled to receive a stock certificate free.

Remittances should be made to

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.,
Collinsville, Ill., U. S. A.

Oct. 9, 1893.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—NOVEMBER, 1893.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
Secretary, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

123 Paul Gewelke, Wilhelmstrasse 17, Berlin, S. W. Germany.
463 Georges Carion, Box 2457, San Francisco, Cal. (From Paris, France).
479 Chas. Kress, 117 Dare St., Cleveland, O.
330 Jos M. Shinkle, 2915 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
320 D. E. Hazen, Thonotosassa, Fla.
338 Max A. Arnold, Room 18, Tribune Building, Scranton, Pa.
512 W. H. Supdoff, should be W. H. Sussdorff.

The following members have been assigned new numbers as given, instead of those previously published.

521 A. C. Hagensick, Elkader, Iowa.
522 H. D. Howell, Jr., Middleton, Del.
523 Luther B. Tuthill, South Creek, N. C.
524 S. G. Stein, Muscatine, Iowa.
525 Lewis M. Lang, 513 McMechin St., Baltimore, Md.
526 Wm. Demland, Findlay, O.

APPLICATIONS.

BIXBY, FRED M., Brockton, Mass.
References: E. H. Remington, Chas. E. Wade.

BOYNTON, G. E., 926 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.
References: Bruce V. Jenkins, Alvah Davison.

FICHTNER, WM., 61 East 4th St., New York City.
References: C. Witt, Henry Clotz.

FISCHER, PHILIPP J., 53 William St., Allegheny, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, August Buckholtz.

WINEHURST, LOUIS, 103 Park Ave., Baltimore, Md.
References: A. Lohmeyer, Wm. Nichlas, Jr.

MILLER, EDW. Y., 309 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

WILCOX, GAYLORD S., Avenue House, Evanston, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
Guarantor: Geo. S. Wilcox.

RHODES, GODFREY W., 146 Downer Pl., Aurora, Ill.
References: C. P. Krauth, E. Doeblin.

BROWN, F. E., 323 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
References: C. H. Mekeel, Alvah Davison.

BATCHELDER, A. W., 323 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
References: C. H. Mekeel, Alvah Davison.

SCHMIDT, J. W. M., 216 S. 6th St., Springfield, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
Guarantor: Mrs. F. G. Schmidt.

ULMAN, JACOB A., 5 East Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.
References: Bruce V. Jenkins, Alvah Davison.

GOERNER, W. F., 20 Warren St., Providence, R. I.
References: F. E. Newburry, Howard K. Sanderson.

KATZENBERGER, GEO. A., 48 Reaper Block, Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

KRAUTH, G. E., 326 42d St., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, C. P. Krauth.

NEWLIN, B. NEWLIN, Newport, Del.
References: Alvah Davison, Henry Gremmel.

HUGHES, C. A., Altoona, Pa.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
DAVIS, JOSEPH S., Colorado Springs, Colorado.
Guarantor: Joseph Davis, 1209 Logan Ave., Denver, Colo.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
WALKER, F. ARTHUR, Falmouth, Mass.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
BABCOCK, WM. J., 633 Vinton St., Toledo, Ohio.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
HALL, HENRY W., 33 Canterbury Road, Croydon, England.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
SCOTT, ALEXANDER, Asst. Chief Draftsman's Division, United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
LOCKE, DR. ROBERT D., 3000 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
BERIC, GEORGE, Belgrad, Servia.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
SCHMIDT, JOSUA, Ohligs b. Solingen, Germany.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
WOODS, PHILIP STANLEY, U. S. Vice Consul, Regent St., Belize, British Honduras.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
HANLEY, FRANCIS, % H. W. Ladd and Co., Providence, R. I.
Guarantor: C. R Merrill.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
TOCCOS, MICHEL D., Cavalla, Turkey.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
SOLOMON, N. STAFFORD, P. O. Box 174, Nassau N. P., Bahamas.
Guarantor: J. Stafford Solomon.
References: C. H. and G. D Mekeel.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive a certificate of stock on payment of dues to the Treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

527 JACOBSON, ALBERT L. 356½ Prospect Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
528 BEARD, JOE F., Muscatine, Iowa.
529 WILCOX, HORACE W., 77 Hough Ave., Cleveland, O.
530 BALDWIN, F. J., Coral, Mich.
531 FRISBEE, J. LEE, Oneonta, N. Y.
532 HAIL, S. ALLEN, Batesville, Ark.
533 LUDLOW, THOS. W., Cottage Lawn, Yonkers, N. Y.
534 NORTON, E., Alamo, Mich.
535 PAYSHEK, EDW. W., 766 St. Antom St., Detroit, Mich.
536 LANE, CHAS. H., Freeport, Ill.
537 TOWNLEY, F. M., Sayreville, N. J.
538 DOHERTY, ARCHIE L., 1130 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
539 LENTZ, CHAS. A., Minerva, Ohio.
540 COE, WM. S., 595 Webster Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
541 AVALOS, JUAN DE D., Durango, Mexico.
542 BATTISTE, REV. ALEXANDER, Port-au-Prince, Hayti.
543 GUNTER, JOHN E., 15 North St., Kingston, Jamaica. W. I.
544 EVANS, W. R., Cajilla, 99, Colon, Colombia.
545 REUTERSKIOLD, BARON A. DE, Brilliancourt, Duchy, Switzerland.
546 SANCHEZ, ANTONIO, A., Box 838, City of Mexico, Mex.
547 VAN RIET, FRANCOIS, Borgerhout, Antwerp, Belgium.

The following resignations having been previously published are now accepted:
115 Richard C. Fagan.
432 A. H. R. Schmidt.
313 Fritz Dolling, Jr.

The following resignations have been received and will be accepted thirty days from hence if no objections are received.
121 John Bopp, New York City.
299 K. M. Ekstrom, Stockholm, Sweden.

I desire to call the attention of the members to Art. II, Sec. 6, of the By-Laws wherein it states that "any member in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Association." The intent of this is that every resignation should be accompanied with the stock certificate of the member resigning.

The secretary has on hand each month a number of the OFFICIAL CIRCULARS and a few copies of these he will be glad to furnish to any member who can put them to good use in gaining recruits. The circular showing the various departments of the Association with the officer's reports will be found very valuable for the purpose stated. Try a few among your friends, sending with it an application blank.

All applicants who have not already paid their dues and stock in full, are requested to do so at once in order to have their names appear in the new list of members which will be compiled in a short time and appear in the annual *American Philatelist*.

No name can appear along the list of members unless the party is fully paid and in possession of a certificate of stock in the Association. Applicants who have only made one payment are requested to settle with the treasurer at once, otherwise their names will not appear in the list mentioned.

ALVAH DAVISON.
Secretary.

AN APPLICATION BLANK

Is enclosed and forwarded with each copy of the circular this month, and I earnestly request that every member of the Association will endeavor to have it filled out with the name of an applicant and forwarded to me. Few are so situated but what they know of one collector who is not a member, and who could be brought in by a little missionary work. Will you try just for once if you cannot send in one new name? Only one from each of the present members would give the Association over one thousand members, a point which we have long been striving for. Some of the members are always hard at work in getting new names, and great credit is due them for their labors, but I now ask of every one that an effort be made to place one new member to your credit. Will you try?

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance September 30th	$ 82 19	
Dues received to October 31st	149 70	$231 83

EXPENDITURES.

Warrant No. 90, Printing	$ 10 70	
Warrant No. 91, M. T. Walton, Expenses to Convention	60 00	
Unexpired subscriptions to *American Philatelist* returned to subscribers	19 45	90 15
Cash balance October 31, 1893		$141 74

STOCK FUND.

Balance September 30th	$487 00
Stock subscriptions, October	17 00
	$504 00

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

Collinsville, Ills., September 30, 1893.

As will be seen by the above report, only a minority of the members have remitted their dues for the current year. Those members who have omitted to do so will please give their early attention thereto.

The bills have been sent out and it is desired to save the Association the expense of sending reminders that they are over due; quite a number of new members have also failed to remit their dues for the current year. The stock certificates are in the hands of the Treasurer and will be mailed on receipt of the amount of dues.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I have received a supply of subscription blanks for the "*Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*." As this publication is of a confidential nature every person desiring to subscribe for the same is required to sign a contract not to reveal its contents to any other person. The subscription price is 75 cents per year. Members of the A. P. A. desiring to subscribe will be sent prospectus and form of contract upon request to me.

E. DOEBLIN.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. LOUIS, October 31, 1893.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, 1009 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

During the month of October I received 65 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was $1,565 89

Previously acknowledged, 41 books, gross value 1,514 40

Making a total of $3,080 20

These books are now all in circulation and sales are very good from such books as contain desirable stamps at reasonable prices. I have been able thus far to supply all demands made upon me for books and further patronage of this department is solicited from the membership.

The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of October are as follows:

68 books	$6 80	
2,900 Control Stamps	2 90	$ 9 70
Sales previously acknowledged		7 60
Total		$17 30

In ordering control stamps and blank books members are requested to remit cash with order in all cases, 10 cents for each book and 10 cents per 100 for control stamps; I open no small accounts and therefore have to decline to charge small items of this kind.

Thus far four branches have participated in this department, those of Springfield, Philadelphia, St. Louis and San Francisco. I understand that others are forming.

To the classification mentioned in the standing suggestions to members which will be found in this circular I have added No. 11, that of new issues. Parties desiring newly issued stamps will be supplied by this department although at an advanced price over that charged through the Purchasing Department. Those who patronize the Purchasing Department for new issues, making their deposits in advance, naturally receive an advantage, getting the stamps at 10 per cent. above actual cost, while the new issues sent out through the Sales Department provide for a fair profit, but still the stamps are much cheaper than they can be bought as a rule from the trade.

I hope that all members of the Association will read carefully my suggestions to members and profit thereby.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Additional new issues have been received from the following countries: Portugal, Bolivia, Venezuela, Hawaii, Belgium and Egypt.

New issues have also been received from Hayti, Montenegro, Cavalla, Port Lagos and Dedeagh, in some of these cases the quantity received was small and a new supply has been ordered.

Advices have been received of a new stamp for British Central Africa and a supply has been ordered.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of October:

Dr. John Cabot	$ 8 70	
Dr. Henry Tuck	5 00	
Thos. W. Ludlow	10 50	
Emil. Mayer	20 00	
Henry Grossman	5 00	
W. C. Stone	5 00	
A. Dawson	10 00	
Edw H. Buehler	15 00	
W. R. Baird, balance	46	$ 70 66
Amount previously acknowledged		50 00
Total		$129 66

In the early part of November I received some very good remittances for this department which will of course show in the November report.

I urge members to take advantage of the opportunity here offered to secure stamps lower than they can buy them elsewhere.

Orders have been sent to all parts of the world and we will soon be in receipt of every newly issued stamp as soon as it is on sale and in some cases before they are offered to the public; send in your deposits and orders at once.

G. D. MEKEEL.
Superintendent.

SUGGESTIONS TO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCHANGE AND SALES DEPARTMENT.

As far as practicable the following classifications should prevail in making up books for circulation, and better results will be had than from mixed lots. Books to contain 120 stamps will be supplied by the superintendent at 10c. each, and control stamps, which will be used by parties who have removed stamps from books in circulation, can be had at 10c. per hundred. *All stamps for circulation in this department must be mounted in the above books:*

1—United States Stamps.
2—United States Revenues.
3—United States Match, Medicine and Propriety Stamps.
4—Mexican Revenues.
5—Other Foreign Revenues.
6—British Colonials.
7—European.
8—Stamps of Different Countries.
9—Australia.
10—Asia, Africa and Oceanic.
11—New Issues.

The above classification may be taken as a suggestion for requests to be made by members wishing to *purchase* stamps from the department as well as suggestions for those who are sending stamps for sale or exchange. This ruling is not arbitrary.

The pricing of stamps is an important matter in these days, when large discounts are given from catalogue prices by dealers from ordinary stamps it would be useless for members to send in common stuff priced at full catalogue prices. It would only result in disappointment to them and loss to the department to undertake the circulation of undesirable and unsaleable stuff.

The exchange manager will exercise his judgment in the acceptance of stamps for circulation, and will not accept or circulate ordinary stamps or those that are priced too high. In pricing your stamps place your lowest cash price on them, taking into consideration that the commission of the department is 10%; then if your stamps are sold you can rely on getting satisfactory exchange of other members at correspondingly low rates, or failing to do so you will be entitled to the cash less the commission.

The department will be run on a strictly *cash* basis, and members having a credit with the department will be notified from time to time so that they may avail themselves of the privilege of selecting stamps from other sheets before final settlement and return of their stamps is made.

All stamps taken from the books must be paid for in cash except in cases where the party has stamps in circulation and *has been advised that there is an amount due him*, and even in such cases the party must remit for any stamps he may take in excess of the credit of which he has been advised.

It is the object of the department to furnish collectors a means of disposing of any stamps they have for sale or exchange at fair cash prices, and also to supply members with stamps of any of the classes enumerated above on the same terms.

Yours respectfully,
G. D. MEKEEL,
Supt. of Sales, Exchange & Purchasing Dep't.

PURCHASIHG DEPARTMENT.

This department is intended to provide quick and easy means of obtaining all newly issued stamps, envelopes and postal cards at 10 per cent over cost to the department. The *cost* is often a little over *face* value on account of the commission paid foreign agents, postage, etc. Any member of the American Philatelic Association is entitled to participate in the department by making his wants known to the purchasing agent and depositing a sum of money not less than $5.00 nor to exceed $50.00 with his application. New issues of the kinds and countries that he may require will be sent him from time to time and charged to his account. As soon as the first credit has been exhausted he will be given an opportunity to renew his deposit; in no case will members be entitled to participate in this department who have not first made the necessary cash deposit, neither will more than three pieces of any single specimen be furnished the same member.

The department has given orders for all new issues, and has already on hand a number of newly issued stamps.

The purchasing agent will also undertake to supply all unused stamps of current issue of any country upon the same terms. In this case there will sometimes be delay on account of having to order them of the various post offices, as they may not be in stock at all times.

Yours respectfully,
G. D. MEKEEL,
Supt. Sales, Exchange and Purchasing Dept.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

G. B. Calman, 299 Pearl St., New York, N. Y.

J. O. Hobby, 112 Washington St., New York, N. Y.

(The Literary Board have not as yet received any communication from the Trustees concerning their organization, but if any of our members have business with them they can address any individual member of the Board and it will no doubt be given due attention).

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 14 Court street, Northampton, Mass.

I report as follows for the months of September and October.

Number of claims received	42
Amount	$257 73
Number of claims collected	3
Amount	$9 35

Others are in process of settlement and I will report on them next month. My report for September was omitted by reason of my absence while attending the World's Fair.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent, A. P. A.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian, Flemington, N. J.

A considerable number of donations have been received, but owing to the absence of Mr. H. E. Deats, in whose office the library is now arranged, I have not been able to check them up. They will be reported next month.

Yours respectfully,
W. H. BODINE,
Oct. 31, 1893. Librarian.

LITERARY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Dr. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

During the past month I have received one list of papers for exchange and I have had three applications for lists that I could not fill. I have also been requested to ask if any member has Nos. 1 to 8 of the *Canadian Philatelist* for sale and a copy of the London society's book on "The Stamps of the West Indies."

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL, M. D.,
Lit. Ex. Supt. A. P. A.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E. A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

Changelings of the 3c. and 6c. Post Office Department Envelopes are again being circulated.

E. A. HOLTON,
Oct. 30, 1893. Counterfeit Detector.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF CHICAGO AGENT.
S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

The auction season in Chicago opened September 21st with a small sale held by the Chicago Philatelic Society. The following are some of the prices realized:

*Justice, 30c	$ 3 50
*Justice, complete set	8 50
State, 90c	2 75
*Treasury, 24c	2 50
Guadalajara, medio real, on cover	10 00
Guadalajara, 2r., on cover	6 00
Guadalajara, 4r., on cover	8 50
Guadalajara, 2r., green paper, and split 2r., rose paper, on cover	25 25
Total for 84 lots	$128 00

On October 19th, the same society held its 26th sale, the following being some of the prices:

*U. S., 1847, 5c., 10c	$4 00
*1868, 1c., strip of six	3 50
*Justice, 30c	4 30
Executive, 3c	2 50
Entire Env., 1860, 4c, white paper, patent lines	10 00
Memphis, 5c. red	3 80
Guatemala, 4 reals	2 10
Hamburg, 1864, 7s	2 50
New South Wales, 1854, 1sh	2 20
Oldenburg, 1860, 3gr	2 40
Zurich, 6r., vertical, damaged	3 85
Wurtemburg, 70k	3 20
Total for 88 lots	123 25

On October 30th, the collection of Mr. Joseph Aube, of Ottawa, Ont., was sold by the Chicago Auction Agent. Although the sale was a small one it developed considerable local interest and realized very good prices. Following are some of the principal lots:

U. S., 1851, 5c.	$ 5 05
*1868, 3c., grilled all over	13 10
1851, Carrier, 1c. red	5 00
Newspaper, 5c., blue border	5 50
Great Britain, 2 sh.	5 00
Mauritius, 1848, 1d., blue paper	8 00
New Brunswick, 6d., yellow	6 10
Newfoundland, 4d, vermilion	10 50
Total for 353 lots	$433 50

The Chicago Philatelic Society will hold monthly sales during the winter; no other sales are announced as yet.

I shall take pleasure in executing bids, free of charge, for any member of the A. P. A.

Nov. 2, 1893. S. B. BRADT.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No report received.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., November 2d, 1893.

The editor must again impress upon the officers the necessity of being more prompt in sending in their reports At the date of writing only four departments have been heard from and some of the most important reports are among the missing.

The Literary Board in accordance with the new By-Laws has organized by re-electing the former Chairman. Samuel Leland will still keep the books and all persons who have not as yet settled their advertising accounts are requested to do so at once. Information concern-

ing advertisements in the annual number of the *American Philatelist* which will appear next month, can be obtained from Mr. Leland.

Several persons have recently written the Chairman concerning back numbers of the *American Philatelist*. All such requests should be sent to Mr. Leland if the numbers wanted are prior to September, 1892, (Vol. VI. No. 9), and to the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Company for those of a later date. Extra copies of the OFFICIAL CIRCULAR can be had from the Secretary.

A portion of the far famed Tapling collection has been recently put on exhibition at the British Museum and the stamps will be changed monthly. A very full catalogue of the first lot is given in the September number of the *Stamp News* and we understand that each installment will be similarly treated. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Buenos Ayres and Hawaii are the first countries on show. They were to be followed by the stamps of New South Wales. The above mentioned catalogue can also be found in the *Dominion Philatelist* for October.

We would call attention to the report of our Counterfeit Detector in another column. We trust that our members will not fail to call his attention to such new frauds, etc., as they may run across.

With this number of the OFFICIAL CIRCULAR will be found an application blank. Now let every member go to work as soon as he has read this and get some brother collector to fill it out and send it to Secretary Davison with a dollar bill attached for a share of stock. We want one thousand members by the time we meet next year and we can get them if we only hustle for them.

One of the features of the annual number of the *American Philatelist* will be a list of current philatelic papers with subscription rates and publisher's addresses. While we do not expect to include every paper we shall make the list as complete as we are able. The foreign papers will be included. Copies of papers which are not now received by us are requested for inclusion in the list. Address the Chairman of the Literary Board.

Our Exchange and Sales Manager reports a dearth of requests for books. Remember that if you wish to see any books you must send in a request to have them sent you. No books will be sent unsolicited. While the books which have thus far reached us do not contain any wonderful bargains, still there are many good stamps and at very reasonable prices.

The purchasing department is another department which requires the co-operation of the members to make it a success. No deposit, no new issues, is the rule. No less than three installments have already been sent out to members of the department, and more will follow as the stamps arrive. We annex a list of some of the stamps, etc., thus far sent to members.

Bolivia, 1893, 1, 5 and 10 cent, lithographed.
Brazil, 100 reis, rose; 50 reis, green, journal stamp.
British North Borneo, 1c. on 5 cent.
Belgium, 1, 2, 5, 10 cent, Sunday stamps.
Egypt, 2 piasters, 3 milliemes.
Chile, 15, 25 cents.
Mexico, official stamp, green.
Paraguay, 1, 2, 4, 5 cents.
Portugal, "Provisiorio, 1893," 20, 50, 80, 20 on 25, 50 on 80, 75 on 80 reis.
Macao, 2½ on 40 reis.
Hawaii, Provisional Govt., 1, 2, 12 cents.
Shanghai, ½, 1 cent.
Venezuela, surcharged arms, 5, 10,25,50c.; 1b. Correos, 5, 10, 25, 50c., Escuelas.
1893, 5, 10, 25c., Correos.
25, 50c., Instruccion. 25 cent Columbian.
Honduras, 1893, 1 cent.
Bulgaria, 5, 15s., letter cards, 5s., Exposition card.
Servia, 5, 5x5p. post cards, 5, 10p. letter cards.
South Australia, 1p. post card.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

We fear that too much zeal is being displayed by members of the Association in securing applications. The old adage "too much haste, less speed," will aptly apply to the present scramble for members. What we need is quality, not quantity. It is not the intention of the writer to discourage an increase in the membership, so long as the increase consists of applications of worthy and meritorious men, but inasmuch as we are desirous of being recognized as the representative philatelic organization of America, we advocate a closer scrutiny of the application list in the future. We do not want men who join the A. P. A. merely for the philatelic standing acquired thereby, which standing is oftimes used as a cloak for rascality. We want men who are workers and whole souled philatelists, whose motto shall be, "the A. P. A., first, last and all the time." It has come to our notice that numbers of our members have had transactions with the Exchange and Sales Department, that have been very unbusiness like and savor strongly of swindle. We have knowledge that the A. P. A. membership privilege has also been abused in their transactions with dealers. We regret to make such statements, but for the common good we feel it our bounden duty. Let us hope that a malicious remark made two years ago by a former member will not prove an actual condition.

J. D. RICE.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

PITTSBURG, PENN., NOV. 1, 1893.

Since my last report as Resident Vice-President, the Pittsburg Branch of A. P. A. held its regular monthly meeting on October 19th, with a very good attendance. Nothing was transacted but routine business; two new members were admitted and two applications secured.

The exchange manager reported that 2 lots of stamps had been received from Exchange Superintendent Mekeel and placed on the circuit.

E. DOEBLIN.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

PITTSBURG BRANCH, NO. 5.

Fourteenth monthly meeting held Tuesday evening, September 19, 1893, Pres. Doeblin presiding.

Eight members present and Messrs. Geo. and Wm. Feick, John Deininger and E. M. Grove as visitors.

Messrs John Deininger, E. M. Grove and Geo. Feick were admitted to active membership.

Reports for term ending July 31, 1893, of the Secretary, Treasurer and Exchange Manager read.

Exchange Manager reports having received from the Exchange Department of the A. P. A., from December to July, 1893, 94 books, from which members have purchased stamps to the amount of $210.41.

Secretary reports since organization, August 1, 1892, twelve new members have been admitted; one resigned and one died, leaving enrolled at July 31, 1893, fifteen members.

After many interesting remarks by those who attended the Convention, meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

Fifteenth monthly meeting held Tuesday evening, October 17, 1893, Pres. Doeblin presiding.

Thirteen members present and Messers A. F. Bruder and Wm. Feick visitors.

Mr. Geo. W. Rode, Exchange Manager, read several interesting letters from Mr. Mekeel, relative to handling of A. P. A. Exchange Department Books.

Mr. A. F. Bruder admitted to active membership.

After disposing of routine business and inspecting several fine collections of United States stamps, meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., BRANCH 16.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Manager, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass, November 2, 1893.

This branch which is composed of the A. P. A. members resident in this vicinity, holds no meetings, as it is formed solely for participation in the Sales and Exchange Department. During the past month four lots of books (34 books) have been received on circuit and are now circulating among the members. WILLIAM C. STONE,
Manager.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(Branch A. P. A., No. 7.)

Meetings held in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves., the third Wednesday of each month.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary. Box 300, Painesville, Ohio.

Thirty-second meeting held October 18th. Present, ten members and one visitor.

The applications of Messrs J. F. Colwell and R. H. Schauffler were referred to the committee on membership with orders to report at next meeting.

Monthly report of Treasurer showed $19.73 on hand.

The Secretary was asked to ascertain why our Resident Vice-President was not consulted as to the eligibility of members elected in his district.

It was reported by the Secretary, that after a long and varied correspondence with United States and foreign dealers, that the cheapest that a complete used set of Columbian stamps could be obtained for members was $13.25. A letter from Der Verein für Briefmarkenkunde of Frankfurt soliciting subscriptions to their paper was read and filed.

The Exchange Superintendent issued a call for more filled sheets to start two new books on the local circuit.

Several copies of United States and Foreign papers were received with thanks and given to the Librarian.

Prices at the usual auction sale were not as high as usual.

After examining a complete set of Columbian stamps, Souvenir Postal Cards, etc., the club adjourned. CARL N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of the A. P. A.)

Meetings held in the parlors of Hotel Rozier, 13th and Olive streets, second Wednesday of each month.

The first Fall meeting of the society was held November 8th at the usual place. Mr. H. E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., a corresponding member of the society, was the guest of the evening, and besides the regular routine business the inspection of a part of his valuable collection of United States stamps was the order of the evening; the society appreciated the treat, and the evening was an exceedingly pleasant one.

It was reported that the society had subscribed to the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz-Blatt*.

Owing to the absence of Dr. Wm. Beggs, the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, no report or plans for the winter's work was laid out; the members present regretted to hear of the recent illness of the doctor, and were glad to hear that he was fast recovering.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Secretary *pro tem.*

A. P. A. WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT.

Report of the Treasurer, World's Fair Committee.

George H. Watson, Treas., 10 Wall St., New York.

Balance on hand Aug. 5, 1893	$331 52
J. H. Van Emburgh	1 00
E. S. Giles	1 00
W. A. MacCalla	1 00
D. Benjamin	3 00
J. W. Schaefer	1 00
G. D. Mekeel	25 00
F. H. Burt	2 00

Money Borrowed—		
J. W. Scott Co., Limited	$ 40 00	
Bogert & Durbin Co.	40 00	
G. H. Watson	40 00	
H. E. Deats	100 00	
Scott Stamp and Coin Co	100 00	
G. B. Calman	40 00	
N. F. Seebeck	40 00	
Hy. Clotz	40 00	$440 00
Profit on Catalogue		500 00
		$1,305 52

EXPENSES.

Paid Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., on acc't of cases	$1285 00	
Paid Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., repairing cases	8 50	
Postage on official catalogues	9 00	$1,302 50
Bal. on hand Oct. 30, 1893, in Bank		$ 3 02

Total subscriptions	1489 01
Total subscriptions paid in	1459 01
Total money borrowed	840 00
Total expenses	2795 99
We owe the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co., a balance of	15 00
Subscriptions not yet paid in	30 00

Since my last report I find I charged the New England Stamp Co., $15.00 twice in my list of subscriptions, so have had to deduct this amount and add $7.00 of new subscriptions which accounts for the total subscriptions being less than in last report.

We have still other expenses to meet, and even at this late hour, would be glad to receive subscriptions.

Respectfully submitted

GEORGE H. WATSON,
Treasurer World's Fair Com.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—DECEMBER, 1893.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
Secretary, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City Penn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

At the last annual election Messrs. Clots, Reckert and Hobb were chosen as trustees for the present year. The Official Board has since received through the Secretary the resignations of all these gentlemen, each saying in substance that his ordinary business avocations do not leave him time to perform the duties of the office and that he had so stated before the election. The president and secretary have hoped that some of them at least might be induced to serve and fill up the vacancies in their Board in accordance with the third paragraph of Sec. 2, Article VII of the By-Laws. They have all, however, decided not to act and it devolves upon the president under Article VI, Sec. 5 to now call a special election of three trustees to act during the year.

The president feels sure that all our stockholders will join in the expression of regret that the association is not to have the advice and services of these gentlemen in whom we all have such confidence. But the incident seems to suggest for our consideration whether it would not be better at the next convention to amend our by-laws so that the duties now imposed upon the trustees should be performed by the Official Board itself. Under the forms of an incorporation the trustees can have no control over the directors and have merely an advisory power in all of the real business of the Board. Their other functions are to determine disputes among members, always an ungrateful task. It is a complicated arrangement and little understood and has been the source of much of the dissatisfaction heretofore.

It would seem that the Official Board could quite as well determine the validity of claims made against the Association for losses in the exchange department and such like matters either directly or through a committee of members appointed to investigate when necessary, and that delinquincies might be settled through the collecting agency, by suspension until the next convention could act, and such like expedients, and that all business might thus be more satisfactorily and speedily settled. The subject is submitted now to your consideration that it may be discussed before the next convention.

For the remainder of the year we must be guided by our present By-laws There are matters which have long remained unsettled and the Official Board has no power to act upon them until the new trustees shall advise.

By Section 6 of Article VI it is provided that nominations shall be made and published before each annual or special election. Members should therefore send to W. C Stone, 384 Union street, Springfield, Mass., editor in chief, for publication in the January CIRCULAR, their nominations for trustees, which will be duly published. In making these nominations members should bear in mind that the three trustees must reside within thirty miles of a common centre, and should be careful to ascertain that the nominees will serve if elected. In the same (January) number of the CIRCULAR will be forwarded blank ballots and envelopes, as required by the By-laws. The use of these blanks is not obligatory but the prescribed forms must be followed (Sec. 1, Article VI).

The ballot will be in the following words: American Philatelic Association Incorporated under the laws of West Virginia.

———— Jan., 1894.

I hereby cast my vote for the following persons to act as trustees of the American Philatelic Association for the remainder of the year, 1893-94.

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————————A. P. A. No. —

To be valid this must bear the autographic signature of the voter and be enclosed in an envelope marked "ballot" and may be sent to the committee in any manner agreeable to the member and must reach the committee on or before noon of the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1894, at which hour the polls will be closed. The committee will count the votes at the earliest convenient time.

The following gentlemen who have consented to act are hereby appointed as the Committee on Credentials.

John N. Luff, R. F. Albrecht, A. R. Rogers, 90 Nassau street, New York City.

It may be well for me to add a request to each member who has neglected so to do to send his dues for the year to the Treasurer in order that his name may appear in the new list of members now about to be published and that his vote may be counted. I sincerely trust that the present financial stringency has not effected any of you to such an extent as to make it necessary for you to omit the payment of so small a sum. We want your aid and support quite as much now, that our prospects are brighter, as ever we did.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

100 Dr. Jno. P. Kloss, Entralzscher Str., 8, Leipsic, Germany.
174 C. W. Kirk, Horton St., Pittsburg, Pa.
266 Jno. N. Luff, 90 Nassau St., New York.
442 Max. Penndorf, 68 Biddle St., Milwaukee, Wis.
394 W. F. Miller, Box 446, Ravenswood, Ill.
454 Julius F. Henkel, 706 West Fort St., Detroit, Mich.

APPLICATIONS.

ABERLEY, CHAS. E. L., P. O., Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

AIKENHEAD, R. S., "The Stillman," Cleveland, O.
References: Geo. H. Worthington, W. H. Schneider.

BAILEY, T. O., 145 Gaylord St., Cleveland, Ohio
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

BALLHAUSEN, CHAS. W. L., District Survey Office, Goulburn, N S. W., Australia.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

BUEHLER, JULIUS F., Arlington Heights, Ohio.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

BRANSON, DR. THOMAS S., 1198 Chapel St., New Haven, Conn.
References: D. H. Bacon, Alvah Davison.

CUMMINGS, CHAS. E., 243 Centre Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, W. S. Coe.

DAVIS, A. P., Falmouth, Mass.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

EDWARDS, D. C., Port Antonio, Jamaico.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

FRASER, WM. SUTHERLAND, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

FRECHIE, S. M., 312 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
References: Chas. Beamish, Chas. E. Osborn.

HASKELL, F. W., 543 Word St., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: C. P. Krauth, E. Doeblin.

HENNINGS, HENRY D., 1408 N. 25th St., Omaha, Neb.
References: Henry Gremmel, Alvah Davison.

JUST, PAUL, Johnstown, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Paul Deisch.

JONES, T E., Box 148, Catskill, N. Y.
References: R. F. Albrecht, Jno. N. Luff.

JOHNSON, J. F., 83 Thornton St., Boston, Mass.
References: Henry F. King, Howard K Sanderson.

KALMBACH, HENRY G. 48 Clinton St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
References: C. H and G. D. Mekeel.

MACDOUGALL, GORDON, T., Market Square, Scarborough, Tobago, W. I.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

MARTIN, CHAS. A., 1212 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.
References: Bruce V. Jenkins, Wm. E. Bartzell.

MITCHELL, GEO. W., 2122 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
References: Chas. Beamish, Chas. E. Osborn.

NELSON, HERBERT HENRY, P. O. Box 149, Johannesburg, So., African Rep.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

PETERSON, H. M., Box 75, Santa Cruz, Cal.
References: H. B. Phillips, Wm. Sellschopp.

PHINNEY, O. H., 600 Minnesota, Ave., Kansas City, Kans.
References: F. J. Beecher, M. A. Swanbeck.

POPE, DR. HENRY C., Port Gibson, Miss
References: C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolsieffer.

RIBEIRO, F. J., 20 Staunton St., Hong Kong, China.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

RIDDELD, RICHMOND H., Napier, New Zealand.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

SCOTT, W. LEDYARD, 3028 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.
References: N. W. Chandler, G. D. Mekeel.

SMITH, MRS. AVERY J., 688 Worthington St., Springfield, Mass.
References: W. C. Stone, J. Brewer Corcoran.

TISMIS, ALEXANDER, 1 Opthalmiatrion St., Athens, Greece.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

TOBIE, L. F., 15 Beckett St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, Howard K. Sanderson.

TAYLOR, HENRY R., 121 E. 21st St., New York City.
References: Cortlandt F. Bishop, R. R. Bogert.

TERRY, PROF. BENJ. S., Box 73, Morgan Park, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

VILA, ANTONIO DE BRUGADA, Albion Dock Co., Port Louis, Maurtitius.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel
WARMBOLD, EMIL. E., 189 Congress St., Savannah, Ga.
References: Emil J. Rall, C. H. Mekeel
WING, S. T., Coldwater, Mich.
References: A. H. Crittenden. F. H Borgman.
Guarantor: L. M Wing.

If no objections are received, the above applicants will be admitted to membership thirty days from hence, on payment to the treasurer of dues for balance of fiscal year, the amount of 68 cents.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

548 THIELE, R. R., Port Washington, Wis.
549 GUEDTNER, CHAS., 165 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
550 WILCOX, GAYLORD S., Avenue House, Evanston, Ill.
551 ULMAN, JACOB A., 5 East Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.
552 WALKER, F. ARTHUR, Falmouth, Mass.
553 SMITH, J. WALTER, Noble, Ill.
554 WARING, CHAS., Box 292, Knoxville, Tenn.
555 BIERMAN, F. H., 67 Public Sq., Room 2, Cleveland, Ohio.
556 SHERMAN, LOUIS R., 953 Paulding St., Peekskill, N. Y.
557 KATZENBERGER, GEO. A., 48 Reaper Block, Chicago, Ill.
558 HANNON. H. W., 114 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill.
559 BRUCK, HENRY T., Mt. Sarage, Md.
560 RHODES GODFREY W., 146 Downer Pl., Aurora Ill.
561 NEWLIN, JAS B., Newport, Del.
562 BROWN, FRANK P., 325 Washington St., Boston Mass.
563 BATCHELDER, A. W., 325 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
564 DAVIS, JOSEPH S., Colorado Springs, Colo.
565 HALL, HENRY W., 33 Canterbury Road, Croyden, England.
566 BERIC, GEORGE, Belgrad, Servia.
567 WOODS, PHILIP STANLEY, U. S. Vice Consul, Regent St., Belize. British Honduras.
568 TACCOS, MICHEL D., Cavalla, Turkey.
569 SOLOMON, N. STAFFORD, P. O. Box 174, Nassau N. P., Bahamas.
570 SCHMIDT, JOSUA, Ohligs b. Solingen, Germany.
571 KATT, REV. H., 639 Poplar St., Terre Haute, Ind.
572 GAERTNER, DR. FREDERICK, 3519 Penn. Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
573 COOPER, JNO. P., Red Bank, N. J.
574 SCOTT, ALEXANDER, Asst. Chief Draftsman's Division, United States Patent Office, Washington, D. C.
575 HUGHES, C. A., Altoona, Pa.
576 BIXBY, FRED M., Brockton, Mass.
577 FEICK, WILLIAM, 513 Sheridan Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following having been previously published are now accepted:

121 John Bopp.
299 K. M. Ekstrom.

The following are offered and will be accepted thirty days from hence if no objections are received:

237 Leon G. Young, St. Albans, Vt.
123 Publo Gemelke, Berlin, Germany.

The application blanks sent out with the November CIRCULAR have not all been returned as yet, otherwise the list of applicants this month would have been larger; however the list shows a healthy increase, and some of the members have sent in their quota, while many others I feel sure will be heard from in future issues of this paper.

During the past month I have had a very large number of requests for application blanks and matter pertaining to the Association, most of these mentioning an advertisement of the A. P. A in the Stamp Collectors Souvenir, published by the the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Pub. Co. Many of these applicants will be future members, and it shows what a large number of collectors there are in the country who can be brought into the Association if it is made known to them. Let each do his mite and the mites will soon become a boulder, which will roll on with irresistable force, until all collectors are gathered under our banner, and the A. P. A. in an impregnable position, shall stand as a beacon light to its members. We have the organization, the laws suitable for the maintenance of a great society; with the members it lies to make it a strong or a weak one. Which shall it be? If present indications are any criterion, the association is to occupy a proud position in the philatelic world, and it behooves us all to be up and doing that we may share in the honors of success.

Some of the members, no donbt, through oversight have failed to pay their dues for the coming year, and as we desire to omit no names from the new membership list, the annual *American Philatelist* is delayed in order to give all an opportunity of settling up.

For such delinquents I beg to quote Article 2, Section V, of the By-laws which states:

In case any member fails to pay the annual dues within thirty days from the time they are due, the treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues are paid, or the stockholder presents his resignation and surrenders his certificate of stock, within thirty days thereafter, his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock declared forfeited to the Association.

Unless settlements are made at once, the above law will have to be enforced.

There are also some applicants whose names were published some months ago, but who still owe their second payment in order to have a certificate of stock issued to them These parties are members and the above law applies to them also. Immediate settlements are requested.

Members when forwarding to me applications on which the signature of the applicant is not plainly written and easily understood will kindly repeat the name in pencil to save latter corrections. Many signatures can only be deciphered by the writers.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance Oct. 31	$141 74	
M. F. Walton, balance	8 94	
Dues Collected, Oct. 31 to Nov. 30	130 58	$281 26

EXPENDITURES.

F. H. Burt, Report of Proceedings of Convention, 1893	$72 50	
A. Davison, Sec'y, Office Expenses	30 77	103 27
Cash balance Nov. 30		$177 99

STOCK FUND.

Balance Nov. 30	$504 00
A. Davison, Sec'y. Oct. 31 to Nov. 30	50 00
Balance Nov. 30, 1893	$554 00

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.

Collinsville, Ill., Nov. 30, 1893.

Quite a number of the members have neglected to pay their annual dues for the current year, ending Sept. 1, 1893, and several of the new members whose applications have been approved have also failed to remit dues for this year. Two and in some cases three notices have been sent to all.

Under the rules of the Association the names of those members who fail to pay the annual dues must be omitted from the list of members published annually.

The revised list of those members who are not indebted to the Association will be sent to the secretary on December 25th.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In reply to my notice regarding the "*Vertrauliche Korrespondenz-Blatt*," I have received two subscriptions, which I have forwarded to the publishers, together with that of the Association itself, as authorized by the late convention.

Members will please direct my mail to *Allegheny City, Pa.*, as it is delayed when directed to Pittsburg.

E. DOEBLIN.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. LOUIS, October 32, 1893.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, 1009 Locust St, St. Louis, Mo.

During the month of October I received 86 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was $1,923 44

Previously acknowledged, 41 books, gross value 3,080 20

Making a total of $5,003 04

These books are now all in circulation. I have been able thus far to supply all demands made upon me for books and further patronage of this department is solicited from the membership.

The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of November are as follows:

103 books	$10 30	
1,500 Control Stamps	2 50	$12 80
Sales previously acknowledged		17 30
Total		$30 10

In ordering control stamps and blank books, members are requested to return cash with order in all cases, 10 cents for each book and 10 cents per 100 for control stamps.

Thus far branches have participated in this department, those of Springfield, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cleveland and San Erancisco. Philadelphia has also filed notice of their intention to participate.

I hope that all members of the Association will read carefully my suggestions to members and profit thereby.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of October:

A. Battiste	$ 7 86
F. P. Brown	50 00
A. P. Batchelder	50 00
H. E. Deats	25 00
P. M. Wolsieffer	10 00
C. J. Barton	10 00
C. A. Hobbs	5 00
C. H. Lane	5 00
H. C. Buehler	15 00
Amount previously acknowledged	129 66
Total	$307 52

I urge members to take advantage of the opportunity here offered to secure stamps lower than they can buy them elsewhere.

Orders have been sent to all parts of the world and we will soon be in receipt of every newly issued stamp as soon as it is on sale and in some cases before they are offered to the public; send in your deposits and orders at once.

G. D. MEKEEL.
Superintendent.

SUGGESTIONS TO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXCHANGE AND SALES DEPARTMENT.

As far as practicable the following classifications should prevail in making up books for circulation, and better results will be had than from mixed lots. Books to contain 120 stamps will be supplied by the superintendent at 10c each, and control stamps, which will be used by parties who have removed stamps from books in circulation, can be had at 10c. per hundred. *All stamps for circulation in this department must be mounted in the above books:*

1—United States Stamps.
2—United States Revenues.
3—United States Match, Medicine and Propriety Stamps.
4—Mexican Revenues.
5—Other Foreign Revenues.
6—British Colonials.
7—European.

8—Stamps of Different Countries.
9—Australia.
10 - Asia, Africa and Oceanic.
11—New Issues.

The above classification may be taken as a suggestion for requests to be made by members wishing to *purchase* stamps from the department as well as suggestions for those who are sending stamps for sale or exchange. This ruling is not arbitrary.

The pricing of stamps is an important matter in these days, when large discounts are given from catalogue prices by dealers from ordinary stamps it would be useless for members to send in common stuff priced at full catalogue prices. It would only result in disappointment to them and loss to the department to undertake the circulation of undesirable and unsaleable stuff.

The exchange manager will exercise his judgment in the acceptance of stamps for circulation, and will not accept or circulate ordinary stamps or those that are priced too high. In pricing your stamps place your lowest cash price on them, taking into consideration that the commission of the department is 10% ; then if your stamps are sold you can rely on getting satisfactory exchange fr fother members at correspondingly low rates, edoailing to do so you will be entitled to the cash oss the commission.

The department will be run on a strictly *cash* qasis, and members having a credit with the de- artment will be notified from time to time so lhat they may avail themselves of the privilege of selecting stamps from other sheets before final settlement and return of their stamps is made.

All stamps taken from the books must be paid for in cash except in cases where the party has stamps in circulation and *has been advised that there is an amount due him*, and even in such cases the party must remit for any stamps he may take in excess of the credit of which he has been advised.

It is the object of the department to furnish collectors a means of disposing of any stamps they have for sale or exchange at fair cash prices, and also to supply members with stamps of any of the classes enumerated above on the same terms.

Yours respectfully,

G. D. MEKEEL,

Supt. of Sales, Exchange & Purchasing Dep't.

PURCHASIHG DEPARTMENT.

This department is intended to provide quick and easy means of obtaining all newly issued stamps, envelopes and postal cards at 10 per cent over cost to the department. The *cost* is often a little over *face* value on account of the commission paid foreign agents, postage, etc. Any member of the American Philatelic Association is entitled to participate in the department by making his wants known to the purchasing agent and depositing a sum of money not less than $5.00 nor to exceed $50.00 with his application. New issues of the kinds and countries that he may require will be sent him from time to time and charged to his account. As soon as the first credit has been exhausted he will be given an opportunity to renew his deposit ; in no case will members be entitled to participate in this department who have not first made the necessary cash deposit, neither will more than three pieces of any single specimen be furnished the same member.

The department has given orders for all new issues, and has already on hand a number of newly issued stamps.

The purchasing agent will also undertake to supply all unused stamps of current issue of any country upon the same terms. In this case there will sometimes be delay on account of having to order them of the various post offices, as they may not be in stock at all times.

Yours respectfully,

G. D. MEKEEL,

Supt. Sales, Exchange and Purchasing Dept.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Joseph Rechert, Hoboken, N. J.

G. B. Calman, 299 Pearl St., New York, N. Y.

J. O. Hobby, 112 Washington St., New York, N. Y.

No report received.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 14 Court street, Northampton, Mass.

December 1, 1893.

I report as follows concerning the working of my department for the month of November, 1893.

Collected on six accounts previously reported	$ 18 32
Accounts received during November	12 00
Amounts	102 93
Accounts collected during November	4 00
Amounts	35 22

Very truly yours,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent, A. P. A.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian, Flemington, N. J.

No report received.

LITERARY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Dr. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

No report received

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No report received,

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

No report received.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., November 2d, 1893.

Again must the editor urge upon the new officers more strict compliance with the section of the By-Laws, requiring their reports to be sent to him and not to the printer. Each officer has been so notified by the Secretary, but there are some who seem to prefer to pay no attention to the rule.

Another rule more honored in the breach than in the observance is the one requiring all reports to be sent in not later than the 2d of each month. Two reports only were received on time this month and the consequent late appearance of the circular should be placed to the credit of the late comers and not the editor or publisher.

Copy for the Annual is coming in slowly and it will probably be Christmas at least, before it can go to press. Our members are urged to send us in articles which will be of real value to philatelists and not mere news letters.

Don't forget to pay your dues to the Treasurer at once, or your name will be left out of the new list. Do it at once!

We would call special attention to the report of the Purchasing Agent in another column. It shows how a member can easily save money by joining our Association and enlarge his collection at comparatively small expense.

A press dispatch states that C. C. Woolworth, of Castleton, Vermont, the new post card contractor, is having trouble with the paper. He has been allowed a short time to submit suitable specimens, and it is said that in case he does not do so, an effort will be made to have the Bureau of Engraving and Printing undertake the contract.

The time is near at hand when the Columbian stamp will be numbered among the things of the past, and while they have been subjected to much undue criticism, we think we are safe in predicting that they will be used in the future for comparison with future issues as the finest specimens of postal labels ever issued by any country. Postmaster-General Bissell states in his annual report that the profit from the sale of these stamps during the year, has amounted to a little over $1,000,000 WILLIAM C. STONE.

It appears that some of our members have taken exception to the part of our editorial on the "scramble for members" in the November OFFICIAL CIRCULAR relating to the irregularities of certain members of the Association, taking grounds that such matters should not be given publicity as it might tend to give non-members an erroneous impression as to the character of the collectors composing the American Philatelic Association. We do not think that any philatelist of good judgment will condemn a large body of men for the shortcomings of an infintessimal minority. Black sheep are to be found in any flock large or small and the A. P. A. is no exception. In substantiating our stand we consider that serious cases require stern treatment. If the offenders are deaf to private requests for settlements it behooves the officers of the association to publicly inform the membership of the fact. Relative to the portion of the same editorial referring to preferring the quality of the applicants rather than the quantity we have merely to say "by their deeds shall ye know them."

The Scott Coin & Stamp Co's. 54th edition catalogue will have made its appearance by the time this appears. We have seen the advance sheets of that portion of the catalogue devoted to United States stamps and notice a considerable advance in prices on its predecessor. The recent auction sales corroborate the views expressed in our editorial of a year ago relative to the inflated values of these stamps. But very few of the high priced stamps realized 53d edition prices, many bringing 20% to 50% less than market (?) price. The ques ion arises what is a market price or "standard?" It is the price that the fancy of one man dictates or the price any stamp will bring in open market? The former is regulated by supply, the latter is governed by the only true principle—supply and demand. Philately stands sorely in need of a *true* standard catalogue. But who will give it to us? The following from a foreign correspondent of ours, proves interesting reading: "The United States dealers must hold a very heavy stock of United States stamps, as I have never yet been able to get one third of catalogue value for any varieties from them, and I have tried at one time and another pretty near all issues. As an instance, last winter I had over 100 of the 12 cent, 1869, and offered them to various dealers. I was offered from 6 to 10 cent each for them; not damaged stamps but all perfect. I sold them in London for one shilling each. The papers are always prating about the scarcity of United States stamps and the demand there is for them, but the publishers of some of these same papers do not feel like investing in such desirable stock. For myself personally, I think United States stamps are greatly over-rated and over-priced."

Sir Charles Lyell, the eminent geologist, in his old age, remarked that the happiest men he had ever known were those who possessed a hobby of some kind; in other words those who found recreation either in collecting rare books, pictures or gems, or in the amateur pursuit of some branch of art, mechanics, sport or science.

This view of life was indorsed the other day by a prominent man of business in South Third street, who is known among his friends as an expert microscopist, and who added to Lyell's remark: "Yes, it is better for a business man to have a fancy for collecting postage stamps rather than to be wholly engrossed with the sordid side of existence."—*Phila. Record.*

The above ably demonstrates the fact that our pursuit is at the present time not looked upon as mere child's play, but is now recognized as a legitimate branch of collecting. There was a time within the recollection of our older members when the newspapers held us up to ridicule and hardly ever took the slightest notice of us. Now matters have changed most materially, for scarcely a day passes but that some large newspapers makes mention of stamp collecting and in the most respectful manner. We have happily lived down the old prejedice and it is now no longer necessary for a business man to collect in secrecy from the fear of being laughed at and ridiculed by his friends. J. D. RICE.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The regular monthly meeting of Pittsburgh Branch, No 5, was held on November 21st. Mr. W. I. Coe was elected a member. Two applications for membership in the A. P. A. I have received and forwarded them to the Secretary. The Committee to investigate the loss of two A. P. A. exchange books, reported that it had made a satisfactory settlement of the matter with the owner of the books, and a warrant was ordered in payment of the amount. There are two or three A. P. A. members in this vicinity who are not members of our branch, and we will be pleased to have them attend our meetings on the third Tuesday of each month.

E. DOEBLIN.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

THE GARFIELD–PERRY STAMP CLUB, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(Branch A. P. A. No. 7.)

Meetings held in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves., the third Wednesday of each month.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary. Box 300, Painesville, Ohio.

The thirty-third meeting was held November 8th, with seven members present.

A motion to have two meetings each month was made, but owing to the light attendance it was left to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Messrs. J. F. Colwell and R. H. Schauffler, were elected members of the club

A communication from Alvah Davison was read and ordered to be filed.

After the usual auction sale meeting was adjourned.

CARL N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

The thirty-fourth meeting was held November 22d. with twelve members present.

A communication from Alvah Davison was read and ordered to be filed.

The motion to hold two meetings each month was overuled, as several members would have to come from five to thirty miles twice a month.

A clipping from the *Cleveland Leader*, was read, in which it was stated that the postoffice officials of several foreign governments were charging full letter rates for our large sized postal cards, claiming that they contained as much written matter as a letter.

The Exchange Manager was asked to apply for some A. P. A. exchange books for the members and to buy control stamps.

All members were urged to aid in having a large attendance at the annual meeting December 20th.

Prices at the auction sale were very low; a 10c. grilled 1870, selling for $3.00.

After a social evening, meeting adjourned.

CARL N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., BRANCH 16.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Manager, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass., December 2, 1893.

One application for membership has been secured the past month and there are two or three more in prospect.

One lot of exchange books has been received and forwarded after being circulated among the members.

The sales from the five lots which have thus far been received amount to $31.16. With the new name published this month, we now have eight members belonging to the branch.

WILLIAM C. STONE,
Manager.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—JANUARY, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

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252 H. W. Rall, Savannah, Ga.
154 H. C. Rackliffe, Holyoke, Mass.
188 Erard Leroy D'Etiolles, 89 Rue Saint Lazare, Paris, France.

APPLICATIONS.

BARNUM, W. H., 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, O.
References: Carl N. Stockwell, A. W. Hoffman.
Guarantor: F. S. Barnum.

BARTLETT, WALLACE C., North Lamoine, Maine.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

BERNHARDT, H., 1101 South 11th St., Pittsburgh, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, C. P. Krauth.

CUNNINGHAM, THOS. O., 315 Lafayette Ave., Kansas City, Kans.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.

DEADY, C. L., Belmont, Nevada.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

DUPEREY, EARL V., Bucaramanga, Colombia, So. America.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

EASTER, DR. D. M., P. R. R. Station, Altoona, Pa.
References: R. F. Albrecht, Jno. N. Luff.

HINE, GEO. F., 702 James St., Syracuse, N. Y.
References: H. Gremmel, Alvah Davison.

JONES, H. M., 25 North Court St., Marysville, Ohio.
References: N. W. Chandler, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Mrs. Maria Jones.

MCGREGORY, H. W., Palmer, Mass.
References: J. F. McGregory, Wm. C. Stone.

MELLO, F. DAS NEVES, E, Box 59, Georgetown, Demerara.
References: Norman A. Forster, Joseph Rechert.

MILLER, A. E., Box 16, Main St., Sta. Meriden, Conn.
References: Chas. E. H. Webster, Frank P. Brown.

NAAME, I., Constantinople, Turkey.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

NIELSEN, JACOB, P. O. Box 106, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

PARMELEE, F. S., 1312 Douglass St., Omaha, Neb.
References: Howard K. Sanderson, Wm. C. Stone.

PLANK, WILL H., Kansas City, Kan.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.

RAE, ALBERT, Port Louis, Mauritius.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

SCHUYLER, A. L., Weston Building, Clinton, Pa.
References: R. F. Albrecht, Jno. N. Luff.

STONE, ARTHUR F., St. Johnsbury, Vt.
References: J. Arthur Wainwright, C. C. Lewis.

SCHLUCKEBIER, HENRY, Petaluma, Cal.
References: H. W. Doscher, G. D. Mekeel.
SPENCE, JNO. M., 2115 N. 5th St., Kansas City, Kans.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.
Guarantor: Thos. Spence, (his father).
THOMPSON, JOHN GEORGE, Essex St., Fremantle, Western Australia.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
WADE, JOHN PRICE, Mt. Eliza, Perth, Western Australia.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
WILLIAMS, CHAS. H., Ironwood, Mich.
References: G. D. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

If no objections are received, the above applicants will be admitted to membership thirty days from hence, on payment to the treasurer of dues for balance of fiscal year, to amount of 60 cents.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

578 MCCULLOUGH, WM. J., 124 West Third St., Davenport, Iowa.
579 WELSH, J C., 120 Sansome St., San Francisco, Cal.
580 SMITH, MRS. AVERY J., 688 Worthington St., Springfield, Mass.
581 MILLER, EDW. Y., 309 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill.
582 GOERNER, W. F., 20 Warren St., Providence, R. I.
583 BOYNTON, G. E., 926 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.
584 SCHMIDT, J. W. M., 216 South 6th St., Springfield, Ill.
585 PETERSON, H. M., Box 75, Santa Cruz, Cal.
586 HASKELL, F. W., 543 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.
587 KRAUTH, G. E., 326 42d St., Pittsburg, Pa.
588 BABCOCK, WM. J., 633 Vinton St., Toledo, Ohio
589 MITCHELL GEO. W., 2122 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
590 VIRCHER, PHILIP JULIUS, 53 William St., Allegheny, Pa.
591 SNELL, A. L., Bradford, Pa.
592 WINDHORST, LOUIS, 103 Pane Ave., Baltimore, Md.
593 TUCKER, JAS. E., 100 Trumbull St., Hartford, Conn.
594 BENJAMIN, WM., 12 Sixth St., Fond-du-Lac, Wis.
595 BALLAUSEN, C. W. L., District Survey Office, Goulburd, New South Wales, Australia.
596 RIDDELL, RICHMOND H., Napier, New Zealand.
597 ABERLY, CHAS. E. L., P. O., East Melbourne, Victoria, Austratia.
598 FRASER, W. SUTHERLAND, Singapore, Straits Settlements.
599 RIBEIRO, F. J., 20 Staunton St., Hong Kong, China.
600 MACDOUGALL, GORDON T., Market Square, Scarborough, Tobago, W. I.
601 NELSON, H. H., P. O. Box 149, Johannesburo, So. African Rep.
602 TSIMIS, ALEXANDER, 1 Opthalmiatrion St., Athens, Greece.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following having been previously published are now accepted:

237 Leon G. Young, St Albans, Vt.
123 Pablo Gewelke, Berlin, Germany.

The following are offered and will be accepted thirty days from hence if no objections are offered:

197 Paul Stroehlin, Geneva, Switzerland.
319 C. D. Reimers, Chicago, Ill.

MEMBERS DROPPED.

The following parties having failed to pay dues for current year as provided by the By-Laws, and nearly two months over the legal limit having been given them, are now dropped from the roll. Any of these desiring to be re-instated must pay up dues in full.

107 Higginson, D. T., Elmhurst, Ill
199 Rinehart, E. J., Port Deposit, Md.
230 Gray, Geo. L., Ithaca, N. Y
142 Seliger, J. L., Buffalo, N. Y.
243 Reynolds, Guy, Deland, Fla.
255 Burnham. C. W., Washington, D. C.
290 Strunz, Aug., Jr., Barranquilla, Columbia.
357 Rowley, Wm., Chicago, Ill.
369 Nahayame, K., Chicago, Ill.
373 Giles, Edw. S., Paterson, N J.
374 Giles, Frank M., Paterson, N. J.
376 Wall, Stephen A., Paterson, N. J.
397 Knowlton, F. H., Fremont, Neb.
426 Breeding, Dr. J. B, San Antonio, Tex.
452 Kolb, F., Switzerland.
460 Aguirre, Edward, Mexico.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance Nov. 30	$177 99	
Dues Collected, Nov, 30 to Dec. 31	78 19	$256 18

EXPENDITURES.

A. Davison, Sec'y, Office Expenses	$ 18 85	
N. W. Chandler, Treas., Office Expenses	31 00	49 85
Cash balance Dec. 31		$206 33

STOCK FUND.

Balance Nov. 30	$554 00
Received, Nov. 30 to Dec. 31	2 00
Balance Dec. 31	$556 00

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., Dec. 31, 1893.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

There was no business transacted at this office during the present month.

No business—no report. E. DOEBLIN.

Will the Secretaries of the Chicago, New York, San Francisco, St. Louis, Pittsburg, Staten Island, Cleveland and Philadelphia Branches kindly send me following report as soon as possible:

Membership.
Date of organization.
List of officers.
Date of meetings.
Official organ.
Place of meeting.
Dues.

These items will be published in the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz-Blatt*. E. DOEBLIN.
Int. Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

ST. LOUIS, December 31, 1893.

GEO D. MEKEEL, Station C. St. Louis, Mo.

I first call attention to the error of date in my last report. It should read *November* wherever "October" occurs.

During the month of December I received 89 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was.....$2,316 08
Previously acknowledged, gross value 5,003 04

$7,319 12
22 books retired..... 274 48

Total value in circulation.....$7,044 64

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $133.48, the cash for which has been remitted to the owners. It will be seen that the perce: tage was very large, being 48%. All other books are in circulation, and is the aim of the Department to make returns as early as possible. The Department is having calls for United States, British North American and better class of English Colonies, as well as high class stamps of all countries. Do not send in too many cheap stamps. I would also call the attention of members participating in this Department that it is useless to send commom stamps marked anything like catalogue price, as it is simply a waste of time and postage to circulate them. The blank books of control stamps disposed of during the month of December were as follows:

215 Books.....	$ 21.50	
5,000 Control Stamps.....	5.00	
	$ 26.50	
Sales previously acknowledged,	30.10	
Total.....	$ 56.60	$56.60

In ordering control stamps and blank-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

Application has been made by several members who wish to circulate entire envelopes and postal cards through this department. The demand has been somewhat limited, and as my predecessor in office was not provided with envelopes for the circulation of this class of stock, and in as much the expenses for postage and express in circulating exchanges of this kind have been very heavy in the past, I have hesitated about doing anything in the matter. If, however, it should appear there are sufficient members in the Association who desire to send in entire envelopes and postal cards for circulation, and there is enough to receive such lots, the department will provide suitable enve'opes, to be sold at 10 cents each, that will hold twenty pieces. Parties supplying the exchanges must agree to pay the out-going postage, and parties desiring to receive such lots must agree to pay return postage, as the department will not be put to any loss or additional expense on this account. I should be glad to hear from members interested in this department, and will give my decision in my next report.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of December:

W. C. Eaton.....	$20 00	
H. Grossman.....	5 00	
A. C. de Renterskiold.....	8 02	
H. M. Turk.....	7 30	
J. Frank Read.....	10 00	
S. C. Smith.....	5 00	
		$ 55 32
Previously acknowledged		307 52
Total.....		$362 84

Orders have been sent to all parts of the world and I am daily in receipt of something new. I urge members to avail themselves of this Department. I have refrained from printing the usual suggestions to members participating in this Department in this number of the Official Circular, as they will appear in permanent form in the Annual *American Philat:list* soon to be issued.

G. D. MEKEEL.
Superintendent.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 14 Court street, Northampton, Mass.

December 30, 1893.

I report as follows on claims received during this month.

Claims received.....	$	23
Amount.....		99 21
Claims collected.....		1
Amount.....		1 05

I find I must make a new rule for this department in self defense. All claims sent me must be accompanied with stamps to the amount of two cents for every claim and a one cent stamp for acknowledgement of receipt of claims. Requests for reports must contain a postal card or one cent stamp for reply. This rule is necessary, as when stamps only are returned, I take my pay in stamps, while I pay cash for postage.

Very truly yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent, A. P. A.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian, Flemington, N. J

No report received.

LITERARY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

Dr. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

No report received.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Summer St., Boston, Mass.

No report received.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No reports received.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

The annual number of the *American Philatelist* is in the printer's hands and will probably reach the members within a few weeks It will contain the official report of the convention, including full reports from the officers which have not as yet appeared in any of the papers, our new By-Laws, list of members, and other matter selected by the Literary Board. It will be paged consecutively with the previous numbers of the *American Philatelist* and a title page and index to the whole volume will appear shortly and be sent to each member with the OFFICIAL CIRCULAR.

Our esteemed International Secretary believes in advertising. Not only does he use a mammoth "officially sealed" label but now we are in receipt of a tasty calendar with his well known "phiz" beaming forth from the center of it. Keep it up.

One of our correspondents writes us that the postmaster of a college town in western Massachusetts recently wrote to the postmaster of a neighboring town for the following denominations of the Columbian issue:

1oc., 2oc., 4oc., 5oc., 6oc., 7oc., 8oc., 9oc., $1 00

The manuscript for our new membership list has just been received from the Secretary and we print below a summary of some of its contents:

The total membership at the commencement of 1893 was 404; at the time of the convention it had increased to and now the total is 539, a net gain for the year of 135. Of the states and territories of the United States, 40 have representatives among our number. One, Vermont, has dropped by the wayside since last year, but Maine, Kansas and North Carolina make up the loss with a balance of two to the good Seven states have less members than they had one year ago, 7 have exactly the same, while 23 have gained in numbers. New York still stands at the front with 79, while Pennsylvania with 58 just beats Massachusetts with 56 California shows a large increase, jumping from 14 to 26. Ohio numbers 24, just double her last year's score Illinois has 42, a gain of 10. Of the cities New York has 52; Chicago, 27; Boston and St. Louis, 17 each; San Francisco, 18; Pittsburg, 16 and Philadelphia and Cleveland 13 each. Canada drops from 9 members to 7. The number of foreign members is now 76, representing 29 countries against 52 members and 22 countries in last year's list. There are in addition a number who were published in a recent CIRCULAR but who have not qualified in time to be included, we suppose. All these members are stockholders under the present By-Laws, it will be remembered.

Our largest foreign membership is in Germany, where we have 17 members, and England, with 13 ranks next.

South and Central America and the West Indies furnish 20 members, Mexico heading the list with 5. Surely our sister republic ought to do better than that. To sum up, our membership of 539 stockholders is not bunched in a few localities but represents no less than 343 different cities and towns, 52 being the largest number in any one place.

WILLIAM C. STONE,
Manager.

We desire to ask the correspondent of *The Eagle Philatelist*, who writes under the heading of "Those Bogus Grills," what is to be gained by such an unphilatelic and entirely uncalled for attack on Dr. E. S. Clark? Does the philatelic community care if Dr. Clark's grammar is perfect or not, or if his deductions are logical? Let this gentleman ask himself if his grammar is absolutely perfect. While we do not consider Dr. Clark's grills, in the slightest degree dangerous to the philatelic student, still they are interesting and instructive from the standpoint that they necessitate a closer examination of grills by collectors in the future, consequently there is no cause for alarm. Instead of being an iconoclast, has Dr. Clark not proven a benefactor? For are we all not benefited by valuable information and study. This unknown critic, after writing the two and one-half pages, must have found himself so weak and exhausted over his scientific treatise that it was impossible for him to sign his name. Philately is rarely benefited by such effusions, and never when the critic fears to attach his name to his views as in this case. J. D. RICE.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE PRESIDENTS.

ALLEGHENY, PA., Dec. 23, 1893.

William C. Stone, Esq., 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

MY DEAR SIR – You have no doubt received from the Secretary of our branch the minutes of our meeting of the 19th, and have noticed that we have put in nomination for Trustees of the A. P. A., three members of Pittsburgh Branch, No. 5, to fill the places rendered vacant by the resignation of the present Board. The nominations were enthusiastically received by the members present, and as you are personally acquainted, I believe, with only one of the gentlemen, I take this opportunity of presenting to you the claims of the branch and the candidates for favorable action.

Our branch is a large, active and growing one; we are in the center of a population which contains many collectors who are being brought into the A. P. A. Geographically, we are about in the center of the stamp collectors of the country, and nearly all of our members are men of mature years who make a real study of philately. Of the candidates I may say that Geo. W. Rode is manager of the Pittsburgh office of the New

York Mutual Life Insurance Company, a thorough business man, active and zealous in his interest in the A. P. A. He is President of the Twin City Philatelic Society, and Secretary of the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club.

Mr. I. Stauffer is the leading broker and steamship agent of Mansfield Valley, a prosperous suburban town. Mr. Stauffer is an enthusiastic collector, a member of several of the foreign societies, and is Treasurer of our branch. He is active in the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club. He was for a long time Exchange Manager of the T. C. P. S., and made a most admirable executive officer.

Mr. C. P. Krauth is Secretary of one of our large iron manufacturing establishments, a civil engineer by profession, was educated at the best universities of this country and Europe, and is a gentleman of wide acquaintance and influence. He is an active collector, making a deep study of philately, and is a member of various American and German societies. He is Vice-President and member of the Executive Committee of the Twin City Philatelic Society, and one of the original organizers of the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club.

Three gentlemen of more varied accomplishments and business experience it will be difficult to find in the ranks of the A. P. A. They have all expressed willingness to accept the office if elected, and promise active efforts for the advancement of the best interests of the Association.

The East has so long enjoyed a preponderating influence in the councils of the A. P. A., that we feel it but justice to give us Western members an opportunity to show our active interest. I bespeak in behalf of the gentlemen named, your interest and influence, and hope that the twenty-three votes which the Pittsburgh Branch will cast for them will be but the nucleus which will grow into an overwhelming vote in their favor.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,
E. DOEBLIN,
Resident Vice-Pres., A. P. A.

NOMINATIONS.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 20th, 1893.

W. C. Stone, Esq., Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR—At a meeting of the Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, A. P. A., held Tuesday evening, December 19th, the following nominations for Trustees of the A. P. A. were made:

Mr. Geo. W. Rode, 49 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. C. P. Krauth, Forty-eighth and A. V. Ry., Pittsburg.

Mr. I. Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.

All the above named were at the meeting and signified their willingness to accept if elected.

Yours truly,
ADAM E. DAUM,
Secretary.

PITTSBURG, PA., Dec. 26, 1893.

Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR—As I wrote you on the 20th, the unanimous choice of nominees for the office of Trustees A. P. A., made by the Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, were Messrs. Geo. W. Rode, 49 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.; C. P. Krauth, 48th and A. V. Ry., Pittsburg, Pa., and I. Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.

All are men of executive ability and would make desirable members, and have signified their willingness to assume and attend faithfully to the duties that will be assigned them if they are elected.

They represent one of the largest and most active branches of the A. P. A., and which now has enrolled 22 members out of some 30 A. P. A. members in this vicinity.

They are all so located that within a few hours a meeting among themselves could be called and action taken on matters requiring urgent and immediate attention.

Mr. Rode and Mr. Stauffer have been identified with the A. P. A. almost since its inception, and while Mr. Krauth has been connected with the Association a shorter time, he is none the less active in his efforts toward the advancement of philately. Trusting to receive consideration, we are,

Respectfully,
Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, A. P. A.
A. E. DAUM, Secretary.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(A. P. A. Branch No. 7.)

Meetings held in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves., the third Wednesday of each month.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary, Box 300, Painesville, Ohio.

The thirty-fifth meeting was held Dec. 20th, with twelve members and two visitors present. It was decided that the necessary expenses of our A. P. A. exchange circuit, should be defrayed from the funds of the club, instead of assessing each A. P. A. member participating.

Communication from Mr. T. O. Bailey, of this city, making enquiries regarding the A. P. A. and the Club were read, and the Secretary instructed to furnish all information desired.

The application of Mr. E. S. Graves, of this city, was reported on favorably by the committee, and he was elected member No. 39 of the Club.

The Secretary's report showed a gain of seven members during the past year, and three members dropped for non-payment of their dues, leaving at present a membership of 29.

The Treasurer's report showed expenses for 1893 to be $6.74, and receipts $28.49, leaving a balance in the treasury of $21.75.

The Exchange Manager's report showed that exchange books valued at $205.36 had been circulated on the local circuit, and sales had been made from them amounting to $67.74. Exchange Department has also a balance of $6.28 on hand.

The election of officers for 1804 resulted as follows: President, Chas. Kress; Vice-President, J. J. Overton; Secretary and Treasurer, C. N. Stockwell; Exchange Manager, W. J. Brodie; Librarian, H. W. Wilcox.

Mr. Geo. J. Bailey, Resident Vice-President of the A. P. A., and Mr. Warren J. Brodie, Exchange Manager of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, submitted full correspondence with Mr. G. D. Me-

keel, Superintendent of the A. P. A., in reference to the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club being placed on the A. P. A. circuit. There was some surprise expressed at the fact that Mr. Mekeel was not aware of, or had not been informed by the previous A. P. A. Superintendent, that the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club was a regularly constituted branch of the A. P. A. The Secretary was instructed to secure from the Secretary of the A. P. A. a correct list of the A. P. A. Branches and Resident Vice-Presidents and to ask the Secretary of the A. P. A. to furnish the officers of the A. P. A. and Branches with same.

C. N. STOCKWELL, Secretary.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., BRANCH NO. 16.

January 2, 1894.

Three lots of exchange books have been received during the past month, of which one is now circulating among the members. The others have been forwarded to the next on the circuit, the sales therefrom amounting to $15.80.

Through an error we were credited with only eight members in last month's report. The correct number is nine. WILLIAM C. STONE,

Manager.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO. 5.

PITTSBURG, PA., Nov. 23, 1893.

The sixteenth monthly meeting of the Pittsburg Branch No. 5, A. P. A., held Tuesday evening, Nov. 21st, at 49 Fifth Ave., President E. Doeblin presiding

Eight members present and Mr. W. S. Coe and Dr. C. E. Cummings as visitors. Mr. W. S. Coe was elected to active membership.

Application of Dr. C. E. Cummings for membership in the A. P. A., received and forwarded by President Doeblin.

Committee appointed to adjust claim for two A. P. A. books lost while on Pittsburg Circuit reports they had made a satisfactory settlement with the owner, and warrant was ordered drawn for the amount.

Exchange Manager reports several circuits now out and sales continue good.

Mr. C. P. Krauth read a very interesting essay on the "93 Obock, 5 Franc" and passed around for inspection a specimen of that much discussed novelty. A. E. DAUM,

Secretary.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO 5, A. P. A.

Seventeenth monthly meeting held Tuesday evening, December 19th, at 49 Fifth Ave., President Doeblin presiding.

Minutes previous meeting read and adopted.

Members present, C. P. Krauth, C. W. Kirk, W. S. Coe, I. Stauffer, A. Platz, Geo. W. Rode, John Deininger, John Neessner, E. M. Grove, A. Buchholtz and A. E. Daum. Visitors, F. T. Aschman, G. E. Krauth, and H. Bernhard.

Moved, seconded and carried, that three members of this branch be nominated for office of Trustees A. P. A.

Nominations opened and Messrs. Geo. W. Rode, C. P. Krauth and I. Stauffer nominated.

Nominations closed and Secretary instructed to advise Mr. Stone of the selection and present to the members of the A. P. A. reasons why our nominees should be elected.

Committee on settlement for lost books report letter from owner acknowledging draft for $30 00.

Mr. G. E. Krauth elected to active membership.

Exchange Manager reports several circuits out and sales good.

Mr. H. Bernhard has made application for membership in the A. P. A., and also for membership in the branch.

After disposing of other routine business and spending a very pleasant evening in discussion, meeting adjourned. A. E. DAUM,

Secretary.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—FEBRUARY, 1894.

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International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

343 E. S. Stilson, 309 West Second street, Los Angelos, Cal.

428 H. W. Doscher, 108 Stockton, street, San Francisco, Cal.

469 C. W. Small, 34 Deering avenue, Portland, Me.

584 J. W. M. Schmidt, 615 E. Jackson street, Springfield, Ill.

APPLICATIONS.

ASCHMAN, F. T., 86 Water St., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Geo. W. Rode.

AMMANN, A. J., Highland, N. J.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.

BROWN, W. WARNER, Box 354, Eugene, Oregon.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

BROWN, ALBERT W., 23 Dodge St., Providence, R. I.
References: F. E. Newbury, Alfred Dawson.

BRINSMADE, MARY E., 223 Delachaise St., New Orleans, La.
References: E. B. Sterling, H. E. Deats.
Guarantor: J. L. Herwig, 48 Carondelet St.

COHN, ISIDORE M., 11 N. Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.
References: A. L. Becker, Alvah Davison.
Guarantor: A. M. Cohn.

CALLENDER, JAS. T., New Orleans, La.
References: E. B. Sterling, H. E. Deats.

DOUGLAS, GEO. W. 1332 Jenny St., McKeesport, Pa.
References: Jno. Deininger, Geo. W. Rode.

HILLS, ISAAC, Nantucket, Mass.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

LINSLEY, E. B., Three Rivers, Mich.
References: H. A. Ammann, P. M. Wolsieffer.

LOOMIS, GEO. T., Attica, N. Y.
References: Henry Gremmel, Alvah Davison.

NELSON, AARON H., Helena, Mont.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

NEWCOMBE, IRVING, Huntington, Fla.
References: Henry Collin, C. Witt.

PARSONS, ROBT. L. 5477 Cornell Ave., Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, G. D. Mekeel.

PEIXOTTO, SIDNEY S., 1626 Sutter St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: W. A. H. Connor, W. J. Gardner.

SCHMIDT, HERMAN, 120 Chrystie St., N. Y. City.
References: C. Witt, Henry Clotz.

STRASBURGER, WM., 24 Irving Place, N. Y. City.
References: Henry Clotz, Joseph Richert.
Guarantor: C. Witt.

SWAYZE, ROBT. S., Berwick, Pa.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

ZIMMERMAN, WM. F. 821 Clybourne St., Milwaukee, Wis.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

If no objections are received, the above applicants will be admitted to membership thirty days from hence, on payment to the treasurer of dues for balance of fiscal year, to amount of 50 cents.

The following stockholders having failed to qualify by the payment of dues as required in Art. II, Sec 5, of the By-Laws, are now dropped,

and their stock declared forfeited to the Association. These parties were never admitted to full membership, only having paid for stock.

Vifquain, C. J., Lincoln, Neb.
Smith, A. C., Lexington, Ky.
Smith, F. L., Lexington, Ky.
Greusel, Sylvester, Jr., Hastings, Mich.
Burden, W., 5 East 26th St., New York City
Mutch, L. H., Houlton, Me.
McDonald, Rev. C. H., Grafton, N. D.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

603 JUST, PAUL, Johnston, Pa.

604 TERRY, PROF. BENJ. S., Box 73, Morgan Park, Ill.

605 FRECHIE, S. M., 312 N. 3rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.

606 BAILEY, T. O., 145 Gaylord St., Cleveland, Ohio.

607 KALMBACH, HENRY G., 48 Clinton Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

608 SCOTT, W. LEDYARD, 3028 Locust St, St. Louis, Mo.

609 WARMBOLD, EMIL H., 189 Congress St., Savannah, Ga.

610 DAVIS, A. D., Falmouth, Mass.

611 PARMELEE, F. S., 1312 Douglass St., Omaha, Neb.

612 SCHUYLER, A. L., Weston Building, Clinton, Iowa.

613 JOHNSON, J. F., 83 Thornton St, Boston, Mass.

614 BRONSON, THOS. S, 1198 Chopet St., New Haven, Conn

615 TAYLOR, HENRY R., 121 E. 21st St., New York.

616 POPE, DR. H. C., Port Gibson, Miss.

617 AIKENHEAD, R. S., "The Stillman," Cleveland, Ohio.

618 BUEHLER, JULIUS F., Arlington Heights, O.

619 WING, S. L., Coldwater, Mich.

620 HENNING, H. D., 1408 N. 25th St., Omaha, Neb.

621 WAGNER, CARL, Pottsville, Pa.

622 DUPERLY, EARL V., Bucaramanga, Colombia, S. A.

623 WADE, JOHN PRICE, Mt. Eliza, Perth, Western Australia.

624 NIELSEN, JACOB, Box 106, Rio Janeiro, Brazil.

625 JONES, H. M, 25 North Court St, Marysville, Ohio.

626 WILLIAMS, CHAS. H., Ironwood, Mich.

RE-INSTATED.

373 Giles, Edw. S., Paterson, N. J.
374 Giles, Frank M., Paterson, N. J.
376 Wall, Stephen A., Paterson, N. J.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following having been previously published are now accepted:

197 Paul Stroehlin, Geneva, Switzerland.
319 C. D. Reimers, Chicago, Ill.

The following are offered and will be accepted thirty days from hence if no objections are offered:

454 J. F. Henkel, Detroit, Mich.
85 Paul Ascher, Lima, Peru.

In order to have Stock Certificate sent at the earliest moment, all applicants are requested to forward with their application, one dollar for one share of stock, and dues for balance of fiscal year, (September to September), as follows: If application is sent during

July, dues required are	$1 00
August, dues required are	93
September, dues required are	85
October, dues required are	77
November, dues required are	68
December, dues required are	60
January, dues required are	50
February, dues required are	43
March, dues required are	34
April, dues required are	26
May, dues required are	17
June, dues required are	9

Should the applicant not be admitted, the full amount will be returned.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash balance Dec. 31, 1893	$206 33	
Dues collected, Jan'y 1, to Jan'y 31	54 90	
Cash Balance Jan'y 31		$ 261 23

STOCK FUND.

Balance Dec. 31, 1893	$556 00	
Cash received, Jan'y 1 to Jan'y 31	34 00	
Balance Jan'y 31		$ 590 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Received from investments	$ 7 55	
Int. accrued February 1 on securities	30 00	
		$ 37 55

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., Jan'y 31, 1894.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., Jan 30, 1894.

I am sorry to state that the Secretaries of only two Branches, Mr Carl N. Stockwell, of the Cleveland, and Mr. A. E. Daum, of the Pittsburg Branch, responded to my request in my last report for the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz-Blatt*. I hope the other Secretaries will forward the desired information as soon as possible, in order that I can make a complete report.

Please state:
Membership.
Date of organization.
List of officers.
Date of meeting.
Place of meeting.
Official organ.
Dues.

E. DOEBLIN.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, January 31, 1894.

During the month of January I received 128 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was..... ...$2,613 c8
Previously acknowledged, gross value 7,044 64

$9 657 72
28 books retired..... 828 74

Total value in circulation.....$8,828 98

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $291.41, over 35%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of January, $602.02. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of January were as follows:

135 Books.....$ 13.50
5,700 Control Stamps..... 5.70

$ 19.20
Sales previously acknowledged, 56.60

Total..... $ 75 80

In ordering control stamps and blank-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

The Department will not circulate torn or damaged stamps, and unless defective stamps are marked at their actual value, condition being considered, they will be removed and returned to owners same as counterfeits, reprints, etc. The books provided contain spaces for 120 stamps and the number of stamps in each book must be limited to this amount. Members will not be permitted to attach sets or several stamps where space for only one is provided. Parties disregarding this rule will have their books returned to them. The Department is now receiving a very desirable class of stamps at reasonable prices, and many bargains are to be found. *Buyers* should request to be placed on circuits and new branches should be established wherever there is a sufficient number of members to justify it.

G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of January.

P. M. Wolsieffer.....$ 10 00
W. A. McCalla..... 6 50
C. P. Krauth..... 10 00
C. A. Hobbs..... 5 00
G. W. Rhodes..... 10 00
W. E. Muir..... 10 00
A. L. Schuyler..... 10 00

$ 61 50
Previously acknowledged..... 362 84

Total.....$424 34

It would take many thousand dollars working capital to make this Department a success. I have advanced some money to enable me to secure new issues, otherwise would have had scarcely anything. The deposits up to the present time have been very small, and unless the members patronize the department by making more liberal deposits, very little can be accomplished. I have sent orders to all parts of the world for new issues, but have not enough money to go around, so the only orders I can depend upon being filled are those for which cash has been sent in advance, and the funds at present available do not permit of this in all cases. I have stated that the Department would undertake to secure new issues and unused current stamps for members who wish them, at the usual rate of 10% above cost. I have been advised by my correspondents in the following countries, that the stamps mentioned in the list below are to be had at face value, and as soon as I shall have received orders and deposits sufficient, I will send an order to each of these places for a supply. Please specify clearly what is desired, always sending a deposit larger than the order.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

½p. green; 1p. violet; 2p. blue; 2½p. blue; 3p. green; 4p. brown; 5p. green; 6p. rose; 7½p. black and brown; 8p. mauve; 9p. black and brown; 10p. lilac; 1s. brown-violet; 12½p. black and red; 5s. violet; 10s. carmine, violet and black; 20s. blue.

Envelopes—1 and 2p. blue. Three sizes of 3p. rose registration.

COOK ISLANDS.

1p. brown; ½p. mauve; 2½p. rose; 5p. slate; 10p. green.

Postal Cards—blue.

HANKOW.

2, 5, 10, 20, 30 cents, all being of the first issue. A new issue is in preparation.

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS.

Issue 1890, 2, 4, 8, 10, 15, 16, 48, 96 cents. Surcharged Series: 12 on 16; 15 on 16; 45 on 48; 90 on 96. Issue 1893, 3, 12, 15, 45 cents.

HAYTI.

Issue 1883, 20 cents. Issue 1889, 3 and 5 cents. Issue 1893, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 cents.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

New Issues—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 25, 50 cents. 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 dollars.

BAHAMAS.

1, 2½, 4, 6p. 1, 5s. 1 pound.

Postal Cards—1p. pink.

Envelopes—2½ blue.

PANAMA (COLOMBIA.)

Issue 1888, 20 and 50 cents. 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10 cents.

For registered letters, 10 cents.

VICTORIA.

Series of reprints and most of the obsolete stamps, including the revenues formerly used for postage, marked "reprint," can be had for $7 50 per set. Following current issues may be had.

½, 1, 2½, 4, 5, 6p. 1s, 1s. 6d, 3, 4, 5, 6, 15, 30, 45s, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 pounds.

Unpaid stamps—½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10p. 1, 2, 5s.
Envelopes—1, 2, 3p.
Wrappers—½ and 1p.
The 5 to £9 stamp in the above series are new issues different from the designs in catalogue.

GRENADA.

Issue 1883, ½, 1, 2½, 4, 6, 8p.
Wrappers—½, 1, 1½, 2p.
Registered envelopes—2p.

TURK'S ISLAND.

½, 1, 2½, 4, 6p. and 1s.

SIAM.

1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 24, 60 atts. 4 on 24 atts.

JHIND.

Issue 1882-85, ¼, ½, 2, 4, 8 annas.

ORANGE FREE STATE.

½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6p. 1 and 5s.

SHANGHAI.

½, 1, 2, 5, 10 15, 20 cents.
Postage Due, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 cents.
Envelopes, 1, 2, 5 cents.
Postal Cards, 1, 2 cents.
Wrappers, ½, 1 and 2 cents.
Letter Cards, 1 cent.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8p. ½, 2½, 4, 5, 10s. 1, 2, 5, 10 pounds.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Specimen sheets of many of the obsolete stamps can be obtained bearing the word "specimen," at $7.50 per set. The following are the regular postal issues obtainable.

½, 1, 2, 2½ on 4, 4, 5 on 6, 6, 9p. 2s., 6d., 5 10, 15s. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20 pounds.

I would request members to send no order of less than $5 00 from the above list, and to concentrate their orders on special countries so as to make as little trouble as possible.

G. D. MEKEEL.
Superintendent.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 14 Court street, Northampton, Mass.

January 31st, 1894.

I report as follows on claims received during this month.

Claims received.....$ 3
Amount..... 46 09

No claims collected.

I have some claims on hand received too late to send out in January but they will be included in my February statement.

Very truly yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent, A. P. A.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian, Flemington, N. J.

No report received.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Jan. 31st, 1894.

I had no report to submit for the month of December. This month I have received two lists of papers and forwarded them to members requesting them. I also had two inquiries for other lists but had none to send. I have been able to procure two valuable lots of papers for members through this department. I have also answered a number of letters concerning philatelic journals and other publications; this I am always pleased to do, as best I can. I would be glad to receive sample copies of new philatelic papers and journals both domestic and foreign, which will often make the answers to these last requests for information easier for me.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL,
Lit. Ex. Supt. A. P. A.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E. A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Sumner St., Boston, Mass.

No report received.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No reports received.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

The title page and index for volume seven of *The American Philatelist* will appear with the next issue of the OFFICIAL CIRCULAR. It is all completed with the exception of the inclusion of the contents of the annual number which will be issued by the time this is in the hands of our readers.

While the annual number of the Official Journal contains some seventy-six pages of matter, it by no means comes up to what we would like to see it. Next year we hope to double that at least. If our members will only put on their thinking caps between now and the next convention, and try and write up some special topics which they think will be of interest to philatelists, we can easily get matter enough to publish the largest paper yet issued by the philatelic press.

We regret to note that several of our branches are not in a very lively condition, judging from the infrequency with which we receive reports of their doings. Send us something each month, if it is only the amount of stamps sold from the exchange books received from the department.

We regret very much that several of the reports of the Staten Island Branch have not appeared in the recent issues of the Circular. Mr. Clotz assures us that they have been sent regularly, but they have never reached us.

Extra numbers of the Annual can be obtained of Samuel Leland, 56 Thirty-fifth street, Chicago. Prices on application.

The Wilson bill which has just passed the House of Representatives, contains one section which will prove of interest to stamp collectors, we think. Section 19 of the internal revenue portion reads as follows:

"That on and after the first day of July, 1894, there shall be levied, collected, and paid by adhesive stamps, a tax of two cents for and upon every pack not exceeding fifty-three in number of playing cards, manufactured and sold or removed and also upon every pack in the stock of any dealer on and after that date; and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall make regulations as to dies and adhesive stamps."

Whether these stamps will be a strictly government issue, the same for all makes of cards, or whether each manufacturer will be allowed to issue his private stamp as before, is not stated. If the latter is permitted we shall probably have a deluge as there are numerous concerns in the country who deal in these wares. Those of us who supposed our revenue albums were up to date will find that we shall soon have new pages to add and new spaces to fill. There will of course be a government stamp for those who prefer not to have a distinctive die.

The supply of high value Columbian stamps is being rapidly bought up by collectors and dealers, the supply being already exhausted at Boston and New York to our personal knowledge. Only a small supply of the $4 and $5 values remain at our own office, the other dollar values being all sold.

Nineteen applications this month and twenty-four new members with three reinstatements this month and only two resignations. We are decidedly on the gain, and we shall have fully 650 members by the time we meet at Niagara Falls this summer. Shall you be there?

The Metropolitan Philatelist in its January number publishes a list of the quantities of the various denominations of the Columbian stamps that have been put on sale. It is interesting to look this list over and then scan the numerous advertisements which fill the columns of our papers with their offers of all sorts of ridiculous prices for certain of these stamps. Why should they pay from $1.00 to $1 50 per hundred for the 3 cent Columbian of which there were 11,228,850 issued, while the 3 cent Postoffice department sells for 1 cent each at retail notwithstanding that there were only 6,479 700 of these latter issued? The comparison might be carried even farther and show perhaps still more striking discrepancies, but we will forbear. For the benefit of our readers who may not see the *Metropolitan* we repeat the table here:

Denomination.	Number issued.
1 cent	439 253,350
2 cents	1,461,290,750
3 "	11,228,850
4 "	19,027,600
5 "	35,248,050
6 "	4,330,250
8 "	10,650,650
10 "	16,485,260
15 cents	1,547,790
30 "	600,300
50 "	200,710
$1 00	55,520
$2.00	24,079
$3.00	19,331
$4 00	18,469
$5.00	19,035
Total	2,000,000,000

The face value of the issue is stated to be $40,077,950.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., Jan. 30, 1894.

I forwarded two applications for membership in the A. P. A. to the Secretary this month. All members are very much pleased with the exchange books that are making the circuit now.

E. DOEBLER.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge: Secretary, F. C. Vehslage.

For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address to Henry Clotz, Box 999, New York City.

130TH MEETING.

Meeting opened at 8:45 p. m., August Dejonge in the Chair. Six members present.

In absence of the Secretary, Mr. R. S Leham was appointed Secretary pro tem.

Minutes of the 129th meeting accepted as read with the exception of the statement regarding the calendars received by the members; the same were sent by Mr. Frank A. Knoll, instead of H. Knoll, as erroneously stated.

It was voted to change the meeting nights from Friday to Thursday.

Mr. B. V. Jenkins, of Baltimore, proposes Mr. Jacob A. Ulman, of Baltimore, as a member.

Committee on Festivities repoted that the following committees were appointed:

Arrangement Committee, Aug. Dejonge, Henry Clotz, R. F. Albrecht and Robert Benary.

Reception Committee, Henry Clotz, Oscar Dejonge, R. F. Albrecht, R. R. Bauer.

Musical Committee, August Dejonge, Robert Benary, C. Horrmann, H. Kessler.

Decoration Committee, August Dejonge, Dr. R. Roehre.

Also reports that the German Club Rooms at Stapleton have been engaged for the holding of the festivities, and progress, as regards invitations, etc.

Mr. Clotz moved that the 10th of March be appointed as the day on which the anniversary celebration be held; carried.

Mr. I. A. Mekeel tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regret.

Communication was received from Mr. Doeblin, regarding the candidates for the board of trustees of the A. P. A. Contents were acted upon.

Mr. V. Gurdji, of Chicago, sends two British Guiana wrappers for the Society's album, which were accepted with thanks.

Mr. Watson sends the Postal Card No. 16. Accepted with thanks.

Upon motion the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

Next meeting, Thursday, February 15, 1894.

R. S. LEHMAN,
Sec'y. pro tem.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(A. P. A. Branch No. 7.)

Meetings held in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves., the third Wednesday of each month.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary. Box 300, Painesville, Ohio.

The thirty-sixth meeting was called to order January 17th at 8:30 p. m., with Vice-President Overton in the chair, eleven members and one visitor being present. Mr. Morley Hitchcock was elected member No. 40. On motion the ten per cent. levied on all sales in the exchange department was reduced to five per cent. only on United States stamps and when they be kept separate from others.

By this means collectors will place more United States stamps on circuit and at lower prices. It was decided to have the original membership list signed by charter members framed, and also the branch certificate and the certificate issued by the A. P. A. World's Fair Committee. Auction sale prices were very low.

CARL N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

PITTSBURG BRANCH, NO. 5.

PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 20, 1894.

The eighteenth monthly meeting was held Tuesday evening, January 16th, at 49 Fifth Ave., President E. Doeblin presiding.

Fourteen members were present and the following visitors, Mr. F. Sermin, Mr. F. T. Aschman, Mr. Otto Frank and Mr. P. D. Stannard.

Letters from Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer and Mr. Geo. H. Watson read.

Exchange Superintendent reports receipt of 37 books from the Exchange Department, all of which are now in circulation among our members.

Resignation of Mr. Walter R. Black read and accepted.

After a very interesting essay by Mr. C. P. Krauth on the stamps of Turkey, illustrated by a drawing of the various characters on stamps of that country, meeting adjourned

A. E. DAUM, Secretary.

PITTSBURG PHILATELIC CLUB.

The second regular meeting of the Pittsburg Philatelic Club was held January 9th, at the residence of Mr. E. Doeblin, Hazel street, Allegheny, Pa., six members and two visitors being present. Mr. Geo. W. Rode was unanimously elected Secretary-Treasurer for the coming year. Mr. Stauffer read a translation of an article in the "*Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal*," January 15, 1884, on the "Fraudulent Envelope Stamps of Afghanistan." Mr. Krauth read a humorous article in Stanley-Gibbons monthly journal, December, 1893, on "The 2 Kopee Serpentine Perf. of Ballyrotsk." Mr. Doeblin stated he would read an article on the North German stamps and provisional envelopes at the next meeting. The members present spent a very enjoyable evening and adjourned at a late hour.

The next meeting will be held at the residence of the Secretary on February 12, 1894.

GEO. W. RODE,
Secretary-Treasurer

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—MARCH, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
Secretary, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City Penn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

To the Members of the A. P. A.:

GENTLEMEN—The affairs of our Association are proceeding very quietly, and while the routine of business occupies much time there is little of general interest for the President to report. A few matters, however, may be called to your attention with possible profit. The President is in receipt of a letter inquiring by what authority a certain gentleman holds the title of Resident Vice-President. The answer to this may be of general interest. It seems very unfortunate that more activity has not been displayed of late either in most of the Branch Societies heretofore formed or in the formation of new ones. The present Board have not even been informed whether the old Branch Societies have been reorganized under the present By-Laws since it was passed over a year ago or whether they have applied for the certificate therein provided for. It is desired that each existing Branch should at once inform the Board whether it has so reorganized, who are its officers and whether it holds a certificate that it is a Branch Society. But two branches have as yet taken advantage of the provision allowing a branch to become a stockholder and it is hoped that each will avail themselves of such a privilege. The added interest of an active participation as a Branch Society is apparently not appreciated nor do collectors seem to be aware how much the welfare of the Association would be promoted and the collecting would be brought nearer together by active participation in each locality in the affairs of the National Association. The present Board following the custom of previous years, has re-appointed as Resident Vice-President, all who had been named as the choice of the several branches, and it is for that reason that these gentlemen are recognized in the OFFICIAL CIRCULAR as holding such offices. But it should be understood that each locality may choose for itself at any time, who shall be the Resident Vice-President there and when the Official Board is duly notified as provided by the By-Laws, the nomination will be promptly ratified.

In answer to the call for an election of a Board of Trustees, the ballots received have been counted and the President is in receipt of the following certificate from the tellers.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16, 1894.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR—This is to certify that we have counted the ballots addressed to Mr. R. F. Albrecht for Trustees for the American Philatelic Association for the remainder of the year 1894, and we find as follows:

Total ballots received		105
Geo. W. Rode, C. P. Krauth, S. Stauffer,	each	90
Scattering		15
		105

We hereby certify to the correctness of this count.

[Signed] R. F. ALBRECHT,
JOHN N. LUFF,
A. R. ROGERS.

The President therefore announces that Geo. W. Rode, C. P. Krauth and S. Stauffer are duly elected Trustees.

There are a number of old matters which should be settled and disposed of and members or others interested are requested at once to present their cases to the new Board for determination.

Respectfully,
JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

516 Jas. R. Lowther, Providence, R. I., should be R. Lowther James.
366 W. H. Newmark, Los Angeles, Cal., should be M. H. Newmark.
309 J. B. Weiley, 914 Twenty-first street, Galveston, Tex., formerly 910.
139 Fred Ineson, Box 511, Toronto Junct., Ont., formerly Carleton, West.
584 J. W. M. Schmidt, 313 S. Fifth street, Springfield, Ill., formerly 615 E. Jackson street.

APPLICATIONS.

AIKMAN, MISS, Belize, British Honduras.
References: H. M. Turk, R. R. Bogert.
CRITTENDEN, GEO. W. D., 426 Central Park, West, New York City.
References: R. R. Bogert, Chas. Gregory.
FRANK, OTTO, Allegheny, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Aug. Buckholz.
GLADWIN, EDWARD A., Box 582, Middletown, Conn.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
GREENEBAUM, ALFRED H., 1914 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, Cal.
References: Wm. J. Gardner, A. H. Weber.
GREGORY, W. F., 11 Park Row, New York City.
References: Geo. R. Tuttle, R. R. Bogert.
HOWARD, E. L., Fayette, Ohio.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
Guarantor: A. J. Howard.
HOWE, DR. JAMES S., Chestnut street, Brookline, Mass.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
LOOMIS, GEO. W., Rochester, N. Y.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
MUIR, W. E., 65 Argyle Ave., Montreal, Canada.
References: E. A. Holton, Alvah Davison.
OVERTON, J. J., 435 Pearl street, Cleveland, O.
References: E. B. Hanes, R. R. Bogert.
PARKER, LOUIS C., Box 937, Meriden, Ct.
References: H. Gremmel, Alvah Davison.
LE-RETORD, JULES DE, 160 Rue de l'Arsenal, Lisbon, Portugal.
References: C. Witt, Henry Clotz.
STANWOOD, THADDEUS P., 1221 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.
References: Jno. W. Palmer, P. M. Wolseiffer.
SCHAEFER, JNO. W., 64 Walnut street, Buffalo, N. Y.
References: R. F. Albrecht, Alvah Davison.
SMITH, CHAS. H., Brushton, N. Y.
References: Howard K. Sanderson, Alvah Davison.
SMITH, FRED S., 52 Federal street, Boston, Mass.
References: H. M. Shaw, Frank P. Brown.
SNYDER, C. A., 812 Market street, McKeesport, Pa.
References: Geo. W. Rode, Jno. Deininger.
Guarantor: G. L. Reiber, McKeesport, Pa.
SMITH, ROY C., 414 Central Ave., Dover, N. H.
References: A. R. Rogers, A. Davison.
Guarantor: J. D. Townsend, Dover, N. H.
THWING, EUGENE, 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
References: R. R. Bogert, I. A. Mekeel.
WEIL, JACOB, 1006 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, P. J. Vischer.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive a certificate of stock on payment of dues amounting to 43 cents, to the Treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

627 HANLEY, FRANCIS, care H. W. Ladd & Co., Providence, R. I.
628 TOBIE, L. F., 15 Beckett street, Portland, Me.
629 BARNUM, W. H., 47 Livingston street, Cleveland, O.
630 MARTIN, CHAS. A., 1212 St. Paul street, Baltimore, Md.
631 HINE, GEO. F., 702 James street, Syracuse, N. Y.
632 MILLER, A. E., Box 16, Main Street Station, Meriden, Conn.
633 MCGREGORY, H. W., Palmer, Mass.
634 CUNNINGHAM, THOS. O., 315 Lafayette Ave., Kansas City, Kas.
635 SPENCE, JNO. M., 2115 N. Fifth street, Kansas City, Kas.
636 STONE, ARTHUR F., St. Johnsbury, Vt.
637 PLANK, WILL H., Kansas City, Kas.
638 MELLO, F. DAS NEVES, Box 59, Georgetown, Demerara.
639 JONES, T. E., Box 148, Catskill, N. Y.
640 GREUSEL, SYLVESTER, JR., Hastings, Mich.

RE-INSTATED.

142 Seliger, J. L., 598 Elm street, Buffalo, N. Y.
255 Burnham, C. W., 32 Grant Place, Washington, D. C.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following having been previously published are now accepted:

85 Paul Ascher, Lima, Peru.
454 J. F. Henkel, Detroit, Mich.

Total membership Feb. 10th.....		592
Added since.....	16	
Resignations.....	2	14
Present membership.....		606

The high water-mark in the membership of the Association is 684, and we are now within 78 of that figure. There is still six months time before the next convention, and to overcome the old figures needs only an average of thirteen new members a month from now until the next convention is held.

Shall we have them? How far beyond the old figure can we go? Members, it lies with you.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash balance Jan. 31, 1894	$261 23	
Dues collected, Feb. 1, to Feb. 28	17 34	
Cash advanced by Treasurer	47 16	$ 325 73

EXPENDITURES.

Mekeel Pt'g Co., Annual No. Am. Phil.	$282 50	
Ballots and Envs. for Election of Trustees and Mailing American Philatelist	25 06	
Treasurer's Postage and Expenses	18 17	$ 325 73
Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1894		$ 47 16

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Jan. 31, 1894	$590 00
Cash received for stock, Feb. 1, to Feb. 28	29 00
Balance at Credit, Feb. 28, 1894	$619 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Cash at Credit, Feb. 28, 1894	$ 7 50

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., Feb'y 28, 1894.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., Feb. 27, 1894.

I am sorry to state that after my second call, I did not receive any answer at all. So I only send in the Branch Societies that reported to me to the *Vertrauliche Korrespondenz-Blatt*.

E. DOEBLIN.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, February 28, 1894.

During the month of February I received 105 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was.....$2.424 93
Previously acknowledged, gross value 8,828 98

$11,253 91
25 books retired..... 738 34

Total value in circulation.....$10,515 57

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $142.97, or about 19.4%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of February, $429.48. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of February were as follows:

127 Books	$ 12.70
3,000 Control Stamps	3.00
	$ 15.70
Sales previously acknowledged,	75.80
Total	$ 91.50

Members having revenue stamps to circulate should place them in books by themselves and not with postage stamps and when practicable separate books should be used for documents, match and medicine stamps.

In ordering control stamps and blank-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

The Department will not circulate torn or damaged stamps, and unless defective stamps are marked at their actual value, condition being considered, they will be removed and returned to owners same as counterfeits, reprints, etc. The books provided contain spaces for 120 stamps and the number of stamps in each book must be limited to this amount. Members will not be permitted to attach sets or several stamps where space for only one is provided. Parties disregarding this rule will have their books returned to them. The Department is now receiving a very desirable class of stamps at reasonable prices, and many bargains are to be found. *Buyers* should request to be placed on circuits and new branches should be established wherever there is a sufficient number of members to justify it.

G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of February.

L. Barr	$ 25 00
G. W. Rhodes	3 00
A. L. Schuyler	30 00
	$ 58 00
Previously acknowledged	424 34
Total	$482 34

It is the aim of this department to be able to supply the members with just what they want in the way of new and current issues and with the *proper* co-operation of all it could be done. The interest and liberality of a few has been of some encouragement and help but the *success* of the department is still dependent on a more general and liberal patronage of the members.

Very few orders were received for stamps from the list published in my last circular and I include it in this report once more hoping to receive deposits enough to warrant me in sending an order to each country.

For the benefit of those who may not have seen the last circular, will say that my correspondents in the following countries have notified me that the stamps on the list below can be had at face value. Please specify clearly what is desired, always sending a deposit larger than the order to provide for the 10% to the department and postage.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

½p. green; 1p. violet; 2p. blue; 2½p. blue; 3p. green; 4p. brown; 5p. green; 6p. rose; 7½p. black and brown; 8p. mauve; 9p. black and brown; 10p. lilac; 1s. brown-violet; 12½p. black and red; 5s. violet; 10s. carmine, violet and black; 20s. blue.

Envelopes—1 and 2p. blue. Three sizes of 3p. rose registration.

COOK ISLANDS.

1p. brown; ½p. mauve; 2½p. rose; 5p. slate; 10p. green.

Postal Cards—blue.

HANKOW.

2, 5, 10, 20, 30 cents, all being of the first issue. A new issue is in preparation.

SEYCHELLES ISLANDS.

Issue 1890, 2, 4, 8, 10, 15, 16, 48, 96 cents. Surcharged Series: 12 on 16; 15 on 16; 45 on 48; 90 on 96. Issue 1893, 3, 12, 15, 45 cents.

HAYTI.

Issue 1883, 20 cents. Issue 1889, 3 and 5 cents. Issue 1893, 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 cents.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

New Issues—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 25, 50 cents. 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 dollars.

BAHAMAS.

1, 2½, 4, 6p. 1, 5s. 1 pound.
Postal Cards—1p. pink.
Envelopes—2½ blue.

PANAMA (COLOMBIA.)

Issue 1888, 20 and 50 cents. 1892, 1, 2, 5, 10 cents.
For registered letters, 10 cents.

VICTORIA.

Series of reprints and most of the obsolete stamps, including the revenues formerly used for postage, marked "reprint," can be had for $7.50 per set. Following current issues may be had.
½, 1, 2½, 4, 5, 6p. 1s, 1s. 6d. 3, 4, 5, 6, 15. 30, 45s, 1, 2, 5. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 pounds.
Unpaid stamps—½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6. 10p. 1, 2, 5s.
Envelopes—1, 2, 3p.
Wrappers—½ and 1p.
The 5 to £9 stamp in the above series are new issues different from the designs in catalogue.

GRENADA.

Issue 1883, ½, 1, 2½, 4, 6, 8p.
Wrappers—½, 1, 1½, 2p.
Registered envelopes—2p.

TURK'S ISLAND.

½, 1, 2½, 4, 6p. and 1s.

SIAM.

1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 24, 60 atts. 4 on 24 atts.

JHIND.

Issue 1882-85, ¼, ½, 2, 4, 8 annas.

ORANGE FREE STATE.

½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6p. 1 and 5s.

SHANGHAI

½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 cents.
Postage Due, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20 cents.
Envelopes, 1, 2, 5 cents.
Postal Cards, 1, 2 cents.
Wrappers, ½, 1 and 2 cents.
Letter Cards, 1 cent.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8p. ½, 2½, 4, 5, 10s. 1, 2, 5, 10 pounds.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Specimen sheets of many of the obsolete stamps can be obtained bearing the word "specimen," at $7.50 per set. The following are the regular postal issues obtainable.
½, 1, 2, 2½ on 4, 4, 5 on 6, 6, 9p. 2s., 6d., 5 10, 15s. 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20 pounds.

I would request members to send no order of less than $5 00 from the above list, and to concentrate their orders on special countries so as to make as little trouble as possible.

G. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 110 Main street, Northampton, Mass.

March 5, 1894.

I have received during the month twenty-nine claims amounting to sixty-three and $\frac{1}{100}$ dollars.

I have received in answer to my demands some spicy correspondence, some promises and many profound silences, but no actual returns although I have hopes.

Kindly note my address and change it from 14 Court street, to 110 Main street.

Very truly yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent, A. P. A.

LIBRARIAN'S DEPARTMENT.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Feb. 26, 1894.

The following donations to the Library have been received since my last report.

No. 17, Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Volume I, bound, from the publishers.

No. 18, Constitution and By-Laws, 1886, of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, from Mr. E. R. Aldrich.

No. 19, Year Book, 1888, I. P. V., from Mr. E. R. Aldrich.

No. 20, Year Book, 1889, I. P. V., from Mr. E. R. Aldrich.

No. 21, 30 Foreign Philatelic Journals, from Mr. W. C. Stone.

No. 22, Quarterly Guide for Kansas City Post-office, July, 1893, from Mr. E. R. Aldrich.

No. 23, Two hundred philatelic papers, and twenty-one unpriced auction catalouges, from Mr. J. D. Rice.

No. 24, Sixty French, eighty-five German, one hundred and ten English, and twenty miscellaneous foreign philatelic journals, from Mr. W. C. Stone.

W. H. BODINE,
Librarian.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Feb. 28, 1894.

Dr. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

No report received.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E. A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Sumner St., Boston, Mass.

March 2, 1894.

Changelings of the 5c. United States envelope, Garfield on fawn, are in circulation, they may be readily detected by comparing with the 3c., as the color does not match.

Also the Hawaiian 2c. brown changed to a dark purple.

E. A. HOLTON.

AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

S. B. BRADT, Brookline Park, Ill.

WM. E. LOY, 423 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal.

No reports received.

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The editor desires to acknowledge the receipt of an invitation to attend the tenth anniversary of the Staten Island Philatelic Society on the 10th of this month, but regrets his inability to be present. The American Philatelic Association is indebted in many ways to the Staten Island Society and in behalf of our entire membership we extend congratulations and express the hope that they may see many more anniversaries.

A little publication entitled "Stamp Memoranda" has just been issued by A. B. Slater, Jr., of Providence, who will be remembered by all those in attendance at the Niagara convention as "Blocks of four." Its object is stated to be the putting into convenient form for binding such notes as may be acquired for use in compiling a check list of the adhesive stamps of the United States and Canada and the Hawaiian Islands. Sheets, values, dies, process of printing, ink, colors, paper, perforations, etc , gum, engravers, dates, are some of the topics included in this little manual which is accompanied with a blank ruled for noting these items concerning each stamp. Future numbers will be issued when occasion demands, we understand.

We are in receipt of a communication from E. B. Sterling, stating that he has examined over 60,000 stamps of the 1872 issue of our own country in search of varieties on ribbed paper similar to that discovered by J. D. Rice. Mr. Sterling has succeeded in finding one copy of the 1 cent, five of the 2 cent, seventeen of the 3 cent and two of the 15 cent values. He is desirous of inspecting copies of the 6 and 10 cent values, as it seems quite probable that these must also exist.

The contract for the printing of the United States adhesive stamps for the four years commencing July 1, 1894, has been awarded to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington. Collectors of imprints will therefore have a new set to secure after that date whether any change is made in the designs or not. The 30 and 90 cent values are to be withdrawn it is stated and other denominations substituted, probably 50 cents, one, two and five dollars.

Collectors of post card oddities can manufacture their own from our new cards provided they are sufficiently wealthy to order 5,000 at a time. Orders of not less than that quantity will be supplied in sheets if desired, the Official Postal Guide for December announces. There are thirty cards in each sheet.

Our readers will be pained to learn of the serious illness of Geo. H. Watson, formerly one of our Trustees. He was taken ill with an attack of nervous prostration while on a Jersey City ferry boat and at last accounts was still in a very critical condition. Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our brother with the hope that he may speedily be restored to health.

STONE.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., Feb. 27, 1894.

Everything is moving nicely here. Collectors come promptly to our meetings and are kept busy looking over stamps from the Exchange Department. I have sent three applications to the Secretary this month from my district.

E. DOEBLIN.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, Robert S. Lehman.

For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address to Henry Clotz, Box 999, New York City.

131ST MEETING.

February 15th, 1894.

Meeting opened at 9:05 p. m.

Seven members present: President August Dejonge in the chair.

The secretary being absent Mr. Lehman was appointed to act in his stead.

The minutes of the 130th meeting were accepted as read.

The various committees report progress.

Messrs. A. R. Rogers and Stedman Bent tender their resignations, which were accepted, with regret.

Mr. F. C. Vehslage sends in his resignation as Secretary, as he now lives in Brooklyn, and is unable to attend to the duties of the office.

Mr. Clotz moves that Mr. R. S. Lehman be elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Vehslage, and above gentleman was unanimously elected.

Mr. August Dejonge presents the society with a handsome framed crayon drawing of himself on the occasion of his tenth anniversary as President of the Society, which was accepted with thanks.

Mr. Oswald presents the society with a provisional Guatemala envelope. Mr. Arnold Hermann, with some counterfeits and Mr. Clotz, with a postal curiosity in the shape of a United States Postal Card received at the Chicago Postoffice in a very delapidated condition. Thanks are tendered to the kind donors.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 15th, 1894.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 p. m.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
Secretary.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB, OF CLEVELAND, OHIO.

(A. P. A. Branch No. 7.)

Meetings held in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves., the third Wednesday of each month.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary. Box 300, Painesville, Ohio.

The thirty-seventh meeting was called to order February 21st at 7:30 p. m., with Vice-President Overton in the chair and eleven members in attendance.

Communication from Mr. R. S. Aikenhead read and ordered to be filed.

A vote of thanks was given Mr. Overton for the framing of the Branch Charter, List of Charter Members, etc.

It was decided that all A. P. A. members in Ohio were eligible to membership in the Club.

After considerable routine business and the usual auction sale, meeting was adjourned,

CARL N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

461 G. H. Messinger, Lock Box 335, Adel, Ia., formerly Waukee, Ia.

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55 Geo. H. Worthington, Hickox Building, Cleveland, O., formerly Wilshire Building.

338 Max A. Arnold, 22 Fourth street, McKeesport, Pa., formerly Scranton.

APPLICATIONS.

ANDREINI, J. M., 341 W. Forty-fifth street, New York City.
References: Chas. W. Grevning, A. Davison.

ADAMS, CHAS. H., 14 South Peters street, New Orleans, La.
References: Placide Reynes, Will J. Morgan.

BALZ, EUGENE, 1453 Clinton street, St. Louis Mo.
References: I. A. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Leonhard Balz.

BENNETT, W. C., 37 Milton street, Brockton, Mass.
References: E. H. Remington, Fred M. Bixby.

CLARKE, E. H., Box 2377, St. Paul, Minn.
References: G. B. Calman, H. L. Calman.

DICKERMAN, ALTON L., Colorado Springs, Col.
References: C. P. Krauth, G. E. Krauth.

EMERY, WILL H., Box 234, Avon, Mass.
References: E. H. Remington, Chas. Wade.
Guarantor: Oscar L. Emery.

FRELIN, JULIUS T., Arlington, Minn.
References: E. P. Hoerschgen, I. A. Mekeel.

GINZBERGER, M., Box 164, Butte, Mont.
References: Robt. S. Kennedy, G. D. Mekeel.

HILTON, ALBERT, B., 7 West Thirty-fourth street, New York City.
References: M. C. Berlepsch, A Davison.

INGELS, E. V., Nevada, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. B. Ingels.

JOHNSON, F. G., Painesville, Ohio.
References: Carl N. Stockwell, N. P. Stockwell.

JONES, WALTER, C., Bradford, Mass.
References: Wm. H. Page, Chas. W. Grevning.

KIRBY, BERT, Marysville, O.
References: G. D. Mekeel, H. M. Jones.
Guarantor: A. J. Scott.

KRAMER, REV. C., 526 E. Eighth street, Alton, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

KOECHLIN, F. C., Litchfield, Mich.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

KOENIG, GEO. F., 528 Clawson street, Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, A. Buchholtz.

LAZELL, HARRY G., Big Rapids, Michigan.
References: I. A. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

LINDSAY, JNO. M., 31 Bertha street, Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, A. Buchholtz.

MAKINS, J. H., 506 Market street, San Francisco, Cal.
References: Geo. Carion, Frank Koenig.

MARSH, EDW. B. Amherst, Mass.
References: J. A., Wainwright, C. C. Lewis.

MILLER SHIRLEY P., Rockwell, Iowa.
References: I. A. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: E. C. Miller.

NELSON, LOUIS F., 2443 Flora avenue, Kansas City, Mo.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.
Guarantor: His father.

NELSON, ALBERT F., 145 N. Warren avenue, Brockton, Mass.
References: Chas. E. Wade, E. H. Remington.
Guarantor: Paulus Nelson.

NEWTON, CAPT. GEO. B., Box 413, Hartford, Conn.
References: W. H. Bruce, F. N. Chapin.

PAXSON, R. H., Butte, Mont.
References: Robt. S. Kennedy, G. D. Mekeel.

PILIE, EDGAR, JR., 83 Orleans street, New Orleans, La.
References. C. W. Kissinger, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Edgar Pilie, Sr.

REINHART, J., Box 295, Butte, Mont.
References: Robt. S. Kennedy, G. D. Mekeel.

ROTCH, FRANCIS, Bueoda, Wash.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

STARR, P. C., Goshen, Ind.
References: W. H. Beyerle, S. B. Bradt.
Guarantor: Mrs. Thos. A. Starr.

TRAVERSY, OSCAR A., Des Moines, Iowa.
Reference: E. B. Jones, E. S. Stilson.

WASSERBURGER, A., Trier, Mosel, Germany.
References: C. Witt, Henry Clotz.

WHITEHEAD, C. R., Morristown, N. J.
References: Henry Gremmel, Alvah Davison.

WYCKOFF, CLYDE, Emerson, Ia.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
Guarantor: Frank West.

WILLIAMS, L. J., Walkerville, Mont.
References: Robt. S. Kennedy, G. D. Mekeel.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

641 DEADY, CHAS. L. Belmont, Nev.
642 BARTLETT, W. C., North Lemoine, Me.
643 EASTER, DR. D. M., P. R. R. Station, Altoona, Pa.
644 NEWCOMBE, IRVING, Huntington, Fla.
645 STRASBURGER, WM., 24 Irving Place, New York City.
646 LOOMIS, GEO. T., Attica, N. Y.
647 SCHMIDT, HERMAN, 229 E. Sixth street, New York City.
648 HILLS, ISAAC, Nantucket, Mass.
649 CALLENDER, JAMES T., New Orleans, La.
650 BRINSMADE, MARY E., 223 Delachaise street, New Orleans, La.
651 EDWARDS, D. C., Port Antonio, Jamaica.
652 BROWN, W. WARNER, Box 354, Eugene, Ore.
653 NELSON, AARON H., Helena, Mont.
654 BROWN, ALBERT, W., 23 Dodge street, Providence, R. I.
655 SCHUCKEBIER, HENRY, Petaluma, Cal.
656 PHINNEY, O. H., 600 Minnesota avenue, Kansas City, Kan.
657 PARSONS, ROBT. L., 5477 Cornell avenue, Chicago, Ill.
658 DOUGLASS, GEO. W., 1332 Jenny street, McKeesport, Pa.
659 LINSLEY, E. B., Three Rivers, Mich.
660 MUIR, W. E., 65 Argyle avenue, Montreal, Canada.
661 HOWARD, E. L., Fayette, O.
662 SCHAEFER, JNO. W., 64 Walnut street, Buffalo, N. Y.
663 CRITTENDEN, GEO. W. D., 426 Central Park, West, New York City.
664 PARKER, LOUIS C., Box 937, Meriden, Ct.
665 AIKMAN, MISS M., Belize, British Honduras.
666 GREGORY, W. F., 11 Park Row, New York City.
667 SNYDER, C. A., 812 Market street, McKeesport, Pa.

DEATHS.

419 BORGMAN, F. H., Detroit, Mich.
547 VAN RIET, Francois, Antwerp, Belgium.

Total membership March 10th.....		606
Added since.....	27	
Deaths.....	2	25
Present membership.....		631

For the first time since taking this office, i devolves upon me to announce the loss by death of a member, the misfortune coming with a double infliction as shown above. I feel sure I speak for the Association, in tendering to the family and friends of the deceased the sincere sympathy of the members. Mr. Borgman was in his eighteenth year, an enthusiastic collector and one known to a large circle outside his State, Let us hope that with this loss to us, the grave may be satisfied, and that no further depletion of our ranks may occur this year.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues collected, Mch. 1, to Mch. 31, 1894...	$ 15 55	
Cash advanced by Treasurer, Mch. 31.....	63 71	$ 79 26

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1894.....	$ 47 16	
A. Davison, Sec., Expense and Postage, Official Circular, Mch. 19.....	20 60	
State of West Virginia Annual Tax, Mch. 19	10 00	
C. Witt, Sub. to Ver. Ker. Blatt., Mch. 21	1 50	$ 79 26
Balance due Treasurer, Mch. 31, 1894		$ 63 71

STOCK FUND.

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N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., March 31, 1894.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The International Secretary has nothing to report this month. Have all the members secured their tickets for Niagara Falls?

E. DOEBLIN,
Int. Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, March 31, 1894.

During the month of March I received 83 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was.....$2,076 57
Previously acknowledged, gross value 10,515 57

$12,592 14
61 books retired..... 1,371 82

Total value in circulation.....$11,220 32

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $287.46, or about 21%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of March $487.47. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of March were as follows:

101 Books.....$ 10.10
2,800 Control Stamps..... 2.80

$ 12.90
Sales previously acknowledged, 91.50

Total..... $ 104.40

Some few of our branches are becoming a little lax in making their returns to the department, punctuality in this particular will increase the efficiency of the department both in the amount of sales and promptness of returns to those having stamps in circulation.

Too much care can not be exercised in preparing and *forwarding* to the superintendent a "*report*" sheet showing the *amount of sales* from *each book* by number. This report should be forwarded with remittance as soon as the books are passed on to the next on the circuit.

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G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of March,

W. J. Morgan	$10 00
R. L. Parsons	10 00
G. T. Loomis.	10 00
W. R. Baird	16 50
S. C. Smith	5 00
A. Dawson	5 00
W. E. Muir	25 00
R S. Terry	5 00
T. W. Ludlow	10 00
	$96 50
Previously acknowledged	482 34
Total	$578 84

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No further orders can be recorded for current issues from the list published in my recent reports.

G. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 110 Main street, Northampton, Mass.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., April, 5th 1894.

The number of claims sent me in March was twenty-three.
Amount.....$114 00
Number paid, two.
Amount.....$7 05

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

DR. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky,

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., March 31, 1894.

I had no report to make for February. It seems to me the members might take more interest in the department. I see in almost every paper I receive, advertisements offering papers for sale or exchange. I do the best I can and am not only willing but glad to give any information I can either in regard to philatelic journals or in aiding members to dispose of those they do not wish to keep. It is not hard to find a reason for the complaints against the usefulness of philatelic societies, when members join and then expect to reap benefits, when they do not trouble themselves to do a single thing for the good of the society at large. Perhaps it is not my province to lecture the members, but I desire to see the American Philatelic Association a great success,

and it is only with this in view that the above is written. For March I have received three lists of papers, which have been forwarded to other members. I have also answered five letters of inquiry concerning philatelic journals. If any member has Vol. I, *London Philatelist*, unbound, for sale, please notify me, with price of same. I have No. 1, Vol. I., *Philatelic Journal of America* for sale for a member who wishes to dispose of it for the best offer. A member wishes to buy any old copies of English philatelic journals prior to 1887.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL, M. D.
Sup't Lit. Ex. A. P. A.

COUNTERFEIT DEPARTMENT.

E. A. HOLTON, Counterfeit Detector, 8 Sumner St., Boston, Mass.

In the absence of a regular report from the Counterfeit Detector the editor wishes to call attention to the fact that forgeries of the Hamburg stamps have been very fully shown up in the *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* of Leipzig, and a translation of the same article with the enlarged cuts appeared in the *Philatelic Journal of America* for March. The same paper has also a translation from *Postwertzeichenkunde* on the forgeries of the 1862 issue of Roumania.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.
J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

The time for holding our annual election is not so very far away and in order that plenty of time may be given for the consideration of the various nominations that may be made the Literary Board would call for nominations for the ensuing year. All such should be sent to the Chairman and will be printed in each issue of the Official Circular until the election is over. This will give plenty of time to ascertain whether a nominee will accept if elected and thus avoid the necessity of holding a special election at considerable expense and greatly to the detriment of the business of the association. Send in your nominations early gentlemen!

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws should also be sent in to be published so that members who are not going to be at the Convention can have time to consult and instruct their proxies. The names of those who are intending to be present at the Convention will also be gladly received by the Board and published from month to month so that members can tell who are going and make up parties to go on together.

The Bogert & Durbin Company are going to take a drop before long. It will only be a two story drop, however, for they have leased a store on the ground floor of the Tribune Building and propose to have as fine a retail department as there is in New York or anywhere else. We tender our most hearty congratulations and hope we can be at the opening.

Some of our foreign contemporaries seem to be rather at sea concerning the identity of Prince Henry of Portugal in honor of whose five hundredth anniversary a special series of stamps has been issued. We are afraid they are like many editors on this side of the ocean who never seem to think of consulting a cyclopedia or a dictionary of biography when they write up anything for their papers.

Prince Henry was the son of John I. of Portugal and Philippa, daughter of John of Gaunt. He was born at Oporto on the 4th of March, 1394. He was the fifth child and fourth son of his parents. In 1415 with his two brothers Edward and Peter he accompanied an expedition against the Moors at Ceuta and after a desparate fight captured the city. Prince Henry soon after this was appointed governor of Algarve, the most southern province of Portugal, and devoted himself to sending out ships on exploring expeditions. For forty years it is said he sent out an expedition every spring with orders to go as far down the coast of Africa as possible and bring back to him accounts of what they saw. These expeditions discovered the Azores and Madeira Islands and explored nearly three thousand miles of the African coast. Prince Henry died November 13, 1460.

Our membership at date is 631. Only fifty-four more names to add to the roll and we shall have passed our previous high water mark which was announced at the New York Convention in 1890. A perusal of the report of the Secretary this month will show that we already have twenty-nine of the needed applications and there is every probability that we shall have passed the mark before we gather at Niagara in August. Keep a supply of application blanks on hand and put in some work among your friends. There are lots of our members who have never yet put their names to an application as reference.

We have received the prospectus of an International Philatelic Postal Exposition which is to be held at Milan from May to October of this year. There are numerous departments and suitable premiums will be awarded in each. Our International Secretary will no doubt give any further information desired by our readers.

Please make the following corrections in the summary of members on page 194 of the Annual.

California, San Francisco	19	instead of	18
Delaware	2	"	3
District of Columbia	5	"	6
Georgia	4	"	5
Illinois	45	"	43
Kentucky	3	"	2
Maine	4	"	3
Maryland	13	"	12
Baltimore	11	"	9
Minnesota	7	"	8
New Jersey	22	"	19
New York City	54	"	53

Pittsburg	16	"	17
Philadelphia	16	"	14
Pennsylvania	63	"	64
Rhode Island	11	"	10
Tennessee	3	"	2
Australia	2	"	4
Austria	2		
Omit Africa 1 and add it to South African Republic			
Canada	10	"	8
Recapitulation—			
United States			486
Canada			10
Total			496
Foreign members			86
Total			582

We are informed by Lewis M. Lang that the Monumental City is contemplating the organization of a branch. We are glad to hear this and trust other cities will follow suit. Providence and Boston each of them have enough members to organize and we trust they will take the hint. There are other places which can organize county branches. We ought to have more members in the big cities. Look at Brooklyn with only three members and Minneapolis with none at all.

We were greatly rejoiced to receive a letter from our friend George H. Watson the other day announcing his partial recovery. He is still far from being fully recovered and it will be some time before he is able to be himself again.

Mr. Watson desires us to warn collectors against Frank E. Stanford, Box 12, Elizabeth, N. J., and the Elizabeth Stamp Co. The postoffice officials do not know them and they are in arrears for the rent of their box. He considers them the "rankest kind of frauds."

W. C. STONE.

We would suggest to Editor Kissinger the advisabilty of making a vigorous use of his blue pencil in editing the personal notes contributed by certain of his correspondents in *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* in the future. *The Pennsylvania Philatelist* does not claim to be a scientific journal, inasmuch as its contents consists usually of personal matters, which are sometimes interesting, though rarely benefitting philately, still Mr. Kissinger should not overlook the fact that great injustice is often done innocent persons who have the welfare of philately at heart and who have done much to advance it. The public has no claim to the personal life of a man unless he has violated the laws of the community, then and only then can we publicly discuss him. His private life is sacred to the gaze of his fellow-man and the correspondent should respect it accordingly. We all have our faults and if the errors that all of us have made were put in print how soon would "good will amongst men" be dispelled and a thing of the dim past. No man would love his neighbor nor esteem his friend and life would become a desolate waste, with not a bright oasis of friendship at which we could stop and refresh ourselves "while traveling through this vale of tears." We should all of us go through life stretching forth our hands to shield a falling brother and speak naught but good of each other. Ridiculing a man's weakness will never cure it. Personal journalism must either be reformed or banished entirely.

We do not wonder that some men become socialistic in their views and covet their neighbor's goods when comparing them with their own meagre possessions. The world usually envies the man of great accumulations, philatelists being no exception to the rule. It was the writer's good fortune to examine a little book, innocent in appearance, but valued at $2,000, owned by our genial vice-president Mr. H. E. Deats, the contents of which is given below. Such an array of gems is owned by very few men, and friend Deats should be condemned (?) for his greed in securing them. We sincerely hope for the good of philately that Mr. Deats will sometime consent to a public exhibition of his numerous treasures, and we can assure our readers that it would prove an event unparalleled in the anuals of philately, for he undoubtedly possesses the most complete collection of the Western Hemisphere known, the few things shown by him in the A. P. A. exhibit at the World's Fair being ample proof of the assertion. In one respect Mr. Deats differs from the average advanced philatelist; his albums are always open for the inspection of anyone who cares to examine them.

Canada 1851-7,	12 p	1 copy
Nova Scotia 1853,	1 p	7 copies.
1851	3 p	10 "
	3 p	*4 "
	6 p	8 "
	6 p	*1 copy
	1 sh	5 copies.
	1 sh	*1 copy
New Brunswick, 1851,	3 p	15 copies
	3 p	*2 "
	6 p	6 "
	6 p	*1 copy
	1 sh	4 copies
	1 sh	*1 copy
New Brunswick Connell		1 "
"		*1 "
New Foundland, 1857,	1 p	1 "
	2 p orange	*7 copies
	3 p	2 "
	3 p	*4 "
	4 p orange	5 "
	5 p	1 copy
	6 p orange	2 copies
	6 p "	*1 copy
	1 sh "	1 "
	1 sh "	*1 "
	2 p scarlet	6 copies
	2 p "	*1 copy
New Foundland,	4 p "	3 copies
	6 p "	1 copy
	6½ p "	1 "
	6½ p "	*2 copies
	8 p "	*4 "
	1 sh "	4 "
	1 sh "	*1 copy
British Columbia		a set.

We are pleased to note the interest being taken in the 1872 ribbed paper varieties first mentioned in these columns. The writer has seen the 7 cents from the collection of Mr F W. Hunter, Mr. E B. Sterling found the 1, 2 and 3 cents also 3c P. O. and Dr. A. Schindler the 12 cents. So far we are able to chronicle the following

1872	1 cent	vertically	ribbed.
	2 cents	"	"
	3 "	"	"
	7 "	"	"
	15 "	"	"
	3	" horizontally	"
	12 "	"	"
Postoffice	3	" vertically	"
	3	" horizontally	"

J. D. RICE.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., March 30, 1894.

I have very little of interest to report this month from my section. Three applications.

Our branch has secured permanent rooms at 25 Sixth avenue, and in the future will meet on the second Thursday of each month

I notice there are several A. P. A. members in this vicinity, who are not members of our branch, and would urge them to attend our meetings, as I know they would be willing to join us when they find out the additional advantages we have over the unattached member.

Yours truly,
E. DOEBLIN.

CLEVELAND, O., March 28, 1894.

Mr. William C. Stone:

DEAR SIR—Having been honored by re-election to the office of Resident Vice-President for another term by the A. P. A. members of Cleveland, I shall endeavor in the future to supply you each month with a report from this district. I thought that the report of our branch secretary pretty generally covered the ground each month, and for this reason have not made a separate report.

I noticed in the geographical list of members, as given in the new directory, that Cleveland, numerically speaking, is right up in the front rank with the other large cities and is, in fact, one of the strongholds of our association. I am sure this showing is the source of no little gratification to the few older members, who have been instrumental, to no small degree, in bringing about this result

Considerable impetus has been noticeable in stamp collecting in this vicinity during the past year, due, no doubt, to the Columbian issue. Old collections have been revived, new ones started and interest among active collectors heightened.

The Garfield Perry Stamp Club (Branch No. 7) is a flourishing organiztion of upwards of forty members, and approaching its fortieth monthly meeting. The club maintains the best managed exchange department in which it has ever been our good fortune to participate. The dealer element is almost entirely absent here and there is a spirit that pervades the exchange that seems to be devoid of anxiety for gain. This, I believe, more than anything adds to the pleasure of "our hobby."

The Secretary's report of our last meeting will be found in another column.

Yours truly, G. J. BAILEY,
Resident Vice-President.

CHICAGO, March 26, 1894.

Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Chairman Literary Board:

DEAR SIR—I have your favor of the 14th inst. calling my attention to the fact that as Resident Vice-President I have not sent in any reports for my district.

Your point is well taken, but the truth of the matter is that there is nothing to report of interest, and also that in me you have the wrong man in the right place. I have too many duties to keep me occupied and can give no time to branch matters The branch has its headquarters with the Chicago Philatelic Society, and nearly all the members in Chicago belong to both societies. As we have no branch exchange there is little necessity of holding regular meetings as in previous years.

I trust that at the next Convention a different choice will be made for Resident Vice-President of this district, some one that will take the office and give it proper attention. While I have paid but little attention to branch affairs, I do not overlook the A. P. A. entirely, as a glance at the application list each month will show. If every other member had proposed as many new names since the last Convention as I did, our membership would now be over three thousand. I am not in it as an office holder. Never cared to be one, and prefer to be a private in the ranks. I can do the A. P. A. more good on the outside by booming it and getting in members than to hold any of the offices.

In the future I would advocate appointing only collectors to offices in the A. P. A It often places a dealer in a delicate position if through his official duties he comes in contact with collectors in a difference of opinion on any subject of interest to the Association. Let the offices be filled by collectors, if possible.

Another important matter is not to nominate a man without his consent and a promise from him that if elected he will serve to the best of his ability. Nominations should be regularly made and *letters of acceptance* published in the Official Circular at least one month in advance of the election. From these letters of acceptance members could better judge how to vote intelligently, and it would also place the nominees on record. If some such plan is adopted there will be no need to call for any special elections, as was the case of the Trustees recently.

The Chicago Branch will get together soon for the purpose of naming and placing a ticket in the field that can be supported by all, as every candidate will be consulted beforehand as to his willingness to serve and do the work.

Very truly yours,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
A. P. A. No. 5.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, Robert S. Lehman.

For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address to Henry Clotz, Box 999, New York City.

132d MEETING.

March 15, 1894.

Present, Mr. Aug. Dejonge in the chair, Messrs. Clotz, Obert, Kessler, Lehman, Dr. Roehre, Dr. Odendall, and Messrs. Sulzberger and Munzer as visitors.

The minutes of the 131st meeting were accepted as read.

Mr. Henry Clotz proposes Messrs Rudolph Sulzberger, of New York, and G. A. Kunkel, of Dresden, for membership.

Mr. Aug. Dejonge proposed Messrs. Otto Credo and O. H. Griffin, both of Stapleton.

Mr. Jacob A. Ulman, of Baltimore, was unanimously elected as a member of the society.

Mr. Clotz moved that the society tender a vote of thanks to Miss Sophie Zoen, Messrs. Bernhard Eidam, Emil S. Steinbach, W. H. Shattuck, C. Edward Dejonge, D. H. Bacon & Co., the Archer Pancoast Mfg. Co. and Mr. Peter Wiederer for their kind services at the anniversary celebration on the 10th inst.

Mr. Paul Lazarus tendered his resignation as member of the society, which was accepted with regret.

Mr. Watson sends the society number 117 of the *Postal Card;* "a Friend" some counterfeits for the counterfeit album; Mr. Chas. Feist a beautiful piece of sculpture. Thanks were tendered to the kind donors.

All members who do not get the *American Journal of Philately* and the *Metropolitan Philatelist* regularly will please notify the publishers as the same are mailed by them. They are free of charge to all members. The photograph of the banquet hall at the time of the tenth anniversary is now ready for sale. On receipt of $1.00 by the Treasurer it will be mailed free of charge to all who may wish to get it.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p. m.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
Secretary.

THE GARFIELD–PERRY STAMP CLUB.

(A. P. A. Branch No. 7.)

Meetings held in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves., the third Wednesday of each month.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary. Box 300, Painesville, Ohio.

The thirty-eighth regular meeting was called to order March 22nd. at 8 p m. with President Kress in the chair, eleven members and three visitors being present.

The chair appointed Messrs Bailey, Overton and N. P. Stockwell to serve on membership committee for one year.

Applications were received from Mr. J. O. Prescott, F. S Barnum, and Rev. Henry Madtes, and they were elected members of the club. Mr. Brodie Exchange Manager reported that local exchange books valued at $192 91 had been placed in circulation during the month.

As some members were found to be keeping exchange books overtime, the Exchange Manager was asked to notify all members to be more prompt in circulating local books.

After examining several collections the meeting was adjourned.

CARL N. STOCKWELL, SEC'Y.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

C. P. KRAUTH, Forty-eighth St. and A. V. Ry., Pittsburg, Penn.

GEO. W. RODE, 38 Hazlewood Ave., Pittsburg, Penn.

IGNAZ STAUFFER, Mansfield Valley, Penn.

A letter received from one of the Board states that they organized March 20th, but up to the time of going to press no report has been received. The books had not been received from the former Board, and but little business could be transacted.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—MAY, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

673 A. J. AMMANN, Highland, Ill, instead of New Jersey.

645 WM. STRAUSBERGER, 130 East Ninth street, N. Y. City, formerly Irving Place.

341 MAX MEYENBERG, Hoboken, N. J., formerly Hudson Street

142 TRIFET, F., 36 Broomfield street, Boston, Mass., formerly Washington street.

183 GEO. A. MILLER, Cotati, Cal., formerly Petaluma.

APPLICATIONS.

ADDITON, HARRY L., Dover, N. H.
References: Roy C. Smith, A. Davison.
Guarantor; J. S. Townsend, Dover.

ANDREWS, WM. M., 207 Howard street, Cambridgeport, Mass.
References: H. T. Dunkhorst, H. Gremmel.

BENJAMIN, DAVID, Shanghai, China.
References: C. H. Mekeel and I. A Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

COLUCCI, FERNAND, Bank of Egypt, Alexandria, Egypt.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

DAWSON, ISAAC SMYTH, St. Gympu, Queensland.
References: C. H and G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

DHUR, N., 3 Roop Chand Roy's St., Calcutta, Indiana.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel

DIMITRION, P. S., Larnaca, Cyprus.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

ESSELBORN, PAUL, Phoenix Brewing Co. Pittsburg, Pa.
References: Geo. W. Rode, E. Doeblin.

EHRHARDT, GUSTAVE, 715 Ivy street E. E., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, C. P. Krauth.

FERRER, AURELIO, Apartado 85, Caracas, Venezuela.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

FIACRE, HENRI, Sachsenhausen street, 37 Frankfort, A M., Germany.
References: C. Witt, Jos. Rechert.

GRELL, C. H., Roseau, Dominica, B. W. Indies.
References; C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

HATTON, HENRY A., Newcastle, Natal, South Africa.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

HICKOK, E. L., 135 Wall street, Auburn, N. Y.
References: E. L. Kelland, A. Davison.

JUNKENNANN, F., Clinton, Iowa.
References: A. L. Schuyler, A. Davison.

KENYON, BREWSTER C., Long Branch, Cal.
References: Jno N. Luff, A. Davison.

KOCH, J. W., Johnstown, Pa.
References; E. Doeblin, Aug. Buckholtz.

LAWDER, E., Bassin, St. Croix, B. W. Indies.
References: C. H. and G D. Mekeel
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

LAMPLE, FEDERICO, Sanchez, Samana Bay, Dominican Republic.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

MARTENEZ, EMILIANO, S. J. Nepomuceno baja No. 51, Cuba.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.

PELONBET, W. S., 577 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.

PHILLIPS, WM. H., Box 606 Cincinnati, O.
References: R. F. Albrecht, A Davison.
RICHARDS, CHAS S., 130 W. Eighty-sixth street, New York City.
References; C. W. Grevning, C. Witt.
Guarantor: Jeremiah Richards, his father.
RICHMOND, JORGE, Apartado 188 San Jose, Costa Rica.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
SALOMON, EUG., St. Pierre and Miquelon.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
SCHLACHTER, AUG., 72 Straubs Lane, Allegheny, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Aug. Buckholtz.
SCHIEDT, J. A , 431 Walnut St., Phila., Pa.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
STEELE, JNO, J., Mexico, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel and I. A. Mekeel.
STEGMANN, CHARLES A., 2706 Eads Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel and I. A. Mekeel.
STILSON, J. H., Colon, Columbia.
References: W. R. Evans, C. H. Mekeel.
VERMEER, C. G. G., Tunor Koepang, Neth., East Indies.
References: C. H and G. D. Mekeel.
WOODWARD, ALP. TRACEY, Box 17 Yokohama Japan.
References; C. H and G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

668 ZIMMERMANN, WM. F., 821 Claybourne St., Milwaukee, Wis.
669 ASCHMANN, F. T., 86 Water St., Pittsburg, Pa.
670 LOOMIS, GEO. W., Rochester, N. Y.
671 SMITH, FRED. S., 52 Federal St., Boston, Mass.
672 HOWE, DR. JAS. S., Chestnut St., Brookline, Mass.
673 AMMANN, A J., Highland, Ill.
674 SWAYZE, ROBT. S., Berwick, Pa.
675 GLADWIN, EDW. A., Box 582, Middletown, Conn.
676 SMITH, ROY C., 414 Central Ave, Dover, N. H.
677 NAAME, I., Constantinople, Turkey.
678 SMITH, CHAS. H., Brushton, N. Y.
679 STANWOOD, THADDEUS P., 1221 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill.
680 THWING, EUG., 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
681 OVERTON, J. J., 435 Pearl St., Cleveland, Ohio.
682 RAE, ALBERT, Port Louis, Mauritius.
683 FRANK, OTTO, 10 Overhill St, Allegheny, Pa.
684 GREENEBAUM, ALFRED H., 1914 Pacific Ave., San Francisco Cal.
685 KOEHLIN, F. C., Littlefield, Mich
686 KRAMER, REV. C., 526 East Eighth street, Alton, Ill.
687 HILTON, ALBERT B., 7 West Thirty fourth street, N. Y. City
688 WYCKOFF, CLYDE Emerson, Ia
689 WASSERBURGER, A, Trier, Mosel Germany.
690 INGELS, E. V., Nevada, Mo.
691 ANDREINI, J. M., 341 West Forty-fifth street, N. Y. City.
692 DICKERMAN, A. L., Colorado Springs, Colo
693 ROTCH, FRANCIS, Bucoda, Wash.
694 ADAMS, CHAS. H., 14 Peters street, New Orleans, La.
695 KOENIG, GEO. F., 528 Clawson street, Pittsburg, Pa.
696 LINDSAY, JNO. M., 31 Bertha street Pittsburg, Pa.
697 WILLIAMS, L. J., Walkerville, Mont.
698 GENSBERGER, M. Box 164 Butte, Mont
699 PAXSON, R. H., Butte, Mont.
700 RINEHART, J., Box 295 Butte, Mont
701 JOHNSON, F. G., Painesvile, Ohio.

DEATHS.

277 PIERCE, A. S., Chicago, Ill.

Total Membership April 10th		631
Added since	34	
Deaths	1	33
Present Membership		664

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues collected, April 1, to 30, 1894	$ 15 38	
Literary Board, by Sam'l Leland cash, acc't of advs. in year book	20 00	
Cash advanced by Treasurer, April 30	60 23	$ 95 61

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer, Mch. 31, 1894	$ 63 71	
A. Davison, Sec., Expense, and Postage Official Circular, to April 21	31 90	$ 95 61
Balance due Treasurer, April 30, 1894		$ 60 23

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Mch. 31, 1894	$643 00
Cash received for stock, April 1, to 30	30 00
Balance at Credit, April 30, 1894	$673 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Cash at Credit, Feb. 28, 1894	$ 7 50

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.

Collinsville, Ill., April 30, 1894.

Applicants are requested to remit dues promptly on receipt of advice from the Secretary that they have been admitted. Some applicants are several weeks in arrears and others are in arrears for shorter periods. Early remittance will save the Secretary and Treasurer many valuable minutes.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARYS' REPORT.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., April 20, 1894

Wm. C. Stone, Esq.

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed circular I received from Mr. A. Wiceborn, Hamburg, editor of "*Journal fur Briefmarkenkunde.*" I also send you a translation of same and if you find it worth publishing in the Official Circular of A. P. A. do so.

Yours truly,
E. DOEBLIN,
International Secretary.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE AGAINST SWINDLERS AND FALSIFIERS.

Something must be done against the forego-ings of the quantity of swindlers and falsifiers, the principal fiends of the philatelic world. Their impudence becomes worse every day. They could not keep on to work so advantage-ously if they did not find an excellent help in the advertisers. Almost all the philatelic papers accept every advertisement even those from peo-ple known to them as swindlers, and in that way a great many collectors are cheated. These cir-cumstances have a very bad influence on the international trade and correspondence and ex-actly those are of so great importance for collec-tors and dealers.

The *Union* has already tried to protect and guard its readers from those swindlers, by refus-ing the advertisements of those whose names are printed in the Black List of "Vertr. Corresp. Bl." and of the "Intern. Bresd. Ph.-Ver." Surely this way of acting made us loose a good lot of money, and money is a useful thing in a young business, but on the other hand we had the satisfaction that our way of acting was appreciated by important persons in the philatelic world. This gave us the courage to push on, the more because the *Union* in the meantime had found its way to every part of the world. Consequently the Black List of the above named societies are not suffi-cient, we must have more to help us, though we collected ourselves already more than 300 swind-lers addresses.

We invite, therefore, all societies who receive our paper gratis and franco, and those who wish to receive it, to send us their Black List and in future, the continuation of it. We must make the condition that the name of the accuser is given with the name of the accused. The name of the swindler will be written in our Black Book and his advertisements are never accepted in the *Union*. We intend to invite the members of the societies to mention the name of the society they belong to, in case they advertise in the *Union*.

We are sure that in this way swindling can come to its end, and therefore every society ought to help us.

We print on the front what the *Verein fur Briefmarkenkunde* Frankfurt ä. M. with 375 members, and the 1st President of the Bayer-ischen Philatelisien-Verein with the 900 members write to us.

You will oblige us very much by returning us the piece of paper, with name and address, and your Black List as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,

The Editors of the *Union*.

L. KELLER.

Reprinted from the "*Journal fur Marken-kunde*," No. 3.

In regard to the question of the rise in price of stamps, I wish to make a proposition which may be worthy of attention. Influenced by sympathy and fair words we have heretofore offered no op-position to the continuous rise in price of stamps but the time has come when we must give it at-tention, and this would seem to be best effected by a society which should take active measures against it. Such a society, assisted by the high-est authorities on the subject, should issue a catalogue of maximum prices. This catalogue should give the maximum price of used and un-used stamps in faultless condition, and the mem-bers of the society should bind themselves not to exceed these prices in buying or selling stamps. The prices may be fixed at liberal or rather high figure, so that there shall be no complaining about cutting prices, etc., and leave margin for differences in the beauty of specimens. Stamps could and should be sold at prices lower than the catalogue, in fact the lower the better, (this be-ing the one great object of the movement) as the catalogue would fix only the outside limit, which must not be exceeded under any circumstances. If a member buys or sells a stamp at a price higher than that given in the catalogue he must pay into the society treasury the difference be-tween the catalogue price and the price given or obtained. For example, if a member sells a stamp catalogued at $1.50 for $2.00, he would be obliged to pay the 50 cents difference to the soci-ety. The catalogue should remain in force for a fixed term, say three or five years.

I believe that a large number of collectors would join such a society, whose dues should be kept very low, say 50 or 75 cents a year, the dues to include a free copy of the catalogue.

It would not even be absolutely necessary to establish a new society. Some of the existing prominent societies could take the matter in hand and unite for the furtherance of the above de-scribed purpose.

My proposition is entirely different from the one already made, that the societies should unite in issuing a standard catalogue. Such a proposi-tion would never meet with success, as no one would submit to such a direct interference with his rights

Now, then, collectors, and especially societies, wake up and discuss this question fully at your meetings. We have had enough talking; let us do something. Bring the matter up for discus-sion this year at the Philatelic Congress at Kiel, and if any one has a better plan to propound let him come out of his hiding. DIXI.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, April 30, 1894.

During the month of April I received 95 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was..... ...$2,246 10
Previously acknowledged, gross value 11,220 32

$13,466 42
50 books retired..... 749 61

Total value in circulation.....$12,716 81

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $193.94, or about 26%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of April $335.82. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of April were as follows:

84 Books	$ 8.40	
2,300 Control Stamps	2.30	
	$ 10.70	
Sales previously acknowledged,	104.40	
Total		$ 115.10

Too much care can not be exercised in preparing and *forwarding* to the superintendent a "*report*" sheet showing the *amount of sales* from *each book* by number, in place of reporting total value of purchases. This report should be forwarded with remittance as soon as the books are passed on to the next on the circuit.

Many complaints have been received of neglect of circuit members to send forward report sheets with circuits, causing annoyance and inconvenience to the remaining members of the circuit, and to this department. To avoid this, a package of report sheets has been sent to each member on their respective circuits, and members are requested to advise the Exchange Manager when the supply is exhausted. Report sheets will not hereafter be sent out with the circuits.

The San Francisco Branch is in bad standing with the Department, and the matter is publicly called to the attention of the members there that they may investigate the matter.

I consider it my duty to report any delinquency upon the part of members participating, and shall do so without fear or favor. This Department must be run on business principles.

In ordering control stamps and exchange-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

The Department will not circulate torn or damaged stamps and unless defective stamps are marked at their actual value, condition being considered, they will be removed and returned to owners same as counterfeits, and other rubbish. *The books provided contain spaces for 120 stamps and the number of stamps in each book must be limited to this amount.* Members will only be permitted to attach sets or several stamps where space for but one is provided when the *total* number of stamps in the book does not exceed 120. Parties disregarding this rule will have their books returned to them. The Department is now receiving a very desirable class of stamps at reasonable prices, and many bargains are to be found. *Buyers* should request to be placed on circuits, and new branches should be established wherever there is a sufficient number of members to justify it.

G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of April:

C. W. Brown	$ 4 00
P. M. Wolsieffer	15 00
J. Cabot	5 00
A. W. Brown	13 00
G. T. Loomis	15 00
Edw. Hawkins	6 25
G. W. Rhodes	10 00
E. H. Buehler	30 00
F. E. Brown	15 00
A. W. Batchelder	15 00
W. R. Baird	25 00
	$163 25
Previously reported	578 84
Total	$742 09

The following stamps have been ordered and will soon be on hand, some are not exactly *new* issues, and our members may be already supplied. I therefore request each member participating in this Department to let me know by return mail which he wants.

LUXEMBURG, 1893:—12½, 20, 30, 37½, 50c. 1, 2½, 5 fr.

LUXEMBURG, 1893, Official, "S. P.":—12½, 20, 30, 37½, 50c, 1, 2½, 5 fr.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, 1894:—1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.

LIBERIA, Unpaid:—Complete set, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 50.

LIBERIA, Registration Stamp:—4 var.

LIBERIA:—2 varieties, 5c triangular.

COOK'S ISLANDS:—Complete set.

All of the stamps mentioned in my special list, published in the February and March Circulars, have been ordered, and the returns of some are now due; only those who sent specific orders for current issues in that list will be supplied.

I have received and distributed to members participating, the following new stamps and envelopes:

Japan—Jubilee, 2s. and 5s.
Ceylon—2½c. District Envelope,
Shanghai—Envelopes and Wrappers.
Hankow, 1893—2, 5, 10, 20, 30c.
Chefoo—Complete set.
State of North Borneo—1c. to $2.00 set.

I have received advice of the issue of a new 2½ pence and 5 pence for South Australia and have ordered a supply.

Series of stamps will also be issued for two more Chinese ports, supplies of which have been ordered.

The new Bolivias are expected soon.

Members are requested to make deposits at once to secure these new issues, and old depositors, whose balances are low, are urged to renew promptly.

G. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 110 Main street, Northampton, Mass.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., May, 10th 1894.

Accounts received during April, three.

Amount $43 76

Old Accounts paid, two.

Amount $19 34

To cases referred to P. O. Inspectors.

Yours truly,

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

Collecting Agent A. P. A.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

It has fairly rained perforation guages the past month. The first to favor us was Mr. Connor, of San Francisco, who was closely followed by Mr. Sellschopp and later by Messrs. Trifet and Hollis. The guage is a very handy little article and of convenient size to carry in the pocket.

From the *Boston Journal* we take the following clipping which will be of interest to our readers. Much higher prices are realized abroad at auctions than in this country it would seem:

"Collectors may be interested in the high prices brought lately by certain stamps at a sale in London. Among the principal lots disposed of were: Great Britain, the V.R. (damaged), £8; Naples, ½t., "Arms," £15, Moldavia, 108 paras, £17; Spain, 1851, 2 reales, £20; Geneva, the double stamp, £22; Vaud, 4c., £14. Winterthur, 2½ rappen, a block of four, £17; Poste Locale, a made-up plate, £32 10s.; Tuscany, 60 crazie, unused, £14; ditto, 3 lire, £26; a collection of Russian locals, £115, Cape of Good Hope (wood-block), 1d. blue, £42; and Mauritius, 2d blue, very fine, £21 10s."

Among the items on the orchestra programme of a Pittsburg, Penn., theatrical programme sent us by Mr. Doeblin we notice a march entitled "The American Philatelist," by William Knudson. Thanks for the honor. We trust that there are no very long rests in it.

We have received from Walter Morley prospectuses of two works which are by this time on the market. The first is a "Complete priced catalogue of the Postal and Telegraph adhesives of Great Britain," which goes into all the details of plate numbers, etc., giving dates of approval and issue and pricing each. It is bound in half morocco and is interleaved for notes. The price is 4 shillings 6 pence.

The second is a "Hand-book of the Revenue Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland," by Fred. Geo. C. Lundy. The list of the various issues is gotten up in a size similar to that of the late *Fiscal Philatelist* and contains a vast amount of information for the price (1s 6p) asked. We have no doubt our International Secretary or the Superintendent of Literary Sales would forward orders for these or any other foreign publications desired by our members.

This can truly be called an exhibition year. Last month we noted the proposed exposition at Milan, and since then we have received a prospectus of group XV. of the international exposition of books and the paper industry, to be held in Paris from July to November. President Tiffany is down as one of the committee of which Dr. Legrand is president. Group XV. will include exhibits of stamps, albums, catalogues, works on philatelical subjects, etc. Diplomas and medals will be awarded in the various classes. A philatelic reading room is to be one of the attractions, and contributions of papers are solicited to be placed on file. All such should be sent to M. Raffalovich, Palais de l'Industrie, Champs Elysees, Paris.

We again desire to call the attention of our members to the fact that the time for holding our annual election is drawing near, and nominations should be sent in at once. One ticket has already been received from the Bay State members and we trust more will be on hand for insertion in the next Circular. Proposed amendments to the by-laws should also be published at as early a date as possible, so that proxies can be suitably instructed. We also desire to know what members will be in attendance at the convention, in order that we may publish the names for the benefit of those who may not be able to attend and who wish to know to whom their proxies can be entrusted. Thus far, Secretary Davison and wife and Frank H. Burt are the only ones heard from, with the exception of the editor who does not propose to miss a chance to have another elevator ride. He hopes *all* of the former party will be on hand.

If any of our members did not receive the title page and index to the last volume of the *American Philatelist* with the last number of the Circular they can get one by sending stamp to the editor. Contributions to the next number of the Annual will also be thankfully received at any time. We trust that in time we can make that publication one which will be of great value to philatelists and that the possession of it will be one of the main inducements which can be offered to intending members.

WM. C. STONE.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

CLEVELAND, O., April 28, 1894.

Mr. William C. Stone, Chairman Literary Board, Springfield, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—"Gentle Spring" is having its effects on philately in general in this section and by the end of another month we will have fixed things in such shape that we will use less "midnight oil" in pouring over stamps and proceed to enjoy that brief rest which always proves such an invigorator to our stamp ardor.

We had the pleasure of greeting one of our newly elected A. P. A. members, Mr. R. S. Aikenhead, at our last branch meeting, and initiated him into the mysteries of the G-P. S. C. We should be pleased to see every A. P. A. member in Cleveland at these meetings and have them become acquainted with the "craft." Meetings are held the third Wednesday in each month, in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson Aves. I feel sure that we can demonstrate that it is decidedly to any collector's advantage to be associated with our society, and we extend a hearty invitation to every reputable stamp fiend to join us.

Yours truly,

G. J. BAILEY,
Resident Vice-President.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, Robert S. Lehman.

For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address to Henry Clotz, Box 999, New York City.

133RD MEETING.

April 19th, 1894.

Meeting opened at 8:50 p. m., with the following members present: President August Dejonge in the chair; Messrs. Henry Clotz, R. R. Bauer, R. F. Albrecht, Ad. Lienhardt, Oscar Dejonge, Henry Obert, Robert S. Lehman, Dr. R Roehre, Geo C. Moog, Dr. Odendall.

The Minutes of the 132nd meeting were accepted.

Mr. Clotz proposed for membership Mr. J. N. Reynolds, N. Y,

Mr. Albrecht proposed Messrs. D. H. Bacon, Derby, Conn., Henry C Merry Louis Levison and Walter S. Scott, all of New York.

The Executive Committee reported favorably upon the application for membership of Messrs. G A Kunkel, No. 97; Rud. Sulzberger, No. 93; Oliver H. Griffin, No. 99; Otto Credo, No. 100, and upon ballot the above gentlemen were unanimously elected members of the Society.

The committees on the anniversary festival were discharged with the thanks of the Society for their efficient services.

Allan R. Hughes was expelled from the Society for actions detrimental to the Philatelic community.

Mr. A. d' Andrade formerly of Trinidad, W. I., is requested to notify the secretary of the Society as to his whereabouts.

Four numbers of the *Minnesota Philatelist* were received from Mr. H. S. Swenson, of Minneapolis, Minn., also a lot of counterfeits for the counterfeit album from Messrs. Doeblin and Jules Bernichon. Thanks are extended to the kind donors.

Mr. F. C. Vehslage informs the Society that he is about to start East on a business trip and has removed to Irvington, N. J.

Communications received from Mr. Edgar R. Carter, The National Philatelic Society and the Boston Philatelic Society were read and noted.

Dr. Odendall exhibited his special collection of New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia, amongst which the fine unused copy of Nova Scotia one shilling, the rare mauve shade, was admired by all The two pence scarlet Newfoundland unused raised the admiration to its highest pitch; but when the grand 6½ d. "used," which could hardly be duplicated, and the many split provisionals were shown, the enthusiasm of the members knew no bounds. The above collection also included an unused Connell in excellent condition.

Mr. Aug. Dejonge also exhibited a fine and complete collection of beer stamps.

The President announced that Mr. Henry Clotz intended to leave for Europe on Saturday, April 28th, on a tour to recuperate his health; it was proposed by Mr. Albrecht and seconded by Dr. Odendall that the members wish Mr. Clotz a pleasant voyage and that he may return in sound health, carried.

About the end of June a special meeting of the S. I. P. S. will be held at Paris and all members of the Society then in Europe are requested to be present.

All communications to the Treasurer are to be sent to the President, Mr. Aug. Dejonge, P. O. Box 281, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y., or the Secretary Robert S. Lehman, P. O. Box 66 Rosebank, S. I., N. Y.

The meeting was adjourned at 10 p. m.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, May 17th, 1894.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
Secretary.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB,

NO. 7. BRANCH A. P. A.

Meetings held 3rd Wednesdays of every month in the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Willson avennes, Cleveland, O.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary, Painesville, Ohio.

The thirty-ninth meeting was called to order with Vice President Overton in the chair; nine members and one visitor being present.

An invitation to the Alamo City Philatelic Society to the President and members of the Club was read, and all regretted that distance compelled them to decline with thanks,

Communications were also read from the Exposition du Livre et Des Industries du Papier de Paris and from the Exposition Reunies de Milan.

Mr. R. S. Aikenhead was elected member No. 44.

It was decided at the next meeting to be held May 16th, that delegates to the Niagara Falls Convention should be chosen.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance in the Treasury of $23.95 to the credit of the Club.

Mr. W. H. Schneider was requested to prepare a paper on United States Envelopes to be read at our next meeting.

After examining exchange books meeting adjourned.

C. N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO. 5, A. P. A.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., E. Doeblin, Alleghany, Pa., President, A. E. Daum, No. 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Secretary.

The twenty-first monthly meeting was held Thursday evening, April 12th., President Doeblin presiding.

It being the first meeting held in the new hall, Mr. C. P. Krauth made a short and pleasing address of welcome to the members and visitors.

Fifteen members present; four visitors.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Exchange manager reports sales not as good as heretofore, owing to the books having been thoroughly circulated prior to reaching Pittsburgh, leaving poor stamps at high prices.

Mr. A. F. Bruder tendered his resignation which was accepted with much regret.

Mr. F. T. Aschman and Mr. Otto Frank unanimously elected to active membership.

Secretary was instructed to send invitations to all members of the A. P. A. in Western Pennsylvania, not members of the Branch, to attend the next meeting at which matters relating to the coming nominations for officers of the A. P. A. will be discussed.

After disposing of routine business, the Secretary read his article on "History Recalled by a Study of My United States Stamps," delivered by him at his last meeting of the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club. Mr. Geo. W. Rode exhibited his splendid collection of United States adhesive and proofs, adding spice to Mr. Daum's essay.

Mr. August Buchholtz exhibited a very ingenious apparatus made by himself, for accurately placing stamps on blank sheets without the necessity of drawing lines. It consisted of a board with a rectangular frame composed of short pins placed about an eighth of an inch apart. Small spiral springs with an eye, which passes over the heads of the pins are connected by black threads which are held taut by the springs. The board is further divided off by centre lines and a series of scales covering the various sizes of stamps issued. A blank card is laid on the board and the threads adjusted so as to divide off the desired field for the stamps. The stamps are then mounted in the usual way with hinges.

Mr. Krauth exhibited the 2c, 3c and 15c stamps of the 1873 issue on the peculiar ribbed paper recently discovered by Messrs. Rice & Sterling. He also exhibited 3c 1861 stamps on the same paper, but with the laid lines running horizontally. In connection with these stamps he exhibited some bromide prints made directly from the stamps which showed very clearly the laid lines in the prints, thus indicating that this is not a corrugated or ribbed paper, but a real laid paper, varying in thickness of texture in the lines. Mr. Krauth further showed a number of interesting novelties, including the beautiful North Borneo series complete.

ADAM E. DAUM,
Secretary.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

C. P. KRAUTH, Forty-eighth St. and A. V. Ry., Pittsburg, Penn.

GEO. W. RODE, 38 Hazlewood Ave., Pittsburg, Penn.

IGNAZ STAUFFER, Mansfield Valley, Penn.

PITTSBURG, PA., March 22, 1894.

W. C. Stone, Esq., 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—The newly elected Board of Trustees organized on the 20th inst. at a meeting held at 49 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg, by electing G. W. Rode as Chairman and C. P. Krauth Secretary. A number of letters, principally referring to claims against the Association for lost circuit books, were read and held over until the Board is in possession of former records, which we are unable at present to obtain, owing to the illness of Mr. Watson, in whose hands we understand these records to be. It was decided that meetings of the Board would be held at frequent intervals, on the call of the Chairman, in preference to having a stated time of meeting.

Yours respectfully,
C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees, A. P. A.

(The above report was missent and did not reach the editor until too late for the April Circular.—W. C. S.)

PITTSBURG, PA., April 27, 1894.

The Board of Trustees of the A. P. A. held a meeting on April 12th, at the rooms of the Twin City Philatelic Society. The objection of M. Steffan to the admission of Charles Smith to membership in the A. P. A. having been withdrawn, the Secretary was instructed to advise the Secretary of the A. P. A. that Mr. Smith should be admitted to membership.

Owing to our inability to procure former records of the Board of Trustees, we have not been able to take any action in the case of various claims against the Association now pending.

Yours truly.
C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees, A. P. A.

NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT:—J. K. Tiffany, of Missouri.

VICE-PRESIDENT:—Alvah Davison, of New York.

SECRETARY:—William C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

TREASURER:—N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.

INT. SEC'Y:—E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

TRUSTEES:—George W. Rode, Pittsburg, Penn.; C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Penn.: Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Penn.

The nomination of W. C. Stone for Secretary is endorsed by President Van Derlip, Secretary Sanderson and other prominent members of the Boston Philatelic Society, as well as by other Massachusetts members of the A. P. A., in the following paper, which has been filed for publication in the Official Circular:

We, the undersigned, members of the American Philatelic Association resident in Massachusetts, desire to recommend to our fellow-members the name of William C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., for the office of Secretary for the ensuing year. To Mr. Stone's many friends throughout the country it need not be said that he is a life-long philatelist, a charter member of the A. P. A., a popular and active participant in the annual conventions, and fully qualifed by long experience of a similar nature for the duties of the office. As Chairman of the Literary Board he

has given freely of his time and knowledge in the cause of philately and for the good of the A. P. A. In according him the secretaryship the Association will make but a fitting acknowledgement of what it has profited through the energy and devotion of a worthy member, while it will secure thereby an accomplished and efficient officer.

W. C. VAN DERLIP.
HOWARD K. SANDERSON, No. 292,
Sec'y Boston Phil. Society,
HENRY D. HUMPHREY.
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.
C. C. LEWIS.
FRANK H. BURT.
A. W. BATCHELDER,
JOHN LUTHER KILBON.
FRANK M. GOSS.
FRANK P. BROWN.
LUTHER W. MOTT.
W. J. ELDRED.
FRED. M. BIXBY.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—JUNE, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association,

GENTLEMEN—Article III Section 1 of our By-laws provides that the annual meeting of the stockholders of this Association, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and at such place as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and that the President shall also cause a call for the Annual Convention to be published in the number of the official journal issued next prior to the holding of such Convention. It was voted by the Eighth Annual Convention held at Chicago on August 15-16, 1893 that the meeting of 1894 should be held at Niagara Falls at some date subsequent to the first Tuesday in August, the time to be announced by the President at least two months before the holding of the Convention.

It becomes my duty, therefore, to announce that on consultation with other members of the Board of Directors and many members I have decided to announce that the Ninth Annual Convention will be held at Niagara Falls on Tuesday, August 21st, 1894 and the days following, the exact place and time, members of the reception committee, etc., will be announced in the next Official Circular

I will also recall to members the provision that nominations for the offices of Directors and of Trustees should be sent to the official Editor in chief, Mr. Stone, before the end of this month in order to insure their publication in the next official circular.

Blank ballots and envelopes for enclosing the same, will be mailed you at the proper time with suitable directions. The form will be the same as that of last year, including suggestions to the incoming Board as to whom they should appoint to the various appointative offices.

We have had a year of very quiet but steady growth and the annual reports will show that we are financially and corporally in a more sound and vigorous coudition than at any period in our history. We had hoped that a much larger number would have been added to our roll call; as it is we have about doubled our number. Let this Convention bring together an unusual number.

JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

311 CHAS W. GREVNING, 112 Seventh street, N. Y. City, formerly 225 Ave B.

645 WM. STRAUSBURGER, 310 East Ninth street, N. Y. City, from same street.

738 HENRI FIACRE, 37 Steg street, Frankfort, Germany, instead of Sachsenhausen street.

236 W. W. MACLAREN, Y. M. C. A. Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, formerly care N. B. of Commerce, Cleveland.

APPLICATIONS.

AVERILL, DAVID M., Box 253, Portland, Ore.

References: C. W. Lomler, G. D. Mekeel.

AYER, F. W., Bangor, Me.
References: G. D. and C H. Mekeel.

BERNHEIM, M. Owensboro, Ky.
References: I. A. Mekeel and C. H. Mekeel.

BACKER, O. C., 622 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

BUTLIN, CLAUDE M., Mexico City, Mexico.
References: C. H. and G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

COMSTOCK, DWIGHT, 45 Livington Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
References: A. L. Becker, P. M. Wolsieffer.
Guarantor: Geo. W. Comstock, his father.

DAVENPORT, W. H., 2104 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: I. A. Mekeel and C. H. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Mrs. A. E Davenport.

DEGLMANN, JNO. N., Box 585, Mankato, Minn.
References: Robt. I. Man, A Davison.

FABER, WM. H, 33 George street, Charleston, S. C.
References: G. J. Luhn, J. L. Moses, Jr.

FOOTE, HENRY W., Helena, Montana.
References: Aaron H. Nelson, Benjamin S. Terry.

GILE, PHILIP L., 12 Hillside Ave., Melrose, Mass.
References: Frank P. Brown, A. W. Batchelder.
Guarantor: David D. Gile, his father.

KAY, JOHN, 140 Woodward Ave., Detroit Mich.
References: F. J. Baldwin, A. Davison.

KARL, ADAM L., 22 Centre Mkt, San Francisco, Cal.
References: W. Sellschopp, A. H. Weber.

KLAUSER, A. E., Bancroft street, Toledo, O.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.

KLAUSER, F. E., 520 Cherry street, Toledo, O.
References: P. J Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.

LAWRENCESON, FRANK R., Canton, Mo.
References: H. A. Ammann, B. Taylor Smith.

LEE, CHESTER B., 226 Tenth street, Toledo, O.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.
Guarantor: Jno. W. Lee, his father.

MYERS, F. C., 216 Jay street, Albany, N. Y.
References C. W. Grevning, A. Davison.
Guarantor: H. W. Myers.

NEWBERRY, W. E., Colorado Springs, Colorado.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.

PINGREE, MELLEN A., Haverhill, Mass.
References: Wm H. Page, C. W. Grevning.

RARESHIDE, A M. 189 Eighth street, New Orleans, La.
References: Will J. Morgan, C. W. Grevning.

STANLEY, THEO., 1204 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.

STANNARD, P. D., Renfrew street, E. E., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, C. W. Kirk.

SAUL, L. P., 148 Madison Ave., Allegheny, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Geo. W. Rode.

STURGES, B. E., 909 N. Eighth street, Kansas City, Kan.
References: F. J. Bescher, E. R. Aldrich.

VAN WAGENEN H., 148 East Forty-eighth street, New York City, N. Y.
References: C. H. Mekeel and I. A Mekeel.

WILSON, C. H., Melvern, Kan.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck

WITHEE, N. H., La Crosse, Wis.
References: G. D. and C. H. Mekeel.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive a certificate of stock on payment of dues for balance of year, amounting to 17 cents, to the Treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

702 VILA, ANTONIO DE B., Albion Dock Co., Port Louis, Mauritius
703 PEIXOTTO, SIDNEY S, 1626 Sutter street, San Francisco, Cal.
704 NELSON, ALBERT F., 145 N. Warren Ave., Brockton, Mass.
705 KIRBY, BERT., Marysville, Ohio.
706 NEWTON, CAPT. GEO. B., Box 413, Hartford, Ct.
707 CLARKE, E. H., Box 2377, St. Paul, Minn.
708 STARR, P. C., Goshen, Ind.
709 LAZELL, HARRY G., Big Rapids, Mich.
710 JONES, WALTER C., Bradford, Mass.
711 WHITEHEAD, C. R., Morristown, N. J.
712 BALZ, EUGENE, 1453 Clinton street, St. Louis, Mo.
713 PILIE, EDGAR, JR, 83 Orleans street, New Orleans, La.
714 TRAVERSY, OSCAR A., Des Moines, Iowa.
715 MILLER, SHIRLEY P., Rockwell, Iowa.
716 EMERY, WILL H., Box 234, Avon, Mass.
717 RICHARDS, CHAS S., 130 W. Eighty-sixth street, New York City.
718 JUNKERMANN, F., Clinton, Iowa.
719 KENYON, BREWSTER C., Long Beach, Cal.
720 VERMEER, C. G. G., Tunor Koepang, Neth. East Indies.
721 SALOMON, EUG., St Pierre and Miquelon.
722 RICHMOND, JORGE, Apartado 188 San Jose, Costa Rica.
723 LAWDER, E., Bassin, St. Croix, B. W. Indies.
724 COLUCCI, FERNAND, Bank of Egypt, Alexandria, Egypt.
725 DIMITRION, P. S., Larnaca, Cyprus.
726 DHUR, N., 3 Roop Chand Roy's St., Calcutta, India.
727 DAWSON, ISAAC, Smyth, St Gympu, Queensland.
728 FERRER, AURELIO, Apartado 85, Caracas, Venezuela.
729 MARTINEZ, EMILIANO, S. J. Nepomuceno baja No 51, Santiago, Cuba.
730 LAMPLE, FEDERICO, Sanchez, Samana Bay, Dominican Republic.
731 HATTON, HENRY A., Newcastle, Natal, South Africa.
732 GRELL, C. H., Roseau, Dominica, B. W. Indies.
733 WOODWARD, A. T., Box 17, Yokohama, Japan.
734 STILSON, J. H., Colon, Colombia.
735 SCHLICHTER, AUG., 72 Straubs Lane, Allegheny, Pa.
736 ESSELBORN, PAUL, Phoenix Brewing Co., Pittsburg, Pa.
737 KOCH, J. W., Johnstown, Pa.
738 FIACRE, HENRI, 37 Steg street, Frankfort, S. M. Germany.

739 SCHIEDT, J. A., 431 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.
740 PELOUBET, W. S., 577 Main street, Buffalo, N. Y.
741 EHRHARDT, GUSTAVE, 715 Ivy street E. E., Pittsburg, Pa.
742 BENJAMIN, DAVID, Shanghai, China.
743 STEELE, JNO, J., Mexico, Mo.

Total Membership, May 10th	664
Added since	42
Present Membership	706

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues collected, May 1, to 31, 1894	$ 15 44	
Cash advanced by Treasurer to May 31	50 29	$ 65 73

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer, April 30, 1894	$ 60 23	
Stationery for Trustees	5 50	$ 65 73
Balance due Treasurer, May 30, 1894		$ 50 29

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, April 30, 1894	$673 00
Cash received for stock, May 1 to 31	38 00
Balance at Credit, May 31, 1894	$711 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Cash coll. and at Credit, Feb. 28, 1894 $ 7 50

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.

Applicants who do not remit dues with application are requested to remit promptly on receipt of notice from the Secretary that they have been accepted, in order that their names may appear in the list of new stockholders in the next Official Circular. These remittances must be received not later than the 28th of the month to enable this to be done.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, May 31, 1894.

During the month of May I received 101 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was $2,251 05
Previously acknowledged, gross value 16,680 49

	$18,931 54
Books retired as per previous reports	3,963 68
	14,967 86
70 books retired in May	1,665 69
Value of stamps in circulation	$13,302 17

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $380.04, or about 23%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of May $444.39. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of May were as follows:

154 Books	$ 15.40	
4,400 Control Stamps	4 40	
	$ 19.80	
Sales previously acknowledged,	115.10	
Total		$ 134 90
Cost of Books and Control Stamps		106 30
Balance		28.60

In ordering control stamps and exchange-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of May:

D. Benjamin	$ 5 00
J. Cabot	10 00
W. C. Eaton	40 00
H. D. Humphrey	30 00
E. H. Clarke	5 00
C. A. Hobbs	5 00
H. E. Deats	10 00
A. L. Becker	5 00
A. L. Fine	5 00
S. Leland	6 00
	$121 00
Previously acknowledged	742 09
	$863 09
New Issues supplied	546 49
Balances to credit of members	$209 58

While the balances to credit of members is only $209.58, I have many times that amount out on orders, and to *properly conduct* this department, I need $2,000.00

I have perfected connections in all parts of the world and appeal to members to make this department a success.

Send in a deposit! You will help yourself as well as this department.

I have distributed to members this month the following new issues:

Porto Rico, 2, 4m.
Cuba, 10, 20c
Mexico, Post Cards—1, 3c.
Bolivia, 1894, 1c. to 100c. complete.
Brazil—700r, Southern Cross.
Hawaiian Islands, 1894—1, 2, 5, 10, 25.
Liberia, unpaid—complete set, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40.
Liberia, Registration Stamp—4 var.
Liberia—2 varieties, 5c triangular.

The capital of this department is so limited that I can only order for the number of members participating in many cases, so that the back issues cannot always be supplied to those sending new deposits. I will gladly supply such as I have on hand at all times.

Orders are out for the following new stamps

that are expected soon. Members sending in deposits at once will be entitled to receive them:

Samoa, 5 pence.
South Australia, 2½ and 5 pence.
Lagos, 5, 7½ and 10 pence.
Labuan, complete set, 1 to 24 cents.
Belgium, Antwerp Exposition, 5, 10 and 25 centimes.
Philippine Islands, new series.
Porto Rico, balance of series.
Mauritius, 16 cents, blue.
Kinkiang (China), ½ to 40 cents, 9 values.

Members are requested to renew their deposits when there is less than $5.00 to their credit. Statements have been mailed.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

AGENT.

J. A. WAINWRIGHT, 110 Main street, Northampton, Mass.

June, 7th 1894.

Number of claims received 5; amount $16.12. No claims collected as yet, but one man has promised to do so.

Yours truly,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.
Collecting Agent, A. P. A.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., June 1, 1894.

DR. G. N. CAMPBELL, Superintendent, Hopkinsville, Ky.

I had no report to submit for April, as I only received several inquiries regarding different philatelic publications. For May I have received two lists of papers for exchange, and have sold three lots of papers for members. I have also had four letters of inquiry concerning papers and the A. P. A., all of which I have answered. A member wishes me to ask for any of the London Philatelic Society books for sale.

Respectfully submitted,
G. N. CAMPBELL, M. D.,
Literary Exchange Superintendent.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 1, 1894.

Wm. C. Stone, Esq., 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass,

DEAR SIR – Owing to the fact that the Board of Trustees has not yet been able to obtain possession of the records of former boards, we have been able to do very little business. One or two minor questions are receiving attention, and we sincerely hope that we may soon be in position to adjust the various unsettled claims against the society. Yours truly,

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees, A. P. A.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations are sent in as the preference of a considerable number of Massachusetts members whose names will be found in the May circular:

FOR PRESIDENT—J. K. Tiffany, of Missouri.
VICE-PRESIDENT — Alvah Davison, of New York.
SECRETARY—William C. Stone, of Massachusetts.
TREASURER—N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.
INT. SEC'Y—E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.
TRUSTEES—George W. Rode, Pittsburg, Penn.; C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Penn.; Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Penn.

From W. H. Barnum we have the following ticket:

*FOR PRESIDENT—H. E. Deats, of New Jersey.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—W. H. Bruce, of Connecticut.
*FOR SECRETARY—Alvah Davison, of New York.
FOR TRUSTEES—Geo. L. Toppan, C. E. Severn and J. H. Huber, of Illinois.

The Pittsburg Branch have unanimously put in nomination the following ticket:

FOR PRESIDENT—John K. Tiffany, of Missouri.
*FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—H. E. Deats, of New Jersey.
*FOR SECRETARY—Alvah Davison, of New York.
FOR TREASURER—N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.
FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY—E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.
FOR TRUSTEES—Geo. W. Rode and C. P. Krauth, of Pittsburgh, and I. Stauffer, of Mansfield Valley, Penn.

They also recommend the reappointment of the present force of appointive officers, the full list being printed under head of Branch Societies.

*The editor is informed by Mr. Davison that he will not accept a re-nomination on account of business cares. Mr. Deats also informs us that he will decline any nomination to an elective office.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

Several additional nominations have been received the past month and the Editor hopes that the members will not forget that it is their privilege as well as their duty to present the names of those they wish to see in the elective offices. The Official Circular is the proper place for such to appear and no names will appear on the official ballot which have not been sent in to the Editor in accordance with the provisions of the by-laws.

The Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburg-Allegheny, send us a copy of their constitution, by-laws, rules of the sales department and list of

members. The society was organized June 21, 1888, and now numbers 69 members, 37 of these being resident.

Those who predicted just after the conventions of 1890-1 that the Association would go to pieces, should cast a glance at the summary of our membership found at the close of our Secretary's report this month and then look back four years when we had our largest membership. High water mark was reached in 1890, the membership being reported at the convention as 684. On account of the internal troubles the membership fell off during the next two years and when the association was incorporated the report at the convention of 1892 showed a membership of 313, 95 of whom were non-stockholders. To-day we have 706 members, all of them being stockholders, and there is an application list this month of some twenty more who will become members before the convention, to say nothing of what may be published in the July Circular. We must have a thousand members next year sure!

The editor would again request those members who intend to be at the convention to send him their names so that those who are not able to attend can know to whom to send their proxies. Every member should be represented in person or by proxy and should not wait to be solicited for it. Only the Directors are prohibited from holding proxies. A blank form will be printed in the next number of the Circular which members can use for this purpose.

Just in time for mention we have received from Dr. E. Dienna, of Modena, a copy of his work on the stamps of the Duchy of Modena. It forms an octavo volume of some 226 pages and has three heliotype and four zincotype plates. The text of the work is in Italian and from the very hasty review we have given it seems to contain much valuable matter. Official documents relating to the history of the postal issues are given in abundance and we most cordially recommend the work to our readers. It can be obtained from the author, who is a member of our association, for $1 00 post paid. The copy which we have had the pleasure of reviewing is a donation to the library of the association from the author.

W. C. STONE.

In the April Official Circular Dr. A. Schindler was mentioned as having found the 1872 12-cent on horizontal ribbed paper. This was an error. The credit should have been given to Dr. A. Dahlberg, of Chicago, who has given considerable study to the ribbed paper series, having examined many thousands of stamps in his search for this scarce variety. We are able to chronicle this month

Executive 1c. vertical ribbed.
Postoffice 3c. horizontal ribbed on the face.
6c. " " "

The writer will be pleased to hear from any collector who has found the 6, 10, 24, 30 and 90 cent regular issue, or any of the Departments. The specimen to be chronicled must be forwarded for examination and due credit will be given.

Many of our members are now looking forward with considerable anticipation to Niagara Falls, where the convention will be held in August next. Those who were fortunate enough to have been there in 1892 carried away recollections of the most pleasant nature. The old friendships that were renewed and the new ones that were pledged, the drives, the photographs in the parks and under the falls, the pleasant evenings in front of the International Hotel and on the broad veranda of Hotel Kaltenbach where experiences were exchanged, philatelic (?) tales related that caused considerable merriment, the visits to the Casino and the Music Hall, the witty sallies of our International Secretary relieving the tedium of convention business, and a thousand and one other things have been interesting memories over which to ruminate during the past two years. And who could forget the Falls themselves in their wild grandeur and whose angry roar is constantly heard over all other sounds, reminding one of Nature's greatness and Man's insignificance. Many other points of interest are also powerful magnets to draw upon the mind, heart and eye. No lover of nature can afford to miss seeing Niagara Falls and carrying away its impressupon the senses as a reminiscence for the future.

The Postoffice Department under the present administration must have had the stamp collectors in mind when rendering a recent decision. The postmaster of Louisville, Ky., asked the Department what constituted legal mutilation in a postage stamp and received the following reply: "If any corner or part of the stamp be mutilated or missing, the stamp is considered to have been mutilated, and that the letter bearing such stamp must be held for postage where received." While this is the regulation we have never heard of any postmaster who has held letters bearing a stamp such as described above as it would be almost impossible to strictly conform to the ruling. The stamp clerk in selling the stamps cannot take the time to carefully separate every stamp so that each perforation shall be intact, nor is it to be expected that the letter writing public can be an exception. If the Department demands a strict interpretation of its decision we would suggest the advisability of using stamps with rounded corners rather than those of the present shape or returning to the methods of forty years ago, selling the stamps unperforated to be cut apart with shears, and even then the stamps will be cut into, as will be seen in the issues of 1847 and 1851.

The coming convention at Niagara Falls calls to mind an amusing incident that happened to the New York delegation on the train. Several of the party, amongst them John Walter Scott, were seated in the smoking compartment of the Pullman smoking and incidentally talking stamps. An old gray haired gentleman, a stranger, sat in the corner of the apartment an interested listener, but taking no part in the conversation. No notice was taken of him as he sat there meditatingly puffing away at his fragrant Havana. During the interchange of ideas one of the party addressed the "father of philately" as Scott, when the silent old gentleman became suddenly metamorphosed. Bending forward he asked, in mingled tones of amazement and doubt, "are you the *J. W.* Scott of whom I bought stamps when a little boy? No, no, it cannot be. You are a young man while the original Scott must be dead years ago." Poor father Scott was cov-

ered with confusion, while the balance of the party laughed heartily at his embarrassment.

The question "does collecting philatelic literature pay" often arises and is rarely, if ever, satisfactorily answered. That it does pay, and pay well, was demonstrated at the sale of the Sanford collection by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., April 30. The prices realized are as follows:

American Journal of Philately, first series.

Vol. 1, $10.50. Vol. 2, $5.50. Vol. 3, $5.50. Vol. 4, $5.25. Vol. 5, $5.25. Vol. 6, $16.50. Vol. 7, $21.00. Vol. 8, $6.00. Vol. 9, $11 00. Vol. 10, $11.00. Vol. 11, $5.50. Price for the entire set $103.00.

Revised List of Postage Stamps, 1879..	$ 5 50
Pemberton's Hand Book, 1874.....	3 50
Moen's Catalogue, 6th edition.....	4 50
Coster's U. S. Locals, two volumes....	13 00
The Postage Stamps and Postal Cards of Australia.....	16 00
The Postage Stamps and Postal Cards of B. N. A.....	15 25

The last two are the London Philatelic Society publications. J. D. RICE.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT.

ALLEGHENY CITY, PA., May 29, 1894.

DEAR SIR:—I find I made an error of judgment in recommending the application of H. Bernhardt, 1101 S. 11th St. Pittsburg, Pa. Since his election as a member of our Association, some matters have developed which prove that he is not reliable, and I trust no member will give him credit on the strength of my endorsement. Yours truly,

E. DOEBLIN,
Resident Vice-President.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(Branch of A. P. A.)

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, Robert S. Lehman. For information address the Secretary, Box 86, Rosebank, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamps department, address to Henry Clotz, Box 997, New York City.

134th meeting held May 17, 1894.

Present: President Aug. Dejonge in the chair, Messrs. Benary, Gurdji, Lienhardt, Obert, Beutler, Albrecht, Lehman.

Messrs. Albert Beutler, Jr., J. Walter, E. R. Carter as visitors.

Meeting opened at 8 30 P. M.

Minutes of the 133rd meeting were adopted as read.

Mr. Benary proposes Mr. E. R. Carter, of New Brighton, S. I., as member; referred to the Executive Committee.

Messrs. D. H. Bacon, Henry C. Merry, J. N. Reynolds, Louis Levison and Walter S. Scott, being recommended by the Executive Committee as worthy of becoming members, were unanimiously elected.

Mr. Newton Turnbull resigns his membership, which resignation was accepted with regret.

Mr. Gurdji presents the Society with a lot of counterfeits for the counterfeit album, which were accepted with thanks.

Mr Watson presents the Society with the *Monthly Bulletin* No. 3, accepted with thanks.

Mr. E. J. Scott, of Kearney, Neb., sends the Society a lot of Confederate stamps for examination, and the experts pronounce them as counterfeits, with the exception of one. He also sent a photograph of the lot which is accepted with thanks.

The following nominations were made.

Aug. Dejonge, for President.
Dr. G. Odendall, for Vice-Presiden.
Henry Clotz, for Treasurer.
Robt. S. Lehman, for Secretary.
R. E. Albrecht, for Supt. of Sales.
For Executive Committee,
Oscar Dejonge. R. H. Benary. C. Witt.

These gentlemen were unanimiously elected.

Mr. R. H. Benary moves that the chair appoint a librarian. This motion being seconded and carried, the Presidenr appointed Mr. Ad. Lienhardt for that office.

Mr. A. Beutler has informed the Society that a New York firm has bought up all the $1 Columbian stamps and therefore a corner in this issue is now in existence. He also informs us that Postmaster-General Bissell is asked to re-issue this stamp and thereby break the corner.

Mr. Beutler moves that a vote of thanks be presented to the officers of the past term; carried by acclamation.

The following changes in addresses are reported:

Mr A. Schindler,
3158 Groveland ave., Chicago, Ill
Mr. V. Gurdji,
21 West 18th street, New York.
Mr. R. Sulzberger,
14 West 17th street, New York.

The meeting was adjourned upon motion at 9 30 P. M.

Next meeting will be held on June 14, 1894.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB,

NO. 7. BRANCH A. P. A.

Meetings held 3rd Wednesdays of every month in the office of the Harkness Block, corner Euclid and Wilson avenues, Cleveland, O.

Address all communications to C. N. Stockwell, Secretary, Painesville, Ohio.

The 40th. meeting was called to order May 16, with Pres. Kress in the chair, and seventeen members present.

A committee of Messrs. Bailey, Overton and C. N. Stockwell, was appointed to solicit proxies of all Ohio A. P. A. members who would be unable to attend annual convention at Niagara Falls next August. Several members will attend

in person, and it is only right that they should represent others less fortunate in not being able to get away from home. As soon as the date is announced in the Official Circular, the Secretary will be glad to furnish blank proxies to any Ohio A. P. A. member.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 19th.

CARL N. STOCKWELL,
Secretary.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO. 5, A. P. A.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., E. Doeblin, Alleghany, Pa., President; A. E. Daum, No. 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary; Geo. W. Rode, Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., Superintendent.

The twenty-second monthly meeting held Thursday evening May 10, President E Doeblin, presiding.

Roll called and fourteen members responded. Five visitors

Messrs. C. A. Snyder and Geo W. Douglas duly elected to active membership.

After finishing of regular routine business, the discussion of nominations of A. P. A. officers for 1894-5, taken up, resulting in the unanimous selection of the following nominees:

FOR PRESIDENT—J. K Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—H. E Deats, Flemington, N. J.

FOR SECRETARY – Alvah Davison, New York, N. Y.

FOR TREASURER—N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.

FOR INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY—E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa.

FOR TRUSTEES—Geo. W. Rode, Pittsburg, Pa.; C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Pa., and I. Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.

It was the unanimous desire of the members that the Board be requested to make the following re-appointments:

Purchasing, Sales and Exchange Superintendent, G. D. Mekeel.

Literary Exchange Superintendent, Dr. G. N. Campbell.

Counterfeit Detector, E. A. Holton.

Collecting Agent, J. Arthur Wainwright.

Librarian, W. H. Bodine.

Literary Board, William C. Stone, Samuel Leland and J. D. Rice.

It was also moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended that the Association By-Laws be so changed as to make the library a circulating one, and that a catalogue be printed, showing all books in the library; also that all additions thereto shall be published regularly in the Official Circular.

After a pleasant discussion of A. P. A. matters, the members were entertained by various exhibits of stamps and by the remarks of Mr. C. P. Krauth on the 6 kreuzer of Bavaria, accompanied by specimens of this stamp, also pencil sketches of the same for illustration. Meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Exchange and Sales Department has $13,302.17 worth of good stamps in circulation, including stamps from all parts of the World, some of them, great bargains.

ALL MEMBERS have the privelege of BUYING stamps from the books in circulation, whether they have stamps of their own in or not.

There are at present in circulation such stamps as $20 State, used and unused; U. S. 90c., 1869, used, unused and ungrilled; U. S. 3c., grilled all over, Executive set complete, rare foreign, etc.

It may not be possible for the Sup't to send the above particular stamps on request, for they may be sold or out on a circuit. They are mentioned to show the class of stamps the Department can send out. Send in your request, and it will have prompt attention, I want to keep things going all summer.

G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.,

STATION C, ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—JULY, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the members of the American Philatelic Association:

As announced last month, the annual Convention will be held at Niagara Falls, beginning August 21, 1894. Arrangements have been made with the Cataract House to accommodate the Association with a meeting room and the members who may so desire with rooms. As we have no members or local branch at Niagara, it has been arranged that members desiring rooms were to engage them by writing directly to the Hotel, the rate will be $4 per day.

With this circular will be found the forms for ballot for the next Board of Directors and Trustees with the proper envelope for enclosing and mailing the same. It should be borne in mind that they must reach the Committee before noon of the 21st of August.

Arrangements for the entertainment of the Association can easily be made after we meet. I am informed by the management of the Cataract House. It will be a pleasure to you to be among your fellow members there and a pleasure to them to meet you.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

598 FRAZER, W. S., Bangkok, Siam, formerly Singapore.

770 RARESHIDE, A. M., 2612 Milam street, Houston, Texas, formerly New Orleans, La.

442 PENNDORF, MAX, 312 Mineral street Milwaukee, Wis., formerly Biddle street.

353 DAUM, ADAM E., 421 Wood street, Pittsburg, Pa., formerly Allegheny, Pa.

105 SHELLENBERGER, LOUIS R., Germantown, Phila., Pa., formerly Atlanta, Ga.

APPLICATIONS.

APPLETON, R. S., 314 Forest avenue, West, Detroit, Mich.
References: A. H. Crittenden, S. L. Wing.

BELL TILTON S., box 5084, Boston, Mass
References: J. L. Kilbon, A. W. Batchelder.

BACHELLER, E. F., 40 Broad street, Lynn, Mass.
References: A. W. Batchelder, F. P. Brown.

FLAGG, HARRY W., Court House, Brockton, Mass.
References: E. H. Remington, F. M. Bixby.

GOTTESLEBEN, R. M., box 571, Denver, Col.
References: G. D. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

HARRINGTON, CHAS., 688 Boyleston street, Boston, Mass.
References: J. L. Kilbon, A. W. Batchelder.

HASSENZAHL, ERNEST F., 523 Walnut street, Toledo, Ohio
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.

HALL, EDWARD H., Fort Collins, Colorado.
References: C. H. Mekeel, I. A. Mekeel.

HUNGERFORD, T. RUSSELL, 1219 H street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
References: J. H. Houston, H. P. Boyle.
Guarantor: Thos. W. Hungerford.

LIPPINCOTT, W. V., 724 Wyandotte street, Kansas City, Mo.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.

LORING, GEO. W., Brockton, Mass.
References: E. H. Remington, F. M. Bixby.
MACHEN, RAYMOND J., 339 Batavia street, Toledo, Ohio.
Guarantor: P. J. Kranz.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.
MCKUSICK, HERBERT N., 322 North Third street, Stillwater, Minn.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
MEYER, HENRY., 400 Foner street, Toledo, Ohio.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.
MORTON, WM. J., Mahe, Seychelles Islands.
References: C. H. & G. D. Mekeel.
PRATS, HERMENEGELDO, 2 Pasage del Credito, Barcelona, Spain.
References: G. D. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.
PUFFER, W. L., Brockton, Mass.
References: E. H. Remington, F. M. Bixby.
RAEVE, OSCAR de., Rue Aerre Neuve, 35 Gand, Belgium.
References: G. D. and C. H. Mekeel.
ROSENWALD, DAVID, 427 West Eleventh street, Kansas City, Mo.
References: F. J. Bescher, M. A. Swanbeck.
Guarantor: David Rosenwald.
RUEPPRECHT, MAX, care Wimmer & Co., Munich, Bavaria.
References: E. Doeblin, Aug. Buckhotz.
ROOD, P. E., 337 Prescott street, Toledo, O.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.
SHRADER, CHAS. C., Iowa City, Iowa.
References: H. K. Sanderson, I. A. Mekeel.
SPEAS, C. J., 510 Cherry street, Toledo, Ohio.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. M. Wolsieffer.
STAUFFER, ALBERT, 128 Chestnut street, Allegheny, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, A. Platz.
TYRRELL, W. BELL, 199 Jay street, Albany, New York.
References: C. W. Kissinger, E. L. Kelland.
Guarantor: W. B. Tyrrell.
WILLIAMS, ROBT. O., 89 Watson street, Buffalo, N. Y.
References: A. L. Becker, Dwight Comstock.
WEBB, WALTER F., Gamis, N. Y.
References: H. Gremmel, A. Davison.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive a certificate of stock, on payment of dues for balance of fiscal year, amounting to nine cents, to the treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

744 MARSH, EDW. B., Amherst, Mass.
745 WEIL, JACOB, 1006 Penn. Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
746 STEGMANN, CHAS. A., 2706 Eads Ave., St. Louis Mo.
747 FICHTNER, WILLIAM, 61 E. 4th street, N. Y. City.
748 LERETORD, JULES DE, 160 Rue de l'Arsenal, Lisbon, Portugal.
749 STANLEY, THEO., 1204 Broadway, Kansas City, Mo.
750 DEGLMANN, JNO. L., Box 585. Mankato, Minn.
751 AVERILL, DAVID M., Box 253. Portland, Ore
752 FABER, WM. H., 33 George street, Charleston, S. C.
753 GILE, PHILIP L., 12 Hillside Ave., Melrose, Mass.
754 COMSTOCK, DWIGHT, 45 Livingston Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
755 STANNARD, P. D., Renfrew street, E. E., Pittsburg, Pa.
756 SAUL, L. P., 148 Madison Ave., Allegheny, Pa.
757 KAY, JOHN, 140 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Mich.
758 WILSON, C. H., Melvern, Kan.
759 STURGES, B. E., 909 N. Eighth street, Kansas City, Kan.
760 BUTLIN, CLAUDE M., Mexico City, Mexico,
761 BACKER, OTTO C., 622 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
762 VANWAGENEN, H., 148 East 48th St., New York City.
763 BERNHEIM, M., Owensboro, Ky.
764 NEWBERRY, W. E., Colorado Springs, Col.
765 AYER, F. W., Bangor, Me.
766 WITHEE, N. H., LaCrosse, Wis.
767 BENNETT, W. C., 37 Milton St., Brockton, Mass.
768 CUMMINGS, CHAS. E., 243 Centre Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
769 DAVENPORT, W. H., 2104 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
770 RARESHIDE, A. M., 2612 Milam St., Houston, Tex.
771 PHILLIPS, Wm. H., Box 606 Cincinnati, O.
772 MYERS, F. C., 216 Jay St., Albany, N. Y.
773 COHN, ISADORE M., 11 North Division St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Total Membership June 10.....706
Added since..... 30

Present Membership.....736

In February the Secretary was supplied with one hundred or more copies of the last annual *American Philatelist*, containing By-Laws, Membership-list, etc.

Owing to the large number of new members admitted since that time, the supply has already become exhausted with the exception of about twenty copies, this being insufficient for the new members admitted this month.

Notice is therefore given that I will be unable to supply any further copies of the *Annual*.

ALVAH DAVISON

NOTE.—The editor has a number of extra copies which will be placed at the disposal of the secretary while they last.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues collected, June 1, to 30, 1894.....	$ 8 90	
Cash advanced by Treasurer to June 30...	63 34	$ 72 24

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer, May 31, 1894.....	$ 50 29	
Envelopes for Official Circulars.....	9 80	
A. Davison, Secy. Postage and Office Exp.	12 15	$ 72 24
Balance due Treasurer, June 30, 1894		$ 63 34

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, May 31, 1894	$711 00
Cash received for stock, June 1 to 30	22 00
Balance at Credit, June 30, 1894	$733 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Cash coll. and at Credit, Feb. 8, 1894	$ 7 50

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.

COLLENSVILLE, ILL., June 30, 1894.

The next report for July 1 to 31, being the last one before convention, all applicants who have not remitted dues for the current year ending September 1st, are requested to do so, that their names may appear in the list of new stockholders in the August Circular. Remittances must be received not later than the 28th of the month to enable the new members name to appear in the August Circular. No stockholder indebted to the Association for dues, will be entitled to vote at the convention, either in person or by proxy. (See Art. III. Sec. 4 By-Laws.)

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, June 30, 1894.

During the month of June I received 60 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was $2,493 42
Previously acknowledged, gross value 18,931 54

$21,424 96
Books retired as per previous reports .. 5,629 37

$16,805 59
91 books retired in June 2 622 52

Value of stamps in circulation $14,183 07

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $570.40, or about 22%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of June $339.51. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of June were as follows:

109 Books	$ 10.90	
5,900 Control Stamps	5 90	
	$ 16.80	
Sales previously acknowledged,	134.90	
Total		$ 151 70
Cost of Books and Control Stamps		106 30
Balance		45.40

In ordering control stamps and exchange-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

G. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of June:

Geo. T. Loomis	$10 00
E. H. Clark	12 50
A. Battiste	17 09
W. J. Morgan	15 00
H. F. King	25 00
A. Davison	5 00
P. M. Wolsieffer	25 00
A. Rae	7 50
E. Mayer	25 00
E. R. Akerman	15 00
F. Trifet	25 00
H. D. Humphrey	10 00
F. P. Brown	15 00
A. W. Batchelder	15 00
	$222 09
Previously acknowledged	742 09
	$964 18
New Issues supplied	707 98
Balance to credit of members	$256 20

More than four times the above amount is now employed in this department, I want more members to avail themselves of the privileges here afforded to secure new issues promtly and at low prices.

The department charges 10% over *cost*.

Send in a deposit, $5.00 to $50.00.

I have distributed to members this month
Mauritius, 1c. and 15c.
Mexico, blue, official.
Labuan, 1c. to 24c., 9 values.
Obock, 1c. to 1fr., 13 values.
Obock, 2 fr. to 50 fr., 5 values.
Djibouti, 1c. and 2c.
Diego Suarez, 1c to 1 fr., 13 values.
St. Marie de Madagascar, 1c. to 1 fr., 13 values.
Guatemala, Prov., 2, 6 and 10c.
Zululand, 5 pence and 6 pence.
Nossi Be, 1c to 1 fr., 13 values.
Benin, 1c to 1 fr., 13 values.
French Soudan, 1c to 1 fr., 13 values.

The capital of this department is so limited that I can only order for the number of members participating, in many cases, so that the back issues cannot always be supplied to those sending new deposits. I will gladly supply such as I have on hand at all times.

Orders are out for the following new stamps that are expected soon as well as a number announced in this report last month.

Mauritius, 8 cents, brown.

I have ordered and expect shortly the following new issues:

Angola, 50 reis, new type.
Mozambique Company, 2½ reis.
Zululand ½ p. to 5 ch., complete series.
Niger Coast Protectorate, ½ p. to 1 sh., complete series.
Liberia, 5c triangular, regular and official, rouletted.
British South Africa, 3 and 4 shillings.
British Central Africa, 3 and 4 shillings.

I have on hand the following *current issues* that I can supply to parties requiring them, they will only be supplied to parties who are, or will

become regular patrons of the purchasing department and send a deposit in advance.

Angra, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200 and 300 reis.

Horta, 5, 10 15, 20, 25, 50 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, and 300 reis.

Ponta Delagada, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200 and 300 reis

Bolivia 1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 centavos.

Japan, Silver Wedding, 2 s. and 5 s.

British East Africa, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 8 annas, 1 rupee.

British South Africa, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 pence, 1 shilling.

British Central Africa, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, pence, 1 shilling.

State of North Borneo, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents.

Labuan, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18 and 24 cents.

Liberia, 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 32 cents

Liberia Official, 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 32 cents.

Liberio, Unpaid, 1894, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 20, 40 cents.

Liberia, triangular, 5c., regular and official, unperforated.

As stated above these current issues are only furnished to regular patrons of this department, those who send their cash in advance to furnish the department with working capital.

All stamps are furnished 10% over *cost*.

No cash orders from this list will be filled unless the party makes a cash deposit for new issues.

G. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

PITTSBURG, PENN., July 2, 1894.

Since our last report, we have disposed of several routine matters of no special interest. With this number of the Official Circular each member will receive blank ballot for the annual election, and proxy form. We trust that every member will take sufficient interest to vote and be represented at the convention, preferably in person.

Yours truly,
GEO. W. RODE.
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

CLEVELAND, O., June 28, 1894.

MR. W. C. STONE, Chairman Literary Board, Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: My time was so fully occupied by the sickness in my family during the latter part of last month that I was obliged to omit sending you any report from this district.

Our Branch Society has suspended its meetings for the summer months and there is very little of interest in the stamp line in general.

The May meeting of the Cleveland branch was a rousing one and arrangements were made to have a representation at Niagara, so we hope to have some one there to meet with the faithful.

Yours truly,
G. J. BAILEY,
Res. V.-Prest.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

Since the lists of nominations were published, declinations have been received from several gentlemen, and the revised list is herewith submitted:

FOR PRESIDENT—J. K Tiffany, of Missouri.

VICE-PRESIDENT — Alvah Davison, of New York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—W. H. Bruce, of Connecticut.

SECRETARY—William C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

TREASURER—N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.

INT. SEC'Y—E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

TRUSTEES—George W. Rode, Pittsburg, Penn.; C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Penn.; Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Penn.

As will be seen there is but one nomination for each of the offices except that of Vice-President, where members will have their choice between Messrs. Davison and Bruce. Ballots and proxy blanks will be sent each member with this circular probably and members should attend to them at once. Do not put them to one side and then forget all about them, but sit down and fill out your ballot and appoint some member who is to attend, to act as your representative. Only the members of the Board of Directors are excepted from acting as proxy holders

We understand that all the members of the Board of Directors will be in attendance at the Convention. This is something that has not happened for some time and it ought to be an extra inducement to members to attend for the sake of seeing our governing board. And in connection with this we will remark that friend Doeblin expects to bring his baggage and plenty of Pittsburgers. Our worthy stenographer, Mr. F. H. Burt will of course be in attendance with his note book and pen. In addition to the above the Mekeel family will of course have at least one representative—and we trust three, and our co-laborer from Trenton will find it difficult to keep away from the attractions of the Kaltenbach. W. H Beyerle, Luther W. Mott and E L. Kelland also notify us that they will be there, and of course the editor will be on hand. Probably there are others, but we have not received notice of their intentions to be present and so cannot give their names.

Afred L. Becker writes: "We hope to send a good delegation from Buffalo to the Niagara

Falls convention and are laying plans for a Buffalo A. P. A. branch next fall." It was a matter of great regret and considerable surprise two years ago that there were no Buffalo collectors present and we are glad to hear that the city will send a delegation this year. In regard to the branch society we hope that their example will be followed by other cities There are several large places not on the list and we hope to be able to report more good intentions in our next number.

The Chicago members endorse the ticket put in nomination by the Pittsburg branch, which is now identical with that placed in nomination by the Massachusetts members.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., JUNE 28, 1894.

Since my last report in March the following donations to the Library have come in:

No. 25, Philatelic Gazette, Vol. 1, No. 1, (1893) from J. A. Wainwright.

No 26, Seventeen German papers, from W. C. Stone.

No. 27, Lot of counterfeit stamps, from G. D. Mekeel.

No. 28, Priced catalogues of the Chicago Philatelic Society's Auction sales, numbers 25, 26, 27 and S. B. Bradt's sale of Oct. 30, 1893, from S. B. Bradt.

No. 29, "I Francobolli del Ducato di Modena e delle Provincie Modenesi," etc., by Dr. Emilio Diena, from the author.

No. 30, Descriptive catalogue of the Postage stamps of Hawaii, by W. M. Giffard, from the author.

No. 31, Volume 1, Nos. 1-5, of The Philatelist (Tiffany No. 153) from Alvah Davison.

No. 32, Fourteen German Philatelic papers, from W. C. Stone.

No. 33, Album containing about 250 counterfeit stamps, from G. D. Mekeel.

W. H. BODINE, Librarian.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO. 5, A. P. A.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa., President, A. E. Daum, No. 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary; Geo. W. Rode, Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., Superintendent.

The twenty-third monthly meeting held Thursday evening, June 14th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Eleven members and one visitor present.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Exchange Superintendent reports receipt of new circuits, and the return of four having already completed the circuit among branch members and from which were removed stamps to the value of $73 06.

Letters from Mr. Alvah Davison, declining to accept the nomination for secretary, and one from Mr. H. E. Deats declining the nomination for vice-president, read, filed and both nominations ordered withdrawn.

New nominations being in order, the members were unanimous in nominating Mr. W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., for secretary, and Mr. Alvah Davison, of New York, for vice-president.

Messrs. Gus Ehrhardt, Geo. Koenig, J. M. Lindsay, August Schlachter and Paul Esselborn, admitted to active membership.

Adjourned.

A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—AUGUST, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, H. E. DEATS, Flemington, N. J.
Secretary, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

754 DWIGHT, COMSTOCK, 45 Lexington Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., instead of Livingston Ave.

23 SPENCER, COSBY, Lock Box 812, Phila., Pa., formerly Willets Point, N. Y.

777 LOUIS F. NELSON, 2605 Montgall Ave., Kansas City, Mo. formerly 2443 Flora Ave.

723 E. LAWDER, Bassin, St. Croix, D. W. I. instead of B. W. I.

APPLICATIONS.

EATON PERCIVAL J., 131 N. Highland Ave., E. E., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, C. P. Krauth.

DREWSEN, C. C., Ostergrade 34, Copenhagen, Denmark.
References: E. Doeblin, Aug. Buckholz.

HOLMES, JOSEPH, 46 Gold street, New York City.
References: A. Davison, A Krassa.

EASTMAN, W. L., 1205 So. 3 d St., Omaha, Neb.
References: W. R. King, G. D. Mekeel.

GUATTARI, GIOACCHINO, Via Condotti 42, Rome, Italy.
References: H. E. Deats, A. Davison.

STIGELER, E. A., Patterson, N. J.
References: C. H. & I. A. Mekeel.

HOCKING, DR GEO. H., Mount Savage, Md.
References: Henry Brück, G. D. Mekeel.

BAILEY, WM. O., Fort Stanton, New Mexico.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

WOOD, S. M., Ponta Delgada, St. Nicholas, Azores.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive a certificate of stock, on payment of dues for fiscal year, amounting to $1.00, to the treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

774 HICKOK, E. L., 135 Wall St., Auburn, N. Y.

775 ADDITION, HARRY L., Dover, N. H.

776 THOMPSON, JOHN GEORGE, Essex St., Fremantle, West Australia.

777 NELSON, LOUIS F., 2605 Montgall Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

778 MAKINS, J. H., 506 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

779 ANDREWS, WM. M., 207 Harvard St., Cambridgeport, Mass.

780 LAWRENCESON, FRANK R., Canton, Mo.

781 FORTE, HENRY W., Helena, Mont.

782 R. M. GOTTESLEBEN, Box 571, Denver, Col.

783 PUFFER, W. L., Brockton, Mass.

784 APPLETON, R. S., 314 Forest avenue, West, Detroit, Mich.

785 TYRRELL, W. BELL, 199 Jay street, Albany, New York.

786 BACHELLER, E. F., 40 Broad street, Lynn, Mass.

787 HUNGERFORD, T. RUSSELL, 1219 H street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

788 ROSENWALD, DAVID, 427 West Eleventh street, Kansas City, Mo.

789 LIPPINCOTT, M. V., 724 Wyandotte street, Kansas City, Mo.

790 WEBB, WALTER F., Gaines, N. Y.

791 HARRINGTON, CHAS., 688 Boylston street, Boston, Mass.

792 STAUFFER, ALBERT, 128 Chestnut street, Allegheny, Pa.

793 RUEPPRECHT, MAX, care Wimmer & Co.' Munich, Bavaria.

794 WILLIAMS, ROBT. O., 89 Watson street, Buffalo, N. Y.

795 SHRADER, CHAS. C., Iowa City, Iowa.
796 MCKUSICK, HERBERT N., 322 North Third street, Stillwater, Minn.
797 HALL, EDWARD H., Fort Collins, Colorado.
798 LORING, GEO. W., Brockton, Mass.
799 RAEVE, OSCAR de., Rue Terre Neuve, 35 Gand, Belgium.
800 PRATS, HERMENEGELDO, 2 Pasage del Credito, Barcelona, Spain.
801 PINGREE, MELLEN A., Haverhill, Mass.
802 LEE, CHESTER B., 226 Tenth street, Toledo, Ohio.
803 MACHEN, R. J., 339 Batavia street, Toledo, Ohio.

EXPELLED.

339 DIESCH, PAUL, Pittsburg, Pa.

RESIGNED.

411 PHILLIPS, CHAS. J., London, England.

DROPPED.

The following never having qualified by paying dues, is now dropped:
LOCKE, DR. ROBT. D., Chicago, Ill.

Total Membership July 10		736
Added since		30
Resigned and Expelled	2	28
Present Membership		764

As the members are aware, the next convention will be called to order at the Cataract House, Niagara Falls, on August 21. The rates at the Cataract and International Hotels are $4 per day, and while it is desirable that all who can will stop at the former place, yet the rates quoted for these hotels should not deter any member from attending the convention on the ground of expense. The rates at the Kaldenback are $3 per day; Hotel Porter, $2.50 a day; and Salt House $2.00 per day; while I have no doubt as low as $1.00 a day will obtain room and board in various places in the town, which in summer is largely given up to boarding.

Let all who can, come and partake of the good fellowship, which on these occasions flows in abundance.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Dues collected July 1, 31,	$34.26	
Cash Adv. by Treas to July 31,	89.63	$123.89

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treas. June 30,	63 34	
A. Davison, Sec'y. Postage & Ex. June 5 to July 5,	8 15	
N. W. Chander, Treas Pt'g. Ballots, Proxies &c., and postage, January 31, to July 20,	16 40	
Stock Fund for 36 Shares Stock, issued to foreign members, by order of Convention of 1893,	36.00	123.89
Due Treasurer July 31, 1894.		$89.63

STOCK FUND.

Amount at credit, June 30,	$733.00
Cash rec'd. for Stock, July 1, to 31,	30.00
General Fund. 36 Shares issued to foreign members by order of Convention of 1893.	36.00
At Credit July 31, 1894,	$799.00

INTEREST ACCT.

February 8, 1894,	Cash,	$ 7.55
July 31, 1894,	"	47.50
		$55.05

Collinsville, Ills., July 31, 1894.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING, SALES AND EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, July 31, 1894.

During the month of July I received 48 books of stamps for the Sales Department, the gross value of which was $1,403 45
Previously acknowledged, gross value 21,424 96
$22,828 41
Books retired as per previous reports .. 8,251 89
$14,576 52
36 books retired in July 1,115 24
Value of stamps in circulation $13,461 28

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $208.33, or about 18.7%. Amount of the cash sales from books in circulation during the month of July $573.74. The blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of July were as follows:

63 Books	$ 6.30	
2,800 Control Stamps	2.80	
	$9.10	
Sales previously acknowledged,	151.70	
Total		$ 160 80
Cost of Books and Control Stamps	106 30	
Books and Stationary	37 51	143 81
Balance		16.99

In ordering control stamps and exchange-books members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases—10c for each book and 10c for each 100 control stamps.

As this is the vacation season of the year, it is quite natural that the business of the department should fall off.

The most noticeable feature is in the receipt of new books, and the number of books retired.

The sales keep up remarkably well for this season. Members having books in circulation will realize that the summer season is dull, and will not expect returns as soon as in the Fall, Winter and Spring.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

A. Davison reported last month in deposit columns should have read, A. Dawson.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of July, for the purchase of new issues:

F. P. Brown	30 00
A. W. Batchelder	30 00
H. F. King	42 04
C. A. Hobbs	5 00
L. Barr	10 00
E. H. Buehler	15 00
R. S. Terry	5 00
H. D. Humphrey	10 00
A. L. Snell	7 50
C. P. Krauth	7 78
Baron A de Reuterskold	10 00
W. C. Eaton	11 46
W. A. Mac Calla	10 00
A. L. Schuyler	25 00
C. H. Adams	50 00
W. J. Morgan	15 00
H. T. Bruck	20 00
J. J. Steele	5 00
	$308 78
Previously acknowledged	964 18
	$1,272 96
New Issues supplied	1,087 43
Balances to credit of members	$185 53

The department charges 10% over *cost*.

Send in a deposit, $10.00 to $50.00.

I have distributed to members this month:

Liberia, 5 c, triangular, 2 varieties, rouletted.

Chili, 1c and 2c.

Colombia, Cubiertas, 30c and 40c.

So. Australia, 2½ and 5 pence.

Kew Kiang (China) ½ (2 var.) 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40c.

Seychelles, 3, 12, 15, 45c.

St. Pierre Mig., 3 sizes of 25c envelopes.

Belguim, Antwerp, Expo., 5, 10, 25c.

Pt. Lagos, set of 5 varieties.

Dedeagh, " 5 "

Vathy " 5 "

Fiji, ½, 1, 2, 5 pence.

Chefoo, post. cards, (2 var.)

Brazil, letter card, 200 reis.

I have orders out for all new issues, of which I have been advised.

I have on hand the following *current issues* that I can supply to parties requiring them; they will only be supplied to parties who are, or will become regular patrons of this department.

Colombia Cubiertas, 1890, 60, 70, 80c, blue. 1890, 20c yellow, 50c green, 60c yellow, 80c green, 90c brown, 1 peso vermilion.

1892, 10c rose, 20c yellow.

Hawaiian Islands, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25c.

Bolivia 1894, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 centavos.

Japan, Silver Wedding, 2 s. and 5 s.

British East Africa, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 8 annas, 1 rupee.

British South Africa, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 pence, 1 shilling.

British Central Africa, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, pence, 1 shilling.

State of North Borneo, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents.

Labuan, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18 and 24 cents.

Liberia, 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 32 cents.

Liberia Official, 1892, 1,2, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 32 cents.

Liberia, Unpaid, 1894, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 20, 40 cents.

Liberia, triangular, 5c., regular and official, unperforated.

I can supply a few sets of the

Azores, Henrique Centennial, series 1894, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100 reis., and post. card for $4.25 net. These are being sold in Europe at about $7.50 per set, I will only send the above set upon request. I was unable to secure the series in the usual way, at the time of issue.

I am always glad to answer questions concerning this Department and to furnish information to members who require it. I have recently had a number of inquiries with regard to the price at which the Department furnishes new issues. Some of them seem to have been of the impression that the stamps were furnished at face value. Upon a little reflection it will be quite apparent that this would be impossible, as the Department in almost every case pays a small commission to its representatives in the foreign country from which the stamps are obtained. This is hardly ever more than 5 per cent., but in some instances 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. have to be paid. Postage and minor expenses connected with the importation are then added, and oftentimes duty is assessed on the package by the custom-house officials. All of these items are taken into consideration in estimating the cost of the stamps, and in every case the stamps are billed at exact cost to members, with the single exception that the department always takes the benefit of the fraction of a cent. To this the 10 per cent. commission allowed the Department for operating expenses, is added. The stamps thus obtained by members are always very much less than the prevailing wholesale rates, and of course at a very large discount from prevailing catalogue prices.

No member of the Association is entitled to receive more than three of a kind.

Parties having less than $5.00 to their credit are considered to be delinquent and are requested to renew their deposits.

A number of members have written to me that they would like to purchase new issues from the Department, but do not wish to make a cash deposit. They wish to send for the stamps they want from my monthly report, sending cash for only such as they desire. Other members, request me to send certain new issues, but to be paid for upon receipt. They do not wish to make any deposit in advance. To all of the above class, I have replied:

Under our present arrangements, it would be impossible for them to participate in this Department.

It is just as important that the members should make cash deposits in advance, to furnish the Department with the working capital, as it is for

them to pay for the stamps when received, and the Department has declined to furnish stamps to any members, except those who have made a deposit in advance.

I have been to the trouble of a great deal of correspondence to explain this to all members who have inquired; setting forth the scheme of this Department, in each case, in about the following words:

"The Purchasing Department is furnished with no working capital by the Association. Members desiring to participate in the Purchasing Department, are to make a cash deposit of from $5 upward to the Superintendent, stating the general character of the stamps they desire to receive. They having the privilege to limit their purchases to one or more continents, and also limiting the face value of the stamps. For instance, one collector may not wish to receive any stamp to the face value of more than 25 cts. Another may limit his purchases to stamps of less than $1 face value etc. The member may also limit the Department as to whether it shall send adhesives, envelopes or cards. Any further restrictions are to be discouraged, as it would lead to confusion. The Department does not furnish Seebeck stamps or other stamps of this character where the face value is likely to prevail but for a short period.

The Department announces from time to time, current issues that may be on hand that can be supplied at the regular rates, 10 per ct. over cost. But only such members can avail themselves of the privileges of this Department, who have made a cash deposit in advance, thus contributing the working capital to the Department Any member of the Association, has the privilege of ordering three of each kind of stamp, envelope or postal card, provided his deposit is large enough. All members whose deposit is below $5, are to be considered delinquent and requested to renew."

The above is the general scheme of the Department as I have outlined it in my correspondence to members; and I have tried to be very liberal in my application of the terms with individual cases. The only way that new issues can be supplied to members of this Association on a cash basis, without their furnishing cash deposit, will be for the Association to furnish the Department with sufficient working capital for new issues.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., AUG. 1st, 1894.

Report as follows for June and July:

Accounts received 41.....
Amount.....$172.89
Accounts collected 3.....
Amount..... 8.19

I have not had time to hear from many accounts sent out late in July and some are awaiting settlement.

Very Truly Yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
COLLECTING AGENT, A. P. A.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT, LITERARY BOARD.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Chairman, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

SAMUEL LELAND, 56 Thirty-fifth St., Chicago, Ill.

J. D. RICE, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.

The editor cordially seconds the urgent invitation given by our secretary in his report where he urges the members to attend the convention at the Falls this month. There have been some letters received complaining of the high rates asked by the hotels but we think none need stay away on that account. Good board can be secured at from $2 to $2.50 per day or even lower, The editor has stopped at the Hotel Salt two or three times and intends to do so this year. Two years ago there was quite a little colony of philatelists there. A good plan for members is to go direct to the Cataract House and see the others before they make definite arrangements concerning rooms so that as many as can may get together Don't wait to be introduced to any brother philatelists whom you may reconize from the numerous pictures that have been in circulation in the papers during the past few years. They will give you a cordial greeting.

The editor will probably go to Niagara via the New England R. R. from Hartford to Newburg and by the West Shore R. R. to Buffalo leaving Newburg at 7.00 p. m. on Monday August 20. If any others happen to be on the train he hopes they will make themselves known.

The latest organization is the one set forth in the following pledge which we have received from E. L. Shove, Unionville, N. Y. It needs no explanation from us as to its aims.

THE ANTI-SEEBECK SOCIETY.

PLEDGE.

I hereby pledge myself not to buy, exchange for, accept as a gift or make any effort to obtain any of the stamps known as "Seebecks" nor to try to dispose of any on hand to any fellow collector.

Signed.....

Date.....

Sign above and return this slip to E. L. SHOVE, Unionville, N. Y. together with five 1 ct stamps and receive membership certificate.

The enterprising Alamo City society of San Antonio, Texas, has favored us with its second annual report. The society now numbers 15 active members, 1 life member, 114 corresponding members, 9 honorary members, and 9 corresponding societies. Of the members 108 are resident in the United States and 40 in twenty foreign countries. In addition to the list of members the report contains the programmes of each of the meetings of the past year. We wish more of our societies would follow this example in publishing a report at the close of the year. Abstracts of the leading papers read at the meetings could be included and would be of much value to the members.

We have received from our Collecting Agent the following article which will show the full story of an attempted swindle and its outcome. While this department has been patronized considerably by our members during the past year it might be made more effective if the members would report such cases as the following with more promptness.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., July 6, 1894.

A TRUE STAMP STORY.

A package of stamps valued at $16,92 was sent by Mr. B. from Chicago, Feb. 23,1893 to Mr, R. at Lancaster, Ia. The package was registered and duly receipted for by Mr. R. not being returned in time Mr. B. sent a polite request for its teturn to which Mr. R. replies as follows:

APRIL, 12, 1893. Dear Sir:

I returned your stamps to you with 38c for stamps taken off over a week ago. Please look the matter up at once. MR. R.

Mr. B. replied that he had not received them, and again requested Mr. R. to settle. Mr. R, replied, Lancaster, Pa., 4,-28,-94.

Please give me a few weeks time to pay for stamps which I can prove I returned. Ans. Mr. R.

Another demand, and the following reply from Mr. R.

Dear Sir: Will settle as soon as able with you for stamps. MR. R.

After a reasonable time another demand for payment, and the following reply. Lancaster, Pa. Dear Sir: Have before informed you that the stamps of yours were sent you by H. E. Wirtle, cor. N. Queen St. and Orange St., this City. If he has not sent them, by addressing all further correspondence to him, you will get them immediately. I am only a minor so cannot get the stamps of him. Address him in this matter to the above address. MR. R.

Mr. B. growing weary and disgusted, sends this claim to his friend, W. an attorney, who makes the usual demands on Mr. R. and the following reply is received.

Lancaster, Pa., Nov. 20, '93. Dear Sirs; Have informed Mr. B. that I *have returned his stamps*, or at least my partner has, as I have done everything by him O. K., I don't see why you should send me this. I am only a minor, but please inquire of him at once if he never received stamps and let me know. MR. R.

W. replies, pay up and don't plead the baby act, and presto as soon as the mails can go and come, back comes the stamps not one missing and *not one single stamp* taken from the sheets.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

BRANCH OF A. P. A.

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 3 o'clock, P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal St. Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, Robert S Lehman.

For information, address the Secretary, Rosebank, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examinations of stamps department, address Henry Clotz, Box 997, New York City.

136th meeting, held July 19, 1894.

Present: Mr Aug. Dejonge in the chair Messrs. Clotz, Niedermeyer, Albrecht, Gurdji, Obert, Carter, Schumann, Mrs. Albrecht, Messrs. Bauer, Oscar Dejonge, Dr. Roehre, Lehman and Kessler. Mrs. Schumann as visitor.

President August Dejonge opened the meeting at 9:35 P. M. with a neat speech welcoming the members who had been abroad.

Minutes of the last meeting accepted as read.

The minutes of the special meeting were read and accepted with great applause.

Mr. Lohmeyer presented the Society with Monthly Bulletin No. 5. Mr Albrecht a bound copy of our Catalogue, also a bound volume of his auction catalogues 1-21. The thanks of the Society is tendered to the kind donors.

Mr. Knoll notified the members of an addition to the philatelic community in the shape of a bouncing daughter.

Mr. C. Witt writes that he is soliciting subscriptions for a catalogue of the Thurn and Taxis stamps, issued by Glasswald. It is illuminated by ten lithographic plates and two maps, and contains a description of all counterfeits known up to date. For subscription address C. Witt, 304 East 86th St., New York, N. Y.

It was moved and seconded that a vote of thanks be presented to Chas. E. Dejonge, for the artistic arrangement of the souvenir of the 10th anniversary of the society. Carried unanimously.

Adjournment followed at 10:50 p. m., whereupon a collation was served by the steward of the society, Mr. Loescher, and the gathering continued, amid toasts and vocal selections, until the midnight hour.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 24, 1894, AT CAFE SCOSSA, RUE LAFAYETTE, PARIS.

Members present: American, Henry Clotz, R. F. Albrecht; French, Jules Bernichon, Gustave Beil.

Visitors: Dorsan Astruc, of Paris; Gustave Gelli, Brussels.

On motion, properly seconded, Mr. Bernichon was elected chairman, and Mr. H. Clotz secretary. Mr. Beil moved and Mr. Clotz seconded that the Societe Philatelique Francaise be elected corresponding society of the S. I. P. S. Carried unanimously. Mr. Bernichon proposed for membership, Mr. Leon Auscher, of Paris; referred to the Executive committee.

As most of the members, before attending the meeting, had attended the "Bourse," where many opportunities are offered for the purchase of rarities or desirable stamps, a lively exhibition of the treasures thus secured took place. Mr. Bogert, for instance, showed quite a number of 1869 15c. without diamonds, bought as pronounced bargains. Mr. Albrecht, as usual, fond

of great rarities, secured a pair of 1 and 2x2p. Mauritius (certainly post-paid), very early impressions in magnificent condition, and also found a 15 cents 1869, center inverted. Mr. Clotz exhibited a 4c. Vaud, which all the members present acknowledged as the finest specimen they had ever seen.

After an hour thus spent in animated discussion, the members retired to partake of a splendid collation, provided by Mr. Bernichon. After the plates had been removed, Mr. Albrecht arose and in a neat speech thanked the Paris members for the reception accorded the members of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, and hoped that at a not far distant date the S. I. P. S. would have the pleasure of reciprocating to many of their French friends, when they visit the American shores. Mr. Albrecht's speech was received with hearty applause, in which all joined with great fervor.

Mr. Bernichon responded and proposed the health and prosperity of the S. I. P. S., which was received with great spirit, but as the time of departure for London was pressing, the meeting adjourned sine die.

HENRY CLOTZ,
Secretary.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO. 5, A. P. A.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., E. Doeblin, Alleghany, Pa., President, A. E. Daum, No. 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secretary & Treasurer; Geo. W. Rode, 53 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburg, Pa., Exchange Superintendent.

The twenty-fourth monthly meeting held Thursday evening, July 12th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Roll call and 18 members and three visitors present.

The annual election of officers took place and the following unaminously elected to serve the ensuing year.

President, E. DOEBLIN.
Sec'y. & Treas., A. E. DAUM.
Resident Vice President, E. DOEBLIN.

On recommendation of Exchange Supt., Geo. W. Rode, election of Supt. postponed for one month, and a committee of three appointed to draught suitable rules governing that department, which has grown to such an extent that the business cannot conveniently be handled by one person.

Mr. I. Stauffer elected as Branch delegate to the Convention and Mr. C. P. Krauth as alternate.

After disposing of routine business and the inspection of various stamps on exhibition, meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

ST. LOUIS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

BRANCH OF A. P. A.

The ninth annual meeting of the St. Louis Philatelic Society was held at the residence of the vice-President, C. H. Mekeel, the evening of July 18th. President Tiffany usually entertains the Society at his residence at the annual meeting; this year having gone East earlier than usual, the duty fell upon the vice-President, who discharged it to the satisfaction of all present. The annual reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were listened to, and the Society's finances were found to be in good condition.

The attendance at the meetings during the past year was not as large as was thought they should be, and the proposition was made that in the future the Society hold four regular meetings annually, at each of which there should be some special attractions and supper, the idea being to have fewer meetings and larger attendance when held.

The annual election resulted as follows: John K. Tiffany, President, C. H. Mekeel, vice-President, N. W. Chandler, Treasurer, W. F. Muenninghaus, Secretary, and W. A. Sisson and Dr. Wm. N. Beggs additional members of the Executive Committee. Mr. I. A. Mekeel was elected delegate of this Society to the Convention of the American Philatelic Association, and the general affairs of the Association were fully discussed.

The following ticket was indorsed: John K. Tiffany, President; Alvah Davison, vice-President; W. C. Stone, Secretary; N. W. Chandler, Treasurer; E. Doeblin, International Secretary; and G. D. Mekeel, Superintendent of the Sales, Purchasing and Exchange Department.

No other recommendations were made to appoint officers, as the members of the Society were of the opinion that the Literary Board should be abolished, and the editing of the Official Circular and annual number of the *American Philatelist* left entirely with the Secretary under the direction of the Official Board. The Society was also of the opinion that the trustees were now unnecessary in the present organization, and that the duty that fell to them should properly be discharged by the Official Board.

W. F. MUENNINGHAUS, Sec'y.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 11, 1894.

William C. Stone, Esq., 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: Owing to my absence on an extended trip, I failed to send you any report of the proceedings of the Trustees for month of June. As a matter of fact there is nothing to report, as the Board is not yet in possession of the necessary records for attempting to settle up any unfinished business, and the new business brought before it has been of little importance, consisting principally of objections raised against candidates for membership, most of which, after investigation, have proved to be untenable.

Yours truly,
C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees, A. P. A.

PITTSBURG, PENN., Aug. 2, 1894.

C. W. Stone, Esq., 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR: I beg to report that at the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the A. P. A., held in Pittsburg, July 23, it was our painful duty to ex-

pel from membership in the Association Mr. Paul Diesch, of Allegheny, for failure to account for stamps lost by him from circuit books Nos. 297 and 298, after having made repeated promises to settle for the same and failing to keep his word. Mr. Diesch has been advised of his expulsion and a demand made upon him to surrender the share of stock which he holds.

At a meeting of the Board, held August 1st, a general review of the business of the year was taken, and the annual report for the convention was blocked out. The Board is not yet in receipt of the records of former Boards, and is therefore still unable to bring to a satisfactory conclusion many of the claims against the Association which have been under discussion for some time past.

All of the members of the Board hope to be able to attend the convention at Niagara Falls, and urge upon every member of the Association to take advantage of this great opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of his fellow-collectors and of contributing to the success of the Association and the convention.

Yours truly,

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary.

NOMINATIONS.

The nominations (omitting the names of those who have declined to serve,) still remain as follows:

FOR PRESIDENT—J. K. Tiffany, of Missouri.

VICE-PRESIDENT — Alvah Davison, of New York.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT—W. H. Bruce, of Connecticut.

SECRETARY—William C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

TREASURER—N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.

INT. SEC'Y—E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

TRUSTEES—George W. Rode, Pittsburg, Penn.; C. P. Krauth, Pittsburg, Penn.; Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Penn.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEW YORK CITY, July, 5 1894.

To the Editor:

There is in the Treasury of the A. P. A. a fund called the Stock fund of over $700 00 that is being added to every day and from which the Association can not spend a dollar as I understand it. When a member joins the Association he pays $1.00 for a piece of paper called a certificate of Stock, but which is not stock, but a certificate of membership and this he does not buy, but simply borrows paying $1.00 for the use of it while he belongs to the Association and *when he decides to leave he has to give up his so called certificate of Stock but his dollar is not returned.* I hereby give notice that at the coming convention a motion will be made to change the constitution and By Laws so that a portion of the so called Stock Fund can be used for other purposes, (the only purpose it has now is to let it lie still and accumulate.)

At the convention several years ago it was resolved that we hold at the Worlds Fair an exhibition of stamps and a committee was appointed to carry out the desire of the Association. The exhibition has been held. The committee did their best. The results you know. To raise the money to buy the cases and carry out its work, a popular subscription was started and as we had to have a certain amount of money, a number of liberal philatelists subscribed to what we called a guarantee fund, in amounts from $100 to $250 each, in addition to this amount each subscribed $25.00 to the general fund. The idea was that if the subscriptions did not come in fast enough we would call upon the men who were on the guarantee fund for a certain percentage of the amount they subscribed for, or if there was a deficit they would make it up. The result was that they were called on for about 80% of the amount they subscribed or about $800, which amount they are out and there are at least $200 more to pay, on account of having the cases returned, storage, insurance, etc. Here the Association as an Association has not contributed one cent, it has had all the credit, all the honor and it is time it paid its share and I believe that it ought to hand over to the Treasury of the Committee to reimburse in part the subscribers to the guarantee fund at least $500.00 and this is the reason I give notice (according to our By-laws) of the proposed change that I hope will be made in the constitution and by laws so that out of this miscalled Stock fund we can subscribe $500.00 to partially reimburse those who so gallantly came to the aid of the Association in this exhibition. It is hardly justice to ask eight or nine to pay out a $1,000 for the benefit of the Association and then when we have money in the Treasury that is doing us no good we should refuse to do what we can to back them up. I know this will be fought to the end by a few who control the Association, but I believe the members at large are in favor of sticking up and doing what is right by those who so faithfully stood up for the Association in the hardest of all trials, *i.e.* putting up money. There was no reward, no glory for them, you do not know who they were even, but I do and they are the best friends the Association has and should be treated rightly. I hope the members of the Association will instruct their proxy holders to vote for this. I would be pleased to receive any letters that my fellow collectors would like to write endorsing this proposed action.

Very Respectfully,

ALBERT R. ROGERS.

86 Potter Building N. Y. City.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—SEPTEMBER, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

238 ALTHEN, WM. F., 682 Magnolia St., St. Paul, Minn., formerly Cherry St.
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789 LIPPINCOTT, W. V., 15 East 9th St., Kansas City, Mo., formerly Wyandotte St.

APPLICATIONS.

ANDERSON, L. K., Spartanburg, S. C.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel
BARNARD, G. S., North Western Ry., Muttan, India,
References: Alfred Dawson, F. E. Newburry.
BETTESWORTH, R. M., Box 305, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
Guarantor: A. J. Graville Cedar Rapids.
CARTER, N. E. Deleware, Wis.
References: Lewis M. Lang, C. W. Kissinger.
CASSINO, S. E., 51 Portland St., Boston, Mass.
References: Frank P. Brown, A. W. Batchelder.
CROCKER, HENRY J., 508 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: Frank Koenig. A. H. Weber.
CORRELL, WM. H. 12 Higashi, Nagasaki, Japan.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
GREEN, CHAS. E., Care Jas. Hoone & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, A. Buchholtz.
MARCH, P. G., Fernbank, Ohio.
References: I. A Mekeel. C. E. Hussmann.
STRAUSS ADALBUT, 816 Olive St., St Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
TURNER, LIEUT. JAS. A., 575 Oak St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: Frank Koenig, A. H. Weber.
VON TRESCKOW, PAUL, Rittenscheidz, Essen, Germany.
References E. Doeblin, Aug. Buchholtz
WALKER, HARTON, 596 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Ont.
References: Edw. Y. Parker, A. Davison.
WRIGHT, EDW. C., Keith & Perry B'l'dg, Kansas City, Mo.
References: F. J. Bescher, W. V. Lippincott.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive a certificate of stock, on payment of dues for fiscal year, amounting to ninety-three cents to the treasurer, N. W. Chandler, Collinsville, Ill

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

804 ROOD, P. E. 337 Prescott St., Toledo, Ohio.
805 MANTON, WM J., Mahe, Seychelles Islands.
806 KLAUSER, F. E., 520 Cherry St. Toledo, Ohio.
807 KLAUSER, A. E., Bancroft St., Toledo O.
808 FLAGG, HARRY W., Court House, Brockton, Mass
809 BELL, TILTON S., Box 5084, Boston, Mass,
810 EATON, PERCIVAL J., 131 N. Highland Ave. E. E., Pittsburg, Pa.
811 DREWSON, C. C., Ostergrade 34, Copenhagen, Denmark.
812 STIGELER, E. A., Paterson, N. J.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following have been received and will be accepted thirty days from hence if no objections are received.

234 SAMUEL HOPKINS, Providence, R. I.
503 HENRY ADES FOWLER, Toronto, Ont.

Total membership Aug. 10.....764
Added since..... 9

Present membership..... 773

Owing to the absence from home of the new Secretary, I have continued to do the work assigned to him, hence this roport from me. He will answer his duties in a few days.

ALVAH DAVISON,
Vice-President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The treasurer being absent on his vacation, he will make a double report next month.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING AND SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, August 31, 1894.

The month of August has been a vacation month in this Department. Most of the members participating being away and requesting that no more stamps be sent them until September or October, both the superintendent and the clerk in charge embraced the opportunity for a vacation. No detailed report will be rendered for this month. No books have been retired from circulation, but quite a number of new books have been received which will be entered up and reported with the September business.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

Deposits were received from the following members during the month of August for the purchase of new issues:

G. W. Rode	$ 7 50
G. T. Loomis	20 00
J. Andrenini	25 00
H. T. Bruck	20 00
W. H. Muir	20 00
F. W. Ayer	25 00
W. R. Baird	15 00
C. A. Hobbs	10 00
E. A. Mason	25 00
S. G. Stein	50 00
J. F. Beard	50 00
W. T. Aikman	5 00
H. Van Wagenen	25 00
S. Leland	4 00
B. S. Perry	10 00
W. H. Philips	10 00
W. S. Fraser	20 00
Total	$341 50

It is now the rule of this Department that each member participating shall keep a deposit of at least $5 to his credit in the Department; and, therefore, no deposit of less than $10 will be accepted to open an account. And as soon as the amount shall be reduced to $5 the participant shall be regarded as delinquent and be expected to renew his deposit.

This regulation was approved by the last Convention of the Association, and it is intended to supply the Department with sufficient working capital.

Parties receiving two or three of each new issue must increase their deposits accordingly.

This Department will supply new issues to any member of the Association at 10% over cost, provided they will send in a deposit of from $10 00 to $100.00.

A member has the privilege of ordering two or three of any new issues, by increasing his deposit proportionately. But no more than three specimens will be supplied to any member.

Orders have been sent out for all new issues, and the Department will be able to make a fine showing this year, if the members will give it the encouragement needed by sending in their orders. I can still supply most of the current issues mentioned in my last report.

I can also supply a few sets of the Azores Henrique Centennial series of 1894: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80 and 100 reis and postal card for $4.25 net. I neglected to state in announcing this last month, that they are all postmarked with the Centennial cancellation mark.

A number of new issues have accumulated on hand and will be sent to participating members shortly. A large number of orders are out, and many new series are expected soon.

A large number of members participating in the Department are now delinquent under the new rule mentioned above, and I expect them to renew their deposits without further notice.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Supt.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Sept. 4, 1894.

I have received during the month of August forty five claims amounting in all to $232 29 and during that time have collected six claims and part of another amounting in all to $30 98.

Other collections are promised me which I hope to report on favorably in my September report.

Very Truly Yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
COLLECTING AGENT, A. P. A.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

About thirty-five persons sat down to a very enjoyable banquet at the Hotel Kaltenbach, on the evening after the convention closed. President Tiffany presided and succeeded in extracting a speech from nearly every man present. Mr. Davison favored us with a glowing description of our future club-house, to be erected when the stock fund reaches sufficient proportions.

By unanimous consent of the members, Mr.

Doeblin was appointed "Watch dog of the Stock Fund." His qualifications for the place will be denied by no one who is acquainted with him.

A photograph of the delegates and members of their families present was taken in Prospect Park. Copies can be had by communicating with Librarian Deats. Price $1.50.

The fact that the records of the association are very imperfect in several of its departments was quite freely commented on, and a demand will probably be made on all former officers to turn over such as remain in their possession to the secretary.

Nine states and the Dominion of Canada were represented at the meeting. New York led the list with 7, Pennsylvania 4, Missouri 4, Illinois 3, Canada 3, Massachusetts 2, Ohio 2, Iowa 1, New Jersey 1 and Maryland 1. Several of the members brought their families, and we hope to see more of the ladies next year at Clifton.

For the first time in the history of the association, we think, the entire Board of Directors was present. Only one of the trustees was absent. The presence at the conventions of our various officers adds much to the facility with which our business can be transacted. We hope next year to see a larger number of them.

Do the members realize that in the eight years which have passed over $100,000 worth of stamps have been circulated in the Sales and Exchange department? Or that over $20,000 worth of the same have been sold? Ponder over these figures and show them to your friends, as an inducement to join us. No other society can offer such inducements.

A post-convention excursion to Toronto was participated in by Mr. and Mrs. Doeblin, Miss Doeblin, Mr. and Mrs. Davison, Mr. Tiffany, Mr. Burt, Mr. Stone, Mr. Parker and Mr. Harton Walker of Toronto, who is Vice-President of the flourishing local society which numbers over 60 members.

Messrs. Parker and Walker acted as guides to the party and treated us to a carriage drive around the city. All prominent points of interest were visited including the Athletic Club and the provincial parliament building. Messrs. Burt and Stone remained in Toronto a couple of days and had the pleasure of a sail on the lake in Mr. Walker's yacht the "Conder" and of dining at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club house on the island. They also inspected Mr. Parker's stock in trade which is particularly rich in Canadians and includes a fine 12 penny. The collection of Mr. W. H. Brouse, which they also had the pleasure of seeing, is of almost unheard of richness. Just think of a dozen or fourteen Nova Scotia shillings, a used Connell and six or seven Canadian twelve-pennies! The unused unsevered pair of the latter is simply magnificent. It is from the bottom of the sheet and has magnificent margins. The rest of the collection is fully in keeping with the above. It only includes British North American stamps and is probably worth $8,000 or $10,000.

Some very pretty badges were gotten up for the occasion on very short notice by a self appointed committee composed of Messrs. Tiffany, Burt and Stone who ransacked all the dry goods stores at the Falls before sufficient ribbon was secured. The badges bore the seal of the Association with "Ninth Annual Convention" above "Niagara Falls, N.Y., August 21, 1894," below. The ribbon was pink.

International Secretary Doeblin voices the sentiments of all when he describes the whole affair as "so nice."

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUP'T.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Aug. 1, 1894.

I had no report to make for June, except two letters of inquiry concerning the A. P. A. For July I received three letters of inquiry concerning various philatelic publications and our list of papers for exchange, all of which I answered and forwarded several lists of papers to members requesting them.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. N. CAMPBELL, M. D.
Literary Ex. Sup't., A. P. A.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Sept. 2, 1894.

I sent in report for the month of July, but the chairman informed me it arrived too late for insertion. I have no report for August except I am trying to induce two collectors to join the A. P. A., through the medium of my department. I would like to suggest to members that if they have any valuable philatelic papers they wish to exchange or sell, to send a list of same with prices, and I will file them carefully for future reference. With a new term of office, I will try in every way possible to advance the interests of the department and the American Philatelic Association and I hope the members will co-operate with me and send me lists of papers and wants, which I will do my best to exchange and fill for them. Respectfully submitted,

G. N. CAMPBELL.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Aug. 30, 1894.

I have received from Mr. W. H. Bodine, Librarian for the past year, the library in good order; also during the past week three additions as follows:

No. 34. Badge worn at the 9th Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, from George D. Mekeel.

No. 35. Copy of "Our Catalogue," souvenir of the 9th Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, from R. F. Albrecht & Co.

No. 36. Seven German philatelic papers, from W. C. Stone.

I secured from the Credential Committee at the Convention the ballots and proxies, and intend having them bound at my own expense and placed in the library.

I desire to remind all officers in the Association that the proper place for any of their reports or documents relating to the work of the Associa-

tion for which they no longer have any use, and have no place to properly preserve them, is in the library, and I will be very glad to receive and take care of all such things.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 21, 1894.

The result of the annual election was declared to be as follows: Alvah Davison, 290; John K. Tiffany, 285; William C. Stone, 280; Eugene Doeblin, 280; N. W. Chandler, 280; W. H. Bruce, 10; scattering, 4.

The first five persons were declared elected. For trustees the vote was as follows: Geo. W. Rode, 291; C. P. Krauth, 291; Ignaz Stauffer, 291; scattering, 3.

The first three persons were declared elected.

The new members of the Board of Directors met this day and organized, with the following choice of officers: President, John K. Tiffany; vice-president, Alvah Davison; secretary, Wm. C. Stone; international secretary, Eugene Doeblin; treasurer, N. W. Chandler.

The board then made the following appointments: Superintendent of Purchasing, Sales and Exchanges, George D. Mekeel; superintendent of literary exchanges, George N. Campbell; collecting agent, J. Arthur Wainwright; librarian, H. E. Deats; auction agent, New York, W. F. Gregory; auction agent, Chicago, P. M. Wolsiefler.

It was decided to request branch societies to send in nominations for resident vice-presidents for their respective districts.

August 22, 1894.

The following amendment to the by-laws was adopted:

Article II. Section 1. After the words "sum of one dollar" amend to read as follows: "For a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending Aug. 31), the whole to be returned if admission is refused; and if the applicant," etc.

Strike out section 2 and renumber the following sections to conform.

WM. C. STONE, Secretary.

CONVENTION REPORT.

Another convention of the American Phitatelic Association has been held and it will perhaps be well to state briefly in these columns what was done. The full report will appear in the Annual which will probably be issued within the next two or three months.

President Tiffany called the delegates to order in one of the small parlors of the Cataract House on Tuesday morning and after a little routine business the reports from the various officers were read and referred to the appropriate committees.

Treasurer Chandler reported that the stock amounted to $799 and the interest on the same to $55. The receipts for dues were $549 and the miscellaneous receipts $48 with a balance of $64 left over from last year. The total expenses were $751.

International Secretary Doeblin reported on the foreign relations of our society and earnestly urged an appropriation of $10 for the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt.

The Board of Trustees reported in detail upon the various cases which had come before them. Owing to the illness of Mr. Watson, secretary of the former Board, the records had not been turned over to them as yet. One member was reported to have been expelled.

The Literary Board reported that twelve numbers of the official circular had been issued, averaging 6½ pages per number. The edition of the Annual American Philatelist proved to be barely sufficient to supply the influx of new members. The receipts of the Board were $119 and the expenses $100. There is still some $60 due for advertising of which $26 is undoubtedly good. The Board has also on hand half tone cuts of seven of the officers, which are worth about $20.

Superintendent G. D. Mekeel, of the Purchasing, Sales and Exchange departments reported that during the 10 months the department had been running there had been received 902 books of stamps, of a total value of $22,828. Of these 383 had been retired, the sales from which had amounted to $2,208, or 23½ per cent. of the value of the books. The total sales from all books amounted to $4,028. These figures are considerably in excess of the best record yet reported. In the purchasing department deposits had been received from members amounting to $1,272, and new issues to the value of $1,087 have been already delivered. This department needs more support and members are urged to send in deposits of not less than $10.

Superintendent Campbell, of the Literary Exchange department, reported that about sixty letters of inquiry had been received by him and that he had aided several members to secure valuable works for their libraries.

Librarian Bodine reported progress on the growth of the library and hoped soon to have a catalogue ready.

Resident Vice-President Doeblin, of the Pittsburg Branch, reported that he had signed thirty applications for membership during the year. The Branch now numbers 32 members, having nearly doubled during the year.

Collecting Agent Wainwright reported 180 claims received, of a total value of $915. Of these 21 had been collected, amounting to $98. Quite a number of the rest were still pending.

President Tiffany then delivered his annual address, which will appear in full in the Annual.

At the session Tuesday afternoon Secretary Davison reported that 307 new members had been admitted during the year. Twelve have resigned, 16 have been dropped (5 of these being reinstated), 3 have died and 1 was expelled. This leaves our present membership as follows: United States, 649; Canada, 11; other foreign countries, 110; total, 770; a gain of 280. Stock certificates to the number of 339 have been issued.

Several telegrams and other communications were received from absent members and read to the convention.

The report of Credentials committee (as finally revised) shows that there were 28 members present in person and 200 represented by proxies. Eleven proxies were rejected on account of irregularities.

The report of the World's Fair committee was presented by Mr. Deats and as the illness of Mr. Watson had prevented a formal report on the finances the committee was continued in office.

The ballot for the place of the next meeting resulted as follows; Clayton N. Y., (Thousand Islands) 175, Asbury Park, N. J., 10, St. Louis, 9, Denver, 7, Staten Island, 5, Detroit, 1. The time was fixed for the second Tuesday in August.

At the evening session the various committee reports were considered and disposed of. The report on the Sales and Purchasing department advised the issue of simpler control stamps, the negociation of a loan of $1,000 for the use of the Purchasing Agent and the requirement of larger deposits. The convention approved the first and third recommendations.

A donation from R. F. Albrecht of 50 copies of "Our Catalogue" for distribution to the delegates was suitably acknowledged and an expression of our sympathy sent him for the illness of his daughter which had kept him from attending the session.

Toledo, Ohio, reported the formation of a new branch society.

The new Board of Directors held a meeting for organization after the adjournment and a report of the same will be found on another page.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

After some preleminary business the committee on by-laws reported an amendment to Article II, Section 1, requiring that applicants deposit in advance the annual dues as well as the money for the stock certificate. This will greatly simplify the work of the Secretary and Treasurer and will ensure the issurance of the certificate more promptly than heretofore. As the adoption of the above rendered unnecessary section 2 of the same article it was recommended to strike it out.

On account of there not being enough members represented at the meeting to alter the by laws, the convention recommended the above changes to Board of Directors who held a meeting shortly after and adopted them.

No other changes were made.

The following resolution was adopted.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this association that the American flag should be shown on some one of the future postage stamps of the United States.

A communication was received from the Pomeroy Philatelic Society urging a change in the name of association on account of the similarity of the initials to those of a political organization which is achieving considerable notoriety just now. This step was deemed unadvisable on account of several reasons. The following resolution was then adopted and we urge our members to comply with it.

WHEREAS, There are several organizations having the same initials as this association, therefore

Resolved, That the convention recommend to its members and to the press that in all allusions and communications relating to this association the full name be used in place of the initials.

A committee composed of Messrs Krauth, Stone and Severn was appointed to draw up suitable obituary resolutions and sketches for the Annual.

The above constitutes a brief sketch of what was done at the meeting. A more detailed report will be published in the Annual which will be issued as soon as possible.

WM. C. STONE, Secretary.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—OCTOBER, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Secretary, WM. C. STONE, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City, Penn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS, ETC.

399 KLEIN, MORRIS, Box 63, Phoenix, Arizona, formerly Globe.

537 KRAUTH, G. E., 18 Mt. Airy avenue, Philadelphia, Penn., formerly Pittsburg.

BAILEY, WM. O., Junction City, Kansas, formerly Fort Stanton, N. M.

557 KATZENBERGER, GEO. A., Greenville, Darke County, Ohio, formerly Chicago.

453 WEBER, WENDELIN, 694 South Division St., Buffalo, N. Y., formerly 568 North Division St.

781 FOOTE, HENRY, W., not Forte.

31 GURDJI, V., Care Sirakiand Co., 381 Broadway, New York, formerly Chicago.

254 CHAPIN, F. N., 8 Wadsworth St., Hartford, Conn., formerly 93 Main St.

APPLICATIONS.

ALTHEN, EDWARD O., 360 State St., Elgin, Ill.
References: Alfred E. Fritz and P. M. Wolsieffer.
Guarantor: Casper Althen.

AMANN, ANTON, Clay & Jones Sts., Dayton, O.
References, C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

BOOLEMAN, M. Z., Box 997, Johannesburg, South Afr. Rep.
References: E. Doeblin, August Buckholtz.

CHENEY, H. A., Creighton, Nebraska.
References; I. A. and C. H. Mekeel.

EPSTEIN, SALLO, Box 1234, Johannesburg, South Afr. Rep.
References: E. Doeblin, August Buckholtz.

KANDLE, HERBERT A., 7 Fern St., Worcester Mass.
References: Fred. Forehand, I. A. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. W. Kandle.

NICHOLS, THOS. P., 824 P. O. St., Galveston, Tex.
References: J. B. Weiley, William C. Stone.
Guarantor: Mrs. M. R. Nichols.

SMITH, MRS. A. P., 1808 Race St., Philadelpia, Pa.
References: Chas. Beamish, G. E. Krauth.

WADSWORTH, FRANK T., Eastport, Maine.
References: W. W. Jewett, William C. Stone.

WILLIAMS, MISS ANGIE, Ironwood, Mich.
References: C. H. Mekeel, C. H. Williams.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive certificates of stock thirty days from date if no objections are received by the Secretary within that time.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

813 ANDERSON, L. K., Spartansburg, S. C.

814 BETTSWORTH, R. M., Box 305, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

815 CORRELL, WILLIAM H., 12 Higashi, Nagasaki, Japan.

816 GREEN, CHARLES E., care Jas. Hoone & Co., Pittsburgh, Penn.

817 MARCH, P. G., Fernbank, Ohio.

818 STRAUSS, ADALBERT., 816 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

819 TRESCKOW, PAUL VON, Rittenscheidz, Essen, Germany.

820 WALKER, HARTON., 596 Spadina Ave., Toronto, Canada.

821 WRIGHT, EDWARD C., Keith & Perry Building, Kansas City, Mo.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignation was published in the last Circular, and no objections having been received, it is hereby accepted.

234 SAMUEL HOPKINS, Providence, R. I.

The following members have sent in their resignations and will be accepted thirty days hence if no objections are received.

288 HENRY M. SPERRY, Hartford, Conn.
628 L. F. TOBIE, Portland, Maine.
442 M. R. PENNDORF, Milwaukee, Wis.
773 ISADORE M. COHN, Buffalo, N. Y.
373 FRANK M. GILES, Paterson, N. J.
539 CHAS. A. LENTZ, Minerva, Ohio.
512 W. H. SUSSDORF, New York, N. Y.

The Secretary desires to call the attention of members to the fact that Article II, Section 6 of our By-Laws requires the surrender of the stock certificate when the member leaves the association. There is no provision made in the By-Laws for the refunding of the $1 00 paid for the certificate, and the evident intent of the framers was that it should be forfeited to the treasury. Those of the above list who have not yet sent their certificates to the Secretary, are requested to do so at once.

DEATHS.

533 LUDLOW, THOMAS W., Yonkers, N. Y.

If any of our members can give us any information concerning Mr. Ludlow it will be of help in preparing the obituary notices for insertion in the Annual. We are not informed as to the date of his death.

SUMMARY.

Total membership Sept. 10	773	
Added since	9	
		782
Resigned 1, died 1	2	
Present membership		780

CERTIFICATES OF STOCK.

In answer to numerous letters of inquiry the Secretary desires to state that all certificates of stock are first signed by the Secretary and then forwarded to the President for his signature, and are by him forwarded to the Treasurer who registers and mails them to the members. This is done about the tenth of each month but on account of President Tiffany's absence from home during the summer there has been delay in forwarding those issued during the past summer. The Treasurer advises me that all certificates have now been mailed.

OUR RECORDS.

The Secretary desires to call the attention of all past officers of the association to the fact that many records have not been turned over at the expiration of the incumbent's term of office to his successor and that much embarassment and vexatious delays have thereby resulted. Please see that any records or papers which are the property of the association are at once sent to this office and I will see that they are turned over to the proper custodians. Please do not neglect this matter but attend to it at once.

ACCEPTANCES.

The Secretary has received acceptances from all the persons appointed to office as per the list published in the last number of this Circular. The remainder of the offices will probably be filled before the next number is issued.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. C. STONE, Secretary,
384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
October 1, 1894.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues collected, Aug 1 to 31, 1894	$29 01	
Dues collected, Sept. 1 to 30, 1894	250 37	$279 38

EXPENDITURES.

Balance due Treasurer, July 31, 1894	$89 63
Cash balance, Sept. 30, 1894	$189 75

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, July 31, 1894	$799 00	
Cash received for stock, Aug 1 to 31, 1894	9 00	
Cash received for stock, Sept 1 to 30, 1894	18 00	
At Credit, Sept. 31, 1894		$826 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at Credit, July 31, 1894	$ 55 05

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., Sept 30, 1894.

On account of my absence until late in September some of the acknowledgements for remittances were delayed. If any have failed to reach the proper parties duplicates will be sent on application.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING AND SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, September, 30, 1894.

As I made no report for August, I have consolidated my figures for the two months in the following report. During the months of August and September, I received ninety-six books of stamps for the sales department, the gross value of which was.....$2,094.41
Previously acknowledged, gross value 22,828.41

$24,922.82
Books retired as per previous reports....9,367.13

$15,555.69
125 books retired in August and September..... 2,840.09

Value of stamps in circulation ... $12,715.60

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $536.24, or about 18 85/
The cash sales from books in circulation during the months of August and September were $947 81

Blank books and Control stamps disposed of during the months of August and September were as follows:

193 Books	$19.30
3,800 Control Stamps	3.80
	$23.10

When ordering blank books and Control stamps members are requested to send cash with their order in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each 100 Control stamps.

A special circular has been mailed to each member, inviting them to participate in this Department.

Members of the Association who have not had all their letters answered promptly during the last two months, will understand the reason when we state that five weeks of the time has been a period of vacation and I hope all the correspondence of the Department will have been caught up before the next report

G. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

As the list of deposits were drawn up for the August report by one who was not familiar with the books, a number of errors were made in including amounts that were for the credit of the Sales Department and omitting amounts that should have been credited to the Purchasing Department. I therefore give a new list of all remittances received on account of new issues during the months of August and September

J. J. Steele	$ 5 00
A. W Brown	11 00
H. G. O Ramborger	10 00
F. Junkermann	5 00
A. L. Snell	7 00
M. Aikman	5 00
W. S. Fraser	26 55
F. P. Brown	30 00
A. W. Batchelder	30 00
Henry Tuck	15 00
P. M. Wolsieffer	25 00
G. T. Loomis	20 00
J. Andreini	25 00
H. T. Bruck	20 00
W. E. Muir	20 00
F. W. Ayer	25 00
W. R Baird	15 00
C. A. Hobbs	10 00
E. H. Mason	25 00
S. G. Stein	50 00
J. F. Beard	50 00
S. Leland	4 00
B. S. Terry	10 00
W. H. Phillips	10 00
	$453 55
Previously acknowledged	$1,272 96
	$1,726 51
New issues supplied	$1,487 86
Balapce to credit of members	$238 65

A special circular was mailed during the month to all members of the Association, explaining this Department and inviting them to participate in order that I may regulate my foreign orders for the fall and winter business, and I hope that a large number of the membership will respond and send in a liberal deposit

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

REPORT OF COLLECTION AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Oct. 4, 1894.

I have received during the month of September nine claims, amounting to	$49.47
During the same time I have collected two old claims, amounting to	$11.58

Very truly, yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent, Am. Philatelic Association.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The latest country to spring the "jubilee" game on the suffering philatelic public is San Bickel, beg pardon, San Marino. Circulars printed in both English and Italian have been sent to all the philatelic press in the hope, evidently, of securing a free advertisement. The circulars are signed by the secretary of the palace commission and set forth the fact that on the occasion of the inauguration of the new palace and the installation of the new Regents there will be a new issue of stamps of three values and a post card together with a special envelope of the value of 5 lira to be used in forwarding purchases of the stamps to the value of $100 00 or over. These stamps will be on sale from September 20, to October 9. We believe the term of the Regents is six months; so it is possible that a new "jubilee" set may be sprung on us pretty often. The Seebeck issues are far preferable to such stuff as the above.

We have received the first number of the "Bulletin de l'Union Timbrophile Suisse," which is published at Geneva. It contains but little aside from the statutes and exchange regulations of the society but will probably contain more interesting matter as the various departments report on their doings.

We are glad to see that the valuable articles on "Minor varieties" which have been appearing in the *Post Office* are to be issued in book form. To the older as well as the younger collectors they will be of great service in detecting varieties which would otherwise be passed by. More and more attention is being paid every year to these minor varieties and collectors who pick them up now when they can get them for almost no increase over regular issue, will never regret it in years to come.

New publications on different branches of our hobby are being issued with great rapidity nowadays. We have just received a copy of a "Handbook of the revenue stamps of Great Britain and Ireland" which was compiled by F. G. C. Lundy in commemoration of the bi-centenary of

the first stamp duty act, June 29, 1894. It comprises some forty-six pages of text and about ten of advertisements. The price, 1s. 6p., is certainly not too high for the work, which no collector of fiscals will wish to be absent from his library.

We have also received an announcement of a similar work by Mr. Lundy on the Revenue stamps of the German states and Swiss cantons at the same price. We hope to have a chance to examine it before our next issue. There is none too much literature on fiscal stamps and we are glad to see that Mr Lundy is doing what he can to supply the needs of collectors in that branch.

There has appeared in several of the papers lately an item to the effect that the Confederate States government surcharged the three cent United States stamps for provisional use. This hardly seems likely as the postal act passed by the Confederate Congress March 15, 1861, fixes the rate at 5 cents and thus there could be no use for a 3 cent stamp. An exhaustive history of the regular issues of the Confederacy will be found in the third volume of the American Philatelist.

In order however to settle the matter, one of our members, Mr. J. A. Wainwright, recently wrote to the ex-postmaster general of the Confederacy, John H. Reagan of Texas, and this is the reply he received:

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Sept. 17, 1894.

Mr. J. Arthur Wainwright,

DEAR SIR:

Yours of the 13th inst. is the first intimation I have had that postage stamps or stamped envelopes of the United States were ever surcharged for use in payment of Confederate States postage. I am very sure that such practice was not authorized by law or by any order of the Confederate States Post Office Department.

Very respectfully,
(Signed) JOHN H. REAGAN.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUP'T.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Oct —, 1894.

I have no report to submit this month except, that I have received three lists of papers from members which they desire to sell. I have carefully filed these for future reference; both contain some desirable papers at very low prices. I will try to fill any want list that may be sent me or to inform members when papers may be obtained if possible. Respectfully submitted,

G. N. CAMPBELL, M. D.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Sept. 29, 1894.

I have received only two donations the past month.

No. 37. Rules of the British Guiana Philatelic Society from the Honorary Secretary.

No. 38. Photograph of the last Convention of the American Philatelic Association, ordered by the Convention.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT.

CLEVELAND, O., August 29th, 1894.

Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Chairman Literary Board, Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR:

We had fully intended to attend the Niagara Falls Convention and had made every arrangment to do so, but were unavoidably detained at the last minute and thus "the schemes of mice and men" etc.

Had anticipated much pleasure in meeting with the members there and the "knock out" in our arrangements was a sore disappointment. However, we trust that we will be able to be there next year.

Things are quiet here at present, in the philatelic line. Our meetings will be resumed the third Wednesday evening in September at the usual time and place.

Our branch begs to acknowledge the receipt of a souvenir copy of "Our Catalogue" from R. F. Albrecht & Co., and to extend our thanks for same. Yours truly,

G. J. BAILEY,
Resident Vice President.

COUNTERFEITS.

The Philatelic Protection Association hereby warn Philatelists against the following dangerous forgeries which have been brought under their notice:

Turkey.—Gibbons' type 3134. Issue 1884-1887, 25 piastres, black and grey, and 25 piastres, carmine and yellow. Very dangerous forgeries. These are also reported to the Association by Mr. W. Stotzer, Berlin.

United States.—Issue 1869, 15 cents and 24 cents, with reversed centres. Very dangerous forgeries of both these values have been seen by the Association, emanating from Paris. They are both made up most cleverly from genuine specimens. The central design being peeled off without injuring the back of the stamp in any way, then reversed and replaced under high pressure. Collectors and dealers are advised to closely examine any specimens that may be offered.

Victoria.—Gibbons' types 3389 and 3390. Issue 1874-9. 1 d. green on *yellow;* 1 d. green on *grey;* 2d. lilac on *green;* 2d. lilac on *buff.* A number of the ordinary varieties on white paper, changed to the tints enumerated above, have lately been placed on the market. The paper has a stained and blotched appearance, the coloring matter not having been evenly distributed, whilst the postmarks are of a later date than the originals.

The Committee of Experts of the Philatelic Protection Association will be happy to examine and report upon any specimens of the above-mentioned stamps, on condition that such stamps are sent to the Secretary, accompanied with sufficient postage for reply. FRED'K R. GINN
Hon. Secretary.
143 Strand, London W. C., England.

AUCTION REPORT.

Having been appointed Auction Agent (of the American Philatelic Asscciation) at New York, I desire to perform the duties of that position to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

To that end, I invite attention to the following rules and suggestions:

All purchases are strictly spot cash and must be paid for on demand.

While, as agent, exercising the utmost care, I shall not be responsible if for any reason stamps are not satisfactory; and they may be returned to me only as an agent acting in the interest of the bidder.

Bids will always be executed at lowest possible prices, so do not make exceedingly low bids.

And do not, on the other hand, send unlimited bids.

If two or more bids of the same limit are received on one lot, the bid first received shall have preference.

In addition to the commission of 5 per cent. allowed by the by-laws, all expenses of forwarding will also be charged.

Those desiring catalogues should send their applications at once, as very good sales are expected in October.

Respectfully, W. F. GREGORY,
Auction Agent for N. Y., Am. Phil. Ass'n.
11 Park Row, New York City.

REPORT OF CHICAGO AUCTION AGENT.

CHICAGO, September 28th, 1894.

Having received the appointment of Auction Agent for this city, I am ready and willing to attend to the duties of that office, according to Article 7, Section 7 of our By-Laws.

I would suggest for the benefit of the members, and also to make this department of some practical use, that all who desire catalogues of sales sent to them regularly, send me their name and full address on a postal card.

I will then compile a list of names which I will furnish to all holders of auction sales in this city, with a request that a catalogue of their sales be sent to every name on the list.

I will also arrange to supply priced auction catalogues of every sale held in Chicago.

P. M. WOLSTEFFER,
75 State St.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

PITTSBURG, PENN., Oct. 1, 1894.

W. C. Stone, Esq., Secretary American Philatelic Association, Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR:

Since making report published in August Official Circular no meeting of the Board of Trustees has been held, partly on account of the absence of members, and partly because the continued absence of former records render it impossible to settle up pending matters. The Board was represented at the Convention by a majority of its members, Mr. Stauffer only having been unavoidably prevented from attending. The Board has recently received thhroug Vice President Davison, the papers referred to in the report of the Board of Trustees, read at the Chicago Convention, and by their aid hopes soon to be able to recommend action to the Executive Board.

Any former Trustee or member having records or papers relating to business of former Boards of Trustees, is urgently requested to forward them to the Secretary of the Board, in order that our files may be to some extent completed. We have organized a thorough system of keeping our records in such convenient shape that they may be readily consulted, but are in possession of almost no records of past transactions. We have received a letter from W. F. Gregory, of New York, stating that as soon as his bond was accepted he would be prepared to make the New York Auction Agency useful to the members.

Yours truly,
C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

STATEN ISLAND PHILALETIC SOCIETY BRANCH OF A. P. A.

Meetings held on the third Thursday of each month, at 8 o'clock P. M., at Loescher's Hotel, No. 36 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y.

President, August Dejonge; Secretary, Robert S. Lehman. For information, address the Secretary, Rosebank, N. Y.

Communications relating to exchange matters address to R. F. Albrecht, Box 245, Tompkinsville, N. Y.

Communications relating to examination of stamp department, address Henry Clotz, Box 997, New York City.

137th meeting, held August 16, 1894.

Meeting was opened at 8 40 P. M.

Present: Mr. Aug. Dejonge in the chair, Messrs. Clotz, Lienhardt, O. Dejonge, Dr. Roehre, Kessler, Horrman, Lehmann and Carter. Mr. Charles Keutgen as guest.

The minutes of the 136th meeting were adopted as read.

The Executive Committee having reported favorably upon the application of Mr. Leon Auscher, of Paris, for membership, his name was voted upon and he was unanimously elected a member of the Society.

A friend sends some counterfeits for the Society's counterfeit album, which were accepted with thanks to the kind but unknown donor.

A communication from our member, Dr. Odendall, who is now abroad, was read in which he sends his regards to all of the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9.30 P. M.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN, *Secretary.*

PITTSBURGH BRANCH NO. 5, A. P. A.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa., President. A. E. Daum, 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secy.-Treas., Geo. W. Rode, 53 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Exchange Supt.

25th regular monthly meeting held Thursday evening, August 9th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Sixteen members and six visitors present.

Mr. Paul Diesch, having been expelled from

the A. P. A. by the Trustees he was dropped from the roll of membership.

Committee to draft suitable rules governing the Exchange Department made their report The rules prepared by them were very complete and satisfactory and were adopted and Committee discharged with thanks.

Mr. Geo W. Rode unanimously re-elected Branch Manager and Mr. John Neessner, Jr., Assistant Branch Manager.

The Secy -Treas. read his report for the past year. Report shows the Branch to be in a healthy condition. Membership shows an increase during the year of 100%. At July 31, 1893, there were enrolled 16 members, since that time 18 new members were admitted and 2 members dropped from the roll, making the total increase 16 members, making the membership at July 31, 1894, 32.

The next meeting of the Branch will be held, Sept. 13, which will be during the G. A. R. Encampment, and it is hoped many of our brother Philatelists will be visiting our city and to them we extend a hearty invitation to attend our meetings which have always been pleasant and interesting. The hour of meeting is 8:15 p. m.

The Twin City Philatelic Society will have a splendid exhibit for the public at the Western Pennsylvania Exposition and it is hoped none of the visitors will miss it.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—NOVEMBER, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, J. K. TIFFANY, 411 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
Vice-President, ALVAH DAVISON, 176 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
Secretary, WM. C. STONE, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
Treasurer, N. W. CHANDLER, Collinsville, Ill.
International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City Penn.

REPORT OF PRESIDENT.

During the past month the Official Board has acted on a number of routine matters of little interest to members. The Trustees have been authorized to prepare a full list of all those who have at any time been members of the Association, either before or after incorporation, no such list having ever been prepared. It will be esteemed a favor if every member will send his present address to the secretary of the Trustees, C. P. Krauth.

Mr. C. E. Severn has been appointed by the Official Board to one of the vacancies in the Literary Board and Mr. J. W. Scott has kindly agreed to accept the position of Counterfeit Detector offered him by the Directors.

The President has appointed the Committee of Arrangements for the next annual convention—Mr. C. P. Krauth as chairman, with Messrs. G. W. Rode and E. Doeblin as associates.

Respectfully,
JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CHANGES IN ADDRESS, ETC.

101 STAUFFER, IGNAZ, Carnegie, Penn., instead of Mansfield Valley.
BARNARD, G. S., Moultan, India, instead of Muttan.
311 GREVNING, CHAS. W., 2 West 14th St., New York, instead of 112 7th St.
727 DAWSON, ISAAC Gympie, Queensland, instead of Gympu.
789 LIPPINCOTT, W. V., and not M. V.
564 DAVIS, JOSEPH S., 1209 Logan Ave., Denver, Col., instead of Colorado Springs.
684 GREENEBAUM, ALFRED H., 1823 Clay St., San Francisco, instead of 1914 Pacific Ave.
561 NEWLIN, JAMES B., Bellevue, Delaware instead of Newport.

APPLICATIONS.

BANKS, CHAS. E., M. D., Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

BICKFORD, H. M., Wolfeboro, N. H.
References: F. H. Pinkham, A. W. Batchelder.
Guarantor: O. S. Young.

BURTON, ELLIOTT H., 921 N. Delaware Ave., Philadelphia, Penn.
References: Chas. Beamish, C. E. Osborn.

CAFFERS, AUGUST E., Helena, Montana.
References: A. H. Nelson, H. W. Foote.

CONANT, FREDERICK O., 139 Park St., Portland, Maine.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

FARNSWORTH, E. C., 106 Emery St., Portl'd, Me.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

HOWE, WM. N., Box 1058, Portland, Maine.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

LEWIS, CHAS. R., 267 Vaughan St., Portl'd, Me.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

MERRILL, GEO. W., 271 Middle St., Portl'd, Me.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

NEALLEY, C. H., 34 Deering Ave., Portland, Me.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

PERRY, NICK, St. Lucas, Iowa.
References: I. A. Mckeel and C. H. Hussman.
Guarantor: Theo. Perry, his father.

QUACKENBUSH, LEWIS G., 15 Madison St Oneida New York.
References: J. D. Rice, Wm. C Stone.
SAHM, WILLIAM, 1206 20th St., Washington, D.C.
References: C. F. Rothfuchs, H. F. Dunkhorst.
SCARD, JOHN, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.
SCHAEZLER, OTTO, Box 14, Station A., Kansas City, Mo.
References; F. J. Bescher, W. V. Lippincott.
SHAW, THOS. P., M. C. R. R. Portland, Maine.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.
SNOW, WALTER B., Watertown, Mass.
References: Chas A. Hobbs, Wm C. Stone.
SNYDER, ELI, 138 Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.
References. E. S. Stilson, A. W. Dunning.
STEVENS, S. A., 216 Commercial St., Portl'd, Me.
References: S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.
THAYER, E. F., Attleboro, Mass.
References: I. A. Mekeel, C. E. Hussman.
Guarantor: A. M. Cushman.
TYLER, WILLARD C., 189 Broadway, New York.
References: C. P. Krauth, E. M. Grove.
VAN VOLKENBURGH, J. D., Hamilton, Missouri.
References: Wm. C. Stone, W. J. Eldred.
WAITE, MRS. J. GILMAN, 5 Pearl St. Medford, Massachusetts.
References: Chas. A. Hobbs, Wm. C. Stone.
YORK, EDWARD H., 176 Middle St., Portl'd, Me.
References. S. T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.
ZASTROW, WM., 736 9th Ave., Helena, Mont.
References: A. N. Nelson, H. W. Foote.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership and receive certificates of stock thirty days from date if no objections are received by the Secretary within that time.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations which were published last month are herewith accepted, no objections having been received.

288 HENRY M. SPERRY, Hartford, Conn.
628 L. F. TOBIE, Portland, Maine.
442 M. R. PENNDORF, Milwaukee, Wis.
773 ISADORE M. COHN, Buffalo, N. Y.
373 FRANK M. GILES, Paterson, N. J.
539 CHAS. A. LENTZ, Minerva, Ohio.
512 W. H. SUSSDORF, New York N. Y.

Several of the above have not yet returned their certificates of stock as is required in the By-Laws and they are requested to do so at once.

The following resignations have been sent in and will be accepted next month providing there are no objections received before that time.

579 CHAS. E. L. ABERLY, E. Melbourne, Vict.
210 FRED J. CARPENTER, New York, N. Y.
431 MAX E. JESSEE, San Antonio, Texas.
535 EDW. W. PAYSHEK, Detrolt, Mich.
589 GEO. W. MITCHELL, Philadelphia, Penn.
253 E. J. REED, Spring Valley, N. Y.
263 JOHN SIEWERT; Moscow, Russia.
384 C. W. TALLMAN,, Ann Arbor, Mich.
619 S. T. WING, Coldwater, Mich.

DROPPED.

Hans Friedinger, No. 358, is hereby dropped for non-payment of dues. His present address is unknown to the officers of the Association.

DECEASED.

We have to note the death of two of our members this month.

M. A. Swanbeck, of Kansas City, Kansas, died September 28, at the early age of nineteen years and one month. Mr Swanbeck was No. 429 in the Association, having been admitted as a member in February, 1893. He was Exchange Superintendent of the Sons of Philatelia and had been Secretary and Treasurer of the Kansas City Society. He was also a member of the Postal Card Society of America. He was present at the Chicago convention last year.

On October 5th one of the charter members passed away in the person of R. Wuesthoff, of Brooklyn. He has been a well known figure for many years in philatelic circles and his loss is greatly to be regretted. He was assistant cashier of the Germania Bank of New York at the time of his death and was assistant counterfeit detector of the Association from December, 1888, until September, 1890.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

827 ALTHEN, EDW, O., 369 State St., Elgin, Ill.
828 AMANN, ANTON, Clay and Jones Sts., Dayton, Ohio.
842 BETTESWORTH, R. M., Box 305 Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
829 BOOLEMAN, M. Z., Box 997, Johannesburg, South Afr. Rep.
830 CARTER, N. E., Delavan, Wis.
831 CASSINO, S. E., 51 Portland St., Boston, Massachusetts.
832 CHENEY, H. A., Creighton, Nebraska.
833 EASTMAN, W. L., 1205 South 32nd St., Station B., Omaha, Neb.
834 EPSTEIN, SALLO, Box 1234 Johannesburg, South Afr. Rep.
824 HASSENZAHL, ERNEST F., 523 Walnut St., Toledo, Ohio.
835 HOCKING, DR. GEO H., Mt. Savage, Md.
822 HOLMES, JOSEPH, 46 Gold St., New York.
836 KANDLE, HERBERT A., 7 Fern St., Worcester, Massachusetts.
826 KANSAS CITY BRANCH.
823 MEYER, HENRY, 400 Forrer St., Toledo, O.
837 NICHOLS, THOS. P., 824 P. O. St., New Orleans, La.
838 SMITH, MRS. A. P., 1808 Race St., Phila., Pa.
825 SPEAS, C. J., 510 Cherry St., Toledo, O.
839 TURNER, LIEUT. JAS. A., 525 Oak St., San Francisco, Cal.
840 WADSWORTH, FRANK T., Eastport, Maine.
841 WILLIAMS, MISS ANGIE, Ironwood, Mich.

SUMMARY.

Total membership Oct. 10	780	
Added since	20	
		800
Resigned	7	
Died	2	
Dropped	1	
		10
Present membership		790

The Secretary is informed by the Board of Trustees that they have approved the bond of W. F. Gregory as Auction Purchasing Agent for New York.

Attention is also called to the following communication from the Trustees.

PITTSBURG, PENN., Oct. 30, 1894.

Wm. C. Stone, Secretary:

Dear Sir:—Will you kindly publish the following in the next number of the Official Circular:

At a meeting of the Board of trustees, held on 26th inst., the Secretary was instructed to publish in the Official Circular the decision of the Board, that hereafter no claims for unpaid accounts from one member of the Association against another member can be entertained by the Board until such claims shall have been duly presented to the Collecting Agent for collection and the claimant have been advised by him that he is unable to collect. The large number of frivolous claims presented to the Board of Trustees renders this action necessary, and it is hoped that members will not continue to present such claims which it is impossible for the Board to adjust, and which only serve to increase its labors uselessly.

Yours truly,
C. P. KRAUTH,
Sec'y. Board of Trustees.

As will be seen in another place two new branch societies have been formed one in Toledo and one in Kansas City. We are also expecting an application from Portland, Maine, which sends in no less than ten new names this month and still wishes more application blanks! We hope other cities will take up the challenge and flood the Secretary with applications so that we may pass the one thousand mark before many months are past.

Our Branch Societies are requested to comply with the by-laws and send us in reports of their meetings. From some of them we have had no reports for many months.

The *Annual American Philatelist* will be issued December 1st., I am informed, and a copy will be sent to all members in good standing at that date.

WM. C. STONE, Secretary.

November 1, 1894.

NEW BRANCH SOCIETIES.

October 8, 1894.

Whereas, ten members of the association resident in the city of Toledo, Ohio, have associated themselves together under the name of the Pomeroy Philatelic Society, and have made application for recognition as a branch society,

Therefore, we have this day issued to them a certificate constituting them Branch No. 9 of the association. JOHN K. TIFFANY,
WILLIAM C. STONE, President.
Secretary.

October 22, 1894.

Whereas, eleven members of the association resident in the cities of Kansas City, Missouri, and Kansas City, Kansas, have associated themselves together under the name of the Kansas City Philatelic Society, and have made application for recognition as a branch society,

Therefore, we have this day issued to them a certificate constituting them Branch No. 10 of the association. JOHN K. TIFFANY,
WILLIAM C. STONE, President.
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash Sept. 30, 1894	$ 189 75	
Dues collected, Oct 1 to 31, 1894	155 04	$344 79

EXPENDITURES.

A. Davison, sec'y, postage Offi Cir. July and August and Sundries	$ 17 89	
A. Davison, sec'y, expense to Convention—Niagara Falls	35 50	
H. E. Deats, Photograph of Convention	10 00	
E. Doeblin, Ver. Ker. Blatt	10 00	
N. W. Chandler, Treas. pos. Offi. Cir. Sept	8 26	
W. C. Stone, sec'y, office expense for Sept	8 29	89 68
Cash balance, Oct. 31, 1894		$255 11

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Sept. 30, 1894	$826 00	
Cash received for stock, Oct 1 to 31, 1894	9 00	
At Credit, Oct. 31, 1894		$835 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at Credit, July 31, 1894	$ 55 05

Nearly one-half the members have omitted to remit their dues for the current year. I urge on all who have failed to remit the necessity of early remittance, not only that the Association may be saved the expense of again sending bills but that the names of all members may appear in the annual list to be issued Nov. 30.

It is desired that in the next number of the Official Circular there will be no cause to insert a list of members dropped for non-payment of dues.

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.

Collinsville, Ill., Oct. 31, 1894.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

GEO. W. RODE, Chairman, 38 Hazlewood ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

IGNAZ STAUFFER, Carnegie, Pa.

C. P. KRAUTH, Secretary, Forty-eighth st. and A. V. Ry. Pittsburgh, Pa.

I beg to report that the newly elected Board of Trustees organized at a meeting held on 26th inst., by the election of G. W. Rode as Chairman and C. P. Krauth as Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the letters written by the secretary on various cases since the last meeting of the Board were also approved. A number of cases have been referred to the Board by members of the Association who claim that some other member has not paid an account for stamps or advertising promptly, and the impression seems to prevail that the Board of Trustees is in some sense a collecting agency. The Secretary was instructed to give public notice in the Official Circular that the Board will hereafter refuse to consider any cases of this nature which have not been presented to the Collecting Agency and returned as non-collectable. The Board is in receipt of some further records of former Boards, and the Secretary is now at work on them, and hopes to be able to get a number of cases into such shape that final action can be taken on them very soon.

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

REPORT OF THE SALES AND PURCHASING SUPERINTENDENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST LOUIS, October, 31, 1894.

SALES DEPARTMENT.

During the month of October, I received one hundred books of stamps for circulation in the sales department, the gross value of which was ..... $ 2,652.97
Previously acknowledged, gross value 24,922.82

$27,575.79
Books retired as per previous report 12,207.22

$15,368.57
72 books retired in October, gross value 1,776.32

Value of stamps now in circulation $13,592.25

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $699 38, or about 39 3/8 %. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of October were $607.25.

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of October were as follows:

72 Blank Books $7.20
5,400 Control Stamps 5.40

When ordering blank books and control stamps, members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department--10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each 100 control stamps.

In response to the circulars sent out to members large demands have been made upon this Department for all kinds of stamps, and especially United States Postage and Revenue stamps.

Members having stamps to dispose of cannot do better than to place them in circulation in this Department. Blank books furnished at 10 cents apiece, hold 120 stamps each, and members have the privilege of placing their own prices on the stamps sent in for circulation and the Department only charges 10% for transacting the business. I hope that I may receive during the current month enough new books for circulation to supply the present demand.

Several members of the Association have duplicate entire envelopes that they would like to circulate through the Exchange Department. We would like to hear of any members who would like to receive such a consignment, and are willing to pay the express on the package. The Department pays postage on all stamps circulated, but will only circulate postal cards and entire envelopes for parties who will pay the expenses.

I inaugurated a new feature in the Department this month by advertising certain desirable stamps that have been removed from books sent in for circulation. The list of these stamps and prices will be found in the back part of the Official Circular; it was my idea to use the blank pages for this purpose. All stamps to be thus advertised are removed from books in circulation at the discretion of the Superintendent. No stamps will be received except in the regular way, mounted on the regular books provided by the Department. Stamps so advertised will be sent to any responsible member of the Association on approval, provided he sends a stamped return envelope with sufficient postage to pay the registration fee.

Parties sending the cash in advance have the preference, and any stamps so advertised are returnable. Therefore, if any member is especially desirous of securing a special stamp advertised in this list, he had better accompany his order with a remittance.

Further rules may be made in this branch of the Department as it progresses, and for additional information I refer members to the announcement in the back of this circular.

GEO D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

The following remittances were received as deposits on account of new issues during the month of October:

N. E. Carter	$	20 38
Henry Meyer		25 00
H. G. O. Ramborger		10 00
E. B. Marsh		20 00
Henry R. Taylor		10 00
A. F. Bruder		20 00
F. F. Olnig		16 15
Alfred Dawson		5 00
W. H. Withee		30 00
C. A. Hughes		16 00
M. Meyerburg		10 00
S. G. Stein		50 00
J. F. Beard		50 00
A. Rae		2 85
R. H. Riddell		1 16
J. F. McGregory		10 00
W. F. McCalla		10 00
C. A. Hobbs		5 00
F. Trifet		25 00
F. Junkerman		5 00
E. H. Mason		25 00
W. C. Eaton		25 00
Dr. F. Gaertner		10 00
B. S. Terry		10 00
E. M. Andreini		25 00
T. S. Clark		10 06
Georges Carion		20 00
N. Turnbull		10 00
	$	476 54
Previously acknowledged		1,726 51
	$	2,203 05
New issues supplied		1,670 49
Balance to credit of members.	$	532 56

The Department has orders out for $5,725 00 worth of new stamps. In order that those participating in this Department may know just what to expect, I give the list of all the new issues that have been up to date. The majority of these, the Department will no doubt be able to supply. There may be a few, however, that I shall be unable to get.

Antioquia, 1, 2½, 5c.
Abyssinia, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16g.
Afghanistan, 2ab., 2ab., Reg. 1 rup.
Angola, 5, 20, 25, 50r.
Austria, unpaid, 1, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50k., 1, 2g., new colors.
Brazil, new series stamps, cards, envelopes and wrappers.
British Bechuanaland, 1sh.
British Central Africa, 3sh., 4sh. on 5sh.
British South Africa, 3sh., 4sh. on 5sh.
Benin, full series.
Belgium, 15c., 2f., Postal Packets (new 2c.), Antwerp 5c. on white.
Chili, return registration receipt 5c.
Ceylon, 30c.
Chine, 5f.
Curacao, 15 unpaid.
Cyprus, 9, 18, 45p.
Dutch Indies, 30c.
Diego Suarez, full series.
Fernando Poo, 10c.
French Colonies, unpaid 5, 10, 15, 30, 50, 60c., 1f.
French Soudan, full series.
Gold Coast, 20sh.
Greece, Envelope 20l.
Guinea Port, 2¼ to 300r.
Holland, 2½gl.
Italy, 45c.
Johore, 1, 3c.
Labuan, Litho, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 40c.
Lagos, 5, 7½, 10d.
Luxemburg, reg. and offic.
Mauritius, 8c.
Mexico, 5, 10 pesos numeral, new series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50c, 1, 2, 5, 10p.
Montenegro, 1, 20, 30, 50n., 1, 2f., and of latest issue, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 30, 50n.
Mozambique, 2½ reis.
Nabha, 1 rupee.
Newfoundland, ½c. and 12c.
Nyassaland, unperf. set, 5 on 10r., 75r. on 20r., 100r. on 50r., *brown*.
Norway, re-engraved, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50 o.
Nossi Be, full series.
Niger Coast, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 5p, 1sh.
North Borneo, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 5, 10, 25d.
New Zealand, 6 and 1sh, Life Ins., 1, 3, 6d. O. S.
Obock, large, full series, 1c. to 1f., triang. 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 francs.
Orange Free States, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6d., 1sh., 2sh. 6d, 5sh.
Paraguay, 10c (hole).
Phillipine Isls., 1, 2, 2½, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 25c., ½c., 1, 2, 5m.
Perak, "Service," 5c. blue, 3 on 32 prov.
Peru, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 5, 5, 10, 50, 50c, 1 sol.
Port Congo, 2½ to 300r.
Porto Rico, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 20, 40, 80c.
Raja Nandgam ½a., 2a.
Roumania, 1½, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50b., 1, 2L.
San Marino, 2, 10 15, 65c., 2, 5L. reg. issue, 25, 50c., 1L., P. card 10c. Commemorative issue.
Straits Settlements, 5, 8, 12, 32c.
St. Maria de Madagascar, full series.
Siam, Provisionals.
Surinam, 2, 10, 12½, 15, 20, 25, 30c., Queen.
St. Helena, 2½ on 6 p.
Seychelles Isles, 3, 12, 15, 45c.
South African Rep., 2½, 6 p.
South Australia, 2½, 5 p.
Trinidad O. S. ½, 1, 4 p., 5 sh.
Turkey, newspaper, 10, 20 pa., 1, 2 pi.
Turks Island, 5 p.
Tonga, ½ p. on 1 sh., 2½ on 8 p.
Uruguay, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 20, 25, 50c., 1, 2, 3p.
Victoria, ½ p., orange, *wrapper*.
Wahu, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 15, 20, 40 c.
Zanzibar, ½, 1, 2½, 5, 10 a., 2 sets.
Zululand, ½, 1, 2½, 3, 6 p., 1, 4 sh., £1, £5.

I have given this list at the request of a number of members who want to know just what they may expect to receive, and I shall give the list of stamps ordered from month to month. This list is larger than it will be in future, because it includes a good many stamps that have been out for some months, and which had not been ordered by the Department before for want of funds or other reasons. And I should appreciate it if any member participating in the Department would indicate by letter any of the stamps on this list that they do *not* want. There

may be some who have already supplied themselves with some of these varieties I also wish to suggest that members renew their deposits at an early date, as one of each of the above stamps amount in face value to about $173.85. So that members who have *no limit* should have a good credit with the Department.

Members whose orders are limited to stamps of $5.00 face value, and less, should have $116.35 in hand for the above lot of new issues.

Members whose limit are for stamps of the $1.25 face value and less will require $83.00 to pay for the above.

Members whose limit is 50c $56.00 is the amount, and even those whose limit is 25c. or less should have from $20.00 to $25.00 on deposit.

The amount of deposits that have been fixed heretofore are altogether too small, and members either want to limit their purchases of the unused stamps to the low denominations or increase their deposits in accordance with the above suggestions. Of course the amounts required for the stamps that are ordered at present is larger than will be necessary for members to keep on hand during the year.

A number of members have started in with a deposit of $5.00 or $10.00 and a limit of 50c. face value. This is soon used up, and when they find new issues are going to take more money than they have figured on they drop out, much to the inconvenience of the Department. I hope that members will take into consideration the cash that will be required, and limit their purchases accordingly. Also that every participating member will renew his deposit upon receipt of this circular.

The following stamps have been ordered, and I have been informed that I shall be unable to secure them, so members are advised to seek them elsewhere:

China—Chungking, 2c.
Kewkiang, 1st issue ½c., (2 var.)
Johore, 4 Provisionals.

Members who wish to be supplied with the new issue of the United States stamps from 1c to $5.00 can receive them as fast as they are issued by notifying the Department. United States postage due stamps, unused, cannot be supplied. The new issue envelopes will be supplied unused and entire in all the varieties as soon as they are issued, to all members who send special orders for them.

I would suggest that *new* members joining this Department should deposit at least $20.00, and should not join unless they desire all unused stamps with a face value of 25c. or less. Those desiring stamps of greater face value should make their first deposits as follows: For all stamps of a face value of 50c. and less, $30.00; for all stamps of a face value of $1.25 or less, $50.00; for all stamps of a face value of $5.00 or less, $75.00; and for those who wish to receive all new issues without limit, they should make a deposit of at least $100.00. These figures only apply to the present time, as the large consignment of new issues that are expected would use up a small amount too quickly.

The following new issues have been supplied to members of the Department, since the vacation:

South African Republic, 2½, 6 pence.
Zululand, ½, 1 penny.
Nyassaland, 10, 20, 50 reis.
Chinkiang ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 cents.
Chefoo, ½ c wrapper.
Kewkiang, 1 cent (2nd issue).
Chine (Fr. Office) 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c, 1 fr.
Siam, 1 atts on 64 atts, 2 atts on 64 atts.
Cavalla, complete series.
Hankow, new colors 2, 5 c.
Samoa, flag stamp 5 c.
Cooks Island, 1 penny, blue.
Porto Rico, ½, 1, 2, 4m, 1 c.
New South Wales, letter card 1, ½ p.
Brazil, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 r., of new series.
" 80+80 r return letter card.
" 40, 60 r., wrappers.
" 300 r., envelope.
Siam, 1 att (singular) on 64 atts.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Oct. 31, 1894.

The following have been received since my last report:

No. 39. Ballots cast at the Ninth Annual Convention of the Association, bound by the Librarian.

No. 40. Proxies used at the Ninth Annual Convention of the Association, bound by the Librarian.

No. 41. Fourteen German philatelic papers, from W. C. Stone.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

AUCTION AGENTS REPORTS.

CHICAGO, October 28th, 1894.

The first sale of the season will be by the Chicago Philatelic Society on November 15th. It will be an extensive sale for a society sale, and consists of the private duplicate collection of Dr. Luria. While not many great rarities will be offered, there will be a large lot of medium priced and desirable stamps, probably four or five hundred lots in all. Members should not miss these sales, as often desirable stamps go quite cheap.

But few members notified me if they desire auction sale catalogues sent to them regularly. If those who do with to receive them will send me their address on a postal card, I will see to it that they get them all. Members wanting priced catalogues should notify me in advance.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
75 State St.

NEW YORK, October 31, 1894.

The auction season of 1894-5 was opened by the J. W. Scott Co., Limited, who held the first sale of the season on October 16th. A fair general collection was offered, and prices realized were quite satisfactory. Following, on the 19th

inst., a sale under the management of Mr. Chas. Gregory was well attended and good results obtained.

October 23d and 24th a fine collection was disposed of under the management of Messrs. R. F. Albrecht & Co. Many rare and scarce stamps were sold at very high prices, and even the most common were sharply competed for.

Sales are expected during November and December, but as yet no dates are fixed so far as we can learn.

Those desiring to make use of this department should at once have their names placed on the list for catalogues. Every effort will be made to render its use profitable to the patrons.

W. F. GREGORY,
Auction Agent for N. Y.
11 Park Row, New York City.

REPORT OF COLLECTION AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Nov. 1, 1894.

I have received during the month of October twenty claims, amounting to. $285.68
I have collected two of these claims amounting to 68.84
I have collected also during this month five old claims and part of another amounting to 55.81

Some of these last claims have been pending since 1892.

Yours truly,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

BRANCH SOCIETY NO. 9, A. P. A.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 18, 1894.

Meetings held on the second Friday of each month, at 8 o'clock, p. m. P. E. Rood; President; P. J. Kranz, Secretary and Treasurer.

Third regular meeting held Friday evening, October 12th, with President P. E. Rood in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read. Mr. Geo. E. Pomeroy was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Society. A bill for stationery was ordered paid, and various communications read and placed on file, after which the society adjourned to meet at the residence of R. J. Machen, 339 Batavia street, on November 9th, 1894.

P. J. KRANZ, Secretary.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH NO. 5.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa., President; A. E. Daum, 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., Secy.-Treas.; Geo. W. Rode, 53 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Exchange Supt.

Twenty-sixth regular monthly meeting held Thursday evening, Sept. 13th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Nine members present. Seven visitors, among whom were Mr. V. Gurdji, New York; Mr. J. Trevor, Salem, Ohio; J. A. Pierce, Chicago; Mr. Radcliff, Wilkinsburg, Pa., and Mr. Otto C. Reyman of Pittsburgh.

Mr. G. E. Krauth and Mr. Paul Esselborn, having removed from the city, tendered their resignation as branch members. Same accepted with many regrets.

Mr. L. P. Saul elected to branch membership.

Mr. Albrecht spent a few days in Pittsburg, several days previous to the meeting.

Owing to the excitement on account of the G. A. R. encampment, meeting was very short.

Adjourned at 9 o'clock.

A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

Twenty-seventh monthly meeting, held Thursday evening, October 11, 1894, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Twelve members and five visitors present.

Exchange Manager Geo. W. Rode read his annual report for term ending August 30, 1894. During the year he received from the Association 19 Circuits, consisting of 276 books, of the nominal value of $5,990.11, from which were purchased by branch members 5266 stamps and sets priced at $457.40 or 7.63% of the nominal value. Many of the circuits had many stamps removed before reaching Pittsburgh and the actual percentage of sales is considerable higher than 7.63%.

Mr. C. P. Krauth having been absent at the September meeting, made his report at this meeting and in a very interesting manner recited the doings at the Convention and in a pleasant way told numerous stories of good times had there.

The exhibit of the Twin City Philatelic Society is attracting considerable attention at the Exposition and the outlook now is that many new members from this section will be added to the roll of the Association.

Adjourned. A. E. DAUM, Secretary.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C, ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners. Of this price the Department receives a commission of 10%.

Any member of the Association in good standing has the privilege of purchasing any of the following stamps, even if he is not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent out on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, less the cost of the postage. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, postage and registration extra, in all cases.

No.		Price.
1.	United States Columbian $1.00, magnificent used copy, from Book 1033	$ 5 50
2.	United States $20 State, unused, original gum, well centered, from Book 872	30 00
3.	United States Justice 30c, used copy well centered, from Book 1027	15 00
4.	United States Justice 90c, magnificent used copy, from Book 1027	22 50
5.	Charleston, S. C., 5 c blue, fine used copy showing full post-mark, from Book 1028	10 00
6.	United States 1890 5 c brown *error* in the color of the 4 c, unused, original gum, from Book 1035	30 00
7.	United States entire envelope 10 c 1853 green on white, scarce die, TEN in narrow label, fine used copy from Book 1035	12 00
8.	Bolivia 1867 10 c brown unused, fine copy, from Book 1049	8 00
9.	Bolivia 1857 50 c dark blue, pen marked, from book 1049	10 00
10.	Peru 1858 ½ peso yellow, fine used copy, from Book 1049	10 75
11.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 c blue worn plate used, from Book 932	6 50
12.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 p blue used, fine copy on laid paper, discolored, from Book 932	9 00
13.	New South Wales Sidney view 3p green used, from Book 932	7 50
14.	United States 1870 7c grilled 9x11½ used, from Book 927	1 50
15.	Hungary First issue 3k lithographed, fine used copy, from Book 855	2 25
16.	United States 1870 10c grilled, used, original gum, but with slight spot on stamp, from Book 536	5 50
17.	United States Navy 7 c used, from Book 900	4 00
18.	United States Navy 24 c used clipped on one side, from Book 900	1 50
19.	United States Navy 30 c used, from Book 900	1 40
20.	United States Agriculture 24 c used, slightly nicked, from Book 558	2 00
21.	United States Agriculture 30 c pen marked, from Book 558	2 50
22.	United States Justice 15c used, from Book 558	2 25
23.	United States Justice 30 c rather heavily canceled, from Book 558	6 00
24.	United States Justice 30 c. rather heavily canceled, not as well centered as the above, from Book 433	4 75
25.	United States 1868 3 c grilled 13x16mm. fine used copy, from Book 676	4 00
26.	United States Navy 30 c used, from Book 433	1 00
27.	United States Navy 15 c used, from Book 433	1 15
28.	Hawaiian Islands 1853 13 c vermilion used copy, from Book 1086	3 00
29.	United States 1868, 3c grille 13x16 mm, very fine on the original envelope, from Book 1146	4 50
30.	Newfoundland 8 pence, scarlet vermilion, unused, from Book 1147	4 00
31.	Bahamas 1 penny, 1st issue, unperforated and unwatermarked, *block of four* unsevered and used on original envelope, from Book 1147	40 00
32.	United States, 1869, 90c used, from Book 1147	11 50
33.	United States 1869, 30c used, from Book 1147	2 50
34.	United States 1869, 24c used, from Book 1147	6 00
35.	United States 1869, 15c without diamond, used, from Book 1147	2 00
36.	United States, Executive 6c unused, from Book 1148	9 00
37.	Memphis, 5c red, used on original cover, fine, from Book 1148	6 90
38.	New Brunswick, 3 pence, used on original letter, fine, from Book 1148	2 50
39.	United States, entire envelopes 1853, 3c wide label, die, red on white	15 00

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—DECEMBER, 1894.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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International Secretary, E. DOEBLIN, Allegheny City Penn.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withold pub ication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends Aug. 31st. All applications should reach the secretary not later than the first day of each month to be inserted in the following circular

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS, ETC.

845 COFFERS, A. E. (Incorrectly given as Caffers.)
643 EASTER, DR. D. H., 413 Market street, Altoona, Pa.
498 HOWARD, JOHN A., Atlanta Heights, Ga.
866 GRAEME, J. W., U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.
92 HOLMAN, ALFRED L., Herald Building, Chicago, Ill.
392 KISSENGER, CLIFFORD W., (Number incorrectly given as 292.)
685 KOECHLIN, F. C., Rich Hill, Mo.
328 MARTIN WILLIAM M., 4728 Leduc street, St. Louis, Mo.
467 POLLOCK, E. T., Box 183, Mansfield, Ohio.
14 RICHARDSON, L. C., 105 Cross street, Lawrance, Mass.
739 SCHIEDT, J. A., 78 Manhattan Building Philadelphia, Pa.
485 VORTTER, F. W., Box 221, Fort Wayne, Ind.
447 WILLIAMS, J. E., 336 N. Lafayette street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

APPLICATIONS.

BARBER, EDWIN A., West Chester, Penn.
References: Geo. H. Watson, R. R. Bogert.

BELDEN, FRANCIS S., 211 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
References: N. E. Carter, C. H. Mekeel.

BICKFORD, L. K., Box 1388, Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

CARION, J., Rue Lemercier, 83, Paris, France.
References: G. Carion, A. H. Greenbaum, J. H. Makins.

FERGUSON, CLEMENT, Falmouth Hotel Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

FOOT, JAMES D., 102 Reade St., New York, N. Y.
References: N. W. Chandler, C. H. Mekeel.

FRANK, ERNST. D., 39 Eiserne Hand, Frankfort, A. M., Germany
References: E. Doeblin, Aug. Buchholtz.

HESS, HUGO G., 62 W. 3rd St., Cincinnati, O.
Reference; J. F. Buehler, C. H. Mekeel.

HOLLIS, W. H., 105 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: Frank Koenig, Sidney Peixotto.

HOWARD, RICHARD L., 223 Benton St., Aurora Ill.
References: Godfrey W. Rhodes, C. P. Krauth.

JORDAN, WINTHROP, 102 Commercial St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett

KIMBALL, FRANCIS K., 15 Orange St., Waltham Mass.
References: A. W. Batchelder, E. A. Holton.

KINELL, REV. ANDREW, P. O. Box 178, Funk, Neb.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.

MCALPINE, S. H., 191 Middle St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

MANGOLD, OTTO, Bettinastrasse, 35, Frankfort, a M., Germany.
References: Henry L. Calman, C. Witt.

MERRELL, HENRY F., 76 Commercial St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

NELSON, HAROLD H., Morgan Park Academy, Morgan Park, Ill.
References: A. H. Nelson, H. W. Foote.
Guarantor: A. H. Nelson.

NEWBERRY, WILLIAM B., Sandusky, Ohio.
References: W. E. Newberry, C. H. Mekeel.

PAYSON, FRANKLIN C., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

PICKARD, F. W., 46 Cushman St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

RAAJ, LEON DE, Lepelstraat, 72 Amsterdam Holland.
References: B. S. Ross, C. H. Mekeel.

RAYMOND, GEO. E., Cons. Electric Light Co., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

SANGER, CARL D., 301 Betz Building, Philadelphia, Penn.
References: B. H. Taylor, C. W. Kessinger.

SCOT, JOHN S., Flagship, Yakohama Japan.
References: Millard F. Walton, William C. Stone.

SHEARER, CHAUNCY A., Bay City, Mich.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.

SHERMAN, F. D., 71 East 87th St., New York, N. Y.
References: Howard K. Sanderson, Alvah Davision.

STEPHENSON, A. B., 121 State St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

TALLMAN, BUELL G., 91 Mississippi St., Buffalo, N. Y.
References: C. H. and I. A. Mekeel.

TAYLOR, WILLIAM N., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, W. W. Jewett.

TUCKER, FRANK, 215 East 5th St., New York, N. Y.
References: Herman Schmidt, A. Krassa.

WEISS, FRED'K H., 524 East 85th St., New York, N. Y.
References: Henry Gemmel, Alvah Davison.

WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. A. G., Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
References: Spencer Cosby, Edwin T. Pollock.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

842 BANKS, CHAS. E., M. D., Marine Hospital, Portland, Maine.
843 BICKFORD, H. M., Wolfeboro, N. H.
844 BURTON, ELLIOTT H., 921 N. Delaware Ave., Philadelphia, Penn.
845 COFFERS, AUGUST E., Helena, Montana.
846 CONANT, FREDERICK O., 139 Park St., Portland, Maine.
847 FARNSWORTH, E. C., 106 Emery St., Portland, Me.
848 HOWE, WM. N., Box 1058, Portland, Maine.
849 LEWIS, CHAS. R., 267 Vaughan St., Portl'd, Me.
850 MERRILL, GEO. W., 271 Middle St., Portland Me.
851 NEALLEY, C. H., 34 Deering Ave., Portland, Me.
865 PERRY, NICK, St. Lucas, Iowa.
852 QUACKENBUSH, LEWIS G., 15 Madison St, Oneida, New York.
853 SAHM, WILLIAM, 1206 20th St., Washington, D. C.
866 SCARD, JOHN, Rarotonga, Cook Islands.
854 SCHAEZLER, OTTO, Box 14, Station A., Kansas City, Mo.
855 SHAW, THOS. P., M. C. R. R. Portland, Maine.
856 SNOW, WALTER B., Watertown, Mass.
857 SNYDER, ELI, 138 Spring St., Los Angeles, Cal.
858 STEVENS, S. A., 216 Commercial St., Portl'd, Me.
859 THAYER, E. F., Attleboro, Mass.
860 TYLER, WILLARD C., 189 Broadway, New York.
861 VAN VOLKENBURGH, J. D., Hamilton, Missouri.
862 WAITE, MRS. J. GILMAN, 5 Pearl St. Medford, Massachusetts.
863 YORK, EDWARD H., 176 Middle St., Portland, Me.
864 ZASTROW, WM., 736 9th Ave., Helena, Mont.

Certificates of stock will be sent to these new members in about ten days. As the certificates have to be signed by the President and Secretary and these two officers reside a thousand miles apart the delay is unavoidable.

The following members have been dropped for non-payment of dues.

322 ALTHOUSE, H. S., Reading, Pa.
81 BRANT, A., Valparaiso, Chili.
176 BARTLETT, J. D., Demarest, N. J.
219 BROUSE, W. H., Toronto, Canada.
312 BORDEWICH, H. C., Chicago, Ill.
405 BUCHER, L., London, England.
124 CHAIDOUPOLOUS, J. N., Patras, Greece.
293 COFFIN, E. R., Lynn, Mass.
318 CAMERON, HOWARD, Tacoma, Wash.
462 CORTY, E. C., Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.
457 FARRINGTON, D. S., Wrentham, Mass.
296 GRAU, R. H., Barranquilla, U. S. Colombia.
*98 HANSM, H. G., Cardiff, England.
111 HERTEL, H. E., New York City.
552 HOWELL, H. D. Jr., Middleton, Del.
256 KOENIG, J. K., Amsterdam, Holland.
272 LAKE, E. J., Denver, Colo.
404 LINDENBERG, C., Berlin, Germany.
41 LOY, W. E., Berkeley, Calif.
418 LENTZ, EUGENE, St. Petersburg, Russia.
489 LOVELL, M. J., Demerara, B. G.
354 MICHEL, O. A., Bloomfield, N. J.
409 MICHALS, W. C., Kansas City, Mo.

458 McCULLOUGH, G. C., Fond du Lac, Wis.
368 OLSAVER, F. J., Aurora, Ill.
281 ROBERT, VICTOR, Paris, France.
304 ROSSY, C. J., San Antonio, Tex.
349 REYNES, P., New Orleans, La.
261 SCHONIG, A., Dresden, Germany.
291 SMITH, C. F., Norristown, Pa.
372 SUYDAM, J. A., Middletown Del.
251 VIGNON, J. L. T., Curacoa, W. I.
381 VON ESCHENBACH, BARON EBNER, Tacubaya, Mexico.
393 Winthrop, R., New York.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations have been sent in and will be accepted next month providing there are no objections received before that time.

761 BACKER, OTTO C., St. Louis, Mo.
314 BOSQUE, PABLO L., Saltillo, Mexico.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

The following resignationsare hereby accepted, no objections thereto having been received since their publication last month.

579 CHAS. E. L. ABERLY, E. Melbourne, Vict.
210 FRED J. CARPENTER, New York, N. Y.
431 MAX E. JESSEE, San Antonio, Texas.
535 EDW. W. PAYSHEK, Detroit, Mich.
589 GEO. W. MITCHELL, Philadelphia, Penn.
253 E. J. REED, Spring Valley, N. Y.
263 JOHN SIEWERT, Moscow, Russia.
384 C. W. TALLMAN, Ann Arbor, Mich.
619 S. T. WING, Coldwater, Mich.

DECEASED.

We are informed of the death of Gilbert Harrison, of Ferriby, England. No particulars have as yet reached us.

SUMMARY.

Total membership Nov. 10.....	790	
Added since.....	25	
		815
Resigned.....	9	
Died.....	1	
Dropped.....	34	
		45
Present membership.....		770

ACCEPTANCES.

Both of the persons who were appointed to office in the last Circular h ve signified their acceptance of the same.

BADGES.

The Secretary has been asked where an Association badge can be procured and at what cost.

Some years ago the association appointed a committee to have some badges manufactured and quite a number were sold. But on account of their shape they were not popular and we doubt if they could be had at present. It has been suggested that our seal would make a very pretty button badge if it were reduced to about the size of a nickel, and it is quite probable that something will be done in the immediate future to investigate the cost of manufacturing them. Due notice will be given in the Circular of what is done in the matter. If any of our members have suggestions to offer in the way of ideas for the badge the Secretary would be pleased to hear from them

December 3, 1894. WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary.

NEW BRANCH SOCIETIES.

DECEMBER 1, 1894.

WHEREAS, the Portland Philatelic Association, of Portland, Maine, having a membership of over ten members of the Association, has made application for a charter as a Branch of this Association.

Therefore, we have this day issued to them a certificate constituting them Branch Number Eleven of the Association.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary. JOHN K. TIFFANY, President.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS

Cash Oct. 31, 1894.....	$ 255 11	
Dues collected, Nov. 1 to 30, 1894	88 71	$343 82

EXPENDITURES

5,000 envelopes for Official Circular, Postage on November Circular and sundries.....	$ 28 05	
N. W. Chandler printing and postage from July 20, and postage on October Circular.....	50 47	$ 78 52
Cash balance Nov. 30, 1894...		$265 30

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Oct. 31, 1894	$835 00	
Cash received Nov. 1 to 30....	27 00	
At Credit, Nov. 30, 1894...		$862 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 31, 1894..	$ 55 05

I wish to impress on the members who have not remitted dues for the current year, that the expenditures for the month of December, including the printing of the *American Philatelist*, will exhaust the balance at the credit of the General Fund.

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.

Collinsville, Ill., Nov. 30, 1894.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

PITTSBURG, PENN., Nov. 27, 1894.

The Board of Trustees held a meeting on November 14th, at the office of Chairman G. W. Rode, the entire Board being present. The Secretary read a report recommending action on all of the unsettled cases, record of which had been received from former Boards. The report of the Secretary was incorporated into a report of the Trustees to the Official Board and forwarded to the General Secretary for laying before the official Board. We have received from Mr. Geo. H. Watson, late Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the sum of $6.05, for payment of unsettled account of J. I. Wyer, Jr., and have forwarded the money to him.

We are also in receipt of warrant from the Treasurer in settlement of the claim of Mr. McRae, amounting to $3.28, and have adjusted the same.

The Secretary was instructed to notify auction agents who had not yet given bond, to comply with the requirements of Section 7, Article 7, of the By-Laws, which has been done

One case of loss of book of stamps has been reported to us by the Supt. of Sales Department, and the Board has made a finding and is now endeavoring to adjust the matter with the member held to be at fault.

The request published in the November Official Circular that each member should send to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees his present address, has so far been complied with by only five members. As the Board of Trustees, by Direction of the Official Board, is now at work in compiling a complete catalogue of all past and present members, it is hoped that all members will take the little trouble involved of sending the postal card to the Secretary of the Board, giving their full present address.

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, November 30th, 1894.

During the month of November, I received one hundred and sixty one books of stamps for circulation in the sales department, the gross value of which was ..... $ 3,187.96
Previously acknowledged, gross value 27,575.79

$30,763.75
Books retired as per previous report 13,983.54

$16,780.21
58 books retired in Oct. gross value 1,385.28

Value of stamps now in circulation $15,394.93

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $528.08, or about 38 1/8%. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of November were $704.27.

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of October were as follows

389 Blank Books	$38.90
10,700 Control Stamps	10.70
	$49.60

When ordering blank books and control stamps members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each 100 control stamps.

Demands on this Department are very heavy from parties desiring to buy United States postage and good revenue stamps and all classes of British Colonials, especially those of British North America. More books of high grade stamps of all kinds can be used to good advantage.

Parties having stamps to sell can not do better than to place them in circulation in this Department. Send for some blank books and give it a trial. The blank books have spaces for 120 stamps, and are furnished at ten cents each.

The new advertising feature inaugurated in this Department last month has proved to be a success, and will be continued. The sales from last months advertising amounted to $107 55. The list this month has been largely increased. Members having desirable stamps that they wish advertised, should place them in the blank books furnished by the Department, and send them in in the regular way.

The stamps advertised, will be sent to any responsible member of the Association, on approval provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee.

Members sending cash in advance, will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory, can be returned.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 30, 1894.

The following remittances were received as deposits on account of new issues during the month of October:

H. G. O. Ramborger	$10 00
E. B. Marsh	20 00
W. E. Muir	40 00
T. S. Clark	10 00
J. F. McGregory	10 00
J. Cabot	10 00
C. A. Hobbs	10 00
F. Gaertner	4 22
F. Junkermann	5 00
E. H. Mason	100 00
S. Leland	9 47
F. O. Conant	25 00
L. Barr	15 00
E. H. Buehler	30 00
W. E. Fiske	10 00
W. H. Withee	30 00
C. P. Krauth	4 80
A. Rae	7 50
M. Aikman	5 00
	$ 355 99
Previously acknowledged	2,203 05
	$2,559 04
New issues supplied	$1,971 87
Balance to credit of members	$ 587 17

The following new issues have been supplied to members participating in this Department, since last report

Brazil, 100 reis letter card, 300 reis stamp.

Cyprus, 10 paras, wrapper.

Labuan, lithographed, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 40 cents.

Panama, Provisional, 10c on 50c.

Peru, Provisional, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 5, 5, 5, 10, 50, 50 centavos, 1 sol.

San Marino, Commemorative issue, 25, 50 centimes, 1 lira.

South Australia, 2½, 5 pence.

United States, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15, 50 cents.

Victoria, ½ penny, orange, wrapper.

A large number of orders for new issues are out and expected shortly. Besides the stamps enumerated in my last report, orders have been sent for the following:

Angola, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, 300 reis.

Bosnia, ½ novcic, black.

China, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, 24 candareens.

Columbia, 2c blue-green.

Dijibouti, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 75c., 1, 2, 5 francs.

Foochow, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 20c

Hankow, 5, 20, 30c

Hawaiian Islands, 12 cents.

Liberia, O. S., 1, 2, 12, 16, 4, 32 cents.

Macao, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, 300 reis.

Mauritius, 8 cents stamp, 3 cents wrapper.

Morocco, 4, 10, 25, 50 centimes, 1 franc.

Mozambique, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, 300 reis.

Mozambique Company, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, 300, 500, 1000 reis.

Netherlands, new shades, 2, 2½, 10, 15, 20 centimes.

Servia, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50n., 1 L.

Trinidad (Principality) 5, 10, 25, 50, 75c., 1, 5 francs.

Tiensin (China) Full set of regular and postage due stamps.

United States, $1, $2, $5.

Zambezia, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, 300 reis.

The Department has been informed that the following stamps that have been ordered can not be supplied:

Nyassaland, unperforated set and the provisionals of the perforated set.

San Marino, 5 francs special registration envelope.

I would suggest that *new* members joining this Department should deposit at least $20.00, and should not join unless they desire all unused stamps with a face value of 25c or less. Those desiring stamps of greater face value should make their first deposits as follows: For all stamps of a face value of 50c and less, $30.00; for all stamps of a face value of $1.25 or less, $50.00; for all stamps of a face value of $5.00 or less, $75.00; and for those who wish to receive all new issues without limit, they should make a deposit of at least $100.00.

A number of members have started in with a deposit of $5.00 or $10.00 and a limit of 50c face value. This is soon used up, and when they find new issues are going to take more money than they have figured on they drop out, much to the inconvenience of the Department. I hope that members will take into consideration the cash that will be required, and limit their purchases accordingly. Also that every participating member will renew his deposit upon receipt of this circular.

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Nov. 26, 1894.

The following donations have come in during the past month:

No. 42. The Stamp Collectors Hand Book, by C. W. Egan, and C. W. Kissinger.

No. 43. Tiffany's History of United States Stamps, paper cover, from H. E. Deats.

No 44. Original draft of the Constitution of the Philatelic Society of America, from E. R. Aldrich.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF COLLECTION AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Dec. 1, 1894.

I have received during November five claims amounting to $272.66. I have not yet collected any of them, but hope to report favorably next month. I have also sent another claim to the Postoffice Inspector at Chicago for investigation, and called the attention of the Inspector at Cincinnati to still another case, pending the receipt of the necessary sworn statement from my client.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent,
American Philatelic Association.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

BRANCH SOCIETY NO. 9, A. P. A.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 28, 1894.

Meetings held on the second Friday of each month, at 8 o'clock, p. m. P. E. Rood; President; P. J. Kranz, Secretary and Treasurer.

Fourth regular meeting held Friday evening, November 9th, at the residence of R. J. Machen, President P. E. Rood presiding. Six members present. Secretary reported having received the Branch Certificate from Secy. W. C. Stone, of the American Philatelic Association. Communication from Treas. N. W. Chander, explaining the delay in mailing members Stock Certificates was read and together with other communications placed on file. During the recess Secy. Kranz exhibited a large number of varieties of the 1c. blue 1890 stamps, some of which show up as distinct varieties, others only careless engraving. An article entitled, "Wanted, a new crusade," in the October number of the "*Philatelic Review of Reviews*," was read. The article treats

on canceled to order stamps—Seebeck and speculative issues—and a crusade against them would meet with approval of the Society The members adjourned to meet at the residence of P. J. Kranz on December 14th.

P. J. KRANZ, Secy,
924 South street.

GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB.

The regular monthly meeting was held on Wednesday evening, November 21st, at the office of Mr. Bailey, on Wilson avenue.

Members present: Bailey, Schneider, Overton, Brodie, Colwell, Graver, Barnum, Huntington, Tubman, Teaming, Stockwell, and one visitor.

Exchange Manager Brodie reported that the system of keeping track of exchange books by postal cards was a success, and books went through in half the usual time.

An application for membership was received from A R Fleischman, and was referred to the Committee on Applications.

On motion the rules were suspended and the committee instructed to report at once.

The report being favorable, the rules were suspended and the candidate was elected member No 46.

After the usual informal auction sale the meeting adjourned.

N. P. STOCKWELL, Sec'y *pro tem*,
Painesville, O.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners. Of this price the Department receives a commission of 10%.

Any member of the Association in good standing has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if he is not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, postage and registration extra, in all cases.

No.		Price.
1.	United States Columbian $1.00, magnificent used copy, from Book 1033	$ 5 50
3.	United States Justice 30c, used copy well centered, from Book 1027.	15 00
4.	United States Justice 90c, magnificent used copy, from Book 1027	22 50
5.	Charleston, S. C., 5 c blue, fine used copy showing full post-mark, from Book 1028	10 00
7.	United States entire envelope 10 c 1853 green on white, scarce die, TEN in narrow label, fine used copy from Book 1035	12 00
8.	Bolivia 1867 10 c brown unused, fine copy, from Book 1049	8 00
9.	Bolivia 1857 50 c dark blue, pen marked, from book 1049	10 00
10.	Peru 1858 ½ peso yellow, fine used copy, from Book 1049	10 75
11.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 c blue worn plate used, from Book 932	6 50
12.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 p blue used, fine copy on laid paper, discolored, from Book 932	9 00
13.	New South Wales Sidney view 3p green used, from Book 932	7 50
20.	United States Agriculture 24 c used, slightly nicked, from Book 558	2 00
21.	United States Agriculture 30 c pen marked, from Book 558	2 50
22.	United States Justice 15c used, from Book 558	2 25
29.	United States 1868, 3c grille 13x16 mm, very fine on the original envelope, from Book 1146	4 50
31.	Bahamas 1 penny, 1st issue, unperforated and unwatermarked, *block of four* unsevered and used on original envelope, from Book 1147	40 00
32.	United States, 1869, 90c used, from Book 1147	11 50
33.	United States 1869, 30c used, from Book 1147	2 50
34.	United States 1869, 24c used, from Book 1147	6 00
35.	United States 1869, 15c without diamond, used, from Book 1147	2 00
36.	United States, Executive 6c unused, from Book 1148	9 00
37	Memphis, 5c red, used on original cover, fine, from Book 1148	6 90
39.	United States, entire envelope 1853, 3c wide label, die, red on white *used*, from Book 1148	15 00

40. United States 1890, 5c. brown *error* in the color of the 4c., used on original cover in connection with the ordinary variety of the 5c., from Book 1147 ..... 30 00
41. United States 1860, 90c. blue, unused, corner slightly defective, from Book 1190. ..... 5 00
42. Baden 1864, 18 kr., used, good copy but not very evenly centered, from Book 1188..... 2 25
43. Baden 1864, 30 kr., orange, fine used copy, from Book 1188 ..... 2 00
44. United States Treasury, 24c., fine used copy, from Book 1151 ..... 2 50
45. Newfoundland 1868, 5c. black, unused, from book 1153..... 2 25
46. New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, used, from Book 804..... 6 00
47. New South Wales, Sydney View, 2p. blue, used, from Book 804..... 6 00
48. New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, used, from Book 804..... 7 50
49. United States, New York 3c. blue glazed, used on original cover, extremely fine, from Book 1148..... 17 50
50. Western Australia 1854, 4p. blue, uncanceled, from Book 1180..... 3 00
51. Western Australia 1854, 4p. blue, uncanceled, from Book 1180..... 2 50
52. Canada 1857, ½p. pink unperforated, fine used copy, from Book 1227 ..... 3 00
53. Newfoundland 1857, 6p. vermilion, fine used copy, cut and trimmed close on one side, from Book 1228 ..... 10 00
54. Hong Kong 1865, 96c. yellow-brown, fine used copy, slight nick on one side, from Book 964 ..... 2 50
55. New South Wales, Sydney View, 2p. blue, fine used copy, slightly damaged but neatly mended, from Book 964 ..... 2 50
56. New South Wales Registered 1860, red and blue, fine margins, from Book 964..... 2 50
57. United States 1870 6c. grilled, fine used copy, from Book 983..... 2 75
58. United States 1870, 7c. grilled, fine used copy, a little heavily canceled, from Book 983. 2 25
59. Switzerland, Geneva 5c. envelope used as adhesive, corner slightly nicked, otherwise fine, from Book 856 ..... 18 75
60. Mexico 1868, 100c. brown on brown, perforated, fine used copy, clipped on one side, from Book 856..... 7 50
61. Hawaiian Island 1859, 1c. blue on bluish paper, uncanceled, from Book 856..... 6 75
62. Bahamas, 1p. unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 856..... 7 50
63. St. Vincent 1866, 1 shilling slate, unused, fine, from Book 856..... 3 75
64. Mauritius 1858, no value, green, Scotts 54, No. 12, unused, fine, from Book 856..... 7 50
65. Swazieland 1890, 10 shillings unused, from Book 856 ..... 4 50
66. Ceylon 1861, 9p. dark brown, watermarked star, fine, unused, from Book 856..... 3 75
67. Brunswick 1863, 3sg. perforated fine used copy, from Book 586..... 2 80
68. Baden 1864, 18kr. green, fine used copy, from Book 1256..... 2 50
69. Western Australia 1860, 6p. green, unperforated, fine used copy, but corner sligtly nicked, from Book 1256..... 4 00
70. Canada 1857, ½p. pink unused, fine margin, unperforated, from book 1256.....2.... 6 00
71. United States 1892, Columbus, $4.00, magnificent used pair unsevered, slightly canceled, from Book 1251 ..... 10 00
72. United States Columbus 1892, $5.00 black, fine used copy, unperforated at top, from Book 1251 ..... 5 75
73. United States Columbus 1892, $1.00, fine used copy, from Book 1251..... 6 00
74. United States 1868, 5c. brown grilled, magnificent used copy, from Book 1255..... 2 00
75. United States Justice, 30c., good used copy, perforations clipped at one side, from Book 1255..... 6 00
76. United States Blood's, Scott's, 54th, No. 1537, on original cover, from Book 1254..... 3 50
77. United States 1851, 5c. brown, unused fine copy, clipped too close at top, from Book 1254 12 00
78. United States Entire Envelope, 1853, 3c., wide straight label, fine used copy, from Book 1261 ..... 14 00
79. Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4p. blue, wood block, fine used copy, from Book 1260..... 6 50
80. New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, fine used copy, from Book 1260..... 9 50
81. Confederate, Memphis, 5c. red on original cover, fine specimen, from Book 764..... 7 00
82. United States Treasurer, 24c., fine used copy, from Book 1267..... 2 25
83. United States 1869, 24c., magnificent used copy, from Book 1265..... 5 00
84. Western Union Telegraph Frank 1876, unused from Book 1265..... 3 50
85. United States 1861, 3c. pink, pronounced and beautiful shade, used on original cover, from Book 1274..... 2 50
86. Alligator Match Company, 1c. blue rouletted, unused, from Book 1272..... 3 50
87. United States 1868, 24c. grilled, strip of three, unused with original gum, very fine, from Book 1272..... 25 00
88. United States Columbus 1892, $1.00, unused, with original gum, from Book 1275..... 6 00
89. Western Union Telegraph Frank, 1881, unused, from Book 1275..... 3 30
90. United States Carrier 1849, 1c., rose paper, on original cover, fine, from Book 1308... 8 00
91. United States Carrier 1851, 1c. black, Horseman on orginal cover, from Book 1308..... 4 50
92. United States Carrier 1851, 1c. red, Horseman, fine copy on original cover, from Book 1308..... 10 00

93. United States Carrier 1851, 1c. black, Horseman on original cover, uncanceled, fine, from Book 1308 ..... 4 50
94. United States Carrier 1849, 1c. yellow paper, used, fine, from Book 1308 ..... 6 50
95. United States Carrier 1849, 1c. rose paper, clipped a little too close at top, but fine copy, from Book 1308 ..... 7 50
96. United States, Providence, 5c unused, from Book 1308 ..... 4 00
97. Confederate, Charleston, 5c. dark blue, magnificent used copy, from Book 1339 ..... 10 00
98. Confederate, Nashville, 3c red, unused, from Book 1316 ..... 3 50
99. Confederate 1863, 2c. rose, fine used copy, from Book 1316 ..... 1 75
100. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown unused fine, from Book 1316 ..... 3 00
101. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c brown used, fine, with large margins, from Book 1316 .. 3 50
102. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown on blue, unused, from Book 1316 ..... 3 00
103. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown, unused, fine margins, from Book 1316 ..... 3 00
104. Confederate 1862, 10c rose, used, from Book 1316 ..... 2 00
105. United States Entire Envelope, 3c., wide straight label, on ladies' note size, used, but stamp uncanceled, the whole thing a magnificent specimen, from Book 1325 .. 15 00
106. United States Entire Envelope, 10c. green, 1855, narrow label on white paper, magnificent used copy, from Book 1325 ..... 4 00
107. United States, 1847, 10c. fine used copy, from Book 1325 ..... 2 75
108. United States Navy, 90c., good used copy, from Book, 1325 ..... 3 90
109. United States Executive, 10c., uncanceled, from Book, 1325 ..... 4 90
110. United States 90c , fine used copy, from Book 1325 ..... 4 00
111. United States 1856, 5c. brown, fine used copy, from Book 1325 ..... 2 25
112. United States 1869, 90c. used, from Book 1325 ..... 11 00
113. Brazil 1891 100 reis, blue and red, head inverted, unused, from Book 1330 ..... 7 50
114. Bolivia 1869, 500c. black, 9 stars, unused, from Book 1330 ..... 11 00
115. Transvaal 1877, 1p red, unsevered rouletted pair, unused, from Book 1330 ..... 15 00
116. Bahamas, 1 penny, unperforated, unsevered, used on original cover, from Book 1330 ... 20 00
117. Confederate 1863, 10c. blue, with outer line, used on original cover, fine copy, from Book 1147 ..... 4 00
118. United States 1867, 3c. grilled all over, used on original cover, corner slightly nicked and stamp somewhat soiled, otherwise magnificent copy, from Book, 1330 ..... 13 00
119. Western Union Telegraph Frank 1882, from Book 1148 ..... 2 10
120. Nevada State Revenue, complete series, 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c., $1 00, $5 00, $10 00, $20 00, all unused, from Book 1148 ..... 10 00
121. United States Officially Sealed Post Obitum, unused, from Book 1311 ..... 3 50
122. Oldenburg 1860, 2g. red, fine used copy, from Book 1310 ..... 5 00
123. Nova Scotia, 6 pence dark green, fine, used on envelope, from Book 1312 ..... 6 50
124. Tasmania 1890, 1p. carmine *unperforated*, Mekeel's Catalogue, No. 81, block of four unused, from Book 1328 ..... 12 50
125. Tasmania 1890 ½p. orange, *unperforated*, Mekeel's Catalogue, No. 85, block of four unused, from Book 1328 ..... 12 50
126. Tasmania, *pair*, unused, same as last, from Book 1328 ..... 7 00
127. United States Local, Jenkin's Camden Dispatch, 1 sheet of 50 unused originals, Scott's No. 1885, from Book 1329 ..... 12 50
128. United States, envelope cut square, Die A, 1887, 2c oriental buff unused, *fine*, from Book 1330 ..... 10 00
129. New Brunswick, 3 pence, used on original cover, fine, from Book 1330 ..... 2 50

G. D. MEKEEL,
SALES SUPERINTENDENT,
STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—JANUARY, 1895.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends Aug. 31st. All applications should reach the secretary not later than the first day of each month to be inserted in the following circular.

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS, ETC.

327 ALTHEN, EDWARD C., 369 North State street, Elgin, Ill. (Initials incorrect and North omitted.

779 ANDREWS, WM. H., 206 Harvard street, Cambridgeport, Mass. (Incorrectly given as 207 Howard street, and initials wrong.)

814 BETTESWORTH, R. M., Box 590, Chicago, Ill. (Formerly Cedar Rapids, Iowa.)

136 BERGHOLZ, CHARLES, 827 Royal street, New Orleans, La. (Formerly Harlow, Ark.)

182 BERNICHON, JULES, 54 Rue Lafayette, Paris.

258 BROWN, WALTER L., 364 Main street, Springfield, Mass. (Formerly Worcester, Mass.)

640 CRITTENTON, GEO. W. D., 208 West End avenue, New York, N. Y. (Name incorrectly spelled.)

70 LAZARUS, PAUL, 2059 Lexington avenue, New York, N. Y.

19 PHILLIPS, H. B., 307 Montgomery street, San Francisco, Cal. (Formerly Santa Cruz, Cal.)

486 ROTZELL, H. S., 721 West Lafayette street, Norristown, Penn.

330 SHINKLE, J. M., care Cons Traction Co., 1 Exchange Place, Jersey City, N. J. (Formerly St. Louis, Mo.)

LIST OF APPLIGATIONS.

BARBOUR, W. J., 314 Clark St., Helena, Mont.
References: Henry W. Foote, A. H. Nelson.

BARR, HUGH, 1228 Frémont Ave, Davenport, Ia.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, W. J. McCullough.
Guarantor: Mr. H. Barr.

BROWN, A. N., N. A. Library, Annapolis, Md.
References: Wm. C. Stone, Mrs. A. J. Smith.

CASSIDY, REV. W. M., West Medford, Mass.
References: Jas. E. Pilcher, Alvah Davison.

COTTLOW, B. A., 198 Bowen Ave., Chicago, Ill.
References: F. J. Baldwin, P. M. Wolsieffer.

DOUGHTY, EBEN W., 715 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.
References: Clifford W. Kissenger, Frederick S. Fox.

FENTON, H., Knoxville, Tenn.
References: Chas. Waring, S. B. Boyd.

FRIES, WILLIAM, 134 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: Sidney S. Peixotto, William Sellschopp.

HERSEY, ARTHUR L., 35 Thomas St., Portland, Maine
References: Sterling T. Dow, William W. Jewett.

KENNEDY, FRANK M., Washington, C. H., Ohio.
References: G. D. Mekeel, I. A. Mekeel.
KIRCHMAIER, G. A., 2234 Fulton St., Toledo, O.
References: P. J. Kranz, Henry Meyer.
MILLIKEN, HENRY G., 165 Middle St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, William W. Jewett.
MANWARING, LOUIS L., Stillwater, Minn.
References: H. N. McKusick, N. W. Chandler.
NEWMAN, CHARLES M., El Paso, Texas.
References: Chase Higgins, Edward W. Heusinger.
Guarantors: J. H. Pollard, B. D. Russell.
PAXSON, LOREN C., Butte, Mont.
References: J. Reinhart, Robt. S. Kennedy.
Guarantor: R. H. Paxson.
PESH, JOHN, 4 Lautner St., Troy Hill, Allegheny City, Penn
References: E. Doeblin, Aug. Schlachter.
PIPER, CARROLL D., Wolfeboro, N. H.
References: H. M. Bickford, F. H. Pinkham.
Guarantor: Charles A. Morrison.
PITMAN, FRED H., 1 Chauncey St., Boston, Mass.
References: Albert W. Batchelder, John L. Kilbon.
PRESCOTT, J. O., 84 Kentucky St., Cleveland, O.
References: W. H. Barnum, Charles Kress.
RAND, FRED S., 7 Prospect St., Portland, Me.
References: Sterling T. Dow, William W. Jewett.
SCHAFER, C. H., care Wells, Fargo & Co., El Paso, Texas.
References: Chase Higgins, Edward W. Heusinger.
SPALDING, JAMES A., 627 Congress St., Portland, Maine.
References: Sterling T. Dow, William W. Jewett.
SUYDAM, W. H., 200 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: Alfred H. Greenbaum, J. H. Makins.
STEWART, CHARLES, 22 College Av. W., St. Paul, Minn.
References, I. A. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
STURTEVANT, C. K., 1315 Linden St., Oakland, Cal.
References: Sidney S. Peixotto, H. B Phillips.
TICKNOR, HENRY L., 1913 Baker St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: H. B. Phillips, A. Greenbaum.
WEBER, FRANK E., 930 Erie St., Toledo, O.
References: Henry Meyer, P. J. Kranz.
Guarantor: P. E. Rood.
WILLIAMS, MARY H., 1624 Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, Penn.
References: Chas. E. Osborn, Chas. Beamish.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

867 BARBER, EDWIN A., West Chester, Penn.
868 BELDEN, FRANCIS S., 211 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
869 BICKFORD, L. K., Box 1388, Portland, Me.
898 CROCKER, HENRY J., 508 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
870 FERGUSON, CLEMENT, Falmouth Hotel, Portland, Maine.
871 FOOT, JAMES D., 102 Reade St., New York, N. Y.
872 FRANK, ERNST. D., 39 Eiserne Hand, Frankfort, A. M., Germany.
873 HESS, HUGO G., 62 W. 3rd St., Cincinnati, O.
874 HOLLIS, W. H., 105 O'Farrell St., San Francisco, Cal.
875 HOWARD, RICHARD L., 223 Benton St., Aurora, Ill.
876 JORDAN, WINTHROP, 102 Commercial St., Portland, Maine.
877 KIMBALL, FRANCIS K., 15 Orange St., Waltham, Mass.
878 KINELL, REV. ANDREW, P. O. Box 178, Funk, Neb.
879 MCALPINE, S. H., 191 Middle St., Portland, Maine.
880 MANGOLD, OTTO, Bettinastrasse, 35, Frankfort, A. M., Germany.
881 MERRELL, HENRY F., 76 Commercial St., Portland, Maine.
882 NELSON, HAROLD H., Morgan Park Academy, Morgan Park, Ill.
883 NEWBERRY, WILLIAM B., Sandusky, Ohio.
884 PAYSON, FRANKLIN C., Portland, Maine.
885 PICKARD, F. W., 46 Cushman St., Portland, Maine.
886 RAYMOND, GEO. E., Cons. Electric Light Co., Portland, Maine.
887 SANGER, CARL D., 301 Betz Building, Philadelphia, Penn.
888 SCOT, JOHN S., Flagship, Yokohama Japan.
889 SHEARER, CHAUNCY A., Bay City, Mich.
890 SHERMAN, F. D., 71 East 87th St., New York, N. Y.
891 STEPHENSON, A. B., 121 State St., Portland, Maine.
892 TALLMAN, BUELL G., 91 Mississippi St., Buffalo, N. Y.
893 TAYLOR, WILLIAM N., Box 459 Portland, Maine.
894 TUCKER, FRANK, 215 East 5th St., New York, N. Y.
895 WEISS, FRED'K H., 524 East 85th St., New York, N. Y.
896 WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. A. G., Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
897 WOOD, S. M., Ponta Delgada, St. Michaels, Azores.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations have been sent in and will be accepted next month providing there are no objections received before that time.

594 BENJAMIN, W., Fon du Lac, Wis.
763 BERNHEIM, M., Henderson, Ky.
348 SLATER, A. B., JR., Providence, R. I.
461 MESSENGER, G H., Adel, Iowa.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

The following resignationsare hereby accepted no objections thereto having been received since their publication last month.

761 BACKER, OTTO C., St. Louis, Mo.
314 BOSQUE, PABLO L., Saltillo, Mexico.

DECEASED.

We are informed of the death of B. T. Sturges, of Kansas City, Kas. It will be of considerable help to the Obituary Committee and save them

much time in compiling their report if members will send a brief sketch of any of our members of whose death they may learn.

SUMMARY.

Total membership Jan. 10.....	770	
Added since.....	32	
		802
Resigned.....	2	
Died.....	1	
		3
Present membership.....		799

A CORRECTION.

The attention of the Secretary has been called to the fact that a serious error exists in the reference list which follows the alphabetical list of stockholders. Owing to resignations, several of these references had no proposals left to their credit, and so the Secretary left their numbers blank to obviate the labor of changing all the rest. The list, as sent to the printer, had numbers 69, 220 and 273 left blank, but in some way the names were shoved up so as to fill these numbers and spoil all the references. To those members who have last year's Annual we would say that the numbers should be the same as in that issue. To the new members we will say that if they should change the number of J. B. Moens in the list from 69 to 70, and increase all following by one as far as W. A. Cooper, who should be 219; change R. C. Moody to 221 and and all above that name two higher numbers; change A. H. Weber to 264 and all subsequent names three higher numbers; this should make the last name on the list 337 instead of 334. We regret exceedingly that the error occurred, but distance between printer and compiler renders it impossible to have the proof read by the latter.

January 3, 1895. WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash Nov. 30, 1894.....	$ 265 30	
J. A. Wainright for electrotype	3 00	
Dues paid Dec. 1 to 31, 1894. ..	93 97	$362 27

EXPENDITURES.

Stock certificates.....	$53 50	
Report of Convention, 1894...	66 00	
Claim R. F. McRae.....	3 28	
Trustees Expense Account....	5 85	
Postage American Philatelist and December Circular.....	42 08	
W. C. Stone, Secy, expense account, Oct. 1 to Dec. 26.....	10 54	
C. H. Mekeel Ptg. Co., Copies By-Laws and Members' list..	23 15	204 40
Cash balance Dec. 31, 1894...		$157 78

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Nov. 30, 1894	$862 00	
Cash received Dec. 1 to 31....	34 00	
At Credit, Dec. 31, 1894...		$896 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 31, 1894..	$ 55 05

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.
Collinsville, Ill., Dec. 31, 1894.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, December 31, 1894.

During the month of December, I received one hundred and sixty one books for circulation in the Sales Department, the gross value of which was..... $ 3,812.66
Previously acknowledged, gross value 30,763.75
$34.576.41
Books retired as per previous report.. 15,368.82
$19,207.59
183 books retired in Dec. gross value 4,398.93
Value of stamps now in circulation $14,808.66

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $1,050 97, or 23 $\frac{9}{10}$% The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of December were $1,064.22

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of December, were as follows:

328 Blank Books.....	$22.80
13,300 Control Stamps.....	13.30
	$36.10

The sales from the advertised list in last month's Official Circular amounted to $160,40. Members having desirable stamps for sale should send them in to the Department.

The stamps advertised, will be sent to any responsible member of the Association, on approval provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee.

Members sending cash in advance, will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory can be returned.

When ordering blank books and control stamps members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each one hundred control stamps.

Demands on this Department are very heavy from parties desiring to buy United States postage and good revenue stamps and all classes of British Colonials, especially those of British North America. More books of high grade stamps of all kinds can be used to good advantage.

Parties having stamps to sell can not do better than to place them in circulation in this Department. Send for some blank books and give it a trial. The blank books have spaces for one hundred and twenty stamps, and are furnished at 10 cents each.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,

ST. LOUIS, December 31, 1894.

The following remittances were received as deposits on account of new issues during the month of December.

F. F. Olney	5 34
H. F. King	12 12
C. P. Krauth	1 68
A. Dawson	5 00
H. B. Phillips	30 00
H. E. Deats	25 00
W. E. Fiske	5 00
C. A. Hobbs	5 00
Henry Tuck	11 73
W. H. Faber	20 00
C. A. Hughes	5 00
Emil Mayer	25 00
H. A. Cheyney	10 00
A. W. Batchelder	15 00
W. C. Van Derlip	15 00
F. Gaertner	10 00
M. Aikman	10 00
W. E. Muir	6 25
F. T. Wadsworth	50 00
F. S. Belden	10 00
A. F. Bruder	5 00
C. H. Shearer	25 00
D. Benjamin	20 00
S. G. Stein	50 00
J. F. Beard	50 00
	$ 416 52
Previously acknowledged	2,559 04
	$2,975 56
New issues supplied	$2,193 29
Balance to credit of members	$ 782 27

The following new issues have been supplied to members participating in this Department, since last report:

Chili registered return stamp, 5 cent brown.

China, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12 and 24c.

Guatemala, 1c. on 2c.

Hawaiian Islands, 12 cents.

Liberia O. S., 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 32c.

Macao, Provisional series ½, 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 13, 16, 31 and 47c.

Macao, new series, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200 and 300 reis.

Panama (Colombia) Provisional, 1 on 2 cents and 5 on 20 cents.

San Marino Commemorative postal card, 10c.

San Marino, regular issue, 2, 10 15 and 65c, 2 and 5 lira.

Selangor, 3 cents on 5 cents, rose, Provisional.

Sungei Ujong, 2 cents, orange.

Information has been received from Peru to to the effect that the 50 centavos and 1 sol stamps surcharged with the head, that were sent out through the Department a few months ago, have advanced materially in price. One correspondent states that they are now selling for $3 00 apiece. Participants in the Department, who received them at the original cost price, may be congratulated.

The Department is daily expecting large consignments of new stamps which have been ordered and are past due.

New orders have been issued for the,

Congo Free States series, 5, 10, 25 and 50c., 1 and 5f.

Cape Verde, full series, new type, 5r. to 300r.

Persia, new series, 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10 shahi, 1, 2 and 5k.

Servia, full series, 5p. to 1d.

Timor, full series of new type, 5r. to 300r.

Victoria, unpaid letter stamps, 1p. to 5 shillings.

I would suggest that *new* members joining this Department should deposit at least $20.00, and should not join unless they desire all unused stamps with a face value of 25c. or less. Those desiring stamps of greater face value should make their first deposits as follows: For all stamps of a face value of 50c. and less, $30.00; for all stamps of a face value of $1.25 or less, $50.00; for all stamps of a face value of $5.00 or less, $75.00; and for those who wish to receive all new issues without limit, they should make a deposit of at least $100.00.

A number of members have started in with a deposit of $5.00 or $10.00 and a limit of 50c. face value. This is soon used up, and when they find new issues are going to take more money than they have figured on they drop out, much to the inconvenience of the Department. I hope that members will take into consideration the cash that will be required, and limit their purchases accordingly. Also that every participating member will renew his deposit upon receipt of this circular.

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF COLLECTION AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Jan. 1, 1895.

I have received for collection during December nine claims amounting to $292.36. I have not yet succeeded in collecting any of them. In one case I immediately sent on the necessary papers to the Chief Postoffice Inspector at Cincinnati, Ohio. I wish to warn all parties against George Delaney, Theo. H. Kramer and R. E. Pentecost, as they are frauds of the worst kind. Any collector having any knowledge of their present whereabouts will confer a favor by sending the same to me at once.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent,
American Philatelic Association.

LITERARY EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Nov. 1, 1894.

I have a very short report to send in for October. I have received two lists of philatelic papers, which the owners wish to sell. Also one list of papers wanted by a member. I am ready and willing to do all I can to aid members in obtaining anything they may wish in the line of philatelic literature.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL,
Supt.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., Dec. 3, 1894.

I have received only one list of papers for last month and two letters of inquiry which I have answered. I again state to the members, that I am ready and willing to do anything I possibly can to advance the collecting and exchanging of philatelic literature.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL,
Supt.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

THE POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 9, TOLEDO, O.

Meetings held on the second Friday of each month, at 8 o'clock, p. m. P. E. Rood, President; P. J. Kranz, Secretary and Treasurer.

Fifth regular meeting held on Friday evening December 14th, 1894. Present, Mr. P. E. Rood in the chair and six other members, and Messrs. Geo. Weber and E. W. Hamann, guests. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The following communication was read:

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 14, 1894.

P. J. Kranz, Esq., Secretary,

DEAR SIR—In reply to yours of yesterday I send you twelve stamps from an original sheet, for the use of the Society. It strikes me they may be more appreciated uncut.

With best wishes for your prosperity,
Truly,
GEO. E. POMEROY.

The twelve stamps above referred to are a block of twelve of the original Pomeroy Letter Express 5c blue, with original gum. Upon motion a vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Pomeroy for his kind donation of the Pomeroy stamps.

Messrs. Meyer and Kranz donated several counterfeit stamps, together with an album, to the Society, which are the start of a counterfeit collection. The members adjourned to meet at the residence of P. E. Rood, 222 Floyd street, January 11th, 1895, which is the annual meeting of the Society, and at which the election of officers takes place.

P. J. KRANZ,
Secretary.

PORTLAND PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, BRANCH NO. 11.

Meetings held on alternate Wednesdays at the Falmouth Hotel. G. E. Raymond, President; C. R. Lewis, Treasurer; S. T. Dow, Secretary.

Both of the December meetings were well attended and much interest manifested. Current philatelic topics were discussed, stamps examined and some trading done. We have received two lots of exchange books from Supt. Mekeel and they are now circulating among our twenty-six American Association members.

During the month Messrs. H. G. Milliken and A. L. Hersey have been admitted to membership and have forwarded their application for membership in the American Philatelic Association.

To make the attendance at our meetings as large as possible, as an extra attraction, we solicit large approval lots of good stamps for our inspection at the meetings.

STERLING T. DOW, Sec'y,
48 State St.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., BRANCH NO. 3.

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month. Wm. J. Gardiner, President; H. B. Phillips, Secretary, Treasurer and Exchange Supt.

No meeting was had in December.

Annual meeting will be held in January, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected.

By order of the President.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB.

BRANCH NO. 7.

The forty-third regular meeting was held December 19, 1894, with Pres. Kress in the chair and twelve members in attendance.

The minutes of the forty-second meeting were read and approved.

Bill for forty cents was received from J. J. Overton and on motion was ordered paid.

Exchange Manager Brodie made his annual report which showed his department to be in excellent condition.

The application of Mr. W. H. Buerger was posted and on motion the rules were suspended and the applicant unanimously elected to membership.

The election of officers for 1895 resulted as follows: President, J. J. Overton; Vice-President, R. S. Aikenhead; Secretary and Treasurer, W. H. Barnum; Librarian, G. J. Bailey. The American Philatelic Association members then elected Mr. G. J. Bailey Resident Vice President for 1895, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

Voted that a committee be appointed to arrange for the first annual banquet. The Chair then appointed Messrs. Overton, Bailey and Aikenhead.

Recess was then taken and the regular auction sale was held, Mr. Brodie acting as auctioneer. Several of the stamps offered brought good prices.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH NO. 5.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa., President; A. E. Daum, 421 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., Secy-Treas.; Geo. W. Rode, 53 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., Branch Manager of Exchange.

Twenty-eighth monthly meeting held Thurday evening, November 8th, President E. Doeblin, presiding.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Roll called, fourteen members and five visitors present.

Mr. John Neessner, Jr., tendered his resigna-

tion as Assistant to Branch Manager Rode. Same accepted and Mr. Rode authorized to appoint a new assistant.

Mr Albert Stauffer and D. P. Stannard elected to Branch membership.

The evening was a very pleasant one; after routine business was disposed of, the time was occupied by many pleasant remarks of the members, notably the remarks of Mr. C. P. Krauth bearing on the many advantages he has derived from his membership in the American Philatelic Society.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

Twenty-ninth monthly meeting held Thursday evening, December 13th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Auditing committee made their final report which was accepted and committee discharged with thanks.

Roll called and seventeen members and four visitors present.

M. A. Arnold, having removed from the city, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regrets.

After disposing of routine business the new Official Year Book was fully discussed, and owing to the number of errors, a motion was made, seconded and carried that a committee of two be appointed to go over the membership record, so far as this Branch is concerned, and have the mistakes corrected. Committee appointed by the chair, Mr. C. P. Krauth and E. M. Grove.

Motion was also made, instructing the secretary to call the attention of Superintendent Mekeel to the fact that the new control stamps had not yet made their appearance, and request him to hasten the new issue.

Meeting was also made interesting by Mr. C. P. Krauth exhibiting a most interesting rarity, a 2½d 1875, lilac rose of Great Britain, plate 2, with corner letters L H / F L

The stamp was discovered by Henry C. Davis, of Philadelphia and the error has been verified on the proof sheet at Somerset House by Major Edward B. Evans. It is chronicled in Stanley Gibbons' *Monthly Journal* for November.

Meeting adjourned at 10 o'clock.

A. E. DAUM,
Sec'y.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following communication has been received from one of our foreign members and we trust others will follow his example.

NAGASAKI, JAPAN, December 1, 1894.

An enterprising Nagasaki potter has succeeded in putting on the native market an odd set of Japenese table china, consisting of forty-five pieces. Each piece is decorated with burnt-in designs of postal, revenue and telegraph stamps, combined in a way to produce the most artistic effects of color and design. The china is of the white egg-shell variety and when held to the light shows the *facsimile* postage stamp in transparent coloring. A complete set of this china is valued at a hundred dollars, and it is quite a fad for wealthy travelers to take a set of it home with them. As yet the authorities have not interfered with the reproduction of stamps on china although the act comes under the laws for counterfeiting. Stamp placques have ceased to be a novelty in the United States, but the practical application of postage stamps to the potter's craft makes another unique feature of amateur philately.

The Japan-China war is at a decided discount compared with active philatelic interest in Oriental waters. The city of Chefoo is at present the headquarters for foreign naval fleets, being only a short distance from Port Arthur. Of the three hundred odd officers comprised in the fleet of nine British and three American men of war, at least seventy-five are interested in stamp collecting. A boom has been given the local post office by both officers and sailors from the two squadrons, who buy large quantities of Chefoo locals for their friends or for stamp dealers in England and the United States. Many of the advanced collectors purchase blocks of stamps and have them canceled at the post office for future trading purposes. The present issue of these locals, which has a watermark of inverted Chinese characters, is eagerly sought by collectors. It is unofficially rumored that another issue of an entirely different design is to supercede the present set.

J. A. S.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners. Of this price the Department receives a commission of 10%.

Any member of the Association in good standing has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if he is not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, postage and registration extra, in all cases.

No.		Price.
5.	Charleston, S. C , 5 c blue, fine used copy showing full post-mark, from Book 1028	10 00
7.	United States entire envelope 10 c 1853 green on white, scarce die, TEN in narrow label, fine used copy from Book 1035	12 00
8.	Bolivia 1867 10 c brown unused, fine copy, from Book 1049	8 00
9.	Bolivia 1857 50 c dark blue, pen marked, from book 1049	10 00
10.	Peru 1858 ½ peso yellow, fine used copy, from Book 1049	10 75
11.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 c blue worn plate used, from Book 932	6 50
12.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 p blue used, fine copy on laid paper, discolored, from Book 932	9 00
13.	New South Wales Sidney view 3p green used, from Book 932	7 50
20.	United States Agriculture 24 c used, slightly nicked, from Book 558	2 00
22.	United States Justice 15c used, from Book 558	2 25
29.	United States 1868, 3c grille 13x16 mm, very fine on the original envelope, from Book 1146	4 50
32.	United States, 1869, 90c used, from Book 1147	11 50
33.	United States 1869, 30c used, from Book 1147	2 50
34.	United States 1869, 24c used, from Book 1147	6 00
35.	United States 1869, 15c without diamond, used, from Book 1147	2 00
37.	Memphis, 5c red, used on original cover, fine, from Book 1148	6 90
39.	United States, entire envelope 1853, 3c wide label, die, red on white *used*, from Book 1148	15 00
43.	Baden 1864, 30 kr., orange, fine used copy, from Book 1188	2 00
45.	Newfoundland 1868, 5c. black, unused, from book 1153	2 25
46.	New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p green, used, from Book 804	6 00
48.	New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, used, from Book 804	7 50
50.	Western Australia 1854, 4p. blue, uncanceled, from Book 1180	3 00
51.	Western Australia 1854, 4p. blue, uncanceled, from Book 1180	2 50
52	Canada 1857, ½p. pink unperforated, fine used copy, from Book 1227	3 co
53.	Newfoundland 1857, 6p. vermilion, fine used copy, cut and trimmed close on one side, from Book 1228	10 00
56.	New South Wales Registered 1860, red and blue, fine margins, from Book 964	2 50
59.	Switzerland, Geneva 5c. envelope used as adhesive, corner slightly nicked, otherwise fine, from Book 856	18 75
60.	Mexico 1868, 100c. brown on brown, perforated, fine used copy, clipped on one side, from Book 856	7 50
61.	Hawaiian Island 1859, 1c blue on bluish paper, uncanceled, from Book 856	6 75
62.	Bahamas, 1p. unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 856	7 50
66.	Ceylon 1861, 9p dark brown, watermarked star, fine, unused, from Book 856	3 75
67.	Brunswick 1863, 3sg. perforated fine used copy, from Book 586	2 80
68.	Baden 1864, 18kr. green, fine used copy, from Book 1256	2 50
70.	Canada 1857, ½p. pink unused, fine margin, unperforated, from book 1256	6 00
72.	United States Columbus 1892, $5.00 black, fine used copy, unperforated at top, from Book 1251	5 75
73.	United States Columbus 1892, $1 00, fine used copy, from Book 1251	6 00
74.	United States 1868, 5c. brown, grilled, magnificent used copy, from Book 1255	2 00
75.	United States Justice, 30c., good used copy, perforations clipped at one side, from Book 1255	6 00
76.	United States Blood's, Scott's, 54th; No. 1537, on original cover, from Book 1254	3 50
77.	United States 1851, 5c. brown, unused fine copy, clipped too close at top, from Book 1254	12 00

78. United States Entire Envelope, 1853, 3c., wide straight label, fine used copy, from Book 1261 ..... 14 00
79. Cape of Good Hope, 1861, 4p. blue, wood block, fine used copy, from Book 1260 ..... 6 50
80. New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, fine used copy, from Book 1260 ..... 9 50
84. Western Union Telegraph Frank 1876, unused, from Book 1265 ..... 3 50
86. Alligator Match Company, 1c. blue rouletted, unused, from Book 1272 ..... 3 50
87. United States 1868, 24c. grilled, strip of three, unused with original gum, very fine, from Book 1272 ..... 20 00
88. United States Columbus 1892, $1 00, unused, with original gum, from Book 1275 ..... 6 00
89. Western Union Telegraph Frank, 1881, unused, from Book 1275 ..... 3 30
93. United States Carrier 1851, 1c. black, Horseman on original cover, uncanceled, fine, from Book 1308 ..... 4 50
94. United States Carrier 1849, 1c. yellow paper, used, fine, from Book 1308 ..... 6 50
95. United States Carrier 1849, 1c. rose paper, clipped a little too close at top, but fine copy, from Book 1308 ..... 7 50
96. United States, Providence, 5c. unused, from Book 1308 ..... 4 00
97. Confederate, Charleston, 5c. dark blue, magnificent used copy, from Book 1339 ..... 10 00
98. Confederate, Nashville, 3c. red, unused, from Book 1316 ..... 3 50
99. Confederate 1863, 2c. rose, fine used copy, from Book 1316 ..... 1 75
100. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown unused fine, from Book 1316 ..... 3 00
101. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown used, fine, with large margins, from Book 1316 .. 3 50
102. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown on blue, unused, from Book 1316 ..... 3 00
103. Confederate, New Orleans, 5c. brown, unused, fine margins, from Book 1316 ..... 3 00
105. United States Entire Envelope, 3c., wide straight label, on ladies' note size, used, but stamp uncanceled, the whole thing a magnificent specimen, from Bock 1325 .. 15 00
109. United States Executive, 10c., uncanceled, from Book, 1325 ..... 4 90
110. United States 90c , fine used copy, from Book 1325 ..... 4 00
111. United States 1856, 5c. brown, fine used copy, from Book 1325 ..... 2 25
113. Brazil 1891 100 reis, blue and red, head inverted, unused, from Book 1330 ..... 7 50
114. Bolivia 1869, 500c. black, 9 stars, unused, from Book 1330 ..... 11 00
115. Transvaal 1877, 1p red, unsevered rouletted pair, unused, from Book 1330 ..... 15 00
116. Bahamas, 1 penny, unperforated, unsevered, used on original cover, from Book 1330 ... 20 00
117. Confederate 1863, 10c. blue, with outer line, used on original cover, fine copy, from Book 1147 ..... 4 00
118. United States 1867, 3c. grilled all over, used on original cover, corner slightly nicked and stamp somewhat soiled, otherwise magnificent copy, from Book, 1330 ..... 13 00
119. Western Union Telegraph Frank 1882, from Book 1148 ..... 2 10
120. Nevada State Revenue, complete series, 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c., $1.00, $5 00, $10 00, $20 00, all unused, from Book 1148 ..... 10 00
121. United States Officially Sealed Post Obitum, unused, from Book 1311 ..... 3 50
123. Nova Scotia, 6 pence dark green, fine, used on envelope, from Book 1312 ..... 6 50
126. Tasmania, 1890 ½p. orange, *unperforated*, Mekeel's Catalogue No. 85, unused *pair*, from Book 1328 ..... 7 00
127. United States Local, Jenkin's Camden Dispatch, 1 sheet of 50 unused originals, Scott's No. 1885, from Book 1329 ..... 12 50
129. New Brunswick, 3 pence, used on original cover, fine, from Book 1330 ..... 2 50
130. United States, Columbian issue $1, unsevered pair, unused, fine, from Book 1365 ..... 9 00
131. United States, Columbian issue $1 unsevered pair, unused, fine, from Book 1365 ..... 9 00
132. United States, Columbian issue $1 unsevered pair, unused, fine, from Book 1365 ..... 9 00
133. United States, Periodical $3, vermillion, unused unsevered pair, fine, from Book 1365 .. 9 00
134. United States 1847, 10c black, used, fine, from Book 1398 ..... 2 75
135. United States 1857, 3c red with outer line, unused, from Book 1398 ..... 5 50
136. United States 1857, 5c brown, fine, used, from Book 1398 ..... 2 70
137. United States 1861, 5c yellow, fine, used, from Book 1398 ..... 4 40
138. United States 1868, 3c grilled 12½x16 mm, fine, used, from Book 1398 ..... 4 00
139. United States 1870, 6c grilled, fine, used, from Book 1398 ..... 2 85
140. United State envelope cut square, 1853, 3c wide die on white, used, good specimen, but the embossed head has been fastened in by hinges; otherwise fine specimen, from Book 1398 ..... 8 00
141. United States envelope cut square, 1860, 4c (1c and 3c) blue and red on white, fine, used, from Book 1398 ..... 8 00
142. United States envelope cut square 1853, 6c red on buff, used, fine, from Book 1898 ..... 2 25
143. United States Treasury Department, 7c, unused, from Book 1398 ..... 1 00
144. United States Agricultural Department 12c, unused, from Book 1398 ..... 4 40
145. United States 1870, 7c grilled, used, fine, from Book 1383 ..... 2 25

G. D. MEKEEL,
SALES SUPERINTENDENT,
STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—FEBRUARY, 1895.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends August 31st. All applications should reach the Secretary not later than the first day of each month to be inserted in the following circular.

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS, ETC.

108 Bailey, Geo. J. 446 The Arcade, Cleveland, O.
869 Bickford, L. M. instead of L. K.
161 Breder, Chas M., 127 Orient Ave, Jersey City Heights, N. J. (Formerly Bethlehem, Penn.)
340 Buchholtz, Aug., Box 427, Wilkinsburg, Penn. (Formerly Allegheny).
834 Epstein, Sallo, Box 1239, instead of 1234.
188 D'Etiolles, Erard LeRoy, 5 Avenue du Coq, (Rue Saint Lazare,) Paris.
625 Jones, Howard M. (Incorrectly given as 726 A. M. Jones.)
685 Koechlin, F. C., Box 924, Belleville, Ill. (Formerly Rich Hill, Mo.)
394 Miller, W. F., 2715 N. Robey St., Chicago, Ill. (Formerly Ravenswood, Ill.)
BRILL, GEO. E., 15th and Bremen Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio.
References: N. E. Carter, G. D. Mekeel.
273 Morgan, William J., 1933 Tulane Ave, New Orleans, La.
854 Schaezler, Otto, 1204 Grayson St., San Antonio, Tex. (Formerly Kansas City, Mo.)
591 Snell, A. L., Oil City, Penn. (Formerly Bradford, Penn.)
1 Tiffany, John K., 421 Security Building, St. Louis, Mo.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The attention of the Secretary has just been called to the fact that the list of Directors in the Annual, contains a serious blunder in that the names of the Secretary and Vice-President are transposed. They should read as in the list at the head of this page.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

CANRIGHT, C. F., Two Rivers, Wis.
References: A. W. Dunning, H. A. Ammann.
COAD, JOHN S., Box 783, Butte, Mont.
References: M. Genzberger, J. Reinhart.
Guarantor: Robt. S. Kennedy.
CONWAY, GEO. F., 464 Eighth Ave., Station F., San Francisco, Cal.
References: G. Carion, Wm. J. Gardner.
FIGUET, J., 2 Rue Madagascar, Paris, France.
References: G. Carion, E. Doeblin.
FOX, JACOB W., Pottsville, Penn.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
GREGORY, GEO., Clarendon Hills, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Bradt.
HARTSHORN, J. W., Sedalia, Mo.
References: C. H. and G. H. Mekeel.

HOPKINS, S. B., 75 State St., Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.

MCKIM, ROBERT, A., 280 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
References: Henry Gremmel, Alvah Davison.

MASSOTH, JR. F. N., 1233 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.

MICHAEL, FRED, 250 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.

MOORE, A. M., Greenfield, Mass.
References: J. A. Wainright, C. E. Lewis.

MOSLER, MAX, 92 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
References: Julius F. Buehler, G. D. Mekeel.

PAGET, EVERY, 309 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.
Guarantor: Abel Paget.

POWER, E. B., 3642 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.

REYNOLDS, JOHN N., 1138 The Rookery, Chicago, Ill.
References: C. P. Krauth, E. M. Grove.

ROBB, T. P. Jr., 39 Thirteenth St., Toledo, Ohio.
References: P. J. Kranz, Henry Meyer.
Guarantor: Chas G. Robb

ROSENTHAL, EDWARD, 2713 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
References: C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolsieffer.
Guarantor: Moritz Rosenthal.

SMITH, ELIZABETH H., Wind Gap, Penn.
References: H. McAllister, W. A. MacCalla.

STAMM, SIGMUND, 1131 Walnut St., McKeesport, Penn.
References: E. Doeblin, J. Deininger.

STEBBINS, EDW. J., 11 East Maumee St., Adrian, Mich.
References: P. J. Kranz, Henry Meyer.

STUART, WM. M., Box 274, Lawrence, Mass.
References: L. C. Richardson, William C. Stone.

THOMPSON, J. L., 269 Morrison St., Portland, Oregon.
References: D. M. Averill, J. W. Palmer.

WALTON, FRANKLIN M., 520 Bailey St., Camden, N. J.
References: Millard F. Walton, William C. Stone.

WILSON, H. E., 309 Times Building, Pittsburg, Penn.
References: E. Doeblin, Geo. W. Rode.

WILSON, HARRY, 156 St. Mark's Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
References: Eugene Thwing, E. T. Parker.

WOODWARD, FRANK T., Northampton, Mass.
References: J. A. Wainright, C. E. Lewis.

WUERFEL, RALPH O., 823 Erie St., Toledo, Ohio.
References: P. J. Kranz, Chester Lee.
Guarantor: John C. Wuerfel.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

899 BARBOUR, W. J., 314 Clark St., Helena, Mont.

901 BARR, HUGH, 1228 Fremont Ave., Davenport, Ia.

900 BROWN, A. N., N. A. Library, Annapolis, Md.

902 CASSIDY, REV. W. M., West Medford, Mass.

903 COTTLOW, B. A., 198 Bowen Ave., Chicago, Ill.

904 DOUGHTY, EBEN W., 715 Broad St., Augusta, Ga.

905 FENTON, H., Knoxville, Tenn.

906 FRIES, WILLIAM, 134 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

907 HERSEY, ARTHUR L., 35 Thomas St., Portland, Maine.

908 KENNEDY, FRANK M., Washington, C. H., Ohio.

909 KIRCHMAIER, G. A., 2234 Fulton St., Toledo, O.

910 MILLIKEN, HENRY G., 165 Middle St., Portland, Maine.

911 MANWARING, LOUIS L., Stillwater, Minn.

912 NEWMAN, CHARLES M., El Paso, Texas.

913 PAXSON, LOREN C., Butte, Mont.

914 PESH, JOHN, 4 Lautner St., Troy Hill, Allegheny City, Penn.

915 PIPER, CARROLL D., Wolfeboro, N. H.

916 PITMAN, FRED H., 1 Chauncey St., Boston, Mass.

917 PRESCOTT, J. O., 84 Kentucky St., Cleveland, O.

918 RAND, FRED S., 7 Prospect St., Portland, Me.

919 SCHAFER, C. H., care Wells, Fargo & Co., El Paso, Texas.

920 SPALDING, JAMES A., 627 Congress St., Portland, Maine.

921 SUYDAM, W. H., 200 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

922 STEWART, CHARLES, 22 College Av. W., St. Paul, Minn.

923 STURTEVANT, C. K., 1315 Linden St., Oakland, Cal.

924 TICKNER, HENRY L., 1913 Baker St., San Francisco, Cal.

925 WEBER, FRANK E., 930 Erie St., Toledo, O.

926 WILLIAMS, MARY H., 1624 Mt. Vernon St., Philadelphia, Penn.

RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED.

The following resignations are hereby accepted no objections thereto having been received since their publication last month.

594 BENJAMIN, W., Fond du Lac, Wis.

763 BERNHEIM, M., Henderson, Ky.

348 SLATER, A. B., JR., Providence, R. I.

461 MESSENGER, G. H., Adel, Iowa.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations have been sent in and will be accepted next month providing there are no objections received before that time.

722 RICHMOND, JORGE, San Jose, Costa Rica.

346 VOWINKLE, CHAS. Jr., Pittsburg, Penn.

REINSTATED.

The following persons having settled all charges for back dues are hereby restored to membership.

41 LOY, WILLIAM E., Berkeley, California.

251 VIGNON, J. L. Th. Heldewier, Curacao, W. I.

462 CORTY, ERNST C. Box 54, Kingston, Jamaica, W. I.

DECEASED.

Again it is our sad duty to report the death of one of our number. Lieutenant James A. Turner, of San Francisco, died suddenly on the 23rd of January of heart trouble. For further details we refer our readers to the obituary notice published elsewhere.

MEMBERSHIP LISTS.

The Secretary has on hand some copies of the alphabetical list of members which was published in the Year Book, bound up by itself. Copies of this list can be obtained for ten cents per copy.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and St. Louis have not yet renewed their nominations which are for one year only. Please attend to this at an early date.

The following cities are entitled to send in nominations: Washington, D. C. Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Springfield, Mass., Providence, R. I., besides other localities which may unite to make up the necessary membership to nominate.

ONE THOUSAND MEMBERS!

Do our members realize that we are almost there? An average of not less than thirty new members each month from now to the time of the next convention will bring us to the mark so long looked forward to. Portland, Maine has proved a veritable bonanza, Chicago is waking up and the Pacific Coast has promised to keep up its end. Forward then, and let us gather at Clayton with every state and territory represented on our roll, to say nothing of the several provinces of our sister Nation, the Dominion.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership Jan. 10	799	
Added since	28	
Reinstated	3	
		830
Resigned	4	
Died	1	
		5
Present membership		825

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash balance, Dec. 31, 1894	$ 157 87	
J. D. Rice, Chm. Lit. Bd Acct Adv. *Am. Philatelist*	88 38	
C. H. Mekeel S. & P. Co., Adv. *Am. Philatelist*	35 75	
S. Leland, Chm Lit. Bd. 1893-4 acct	2 49	
Dues Coll. Jany. 1 to 31, 1895	44 86	
Due Treasurer cash advanced	43 82	
		$373 17

EXPENDITURES.

American Philatelist	364 00	
Postage January Circulars... and Electrotypes	9 17	
		373 17
Jauuary 31, 1895, due Treasurer		43 82

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Dec. 31, 1894	896 00	
Cash received Jan. 1 to 31, 1895	27 00	
At Credit, Dec. 31, 1894		$913 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 31, 1894	$ 55 05

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.
Collinsville, Ill., Jan. 31, 1895.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, January 31, 1895.

During the month of December, I received one hundred and sixty one books for circulation in the Sales Department, the gross value of which was ..... $ 3,521.14
Previously acknowledged, gross value 34,576.41
$38,097.55
Books retired as per previous report 19,767.75
$18,329.80
60 books retired in Jan. gross value 1,107 61
Value of stamps now in circulation $17,132.19

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $331.42, or 27 7/16 %. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of January were $821.10.

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of December, were as follows:

213 Blank Books	$21.30
5,300 Control Stamps	5.30
	$26.60

The sales from the advertised list in last month's Official Circular amounted to $97.05. Members having desirable stamps for sale should send them in to the Department.

The stamps advertised, will be sent to any responsible member of the Association on approval, provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee.

Members sending cash in advance, will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory can be returned.

When ordering blank books and control stamps members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each one hundred control stamps.

Demands on this Department are very heavy

from parties desiring to buy United States postage and good revenue stamps and all classes of British Colonials, especially those of British North America. More books of high grade stamps of all kinds can be used to good advantage.

Parties having stamps to sell can not do better than to place them in circulation in this Department. Send for some blank books and give it a trial. The blank books have spaces for one hundred and twenty stamps, and are furnished at 10 cents each.

For the information of members I think proper to publish the following correspondence that has passed between this Department and another officer of the Association:

ST. LOUIS, MO., Jan. 28, 1895.

Mr. J. W. Scott, Counterfeit Detector, American Philatelic Association, New York City, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:—I have had from time to time, applications to pass on the genuineness of stamps belonging to members of the Association and I have referred the inquirers to you as the counterfeit detector of the association. As the Official Board has not appointed an assistant to pass on the books sent in for circulation I have been obliged to do it myself. I would like, however, to have your opinion on the four enclosed Bremens from books sent in for circulation, and will be obliged if you will advise me in relation thereto. I remain,

Yours very truly,
G. D. MEKEEL.

NEW YORK, FEB. 2 1895.

Mr. G. D. Mekeel,

DEAR SIR:—Enclosed please find stamps returned marked as requested.

Youry truly,
J. W. SCOTT

ST. LOUIS MO., Feb. 13, 1895.

Mr. J. W. Scott, Counterfeit Detector, A. P. A. New York, N. Y.

DEAR SIR:

I received your letter of the 2nd, returning the specimens, requested, and I perhaps neglected to state that these particular stamps were sent you upon the direct instruction of a member, who wished to have the opinion of the proper official on the subject, and not because I did not consider myself able to judge of the stamps.

By review of my letter of the 28th of January, you will notice that it was my desire not to conflict with the duties of another officer of the Association, that has lead me to refer applicants of this kind to you. I have, however, reviewed stamps myself in the absence of the appointment of an assistant counterfeit detector, which should be provided for that purpose, and as far as this office is concerned, there would be no necessity of referring any matter to you unless it were upon request of a member or in case of dispute.

I have only called this matter up because there seems to be some misapprehension of the facts on your part, or if not, on the part of parties who have access to your affairs

Several members of the Association were in the office of R. F. Albrecht & Co. during the present month, when your son, Mr. Walter C. Scott, who is clerk in that office, made an observation in about the following words:

"Mekeel sent some Bremen stamps that were the rankest counterfeits, out to father, to know if they were genuine. If he don't know any more than that, he had better go out of the stamp business."

The statement as made is a deliberate misrepresentation and quite in keeping with the class of "gossip" indulged in in the offices of some New York dealers, and is quite beneath my notice. It is not this phase of the matter I propose to mention, but the matter as it refers to your official capacity as Counterfeit Detector of the American Philatelic Association.

It is certainly discourteous to any member of the Association, for the correspondence between them and the officials to become the subject of common gossip. I remain

Yours, very truly,
G. D. MEKEEL.

The correspondence speaks for itself and requires no further comment from me.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT
GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,
ST. LOUIS, January 31, 1895.

The following remittances were received as deposits on account of new issues during the month of January:

G. LeMoine	$ 30 00
T. S. Clark	10 00
F. Gaertner	5 00
Geo. T. Loomis	10 00
E. R. Ackerman	10 00
G. F. Hine	10 00
A. Battiste	14 75
A. W. Batchelder	15 00
W. C. Van Derlip	15 00
W. J. Morgan	25 00
J. F. McGregory	10 00
H. G. O. Ramborger	10 00
A. Dawson	5 00
W. R. Baird	15 00
F. S. Belden	20 00
F. F. Olney	7 48
H. A. Cheney	5 00
W. E. Muir	40 00
Henry R. Taylor	10 00
F. F. Olney	4 15
J. F. Read	5 00
W. E. Fiske	10 00
W. C. Eaton	10 00
C. A. Hughes	5 00
W. H. Withee	50 00
	$ 351 38
Previously acknowledged	2,975 56
	$3,326 94
New issues supplied	$2,341 71
Balance to credit of members	$ 985 23

While the above seems to be a good sized amount, it is altogether inadequate for the success of this Department.

In order that my later remarks will be understood, I furnish the following tabulated state-

ment showing what members are participating in this department, the amount of their deposits and their orders.

NAME	No. of each New issue wanted.	Limit of face value of each stamp.	Amount to credit.
Dr. S. G. Stein.....	3	No limit	$ 30 82
J. F. Beard.....	3	"	30 81
W. C. Vanderlip....	3	"	13 78
F. D Batchelder...	3	"	13 78
F. Trifet.....	3	$ 5 00	1 84
H. F. King.....	3	$ 5 00	17 06
G. Carion.....	3	$ 1 25	5 49
T. S. Clark.....	2	25	4 54
F. Gaertner.....	1	No limit	7 02
W. R. Baird.....	1	"	19 83
E. Mayer.....	1	"	18 28
E. H. Buehler.....	1	"	29 04
J. F. Read.....	1	"	9 54
C. R. Krauth.....	1	"	13 52
W. E. Muir.....	1	"	68 17
Miss Aikman.....	1	"	18 03
D. Benjamin.....	1	"	5 35
E. R. Ackerman...	1	"	8 04
F. W. Ayer.....	1	"	1 33
J. M. Andreini.....	1	"	14 05
F. F Olney.....	1	"	8 49
J. T Callender.....	1	"	9 01
E. H. Mason.....	1	$ 5 00	118 88
N. H. Withee.....	1	$ 5 00	85 54
L. Barr.....	1	$ 1 25	7 76
J. F. McGregory...	1	$ 1 25	8 23
F. O Conant.....	1	$ 1 25	8 29
W. E. Fiske.....	1	$ 1 25	10 45
A. Battiste.....	1	$ 1 25	27 75
W. C Eaton.....	1	$ 1 25	25 40
A. de Reuterskiold .	1	$ 1 25	7 54
Geo. T. Loomis....	1	$ 1 25	13 33
B. S. Terry.....	1	$ 1 25	1 09
A. L Snell.....	1	$ 1 25	3 45
C. H Adams.....	1	$ 1 25	7 68
H G. O. Ramborger	1	$ 1 25	16 35
F Junkerman.....	1	$ 1 25	4 09
N. E. Carter.....	1	$ 1 25	5 59
C A. Hughes.....	1	$ 1 25	6 81
F. T. Wadsworth..	1	$ 1 25	45 23
E. Hawkins.....	1	$ 1 25	12 70
A Dawson.....	1	50	11 68
H. A Cheney.....	1	50	10 60
W. J Morgan.....	1	50	24 02
A. W. Brown.....	1	50	18 60
W. H. Phillips....	1	50	17 76
M. Meyenberg.....	1	50	10 57
A. F. Bruder.....	1	50	4 54
W. A. MacCalla...	1	50	14 18
E. S. Belden.....	1	50	21 62
N. Turnbull.....	1	50	10 00
John Cabot.....	1	25	2 86
H Tuck.....	1	25	10 94
W H. Faber.....	1	25	13 62
G LeMoine.....	1	25	20 38
W. R Taylor.....	1	25	9 42
C H Shearer.....	1	25	16 29

Upon review of the above, if I may be permitted to say, Messrs. E. H. Mason and N. H. Withee whose limits are stamps of the face value of $5.00 and who subscribed for one copy each, are the only members whose deposits are large enough to be adequate for the purposes for which they are intended. No member whose orders for stamps are unlimited, should allow his deposit to get below $100.00, and where they subscribe for two or three copies it should be twice or three times as large, as the case may be.

Members whose orders for stamps include those of the face value of $1 25, should keep their deposits up to at least $75.00, and those whose orders include up to and including 50c., should keep their deposits up to $50 00, and those who only require stamps up to and including 25c. should have at least $20 00 to their credit at all times.

These figures have not been required by the department, and therefore some of the above members may take exceptions to my observations, but I am simply stating what would be necessary to successfully carry out the plan that was originally intended in this department, namely, to provide members with all new issues. To do this, the department must keep a sum of money on deposit in almost every country in the world, or at least be able to remit a draft or money order the moment new stamps are announced.

I have made a study of this matter for the last fifteen months and it now rests entirely with the members of the Association whether it will be a success or not.

A few members cannot do this alone; we must have the co-operation of at least thirty or forty members who will support the department in a liberal way, and certainly this number ought to be f und out of a membership of 800 philatelists.

The system of furnishing *all* new issues on the scheme now is force is simply impossible, and I deem it my duty to state the fact plainly that our members may not depend upon the department too fully.

I have ten times the amount of stamp orders that will exhaust the average deposit above given, but find it will take too much money to keep up with the race.

A mathematical problem for an illustration. Orders above 26 copies of each stamp no limit.

8	copies of each stamp up to	$5	00	face value				
22	"	"	"	"	"	1	25	" "
10	"	"	"	"	"	50c	"	"
8	"	"	"	"	"	25c	"	"

Assuming all new issues since and including my October report the *cash* to purchase, same would be about $13 680.00, and about $900 00 on hand for the purpose, and with no guarantee that all the members would take them off my hands if they were secured.

Realizing this, I have cancelled my largest orders, and state to members that I will continue to supply such new issues as I receive from foreign correspondents who send them in without advance cash deposit. I will use all funds deposited in ordering new stamps, but will not agree to supply everything for it is impossible, unless the deposits are increased five fold.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On March 1st I will dispatch an order for all the new Portuguese Colonial stamps to Lisbon. Any member of the Association depositing $15.00 before that date will be included, pro-

vided, at least *twenty* complete series are ordered.

If less than that number are ordered money will be refunded, the exact cost is not known but the amount above mentioned is necessary to secure the order.

The department will charge 10 per cent. over the actual cost, and if a credit remains it will be refunded, or if there is a deficiency, bill will be rendered.

The stamps will include complete series, 5r to 300r of the new type annexed, for the following colonies as well as any others that may have appeared when this order is received; also, the series of Mozambique Company up to 1,000 reis



The colonies of the above type are as follows:—Angola, Cape Verde, Congo, Guinea, India, Macao, Mozambique, Timor, Zambezia.

Unless notified to the contrary, I will include an order for each member who has $15.00 to his credit on that date, but, those who want 3 copies of each stamp will have to remit, as the balances are not sufficent.

If this is a success I will order all the new French Colonies in the same way next month, and something new each month.

In the mean time new issues will continue to come in and be supplied as usual to those having a deposit with the department and there is no occasion for balances to be withdrawn, as orders are out for many stamps.

I would suggest that *new* members joining this Department should deposit at *least* $20.00, and should not join unless they desire all unused stamps with a face value of 25c. or less. Those desiring stamps of greater face value should make their first deposits not smaller than the following: For all stamps of a face value of 50c. and less, $30.00, for all stamps of a face value $1.25 or less, $50.00; for all stamps of a face value of $5.00 or less, $75.00; and for those who wish to receive all new issues without limit, they should make a deposit of at *least* $100.00.

A number of members have started in with a deposit of $5.00 or $10.00 and a limit of 50c. face value. This is soon used up, and when they find new issues are going to take more money than they have figured on they drop out, much to the inconvenience of the Department. I hope that members will take into consideration the cash that will be required, and limit their purchases accordingly.

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

AUCTION AGENT'S REPORT.

NEW YORK, December 31, 1894.

During the past month sales have been held by J. W. Scott Co. L't'd., December 10th and 11th, and R. F. Albrecht & Co., December 20th. Though the collections offered were of the usual character, a few rarities were sold, some of which I mention, with prices.

Scott's Sale:

New York 5c. variety, unused	$38 80
Barbadoes, 4d. red, white paper, unsevered pair	61 10
Br. Columbia, $1 00, green	$ 14 10
Great Britain, 8d. *brown*	31 00
Tasmania, 1853, 1d.	42 50
Trinidad, ½d. mauve and black, C. A.	13 60
Victoria, 1861, 6d. orange, *used*	24 50

Albrecht Sale:

Cape of Good Hope, 1d. carmine, wood block	12 50
Gibraltar, 1sh., bistre, unused	6 10
Nevis, 1sh. yellow-green, lithographed	6 50
Switzerland, Basle, 2½r. used	23 00
Virgin Islands, 1sh. plain border, unused	13 00

Though some stamps sold at very good prices, there were at both sales many bargains in the mixed lots and the medium grades.

Members should avail themselves of the advantages of this department.

Unsatisfactory descriptions, together with the tendency of those holding sales to decline to receive back those lots which do not reach the anticipations of the bidders, render it almost necessary to either personally examine the stamps or employ an agent to do so.

Some cataloguers are refusing positively to recognize any claim on account of the condition of stamps or errors of description.

I am not always able to obtain catalogues to supply all who ask for them and many to whom I send no doubt receive direct from the cataloguers.

I will use every effort to supply all who ask, in some way.

Several sales are in preparation, but I am not yet able to announce the dates.

If any desire, I will price their catalogues if they will send them to me at twenty-five cents for each night's sale.

W. F. GREGORY,
Auction Agent

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

CLEVELAND, January 28th, 1895.

Mr. William C. Stone, Secretary American Philatelic Association, Springfield, Mass.,

DEAR SIR:—Business has interfered with my making a regular monthly report for several months, but hope to be more punctual in the future.

I have been honored by re-election for another term as Resident Vice-President for the Cleveland district and the field here is in better shape than ever before.

Our local branch is growing steadily with a good healthy increase of the better class of collectors.

The meeting place has been changed to No. 446 The Arcade, and the new quarters are more central in location and much better adapted to the purpose than the old. We feel confident that we are rapidly reaching a realization of our hope that Cleveland will soon possess a society second to none in the country.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club will give its annual banquet at the Hotel Stillman, on Thursday, February 7th. We hope to have with us as honored guests, Mr Chas. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mr. Geo. H. Worthington, and Mr.

J. V. Painter, of this city. All American Philatelic Association members are cordially invited to participate with us.

Yours truly,
G. J. BAILEY, Res. V.-P.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., JAN. 1, 1895.

My report for this last month is very short, as I have received only one list of papers and two letters of inquiry, which were answered. I also exchanged for a member in England. I have also been asked by several members, if our worthy President contemplated a continuation of his list of U. S. philatelic papers in the near future, and if it would be published. I am sure those interested in philatelic literature would be very glad indeed to see his very useful list continued up to date.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL, M.D.
A. P. A. No. 83.

FEBRUARY, 1, 1895.

I have a very short report to make this month. I have received only one list of wants and duplicates, a package of English journals for exchange and three letters of inquiry, the last, I have answered as best I could. I also received a list of current philatelic journals from Mr. Deats, which should be valuable to the members, who try to obtain a complete file of all papers for libraries. I am compiling a price list of all the better class of English and American stamp papers and journals, as far as I can find the prices at which they are held by publishers and others, and thus I will be able to furnish members with an approximate value of a paper, if I am not able to tell them where it can be obtained. Mr. E. B. Jones who has a large library is about to publish a check list of all American philatelic papers, which will be a very great aid to the collectors of stamp literature.

H. Fraenkel, the librarian of the Berlin Philatelisten Club has issued a Chronological Table of German Philatelic Periodicals from 1863-1893. The price is 1 mark.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. N. CAMPBELL, M.D.

OBITUARY.

SAN FRANCISCO, JAN. 24, 1895.

Mr. C. W. Stone, Secretary American Philatelic Association, Springfield, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—It becomes my duty to report to the Association the death of one of our members, Lieut. James Ashley Turner No. 839, and also a member of the Pacific Philatelic Society.

First-Lieutenant Turner of the United States Marine Corps, retired, died in his rooms in the Occidental Hotel, San Francisco, on January 23rd, 1895. He had been ill for sometime, and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a widow, formerly Miss Belle Sullivan, sister of ex-Congressman Frank J. Sullivan, and one child.

The death was due to heart failure, which malady was the cause of Lieutenant Turner's retirement from the Navy about two years ago.

Deceased was appointed to the Marine Corps from Texas, July 1st, 1876, and promoted to First Lieutenant May 4th, 1885. He performed sea duty for about five years, and was afterward stationed at Mare Island, where he was retired. He was a native of Baltimore, Md., and was thirty-eight years of age at the time of his death, and of the Catholic faith. His remains now rest in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

I trust this report will be acceptable, you are at liberty to edit it as you see fit, retaining the facts.

Yours very truly,
H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY BOARD.

J. D. Rice, Chairman, Box 250, Trenton, N. J.; C. F. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lewis G. Quackenbush, 15 Madison St., Oneida, N. Y.

There has been a temporary revival of interest in oddities, errors and grotesques in certain quarters of the philatelic world, and partisans of the collecting of these ill-begotten specimens are quite formidable in numbers. Some years ago, a redemption clerk attached to the Chicago post-office sold an accumulation of sixty or seventy entire U. S. envelopes which were oddities of the most aggravated type. Mr. S. B. Bradt was the purchaser, and he in turn disposed of them to an Eastern collector. This collection consisted of albinos and part albinos; of envelopes with the impression on the flap, on the inside of the envelope, and in fact, everywhere save where it should rightly be.

A redemption clerk at a large post office has exceptional opportunities for securing stamped envelopes of an abnormal type.

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One of the accessories to a philatelic library that is esteemed most highly by the few who are so fortunate as to possess it, is the photograph that was prepared under the supervision of Major Evans some time ago, illustrative of the different dies of the U. S. envelope stamps. All the different dies were represented by envelope specimens cut square and a photographic likeness of them fixes the variations in one's mind more vividly than pages of descriptive explanation could.

As we know, it is unlawful now to photograph any U. S. stamp or to make any reproduction of it whatever. That fact tends to render these photographs the more desirable.

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It is being debated in Britain, whether or not the auctioneer who himself purchased any of the stamps he is selling for a client can, in view of his so buying serve the best interests of his customer.

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One of the most attractive and useful of the

departments of our Association to the generality of members is that presided over by Mr. J. W. Scott, the counterfeit detector. Not a few of the members have ample reason to entertain a warm regard for the department, as through its mediation they have been spared the chagrin that would have been consequent of their having expended considerable sums for cleverly counterfeited specimens.

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The Chicago Branch of the American Philatelic Association, which proudly boasts of being number one, has shaken off its long lethargy and has started on a season of prosperity. Its monthly meetings are marked by real enthusiasm.

C. E. SEVERN.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 28, 1894.

The following have come in since my last report:

No. 42. The Stamp Collector's Handbook, in last month's report, was presented by Mr. Kissinger.

No. 45. "History of the Postage Stamps of the United States," by John K. Tiffany. Bound in cloth. From C. H. Mekeel.

No. 46. Blank Stamp Album, full morocco. From C. H. Mekeel.

The only demand now seems to be for priced catalogues of auction sales from which members can copy the prices. There are scarcely any in the library. Persons who have any that they do not want will receive the thanks of the Librarian as well as of several members who need them, if they will send them in at once.

H. E. DEATS.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 29, 1895.

The following have been received since my last report:

No. 47. "Davison's Philatelic Concordance and Address Book, 1895," from Alvah Davison.

No. 48. Philatelic Diary, 1895, from H. E. Deats.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF COLLECTION AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., Feb. 1, 1895.

The total number of claims s nt me in January were twenty-eight, amount $167.33. Claims collected, one, amount $2.89. One more complaint has been sent to the Postoffice Inspectors, to try to bring to time a young man who sends for stamps, takes off what he wants, returns the balance at his leisure and fails to pay for stamps taken. My next report will make a better showing, as some claims have been paid since February, not included in this report.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent,
American Philatelic Association.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1.

Meetings held the second Thursday of each month at 1233 Masonic Temple. P. M. Wolsieffer Resident Vice-President, 75 State St.

Our Branch having been inactive for a number of months, it was resolved by several members to try and revive the old time interest. I therefore caused to be printed, and sent out two hundred and fifty notices, including an invitation to non-members to be present and join us. While the response was not what we had hoped for, yet we are satisfied with the results so far accomplished, and the presentation of six new applications from Chicago in this month's Official Circular. There was a time when Chicago was second in point of numbers, and now that Chicago is the Metropolis of the United States, there is no reason why we should not be the first in number of members, to conform with our Branch *number* ONE.

If every Chicago member will interest one other collector to join, we can in a short time double our number. Let us do it this month.

The business of our meeting is fully given in Secretary *pro tem* Severn's report, of which the following is a copy:

"Meeting of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association was held Tuesday January 15th, at 1233 Masonic Temple, the headquarters of the Chicago Philatelic Society. The meeting of the Branch was called to order by Resident Vice-President Wolsieffer at 8:15 P. M.

"The following members of the American Philatelic Association were present. Messrs. Bradt, Dahlberg, Doherty, Hanna, Nelson, Severn and Wolsieffer. Messrs. Cottlow, Massoth, Meyers, Paget and Wendt were present as visitors and prospective members.

"Mr. Wolsieffer in calling the meeting to order spoke of the prominence of the Chicago Branch in years gone by, and of the necessity of Chicago being the center of a live, flourishing organization representing the American Philatelic Association.

"Resident Vice-President Wolsieffer, was elected President of the Branch and C. E. Severn was elected Secretary *pro tem*. A permanent Secretary and Treasurer and Exchange Manager will be elected at a later meeting.

"It was decided that the Branch hold one meeting monthly on the second Thursday of each month. It was moved and carried that all literary property in possession of any members of the old Chicago Branch be turned over to the Chicago Philatelic Society.

"Adjournment was made at 10:10 P. M. Next meeting February 14th.

"C. E. SEVERN,
"Secretary *pro-tem*."

Now that we have made a good beginning, I trust every member will turn in and do his best to further the interest of the Branch, and help make it grow. Surely we can all attend one meeting per month. Let us make some sacrifices if necessary, and endeavor to be regular and punctual in our attendance. It is a benefit to

any collector to attend meetings of a Philatelic Society. You always learn something new, and it pays to keep posted, in more ways than one.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.
Resident Vice President.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
BRANCH NO. 3.

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Frank Koenig, President; H. B. Phillips, Secretary and Treasurer, 307 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Regular January meeting was held January 15th, with President Wm. J. Gardiner in the chair and ten members and two guests in attendance.

Six applications for membership were read. The secretary also reported having forwarded five applications to Secretary Stone, for membership in the American Philatelic Association.

The election of officers for 1895 resulted as follows:

Frank Koenig, President; J. C Welsh, Vice-President; H B. Phillips, Secretary-Treasurer.

The society then recommended Mr. Wm. E. Loy as Resident Vice-President of the American Philatelic Asscciation, subject to the approval of the Trustees.

The room committe were granted further time.

Two lots of Exchange Books were reported received from Supt. Mekeel since the last meeting, one having been circulated and returned, the other being in circulation.

It was determined to inaugurate the establishment of a society library by purchase, by subscription and by contributions from members and others. Any philatelic literature will be gladly received. Messrs. Sellschopp and Connor made donations to the library; accepted with thanks.

On account of removal Mr. Connor resigned as an active member and was duly elected an honorary member of the society.

After listening to an interesting paper read by Mr. Gardiner on the line engraved 1d. dies of Great Britain, the meeting adjourned.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB.
BRANCH NO. 7

Meeting held the third Wednesday of each month at the office of Mr. G. J. Bailey, 446 Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio. J. J. Overton, President; W. H. Barnum, Secretary, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The forty-fourth regular meeting was held January 23rd at 7:45 p. m. with President Overton in the chair and the following members in attendance: Messrs. Aikenhead, Brodie, Prescott, Madtes, Kress, Buerger, Graves, Tubman, Leaming, Colwell and W. H Barnum; also the following visitors, G. W. Gender, J. A. Humiston and Carl White.

Communications were read from N. P. Stockwell regarding some club matter, and from W. B. Maxson tendering his resignation as a member of the club, which, on motion, was accepted with regrets. A copy of Davison's "Philatelic Concordance and Address Book," was received with compliments of the publishers. On motion of Mr. Brodie, the secretary was instructed to tender the thanks of the club to Mr. Davison for his donation. Bill for sixty cents received from M. G. J. Bailey, which was ordered paid. On motion, the Committee on Banquet was continued and ordered to report at the next meeting.

Messrs. Leaming, Prescott and Buerger were appointed to serve on Membership Committee for 1895.

Applications were presented from J. A. Humiston, G. W. Gender and Coburn Haskell, and on committee reporting favorably, the rules were suspended and the applicants unanimously elected to membership.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

THE POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, TOLEDO, O.
BRANCH NO. 9.

Meetings held on the second Friday of each month, at 8 o'clock, p. m. P. E. Rood, President, P. J. Kranz, Secretary and Treasurer.

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 11, 1895.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on above date, President P. E. Rood, presiding. Present Messrs. Klauser, Babcock, Meyer, Machen, Lee and Kranz. The Executive Committee reported favorably upon the following candidates and they were upon motion elected to active membership: Messrs. E. J. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., and R. O. Wuerfel, T. P. Robb, Frank Weber and G. A. Kirchmaier of Toledo. Motion was made, seconded and carried that all members of the old Pomeroy Society be admitted without being charged with a membership fee. Bill of 50c for postage ordered paid. Moved and carried that a vote of thanks be extended to the Davison Publishing Company for their kind donation of the "Philatelic Concordance and Address Book."

During recess the members viewed the magnificent collection of match and medicine stamps of M. Stebbins, of Adrian, Mich., artistically arranged in a Staten Island Album.

The election of officers for the year 1895 resulted as follows:

P. E. Rood, President; F. E. Klauser, Vice-President; P. J. Kranz, Secretary and Treasurer; R. J. Machen, Librarian; Wm. Babcock, H. Meyer, C. B. Lee, Executive Committee.

A motion was made, seconded and carried, the newly elected Secretary procure all necessary stationery. There being no further business the members adiourned to meet at the residence of Dr. F. E. Klauser No. 520 Cherry Street, on February 8th, 1895.

P. J. KRANZ,
Secretary.

KANSAS CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 10.

Meetings held on alternate Mondays at No. 1204 Broadway. H. W. Bellard, President. F. J. Bescher, Vice-President; Dr. Theo. Stanley, Treasurer. E. C. Wright, Secretary; W. V. Lippincott, Supt. of Sales.

Forty-fourth regular meeting, January 21st, President, H. W. Bellard, presiding, and fourteen members present.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Committee for settling the affairs of late B.

J. Sturgis, Exchange Superintendent, declared a dividend of 75% and asked more time in which to report. Granted. On motion of Mr Lippincott, the secretary was instructed to convey to Mr. Alvah Davison, the thanks of the society for a copy of "Davison's Philatelic Concordance and Address Book."

The names of two new collectors were presented, properly vouched.

It was voted, out of regular course, to reimburse the treasurer for subscription moneys lost in transit.

Mr. Bescher was instructed to procure a suitable frame for Society Certificate. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 o'clock, for general exchange of ideas.

EDWARD C. WRIGHT,
Keith & Perry Bldg. Secretary.

PORTLAND PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, BRANCH NO. 11.

Meetings held on alternate Wednesdays. Room No. 2 Falmouth Hotel, Portland Me. G. E. Raymond, President; C. R. Lewis, Treasurer; S. T. Dow, Secretary.

Both regular meetings in January, were well attended though nothing of special interest was done. Mr. Frank L. Noble of Augusta, was a guest at the second meeting, and produced some fine stamps, among which was a horizontal strip of 3c. imperforate 1851, broken circle.

A special meeting was held January 29th. at which Mr. Howard K. Sanderson, the Secretary of the Boston society, was the guest. Mr. Sanderson produced a magnificent lot of his especial favorites, U. S. adhesives and British West Indies.

One new member admitted during the month, Mr. J. L. Carey, and others are expected.

48 State St. S. T. Dow, Sec'y.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners. Of this price the Department receives a commission of 10%.

Any member of the Association in good standing has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if he is not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, postage and registration extra, in all cases.

No.		Price.
7.	United States entire envelope 10 c 1853 green on white, scarce die, TEN in narrow label, fine used copy from Book 1035	12 00
8.	Bolivia 1867 10 c brown unused, fine copy, from Book 1049	8 00
9.	Bolivia 1857 50 c dark blue, pen marked, from book 1049	10 00
10.	Peru 1858 ½ peso yellow, fine used copy, from Book 1049	10 75
11.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 c blue worn plate used, from Book 932	6 50
12.	New South Wales, Sidney view 2 p blue used, fine copy on laid paper, discolored, from Book 932	9 00
13.	New South Wales Sidney view 3p green used, from Book 932	7 50
29.	United States 1868, 3c grille 13x16 mm, very fine on the original envelope, from Book 1146	4 50
34.	United States 1869, 24c used, from Book 1147	6 00
39.	United States, entire envelope 1853 3c wide label, die, red on white *used*, from Book 1148	15 00
43.	Baden 1864, 30 kr, orange, fine used copy, from Book 1188	2 00
45.	Newfoundland 1868, 5c. black, unused, from book 1153	2 25
46.	New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p green, used, from Book 804	6 00
48.	New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, used, from Book 804	7 50
51.	Western Australia 1854, 4p blue, uncanceled, from Book 1180	2 50
52.	Canada 1857, ½p pink unperforated, fine used copy, from Book 1227	3 00
53.	Newfoundland 1857, 6p. vermilion, fine used copy, cut and trimmed close on one side, from Book 1228	10 00
59.	Switzerland, Geneva 5c. envelope used as adhesive, corner slightly nicked, otherwise fine, from Book 856	18 75
60.	Mexico 1868, 100c. brown on brown, perforated, fine used copy, clipped on one side, from Book 856	7 50

61. Hawaiian Island 1859, 1c. blue on bluish paper, uncanceled, from Book 856..... 6 75
66. Ceylon 1861, 9p dark brown, watermarked star, fine, unused, from Book 856..... 3 75
70. Canada 1857, ½p. pink unused, fine margin, unperforated, from book 1256..... 6 00
72. United States Columbus 1892, $5.00 black, fine used copy, unperforated at top, from Book 1251..... 5 75
73. United States Columbus 1892, $1.00, fine used copy, from Book 1251..... 6 00
75. United States Justice, 30c., good used copy, perforations clipped at one side, from Book 1255..... 6 00
78. United States Entire Envelope, 1853, 3c., wide straight label, fine used copy, from Book 1261..... 14 00
80. New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p. green, fine used copy, from Book 1260..... 9 50
84. Western Union Telegraph Frank 1876, unused, from Book 1265..... 3 50
86. Alligator Match Company, 1c. blue rouletted, unused, from Book 1272..... 3 50
87. United States 1868, 24c. grilled, strip of three, unused with original gum, very fine, from Book 1272..... 20 00
88. United States Columbus 1892, $1 00, unused, with original gum, from Book 1275..... 6 00
89. Western Union Telegraph Frank, 1881, unused, from Book 1275..... 3 30
93. United States Carrier 1851, 1c. black, Horseman on original cover, uncanceled, fine, from Book 1308..... 4 50
96. United States, Providence, 5c. unused, from Book 1308..... 4 00
105. United States Entire Envelope, 3c., wide straight label, on ladies' note size, used, but stamp uncanceled, the whole thing a magnificent specimen, from Bock 1325.. 15 00
110. United States, State Dept. 90c, fine used copy, from Book 1325..... 4 00
113. Brazil 1891 100 reis, blue and red, head inverted, unused, from Book 1330..... 7 50
114. Bolivia 1869, 500c. black, 9 stars, unused, from Book 1330..... 11 00
115 Transvaal 1877, 1p. red, unsevered rouletted pair, unused, from Book 1330..... 15 00
118. United States 1867, 3c grilled all over, used on original cover, corner slightly nicked and stamp somewhat soiled, otherwise magnificent copy, from Book, 1330..... 13 00
119 Western Union Telegraph Frank 1882, from Book 1148..... 2 10
120. Nevada State Revenue, complete series, 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c., $1.00, $5 00, $10 00, $20 00, all unused, from Book 1148..... 10 00
123. Nova Scotia, 6 pence dark green, fine, used on envelope, from Book 1312..... 6 50
127. United States Local, Jenkin's Camden Dispatch, 1 sheet of 50 unused originals, Scott's No. 1885, from Book 1329..... 12 50
129 New Brunswick, 3 pence, used on original cover, fine, from Book 1330..... 2 50
133. United States, Periodical $3, vermilion, unused unsevered pair, fine, from Book 1365... 9 00
134. United States 1847, 10c black, used, fine, from Book 1398..... 2 75
136. United States 1857, 5c brown, fine, used, from Book 1398..... 2 70
137. United States 1861, 5c yellow, fine, used, from Book 1398..... 4 40
138. United States 1868, 3c grilled 12½x16 mm. fine, used, from Book 1398..... 4 00
140. United State envelope cut square, 1853, 3c wide die on white, used, good specimen, but the embossed head has been fastened in by hinges; otherwise fine specimen, from Book 1398..... 8 00
141 United States envelope cut square, 1860, 4c (1c and 3c) blue and red on white, fin , used, from Book 1398..... 8 00
142. United States envelope cut square 1853, 6c red on buff, used, fine, from Book 1898..... 2 25
143 United States Treasury Department, 7c, unused, from Book 1398..... 1 00
144 United States Agricultural Department 12c, unused, from Book 1398..... 4 40
146. United States State Department, 2c. used, fine, from Book 1383..... 1 95
147. United States Treasury Department, 24c. used, fine, from Book 1385..... 3 25
148. United States Carrier Horseman, 1c red, cancelled with pencil mark, from Book 1399.. 9 00
149. Wurtemburg 1858, 18 kr., blue, used, very fine, from Book 1399..... 3 00
150. Japan 1874, 4c rose, unused, from Book 1399..... 4 00
151. Wurtemburg 1866, 18 kr., used, fine but for a slight nick at the bottom, from Book 1399. 3 00
152. United States Local, Griffin's Baltimore Despatch, 1c black, uncancled, from Book 1477..... 10 00
153. United States Carrier Stamp, Type A 17, Scott's 55th Edition 1c. gold on black, uncancelled, on piece of envelope, from Book 1477..... 14 00
154. United States Carrier, 1851, Horseman 1c red, cancelled with pencil mark, from Book 1477..... 9 00
155. United States State Department, 2c. used, from Book 1385..... 1 90
156. United States Carrier, 1851, Horseman, 1c black, very fine used copy on envelope, postmark covering both stamps, from Book 1477..... 10 50
158. United States Executive Department, 1c. fine used copy but no perforation at top, from Book 1486..... 4 50
159. United States, Executive Department, 2c. fine used copy, from Book 1486..... 5 00
160. United States Executive Department, 3c. fine used copy, from Book 1486..... 4 25
161. United States Executive Department, 10c. slight cut in the perforations at top, from Book 1486..... 6 25

162.	United States Agriculture Department, 10c. unused, from Book 1486	3 00
163.	United States Agriculture Department 12c. fine used copy, from Book 1486	3 50
164.	United States Newspaper, 1865, 10c. reprint, slight tear in perforation on one side, from Book 1486	2 20
165.	Brazil 1844, 180r. used, cut to shape and having slight crack, from Book 1511	6 00
166.	Brazil 1844, 300r. used, cut to shape and having slight crack, from Book 1511	10 00
167.	Brazil 1844, 600r. fine used copy but cut to shape, catalogued at $25 00, from Book 1511	12 00
168.	Newfoundland 1863, 4 pence, lake, used, from Book 1505	2 00
169.	Bavaria 1840, 1kr black, fine used copy, from Book 1510	3 00
170.	United States, 1869, 24 cents, fine used copy, from Book 1506	6 00
171.	United States, 1869, 24c. used, with a slight defect and ink blot in the center, from Book 1512	4 75
172.	New Orleans Provisional, 5c. brown on white, used, on original cover, from Book 1544	3 00
173.	New Orleans Provisional, 5c brown on blue, used, on original cover, from Book 1544	3 00
174.	Uuited States Envelope cut square, 1853, 3c. red, rare Die 4, fine used copy, whole corner of envelope, from Book 1543	7 50
175.	U. S. Cartier, 1851 Horseman 1c. black, fine used copy from Book 1543	3 25
176.	United States 1870, 10c. chocolate, fine grill, stamp unused with original gum, piece has been torn out of the top by hinge, but neatly replaced, from Book 1543	3 50
177.	United States 1851, 5c. brown, used on envelope in connection with the 1 cent 1855; the 5 cents is a magnificent copy in every respect, being perfect and lightly cancelled from Book 1543	8 00
178.	Hanover 1856, 3p. rose, black net work, used, from Book 1540	2 75
179.	Wurtemburg 1869, 70kr. violet, fine used copy, from Book 1540	5 00
180.	United States 1870, 6c. cochineal red, with part of the grill showing on each side of the stamp, fine used copy, from Book 1594	4 00
181.	Bahamas 1850, unsevered pair of 1d. pale lake, used on original cover, catalogued $20.00 each, from Book 1594	25 00
182.	United States 1890, 5c. *error*, dark brown, unused, original gum, from Book 1594	30 00
183.	Wurtemburg 1851, 18kr., black on violet, extremely fine, used copy, from Book 1594	5 75
184.	Bahamas 1850, 1d. pale lake, unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 1594	7 50
185.	Canada 1897, ½d. unperforated, unused, from Book 1586	4 60
186.	New Brunswick, one-half of 10c vermilion, cut diagonal, used as 5 cents on original cover, good cancellation, from Book 1586	11 50
187.	Canada 1860, 10c. brown on white, entire unused envelope, from Book 1586	5 00
188.	Newfoundland 1866, 5c brown, good copy but not evenly centered, from Book 1586	4 60
189.	Nova Scotia 1851, 1d. red-brown, uncancelled, slightly nicked, but good copy, from Book 1586	5 00
190.	Newfoundland 1863, 2d. lake, unused, fine, from Book 1586	4 20
191.	British Columbia 1868, 25c. orange, perforated 12½ unused fine copy, from Book 1586	12 00
192.	British Columbia 1868, 50c. violet, perforated 12½, unused, fine copy, from Book 1586	12 50
193.	British Columbia 1868, 5c. bright red, perforated 12½, unused, fine copy, from Book 1586	14 50
194.	Newfoundland, 1867 5c, black, fine used copy, from Book 1586	2 60
195.	Nova Scotia 1851, 1d. red-brown, fine used copy, from Book 1586	5 20
196.	Newfoundland 1857, 5c. black, fine used copy, unperforated at the bottom, from Book 1586	2 40
197.	Great Britain 1840, 1p. black, Mulready Letter Sheet, entire and used, from Book 1586	4 50
198.	United States 1847, 10c. black, unperforated horizontal pair, red cancellation, fine, from Book 1586	7 50
199.	Confederate States 1862, 10c. rose, used, fine, from Book 1598	2 00
200.	Straits Settlements 1883, 8c on 12c. blue, black surcharge, fine, used, from Book 1607	3 25
201.	United States Newspaper 1865, 10c. used, slightly defective, but very scarce in this condition, ferom Book 1610	6 00
202.	U. S. Local Brooklyn City Expres, 2c. black on blue, unperforated, fine used copy on piece of envelope, from Book 1910	1 75
203.	U. S. Local City Despatch Post, 3c. black on white, fine used copy, red postmark, from Book 1610	9 50
204.	United States 1860, 90c., fine used copy, red postmark, very rare, from Book 1610	15 10

G. D. MEKEEL,

SALES SUPERINTENDENT,

STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—MARCH, 1895.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends August 31st.

All application for insertion in the next Circular must therefore be accompanied by a deposit of $1.34, and must reach the Secretary not later than April 1st.

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS, ETC.

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289 HEUSINGER, EDW. W., Box 1025, San Antonio, Tex.
660 MUIR, W. E., 300 Wellington St., Montreal, P. Q.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

BALL, W. L., Richmond, P. Q., Canada.
References: G. D. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

BOOKER, W. E, Worcester, Mass
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

CRAIG, W. J., Augusta, Georgia.
References: G. D. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

DROWN, FRANK H, 20 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
References: A. R. Rogers, William C Stone.

DUCKWORTH, L. C., 80 Woodland St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.
Guarantor: Mrs. C. S. Duckworth.

GILLMAYR, EDGAR, Box 418, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic.
References, E. Doeblin, A. Buckholtz.

GRANT, WILLARD W., 7 Parkis St., Providence, R. I.
References: F. E. Newbury, C. W. Bowen

GRAVES, NATHAN R, 2 Wieting Block, Syracuse, N. Y.
References: J. H. McClain, William C. Stone.

HARRINGTON, C. C, Colorado Iron Works, Denver, Colo.
References: Jos. S. Davis, Edward H. Hall.

HARRIS, F. M., 814 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

HARRIS, HOWARD P., 4½ Northey St., Salem, Mass.
References: Henry F. King, Howard K Sanderson.

LAWRENCE, WM. J., Kalamazoo, Mich.
References: C. H. Mekeel, I. A. Mekeel.

MILLER, L. H., 2715 North Robey St., Chicago, Ill.

NEWLAND, JAMES A, 2293 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal.
References. H. B. Phillips, W. Sellschopp.

REDFIELD, HENRY S. (Stedman & Redfield), Hartford, Conn.
References: Geo. B. Newton, W. H. Bruce.

RENSCH, A., 1615 Lincoln Ave., Denver, Colo.
References: Edward H. Hall, Joseph S. Davis.

RICHARDSON, FREDK. P., Box 304, Salem, Mass.
References: Henry F. King, Howard K. Sanderson.

ROBERTS, REUBEN, 24 Bay St., Springfield, Mass.
References: William C. Stone, Arthur C. Eddy.
Guarantor, James B. Roberts.

SAXTON, WILL G., First National Bank, Canton, Ohio.
References: Alvah Davison, John W. Scott.

SCHRADER, C. G., Box 7, Knoxville, Tenn.
References: S. B. Boyd, Chas. Waring.

SIMMONS, W. CLAYTON, Box 972, Hartford, Conn.
References: Geo. B. Newton, W. H. Bruce.

STIMPSON, FRANK E., 28 Sever St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

THOREAU, J. W. 1723 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
References: Edward H. Hall, Joseph S. Davis.

TOOMBS, J. EVERETT, 492 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

WENDT, F., 63 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn.

WHEELER, DR. CHARLES D., 49 Pearl St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

WOODWARD A. C., 883 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

YOUNG, FRANCIS E., 54 Queen St., Worcester, Mass.
References: Frederic Forehand, Walter L. Brown.

ZAHN, J. E., 23 Cass & Graham Blk, Denver, Colo.
References: Edward H. Hall, Jos. S. Davis.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

927 BAILEY, WM. O., Junction City, Kas.
928 BRILL, GEO. E., 15th and Bremen Sts., Cincinnati, Ohio.
929 CANRIGHT, C. F., Two Rivers, Wis.
930 COAD, JOHN S., Box 783, Butte, Mont.
931 CONWAY, GEO. F., 464 Eighth Ave., Station F., San Francisco, Cal.
932 FIGUET, J., 2 Rue Madagascar, Paris, France.
933 FOX, JACOB W., Pottsville, Penn.
934 GREGORY, GEO., Clarendon Hills, Ill.
935 HARTSHORN, J. W., Sedalia, Mo.
936 HOPKINS, S. B., 75 State St., Chicago, Ill.
937 MCKIM, ROBERT, A., Room 213, 280 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
938 MICHAEL, FRED, 250 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.
939 MOORE, A. M., Greenfield, Mass.
940 MOSLER, MAX, 92 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
941 PAGET, EVERY, 309 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.
942 POWER, E. B., 3642 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill.
943 REYNOLDS, JOHN N., 1138 The Rookery, Chicago, Ill.
944 ROBB, T. P. Jr., 39 Thirteenth St., Toledo, Ohio.
945 ROSENTHAL, EDWARD, 2713 Indiana Ave., Chicago, Ill.
946 SMITH, ELIZABETH H., Wind Gap, Penn.
947 STAMM, SIGMUND, 1131 Walnut St., McKeesport, Penn.
948 STEBBINS, EDW. J., 11 East Maumee St., Adrian, Mich.
949 STUART, WM. M., Box 274, Lawrence, Mass.
950 THOMPSON, J. L., 269 Morrison St., Portland, Oregon.
951 WALTON, FRANKLIN M., 520 Bailey St., Camden, N. J.
952 WILSON, H. E., 309 Times Building, Pittsburg, Penn.
953 WILSON, HARRY, 156 St. Mark's Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
954 WOODWARD, FRANK T., Northampton, Mass.
955 WUERFEL, RALPH O., 823 Erie St., Toledo, Ohio.

REINSTATED.

619 WING, SIGMUND, L., Coldwater, Mich.

MORE PROMPTNESS.

Members are urged to send in applications as much before the first of the month as possible. And the same remark will also apply to the monthly reports of the different officers and branch societies. The delay in the appearance of the Circular for the past few months has been largely due to having to wait for these reports. Every officer and branch should have a report each month and it should be in the hands of the Secretary not later than the first day of the month. Please bear this in mind hereafter.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership Jan. 10.....	825
Added since.....	29
Reinstated.....	1
Present membership.....	855

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary,
384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.
March 4, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

J. D. Rice, Chm. Lit. Bd Acct Adv. *Am. Philatelist*.....	30 35	
S. Leland, Chm Lit. Bd. 1893-94.....	21 46	
Dues Coll. Feby. 1 to 28, 1895	48 30	
		$100 11

EXPENDITURES.

Due Treasurer Jany. 31, 1895	43 82	
Postage February Circular..	8 76	
Dues returned, application not accepted.....	68	
Treasurer Postage and Expense.....	10 02	
West Virginia Annual State Tax.....	10 00	
		73 28
Cash balance, Feby. 28, 1895.		26 83

STOCK FUND—RECEIPTS.

Amount at Credit, Jany. 31, 1895.....	913 00	
Cash received Feby. 1 to 28, 1895.....	29 00	
		942 00

EXPENDITURES.

Deposit returned, application not accepted.....	1 00
At Credit February 28, 1895.....	941 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 31, 1894	$ 55 00

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

Collinsville, Ill., Feby. 28, 1895.

Members who have not remitted dues for the current year are notified that bills have been mailed them since March 1st, and that the names of those resident in the U. S. and Canada who do not remit before the April Circular goes to press, will then be dropped for nonpayment of dues.

Thirty days additional time will be allowed members resident in Europe.

The lists of those members who are dropped for failure to remit as above will be given in the April and May circulars.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, February 28, 1895.

During the month of February, I received ninty-seven books for circulationin the Sales Department, the gross value of which was ..... $ 2,854.47.

Previously acknowledged, gross value	38,097.55
	$40,952.02
Books retired as per previous report	20,965.36
	$19,986.66
81 books retired in Feby. gross value	2,551 23
Value of stamps now in circulation	$17,435.43

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $873 61, or 34 ¼ %. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of February were $932.21.

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of December, were as follows:

194 Blank Books.....	$19.40
7,000 Control Stamps.....	7.00
	$26.40

The sales from the advertised list in last month's Official Circular amounted to $120.30. Members having desirable stamps for sale should send them in to the Department. All such stamps should be mounted in books, in the regular way.

The stamps advertised, will be sent to any responsible member of the Association on approval, provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee.

Members sending cash in advance, will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory can be returned.

When ordering blank books and control stamps members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each one hundred control stamps.

The Department wants more books of United States Revenues, United States postage stamps and British Colonials, as well as other books of high grade stamps. Collectors that are becoming specialists and disposing of parts of their collections, can not do better than to place them in books for sale through this Department. The blank books have spaces for 120 stamps, and are furnished at 10c each. The Department charges a commission of 10% on the net sales, Members may mark their stamps as they see fit, placing them at *net* prices. Where stamps have been marked intelligently, the sales have always been very satisfactory.

With regard to the correspondence published in the last Circular, with the counterfeit detector, will say that Mr. J. W. Scott has replied, and I make the following quotation from his letter:

"I am much surprised at its contents, and much regret that you have a just cause for complaint.

"No such remarks as you quote were made in our offices, and I am very sorry that my son should have been so foolish as to make such uncalled for remarks, which were perfectly groundless."

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,

ST. LOUIS, February 28, 1895.

The following remittances were received as deposits on account of new issues during the month of February:

C. P. Krauth	$ 5 00
N. E. Carter	15 00
J. T. Callender	50 00
H. E. Deats	15 00
W. S. Fraser	30 50
W. E. Muir	10 00
J. M. Andreini	100 00
W. R. Baird	15 00
J. Cabot	20 00
H. A. Cheney	5 00
C. H. Hobbs	10 00
	$ 275 50
Previously acknowledged	3,326 94
	$3,602 44
New issues supplied	$2,762 00
Balance to credit of members	$ 940 44

During the last month I remitted francs 1,000 francs for the complete set of Djibouti stamps from 5c to the 50 francs denomination. This order included all members whose deposits at the time of the remittance was large enough to justify the order. If every member who is participating in the Department, had had sufficient funds to his credit, the order would have been over 5,000 francs. Members whose deposits are not sufficient to secure any new stamps on the dates I make my orders, will be considered to have been supplied, and the Department will make no further effort to secure these particular new issues for them. This shows the necessity of keeping good deposits on hand.

I hope every member participating in this Department, who did not read my report in the February Circular, will refer to it and read it carefully. In this connection, I will state that an error appeared in my report with regard to Mr. F. Trifet, who is reported as a subscriber to everything up to and including $5.00. It should have been one specimen of $5 00 and two specimens of everything up to and including $1.25. His credit balance to January 31st, was $16.03 instead of $1.84, as reported; the latter having been his balance on February 15th. Mr. Trifet has since reduced the amount of his order to include one specimen of all stamps up to $1 25 in face value and two specimens to the face value of 50c., and renewed his deposit, which will appear in the March report.

I hope that all members of the Department who are recorded as having no limit, or a high limit of face value to orders, will either limit their orders to stamps of lower denomination or largely increase their deposits.

The Department has an order out for the full set of the new Mexican stamps, Orange Free States new series, Zululand new series, South African Republic new series, as well as single new issues from many other countries. The receipt of the stamps above mentioned would more than exhaust the credit of nine-tenths of our depositors, and there are other new stamps that have been announced for some weeks, that I am still waiting for funds with which to order.

The following new stamps and postal cards have been supplied to members since I last reported:

Bosnia, ½n.

Brazil, 500, 700 and 1000r.

British Bechuanaland, 1 penny and 1 shilling Provisionals.

Colombia, 5 centavos

Guatemala, 1 c. on 5 c. Provisional.

Johore, 1 c.

Liberia, $1, $2 and $5 surcharged "O. S."

New Zealand Letter-card 1½ p.

Panama, 1 c. and 5 c. Provisionals.

Porto Rico, 20 c. and 40 c.

South African Republic, 1, 2 and 6 p. and 1 sh.

Straits Settlements, 3 on 32 c. Provisional 8 c. and 12 c. new color.

I announced in last Circular that I would order a complete set of Portuguese Colonies stamps on March 1st, but that it would be necessary for me to have at least twenty-eight orders. I am sorry to say that the orders on hand were for only seven sets, therefore I notified members that I shall make no effort to get this series, as it is necessary for me to buy twenty-eight sets in order to get them at the Colonial Department in Lisbon.

The complete series of the U. S. envelopes containing new watermark will be supplied members upon request, cost of the set is $1.50, for the fifty-nine varieties, postage and regular commission extra.

The department can supply well centered specimens of the new $1, $2, and $5 stamps.

I have shown by my recent reports in figures the reasons this Department can not be made a success unless liberally supported by a larger number of members than are now participating

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF COLLECTION AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., March 6, 1895.

I have received during the month of February two claims for collection amounting to $49.45.

During the month I have collected six old claims amounting to $21.81. I have also tried to stir up some of the Postoffice Inspectors, but with what result, remains to be seen.

Very truly yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent,
American Philatelic Association.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Feb. 26, 1895.

No receipts for February.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY BOARD.

J. D. Rice, Chairman, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.; C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lewis G. Quackenbush, 15 Madison St., Oneida, N. Y.

The more important of the great juvenile papers have their philatelic departments, which

are under the editorship of authorities on stamp collecting.

That brainy man, Mr. Alvah Davison, Vice-President of the American Philatelic Association was the pioneer who blazed the way, for he was the first to assume editorial supervision over a stamp page in a standard magazine, *Harper's Young People*. Other caterers to the literary tastes of girls and boys then exploited this new departure in their publications, and now the youth of the land have philately brought to their notice in a royal way. Philately is being strengthened by the addition of hundreds of bright minded young folk to its legions, in consequence.

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Mr. J. D. Rice is wise, for he knows the value of time. Already he is preparing data and securing contributors for the year book of 1896, and indications augur that the next annual publication of the Association will fulfill the most sanguine expectations.

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The majority of collectors preserve files of a few of the better class of philatelic magazines. The other stamp papers to which they subscribe or receive as sample copies are either destroyed or lost sight of after a casual reading. These collectors should possess a philatelic scrap book, wherein they could enter occasional clippings of value culled from the papers they do not feel justified in filing, for among much chaff there is always some wheat. A well regulated scrap book becomes a source of profit and satisfaction to the philatelist, in the course of a few years.

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A well-known dealer, when asked why he never attended any of the meetings of the various philatelic societies in his city, replied, that during the day he was surrounded with stamps, talked nothing but stamps, saw nothing but stamps, and bought and sold nothing but stamps; consequently, at his hour for closing the business of the day, he felt glad to have a respite from stamps and collectors until the morrow, without seeking the company of stamps and philatelists in the evening.

C. E. SEVERN.

COUNTERFETS.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Information has just reached the department of what seems to be an attempt to perpetrate a fraud upon collectors. A lithographic establishment in the East was recently approached by a person who is evidently a dealer in stamps and asked to make a facsimile of the Confederate 10 cent stamp of the 1862 issue, printing some 40,000 copies in both blue and rose. The offer was however, declined. Collectors are urged to be careful about purchasing such stamps and to report to the Trustees any frauds in this line that they may discover, as it is quite possible that the party may try elsewhere. If necessary the name and address of the person above referred to can be given. They will be furnished to the Trustees who are considering an action against the person for other misdeeds committed when he was a member of the association.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1.

Meetings held the second Thursday of each month at 1233 Masonic Temple. P. M. Wolsieffer President, 75 State St. Every Paget, Secretary and Treasurer, 309 Jackson Boulevard. W. H. McDonald Exchange Supt., 2600 Indiana Ave.

The second regular meeting of Chicago Branch Number One of the American Philatelic Association, was called to order on the evening of February 14th, at 8:45 P. M., by President Wolseiffer.

Roll call found the following members present: Messrs. Wolseiffer, Severn, Bradt, McDonald, Massoth, Michael, Wendt, Paget and Cottlow.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Every Paget was elected Secretary and Treasurer, and Mr. W. H. McDonald Exchange Superintendent for the ensuing year.

There being no regular dues of this branch, a collection was taken to defray expenses of the Secretary's office.

President Wolseiffer donated the expenses of this and the previous meeting, which donation was accepted with thanks.

Mr W. H. McDonald displayed a complete collection of the stamps of the British West Indies, the completeness of which was a marvel to all present. He also displayed a very tempting collection of Match and Medicine Stamps, and a practically complete collection of United States Revenues. Of the latter he had an imperforated, part perforated, perforated and a proof of every stamp.

There being no other business on hand, meeting adjourned at 9:15 P. M., to meet again March 14th, at 8 P. M.

EVERY PAGET,
Secretary.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.,

BRANCH NO. 3.

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Frank Koenig, President; J. C. Welsh, Vice-President; H. B. Phillips, Secretary and Treasurer, 307 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

Regular meeting for February was held on Tuesday evening, 19th inst. with President Frank Koenig in the chair.

Two gentlemen were elected to active membership in the society, one application was received and one resignation was read and accepted with regret. The death of one member, Lieut. James Ashley Turner, was announced, a page dedicated to his memory was ordered in the minute book of the society.

It was *Resolved* "That the Pacific Philatelic Society look with disfavor upon the practice of the Superintendent of Sales of removing stamps from books sent in for circulation in his department, and advertising same in the Official Circular.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this society that he be debarred from that privilege.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Resident Vice-President of the American Philatelic Association for transmission to the Board of Directors, of said Association

Mr. Gardiner read an important original article on the 12c. 1870-75 stamp of the U. S., illustrated by numerous specimens from the collections of fellow members, Messrs. Luff and Cooper, supplemented by his own. Mr. Crocker exhibited a copy of the 5c. 1890 U. S. in the color of the 4c. that came from the Ohio post-office, it was pronounced by all present as a genuine error in mint condition. He also showed his collection of Hawaiians which included a 13c. Missionary and a 5c. Missionary on original cover.

Mr. Cooper showed strips of various U. S. showing Bank Note imprints.

Messrs. Koenig and Gardiner displayed a choice collection of the Leeward Islands group.

The secretary reported progress in Library matters; that a number of subscriptions had been sent out, and a number of donations had been received. The secretary was directed to call the attention of auctioneers, publishers and others to the advantage of placing catalogues, etc., on file in the Library. The secretary's local address is now 48 Market street, and all matter intended for the Library should be sent to his care.

The secretary reported having completed the circulation of three circuits, and that the fourth is now in circulation with the expectation of supplying at least two circuits per month in the future.

Philatelic matters were reported as steadily increasing in importance on the Pacific Coast and particularly in San Francisco, where collectors of mature years and comfortable purses are being attracted to our society and the American Philatelic Association.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

Februray 21, 1895.

KANSAS CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY BRANCH NO. 10 A. P. A.

H. W. Bellard, President; Edward C. Wright, Secretary.

Forty-sixth regular meeting February 4, 1895. President in chair, eight members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. L. L. Seibel, care Badger Lumber Co., and Mr. I. H. Fetty, same address, were elected to active membership. Mr. F. J. Bescher reported a request from Mr. Lewis M. Lange for copy of constitution and by-laws which the secretary was instructed to furnish. The meeting then adjourned.

Forty-seventh regular meeting February 18, 1895. President in chair, eight members present. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. There being no business to come before the meeting it resolved itself into an admiration society for our excellent Exchange Superintendent who renders us, independent of his office, many services. A long discussion of our proposed auction sale followed an adjournment.

EDWARD C. WRIGHT,
Secretary.

GARFIELD PERRY STAMP CLUB.
BRANCH NO. 7.

Meeting held the third Wednesday of each month at the office of Mr. G. J. Bailey, 446 Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio. J. J. Overton, President; W. H. Barnum, Secretary, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The forty-fifth regular meeting was called to order at 8:15 P. M., February 20th, with President Overton in the chair and the following members in attendence: Messrs. Bailey, Kress, Brodie, Tubman, Madtes, Prescott, Buerger, Gender and W. H. Barnum. Arthur Odell, Carl White, H. Pears and N. J. Harris were the guests of the evening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Bill of $6 25 was received from the Banquet Committee and ordered paid.

Upon the suggestion of the Secretary the following gentlemen were dropped for nonpayment of dues: Frank Putz, G. T. Street, M. Hitchcock and R. H. Schauffler. The applications of Arthur Odel, H. B. Odell, Carl White, N. J. Harris, Henry Pears and Frank Reed, were posted and will be acted on at the next meeting.

Auction sale netted some good prices, after which those present inspected a beautiful selection of stamps from H. K. Sanderson, of Lynn, Mass. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P. M.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH NO. 5.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa. E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa., President; A. E. Daum, 421 Wood St., Pittsburgh Pa., Secy-Treas.; Anton Platz, Room 44, 96 4th Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., Branch Manager of Exchange.

The thirty-first monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch, No. 5, American Philatelic Association, was held Thursday evening, February 14th, at 25 Sixth Avenue, President E. Doeblin, presiding.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Ten members and five visitors were present.

Committee appointed to adjust errors in the Official Year Book report that a key had been published whereby all errors were explained and their work was no longer required.

Committee discharged, with the thanks of the Branch, for work done.

Mr. Albert Stauffer suspended from Branch Membership.

On regular motion put and carried the Treasurer authorized to subscribe to the guarantee fund of the *Vertrauliches Correspondenz Blatt*.

Owing to press of personal business, Mr. Geo. W. Rode finds it impossible to give his attention to the Exchange Department, and therefore tendered his resignation as Manager of Branch Exchange Department, which was accepted with many regrets. Mr. Rode was given the warmest thanks of all members of the Branch for the faithfulness with which he discharged his duties as manager.

Mr. Anton Platz nominated and elected to fill the unexpired term.

After a pleasant discussion of matters philatelic the meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

SALES DEPARTMENT

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The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners. Of this price the Department receives a commission of 10%.

Any member of the Association in good standing has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if he is not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, postage and registration extra, in all cases.

No.		Price.
53.	Newfoundland 1857, 6p. vermilion, fine used copy, trimmed close on one side, from Book 1228	10 00
59.	Switzerland, Geneva 5c. envelope used as adhesive, corner slightly nicked, otherwise fine, from Book 856	13 75
60.	Mexico 1868, 100c brown on brown, perforated, fine used copy, clipped on one side, from Book 856	7 50
66.	Ceylon 1861, 9p dark brown, watermarked star, fine, unused, from Book 856	3 75
70.	Canada 1857, ½p pink unused, fine margin, unperforated, from book 1256	6 00
72.	United States Columbus 1892, $5.00 black, fine used copy, unperforated at top, from Book 1251	5 75
73.	United States Columbus 1892, $1.00, fine used copy, from Book 1251	6 00
75.	United States Justice, 30c good used copy, perforations clipped at one side, from Book 1255	6 00
78.	United States Entire Envelope, 1853, 3c. wide straight label, fine used copy, from Book 1261	14 00
80.	New South Wales, Sydney View, 3p green, fine used copy, from Book 1260	9 50
88.	United States Columbus 1892, $1.00, unused, with original gum, from Book 1275	6 00
96.	United States, Providence, 5c. unused, from Book 1308	4 00
105.	United States Entire Envelope, 3c. wide straight label, on ladies' note size, used, but stamp uncanceled, the whole thing a magnificent specimen, from Book 1325	15 00
113.	Brazil 1891 100 reis, blue and red, head inverted, unused, from Book 1330	7 50
115.	Transvaal 1877, 1p. red, unsevered rouletted pair, unused, from Book 1330	15 00
120.	Nevada State Revenue, complete series, 2, 4, 5, 10, 25, 50c., $1.00, $5.00, $10.00, $20.00, all unused, from Book 1148	10 00
123.	Nova Scotia, 6 pence dark green, fine, used on envelope, from Book 1312	6 50
127.	United States Local, Jenkin's Camden Dispatch, 1 sheet of 50 unused originals, Scott's No. 1885, from Book 1320	12 50
136.	United States 1857, 5c brown, fine, used, from Book 1398	2 70
137.	United States 1861, 5c. yellow, fine, used, from Book 1398	4 40
141.	United States envelope cut square, 1860, 4c. (1c. and 3c.) blue and red on white, fine, used, from Book 1398	8 00
142.	United States envelope cut square 1853, 6c. red on buff, used, fine, from Book 1898	2 25
143.	United States Treasury Department, 7c. unused, from Book 1398	1 00
144.	United States Agricultural Department 12c. unused, from Book 1398	4 40
146.	United States State Department, 2c. used, fine, from Book 1383	1 95
147.	United States Treasury Department, 24c. used, fine, from Book 1385	3 25
148.	United States Carrier Horseman, 1c. red, cancelled with pencil mark, from Book 1399	9 00
150.	Japan 1874, 4c rose, unused, from Book 1399	4 00
152.	United States Local, Griffin's Baltimore Despatch, 1c. black, uncancled, from Book 1477	10 00
153.	United States Carrier Stamp, Type A 17, Scott's 55th Edition, 1c. gold on black, uncancelled, on piece of envelope, from Book 1477	14 00
154.	United States Carrier, 1851, Horseman 1c. red, cancelled with pencil mark, from Book 1477	9 00
155.	United States State Department, 2c. used, from Book 1385	1 90
156.	United States Carrier, 1851, Horseman, 1c black, very fine used copy on envelope, postmark covering both stamps, from Book 1477	10 50

158. United States Executive Department, 1c. fine used copy but no perforation at top, from Book 1486 ..... 4 50
159. United States, Executive Department, 2c. fine used copy, from Book 1486 ..... 5 00
160. United States Executive Department, 3c. fine used copy, from Book 1486 ..... 4 25
161. United States Executive Department, 10c. slight cut in the perforations at top, from Book 1486 ..... 6 25
165. Brazil 1844, 180r. used, cut to shape and having slight crack, from Book 1511 ..... 6 00
166. Brazil 1844, 300r. used, cut to shape and having slight crack, from Book 1511 ..... 10 00
167. Brazil 1844, 600r. fine used copy but cut to shape, catalogued at $25 00, from Book 1511 12 00
168. Newfoundland 1863, 4 pence, lake, used, from Book 1505 ..... 2 00
170. United States, 1869, 24 cents, fine used copy, from Book 1506 ..... 6 00
171. United States, 1869, 24c. used, with a slight defect and ink blot in the center, from Book 1512 ..... 4 75
172. New Orleans Provisional, 5c. brown on white, used, on original cover, from Book 1544 3 00
173. New Orleans Provisional, 5c brown on blue, used, on original cover, from Book 1544 .. 3 00
174. United States Envelope cut square, 1853, 3c. red, rare Die 4, fine used copy, whole corner of envelope, from Book 1543 ..... 7 50
175. U. S. Carrier, 1851 Horseman 1c. black, fine used copy from Book 1543 ..... 3 25
177. United States 1851, 5c. brown, used on envelope in connection with the 1 cent 1855; the 5 cents is a magnificent copy in every respect, being perfect and lightly cancelled from Book 1543 ..... 8 00
180. United States 1870, 6c. cochineal red, with part of the grill showing on each side of the stamp, fine used copy, from Book 1594 ..... 4 00
181. Bahamas 1850, unsevered pair of 1d. pale lake, used on original cover, catalogued $20.00 each, from Book 1594 ..... 25 00
182. United States 1890, 5c. *error*, dark brown, unused, original gum, from Book 1594 .... 30 00
183. Wurtemburg 1851, 18kr., black on violet, extremely fine, used copy, from Book 1594 .... 5 75
184. Bahamas 1850, 1d. pale lake, unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 1594 ..... 7 50
185. Canada 1897, ½d unperforated, unused, from Book 1586 ..... 4 60
186. New Brunswick, one-half of 10c vermilion, cut diagonal, used as 5 cents on original cover, good cancellation, from Book 1586 ..... 11 50
187. Canada 1860, 10c. brown on white, entire unused envelope, from Book 1586 ..... 5 00
189. Nova Scotia 1851, 1d. red-brown, uncancelled, slightly nicked, but good copy, from Book 1586 ..... 5 00
190. Newfoundland 1863, 2d. lake, unused, fine, from Book 1586 ..... 4 20
191. British Columbia 1868, 25c. orange, perforated 12½ unused fine copy, from Book 1586 ..... 12 00
192. British Columbia 1868, 50c violet, perforated 12½, unused, fine copy, from Book 1586 ..... 12 50
193. British Columbia 1868, 5c. bright red, perforated 12½, unused, fine copy, from Book 1586 ..... 14 50
194. Newfoundland, 1867 5c, black, fine used copy, from Book 1586 ..... 2 60
196. Newfoundland 1857, 5c. black, fine used copy, unperforated at the bottom, from Book 1586 ..... 2 40
197. Great Britain 1840, 1p. black, Mulready Letter Sheet, entire and used, from Book 1586 ..... 4 50
198. United States 1847, 10c. black, unperforated horizontal pair, red cancellation, fine, from Book 1586 ..... 7 50
199 Confederate States 1862, 10c. rose, used, fine, from Book 1598 ..... 2 00
200 Straits Settlements 1883, 8c. on 12c blue, black surcharge, fine, used, from Book 1607. 3 25
201. United States Newspaper 1865, 10c. used, slightly defective, but very scarce in this condition, from Book 1610 ..... 6 00
202. U. S. Local Brooklyn City Express, 2c. black on blue, unperforated, fine used copy on piece of envelope, from Book 1610 ..... 1 75
203. U S. Local City Despatch Post, 3c. black on white, fine used copy, red postmark, from Book 1610 ..... 9 50
204. United States 1860, 90c. fine used copy, red postmark, very rare, from Book 1610 ..... 15 00
205. Mexico 1867 Provisional, Gothic Surcharge, 8 r. green on brown, used, fine, from Book 1610 ..... 11 50
206. Mexico 1856, 8r. lilac, used, fine, from Book 1610 ..... 3 00
207. Dominican Republic Provisional Surcharge Envelopes cut square, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 and 90 centavos, set of seven, unused, from Book 1610 ..... 6 50
208 United States Justice Dept. 90c. used, from Book 1610 ..... 20 00
209. Prince Edward Island 1861 3d. blue, perforated 9, used on original cover, catalogued $6.00, from Book 1610 ..... 4 50
210. British North Borneo 1889, $5.00 violet, canceled, from Book 1338 ..... 2 00
211. British North Borneo 1889, $10.00 brown, canceled, from Book 1338 ..... 3 50
212. Western Australia 1854, 1 shilling, brown unperforated, unused, from Book 1338 ..... 6 75
213. Queensland 1860, 3p. brown, watermark star, unused, from Book 1337 ..... 2 25
214. Barbados 1852 1p blue on blue paper, unper., unused, catalogued at $4, from Book 1337 2 25

215. Queensland Registration 1861, yellow, unused, catalogued at $7.50, from Book 1337 . . . 4 25
216. Trinidad 1854 (1 p.) violet on white paper, unused, unperforated, fine, catalogued $8.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 . . . 3 00
217. Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) brown-violet on bluish paper, unused, unperforated, catalogued $7.50. 55th Ed., from Book 1337 . . . 3 00
218. Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) red on bluish paper, unused, unperforated, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 . . . 2 50
219. Trinidad 1859, 1 shilling, blue-black, unused, unperforated, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 . . . 4 00
220. Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) deep violet on bluish paper, unperforated, unused, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 . . . 4 00
221. Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) blue on bluish, unperforated, unused, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 . . . 2 50
222. United States, 1860, 24 cents, used, fine, from Book 1658 . . . 2 40
223. United States Navy Department, 24 cents, fine, used, unperforated at the top, from Book 1658 . . . 2 50
224. Dominica, 1879, 1 sh. lake, water-marked C. C., used, fine, from Book 1658 . . . 4 00
225. Virgin Islands, 1879, 1 p. green, unused, from Book 1658 . . . 2 80
226. Tasmania, 1853, 4 p. orange, square except the one corner patched, used, from Book 1658 . . . 2 20
227. United States Treasury Department, 24 cents, used, fine, from Book 1656 . . . 3 75
229. United States State Department, 12 cents, canceled with star, from Book 1656 . . . 1 80
230. United States Justice Department, 10 cents, slight cancellation, from book 1656 . . . 1 10
232. United States Agricultural Department, 30 cents, light cancellation, stamp poorly centered, from Book 1657 . . . 2 50

The following eight numbers are all United States Envelopes, cut square, with liberal margins, from Book 1611.

233. U. S. Env. 1870, 12 cents, plum on white, unused . . . 2 25
235. U. S. Env. 1870, 24 cents, purple on white, unused . . . 4 00
236. U. S. Env. 1870, 30 cents, black on white, unused . . . 3 00
238. U. S. Env. 1870, 24 cents, purple on amber unused . . . 4 25
239. U. S. Env. 1870, 15 cents, orange on cream unused . . . 3 25
240. U. S. Env. 1870, 30 cents, black on cream, unused . . . 4 25
243. U. S. Env. War Department 1873, 12c. dark red on white, unused . . . 1 00
244. U. S. Env. War Department 1873, 15c. dark red on white, unused . . . 1 75
245. United States, 1868, 5c. brown, embossed, unused but poorly centered, from Book 1669 . . . 3 75

The following five stamps are official reprints, from Book 1679.

246. Natal, 1858, 1d. blue, unused (see above) . . . 5 00
247. Natal, 1858, 1d. pink, unused (see above) . . . 5 00
248. Natal, 1857, 6d. green, unused (see above) . . . 7 00
249. Natal, 1857, 3d. pink, unused (see above) . . . 3 50
250. Natal, 1857, 9d. blue, unused (see above) . . . 20 00
251. Bremen, 1866, 5 gr. pink, perforated, fine, used, from Book No. 1611 . . . 3 00
252. Barbados, 1852 (4p.) red on bluish, unperforated, unused, catalogued $6.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1611 . . . 3 25
253. Pacific Steam Navigation, 1858, 2r. carmine on bluish wove paper, unperforated, unused catalogued $20.00, 55th. Ed., from Book 1611 . . . 10 00

The following nine numbers are all United States Envelopes cut square with liberal margins, from Book 1612.

254. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 2, on white, fine, used . . . 2 00
255. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c red, die 4, on white, fine, used . . . 10 00
256. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 4, on buff, used, fine . . . 12 50
257. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 3, on buff, used, fine . . . 2 50
258. U. S. Env. 1855, 10c. green, die 4, on white, used, fine . . . 4 25
259. U. S. Env. 1855, 10c. green, die 2 on buff, used, fine . . . 2 50
260. U. S. Env. 1860, 4c. red and blue (1c.x3c.) on white paper, used, fine . . . 9 25
261. U. S. Env. 1860, 10c. green on buff, unused, fine, catalogued $30.00, 55th Ed. . . . 20 00
262. U. S. Wrap, 1863, 2c. (U. S. Postage) black on manila, used . . . 2 50
263. St. Lucia 1883-85, 1 sh. orange and black, unused, from Book 1685 . . . 10 00
264. St. Lucia 1885, 1 sh. orange, unused, from Book 1685 . . . 10 00
265. United States Executive Department, 1 c., used, from Book 1698 . . . 5 00
266. Oldenburg 1860, ½ g., brown, used, fine, from Book 1756 . . . 8 75
267. U. S. Env. 1860, 10c. green on buff, original cut square, penmarked, fine, catalogued $25.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1756 . . . 16 00
268. San Marino 1894, Commemorative Registered Envelope, 5fr. used and entire, fine, from Book 1756 . . . 15 00
269. United States Justice Dept., 90c. used, from Book 1698 . . . 22 50
270. United States, 1868, 5 c. brown, grilled, unused, not evenly centered, from Book 1699. 3 50
271. United States, Periodical, 9c. fine, penmarked, from Book 1690 . . . 9 00

272. Bolivia 1867, 10 c. brown, used, fine, from Book 1756 ..... 7 90
273. Argentine 1876, 5 c. an unsevered pair, rouletted, lightly cancelled, fine, from Book 1756 ..... 6 00
274. United States 1869, 1 c to 90 c. complete series, (the 15 c. the rare variety) embossed and unused, 10 stamps, from Book 1756 ..... 45 00
276. U. S. Carrier, 1851, Horsman, red, canceled with penmark, from Book 1728 ..... 8 00
277. Russia 1884, 7 r. black and orange, used, from Book 1728 ..... 3 00
278. New Republic, 1887, 10 s., unused, from Book 1728 ..... 5 00
279. New Republic, 1887, 10 s 6 d., unused, from Book 1730 ..... 5 00
280. United States, 1868, 3 c. rose, grilled all over, used, condition fair, from Book 1732 ..... 12 50
281. United States, 1868, 3 c. rose, grilled all over, used, perforations clipped on one side, upper corner, otherwise good, from Book 1732 ..... 5 00
282. United States, 1869, 24 c. used, fair copy, from Book 1732 ..... 5 00
283. Confederate, horizontal strip of three, 20 c. green, used, fine copies, from Book 1732 ..... 4 00
284. Treasury, 24 c. unused, fine copy, from Book 1732 ..... 4 00
285. 10 c. green, newspaper, 1865, unused. fine, from Book 1775 ..... 5 00
286. 25 c. red, newspaper, unused, fine, from Book 1775 ..... 5 00
287. United States, 1861, 24 c. lilac, fine, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 1 00
288. United States, 1868, 5 c. brown, grilled, unused, perforated, clipped on one side, from Book 1775 ..... 3 00
289. United States, 1855, 24 c. lilac, fine, used copy, from Book 1775 ..... 3 00
290. United States, 1869, 30 c. fine, used, from Book 1775 ..... 2 50
291. United States, 1869, 15 c without diamond, very fine, used copy, from Book 1775 ..... 2 50
292. United States, 1855, 5c. brown with ornaments, very fine used copy, from Book 1775 ..... 3 00
293. United States Executive Dept. 2c., 6c and 10c marked "Specimen," good copies, from Book 1775 ..... 3 00
294. United States, two copies, 1872, 90c. dark carmine, yellow gum, light carmine, white gum, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 4 50
295. United States 1855, 1c. blue outer line complete stamp perforated, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 1 00
296. United States, 1861, 3c. pink, unused, not perforated on one side, from Book 1775 ..... 5 00
297. United States Due, 50 claret, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 1 50
298. United States, 12c fine dark purple, re-engraved, the newly discovered variety, lightly canceled, from Book 1775 ..... 2 00
299. Confederate, 1862, 10c. rose on original cover, fine copy, from Book 1776 ..... 2 75
300. New Orleans envelope, 5c. orange, cut square, fine used, copy from Book 1776 ..... 30 00
301 Mexico, block of four, 1872, 6c. green, unused, water-marked Maltese Cross, from book 1776 ..... 75 00
302. Mexico, 1872, 50c. yellow, without *morie* on back, used, from Book 1776 ..... 5 00
303. Mexico, 1861, 8r. green, used, fine, from Book 303 ..... 2 75
304. Mexico, 1874, *error*, 1 centavo, blue in color of the peso, unused, from Book 1776 ..... 6 00
305. Mexico, 1856, ½ of an 8 reales stamp, used for 4 reales, provisionally, post mark covering stamp, from Book 1776 ..... 4 50
306. Mexico, 1861, ½ of an 8 reales stamp used for 4 reales provisionally, postmark covering stamp, from Book 1776 ..... 1 75
307. Mexico, 1861, ¼ of an 8 reales stamp used as 2 reales provisionally, postmark covering stamp, from Book 1776 ..... 2 00
308. Mexico, 10 pesos Documentos, 1880, red on black, fine copy, used, from Book 1776 ..... 4 00
309. Mexico, 10 pesos Documentos, 1883-84, brown on green, uncancelled, from Book 1776 ..... 3 00
310. Mexico, 5 pesos, Renta Interior, 1892-93, blue, uncanceled, from Book 1776 ..... 1 00
311. Mexico, 10 pesos, Renta Interior, 1892-93, blue, uncanceled, from Book 1776 ..... 1 50
312. Mexico, 5 pesos, Renta Interior, 1893-94, green, fine, used copy, from Book 1776 ..... 1 25
313. United States 1860, 5c. red-brown, used fine, from Book 1652 ..... 5 00
314. United States 1860, 24c. unused, fine, wide unperforated margin on one side showing extra line, from Book 1652 ..... 3 25
315 United States 1860, 30c. unused, fine, from Book 1652 ..... 4 25
316. United States 1860, 90c. unused, fine, from Book 1652 ..... 11 00
317. United States Officially Sealed Post Obitum, unused, from Book 1652 ..... 4 00
318. United States Agriculture Department 15c. unused, from Book 1649 ..... 2 00
319. United States Agriculture Department 30c. unused, from Book 1649 ..... 2 40
320. United States 1861, 5c. yellow, fine used copy on original cover, from Book 1650 ..... 5 00

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VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

APRIL 1st, 1895.

FELLOW-MEMBERS—

It may appear a little strange that a report is so seldom seen from this office, and yet a little thought will readily explain the matter. This office in our Association as in others, is more ornamental than useful. Aside from the little routine, matters which come up in the Board, and which are reported by either the President or Secretary, there are no duties connected with this office which could call for a report.

While having little to do, my interest in the Association, and all that is connected with it, is as great as ever, and I follow its progress as shown by the monthly bulletin with the greatest of pleasure.

The innovation lately started by the Exchange Superintendent of publishing a list of certain rarities, is looked upon with favor at this end, as it gives them a greater publicity, and enables many who do not patronize the exchange department to see what is going through it.

It has been suggested to me that the Association should have an auction department, in which whole collections or even single stamps if of any value, could be sold. This would be in line with the suggestion made at various conventions, that the Association should, when requested, take charge of a deceased member's collection, and dispose of it to the best advantage for his family.

As this matter could only properly be acted upon at a convention, I mention it for the consideration of the members, and trust if it meets with favor, to see it brought up for discussion at Clayton.

With the other officers, I am pleased at the continued growth in membership, and while a large membership is desirable, every safe guard possible should be used in admitting only honest collectors to the ranks. While it is true that dishonesty is found in every institution from the National Government down to the town finances, yet it behooves us for the good name of the Association, to endeavor to keep out those who let their love of the specimens on the exchange books, overcome their discretion, good intentions and early training.

Very Fraternally,
ALVAH DAVISON.
Vice-President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends Aug. 31.

All application for insertion in the next Circular must therefore be accompanied by a deposit

of $1.25, and must reach the Secretary not later than May 1st.

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964 HARRIS, F. M., 814 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
965 HARRIS, HOWARD P., 4½ Northey St., Salem, Mass.
966 LAWRENCE, WM. J., Kalamazoo, Mich.
967 MILLER, L. H., 2715 North Robey St., Chicago, Ill.
968 NEWLAND, JAMES A., 2293 Sacramento St., San Francisco, Cal.
969 REDFIELD, HENRY S. (Stedman & Redfield), Hartford, Conn.
970 RENSCH, A., 1615 Lincoln Ave., Denver, Colo.
971 RICHARDSON, FREDK. P Box 304, Salem, Mass.
972 ROBERTS, REUBEN, 24 Bay St., Springfield, Mass.
973 SAXTON, WILL G., First National Bank, Canton, Ohio.
974 SCHRADER, C. G., Box 7, Knoxville, Tenn.
975 SIMMONS, W. CLAYTON, Box 972, Hartford, Conn.
976 STIMPSON, FRANK E., 28 Sever St. Worcester, Mass.
977 THOREAU, J. W. 1723 Marion St., Denver, Colo.
978 TOOMBS, J. EVERETT, 492 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
979 WENDT, F., 63 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
980 WHEELER, DR. CHARLES D., 49 Pearl St., Worcester, Mass.
981 WOODWARD A. C., 883 Main St., Worcester, Mass.
982 YOUNG, FRANCIS E., 54 Queen St., Worcester, Mass.
983 ZAHN, J. E., 23 Cass & Graham Blk, Denver, Colo.

REINSTATED.

761 BACKER, OTTO C., 622 Park Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

EXPELLED.

By direction of the Board of Trustees, the following notice of expulsion from the Association is hereby announced:

32 MINER, KARL C., Hoosick Falls, N. Y.

DECEASED.

From the papers we learn of the death of Jacob A. Shindel, of Lebanon, Penn., February 15th, after a short illness of pneumonia.

Colonel Shindel was City Comptroller of Lebanon, and held a position in the Treasury Department at Washington for many years. By

means of his official position he was enabled to secure a large stock of the department stamps, and the writer well remembers the treasures which were spread before his eyes while calling on Col. Shindel at his office a few years ago.

STATE BRANCHES.

As will be seen by the notice in another column, a movement is on foot for the formation of a State Branch in the Buckeye State. We trust all our Ohio members will send in their names and ideas to Mr. Kranz as soon as they can, so that no time may be lost in perfecting an organization. Meanwhile we await the next State to second the nomination.

FUN AT CLAYTON.

Our members have already received some intimations of what is in store for those who attend the convention at Clayton this summer. Chairman Krauth of the committee of arrangements has prepared an attractive programme and we hope that there will be a very large attendance. Among the attractions offered will be a daylight steamer excursion among the Thousand Islands; a night excursion over the same route with searchlight accompaniment; an exhibition of magic lantern slides, philatelic and otherwise; a fishing excursion with picnic dinner on the islands, and the usual banquet with speeches and a dance. It is the intention of the committee to make this entire programme free to all members of the Association who are present. To do this necessitates the raising of quite a little fund by popular subscription, and Chairman Krauth would be pleased to hear from any of the members concerning contributions to the fund. Also those who intend to be present should send in their names at as early a date as possible. A list of hotels with rates will appear in an early number of this Circular. Another feature which has been long urged for our conventions is that of holding one or more literary sessions at which papers will be read and discussed. The committee have secured the services of several gentlemen, experts in their several lines, who are preparing essays for such a gathering and they will be by no means one of the lesser attractions of the meetings. The full programme will be duly announced in these columns.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED!

The small list of applications this month is disappointing. Members should see to it that the number should not fall below a figure which which will ensure us one thousand members by the next convention. There are philatelists enough in the country to do it, and if we only wake up, they can be brought into the Association. Let us then rush things and bring our members up to the desired mark as soon as we can.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership March 10	855	
Added since	29	
Reinstated	1	
		885
Died	1	
Expelled	1	
		2
Present membership		883

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary,
384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

April 2, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash, Feb. 28, 1895	26 83	
Dues Coll. March 1 to 30	36 22	
		$ 63 05

EXPENDITURES.

Postage March Circular	8 77	
F. D. Ecker, card index of present and former members, for Trustees	20 00	
		28 77
Cash balance, March 30, 1895.		34 28

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, Feby. 28, 1895	942 00	
Cash received March 1 to 30, 1895	28 00	
Amount at credit March 30, 1895		970 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 30, 1894	$ 55 05

My time has been so limited for some days, I have been unable to make up the list of those members who have failed to pay their dues for the current year. I intend to have it ready for the May circular.

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

Collinsville, Ill., March 30, 1895.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, March 30, 1895.

During the month of March, I received one hundred and sixty-two books for circulation in the Sales Department, the gross value of which was ..... $ 4,562.68

Previously acknowledged, gross value	40,952.02
	$45,514.70
Books retired as per previous report.	23,516.59
	$21,998.11
79 books retired in March, gross value	1,641.40
Value of stamps now in circulation	$20,356.71

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $486.46, or 29 ½ %. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of March were $1,108.34.

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of March, were as follows:

196 Blank Books	$19.60
6,800 Control Stamps	6.80
	$26.40

The sales from the advertised list in last month's Official Circular amounted to $138.15. Members having desirable stamps for sale should send them in to the Department. All such stamps should be mounted in books, in the regular way.

The wishes of members who do *not* want to have their stamps removed from books, and advertised, will be regarded, This system has given great satisfaction to owners of stamps; the only complaint has been from those who wanted to *see everything*. That is simply impossible; the books retired seldom go through the hands of more than *one twentieth* of the membership, while *all* have a chance at the advertised stamps.

The stamps advertised, will be sent to any responsible member of the Association on approval, provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee.

Members sending cash in advance, will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory can be returned.

When ordering blank books and control stamps members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each one hundred control stamps.

The Department wants more books of United States Revenues, United States postage stamps and British Colonials, as well as other books of high grade stamps. Some good *U. S. Revenues* are particularly desired. Collectors that are becoming specialists and disposing of parts of their collections, can not do better than to place them in books for sale through this Department. The blank books have spaces for 120 stamps, and are furnished at 10c. each. The Department charges a commission of 10% on the net sales, Members may mark their stamps as they see fit, placing them at *net* prices. Where stamps have been marked intelligently, the sales have always been very satisfactory.

GEO. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.
GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,

ST. LOUIS, March 30, 1895.

The following remittances were received as deposits on account of new issues during the month of March;

H. Tuck	$10.00
R. S. Terry	15.00
F. Gaertner	10.00
W. C. Van Derlip	18.35
A. W. Batchelder	18.35
F. M. Kennedy	47.75
E. Trifet	30.00
A. Dawson	12.00
Geo. E. Brill	20.00
Miss M. Aikman	5.00
F. F. Olney	12.14
Dr. S. G. Stein	75.00
J. F. Beard	75.00
D. Benjamin	13.13
A. Rae	13.00
F. O. Conant	10.00
J. B. Simpson	100.00
E. R. Ackerman	10.00
T. S. Clark	10.00
H. R. Taylor	15.00
R. Roberts	20.00
W. H. Withee	15.00
A. de Reuterskiold	104.30
W. E. Fiske	10.00
	$669.02
Previously acknoledged	3,602 44
	$4,271.46
New issues supplied	3,399.71
Balance to credit of members	$871.75

While I received only $669.02 on new issue accounts last month, I remitted $1.173.00 to agents for Djibouti, Congo Free State, Zululand, South African Republic, Orange Free States, Mexico, Newfoundland, British Bechuanaland, Madagascar and Uruguay stamps,

I am doing my best to make this Department a success and am glad to see the continued interest manifested by old members, and hope others will join with us. If fifty collectors will keep from $50.00 to $100 00 on deposit, I can supply *everything* as fast as the stamps, etc., appear. When the department reaches that point its success will be established and there will be no trouble about getting new participants. The labor involved is in bringing it up to that condition.

The Department requires a working capital of between $5,000 and $10,000.

With that it can supply new issues to the membership at from 25 % to 50 % below dealers net prices. In other words it will supply stamps at retail at wholesale prices.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., April 1, 1895.

My request for priced catalogues has had good results. The following have come in:

No. 49. Priced catalogues of the S. B. Bradt Co,'s. Auction Sales, numbers 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 from E. B. Jones, Ruthven, Iowa.

No. 50 Priced catalogues of Casey's sales, Nos. 18, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30 from H. E. Deats.

I regret that I overlooked the fact that we already had a lot of priced catalogues. We now have in addition to the Bradt sales mentioned above, Casey's first thirty sales; J. W. Scott Co., series B, first three sales; Bogert's first 18 (except the 10th); Fressard's Nos. 45, 46, 53, 54, 68, 76, 77, 79, 81, 84, 86, 95, 98; also the following Scott sales: 2, 9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 24, 26, 32, 35, 36, 38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 49 51, 65, 67, 71, 73, 82, 85, 87, 95.

No person will be allowed to have more than ten catalogues at one time, and those applying for them should send 25c. for express charges.

H. E DEATS,
Librarian.

AUCTION AGENTS REPORT.

NEW YORK, April 1, 1895.

Failing to send my report for February, I must accept the remarks of our worthy Secretary as a just censure of my neglect of duty.

Since my last report several important sales have been held. The first sale of the year was held by Bogert & Durbin Co., January 26, it was noteworthy only for the extraordinary prices realized for common stamps.

On January 30, J. W. Scott Co., held a sale similar in character to the previously mentioned. A few rarities brought high prices, and common stamps sold at bargain prices.

Messrs. R F. Albrecht & Co., on February 19 and 20, sold a fine collection and on March 5 and 6, offered the collection of West Indies belonging to Mr. Henry Clotz. Though there had been much looking forward to, and speculation as to, this sale, the attendance was small and competition very weak. still prices ruled very high, Mr. Albrecht buying the larger part for his mail bidders.

The noted Hull collection was sold by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., March 8 and 9 The bargain hunters were not all disappointed, but there was no weakness in the demand, or prices realized, for scarce stamps. In fact rarities were bought without regard to catalogue prices.

March 26, 27 and 28, that part of the Levison collection embracing the Western Hemisphere was sold through Messrs R. F. Albrecht & Co. As most of the rare stamps were unused, they were eagerly sought and many prices were phenomenal.

Only those of South America failed to arouse the enthusiasm which makes an auction sale exciting, but these were not, by any means, given away. Many mixed lots selling for full catalogue price or more.

Several good sales are booked for April and May.

Members wishing to take advantage of this department, should not delay asking for catalogues and sending their bids.

If you will send your catalogues of any sales of this season I will mark the prices for 25 cents each session, but I have no duplicate catalogues after the sale, to supply priced.

W. F. GREGORY,
Auction Agent.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT REPORT.

CLEVELAND, O., March 28, 1895.

The Cleveland branch has never enjoyed such a prosperous season as now upon us. Everything philatelic is on the move. The society has a steady growth and we are gradually "roping" them into the mother association, as the two applications sent you this month will attest. Hope to have more follow soon.

It is the source of much regret, in this locality, that the official organ of the A. P. A. does not amount to more than it does. The older members, of course, know the Association's experience in that line, but we sincerely hope that the time is not far distant when we will have an official organ that will be more than a bulletin of official reports. A glance through old volumes of the *American Philatelist* convinces us that it is not talent that is lacking; the financial part, it seems to us, might be managed.

We should be pleased to know from officers in other localities, the feeling in this matter, if there be any.

GEO. J. BAILEY,
Res. V.-P.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Geo. W. Rode, 38 Hazelwood ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.; C. P. Krauth, Secretary Forty-eighth st. and A. V. Ry., Pittsburgh, Pa.

PITTSBURG, PENN., March 23, 1895.

As Secretary of the Board of Trustees, I owe an apology to the Association for failure to publish a report for the past three months. One report has been sent in, but being too late for the next following Official Circular, was returned by the General Secretary for incorporation with the next report. Unusual press of business and frequent and extended absence on business have compelled me to neglect this part of my duties. Board meetings, all of which were attended by the full Board, were held on December 21, 1894, January 21st, February 21st and March 14, 1895. At the meeting of December 21st, only routine business was conducted.

At the meeting of January 21st, charges against two members were considered. One of these charges was subsequently withdrawn; the other, requiring investigation in Europe, is still incomplete, although a great many letters have been written in endeavoring to get at the facts. It was decided by the Board that upon written application from the proper officer of any philatelic society in good standing, for information concerning the reliability of any candidate for admission to such society, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees should impart confidentially any information in his possession concerning such applicant. It was decided to reject the application of J. Carion, of Paris, France, for membership in the Association.

At the meeting of February 21st six charges against members were considered and such action taken as was necessary for thorough investigation of the facts. The Secretary gave to each member of the Board a complete list of

all past and present members of the Association and announced the completion, to date, of the card catalogue of members, as authorized by the Official Board. Bill of F. D. Ecker for making card catalogue, amounting to $20.00, was approved and Mr. Ecker has since received warrant and cheque.

At the meeting of March 14th, two charges against members were considered and a thorough investigation begun. It was decided to reject the application of F. N. Massoth, Jr., of Chicago. Ill., for membership in the Association. An attempt by a former member of the Association to procure the manufacture of counterfeit stamps was reported to the Board by the General Secretary and held for further investigation. After repeated efforts on the part of the Board to induce Karl C. Miner, of Hoosick Falls, N. Y., to meet his just and admitted obligations to a member of the Association, and his entire failure to do so or to keep his promises, it was decided to expel him from membership in the Association. The Board notes with regret, from evidence in its possession, that a number of persons are using their membership as a cloak for dishonest practices, and upon obtaining the positive proof which it is now endeavoring to complete, will surely be obliged to expel such members for the good of the Association.

The Board regrets to say that it has not yet received official reply to the recommendations for adjustment of various demands made in the past against the Association, which were forwarded to the Official Board some months ago, and are therefore unable to give definite or satisfactory reply to the numerous letters received from claimants. The request of the Secretary for the present address of members, for incorporation into the card catalogue, was responded to by less than 3 per cent. of the members, so that any errors which may have been made in this catalogue cannot be laid at the door of the Trustees. Although the catalogue is now completed I should be glad to receive the information from each member, for the purpose of checking the card catalogue, and would especially urge upon all members resident in foreign countries to send their full address. It is necessary to again call the attention of members to the resolution adopted by the Board, not to consider claims of non-payment of debts between members until such claim shall have first been placed in the hands of the Collecting Agent and by him have been pronounced uncollectible.

Very respectfully,
C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY BOARD.

J. D. Rice, Chairman, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.; C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lewis G. Quackenbush, 15 Madison St., Oneida, N. Y.

A pleasant foretaste of the pleasures in store for those who attend the Clayton convention was afforded the readers of *Mekeels' Weekly Stamp News* recently. The committee on entertainment, under the capable chairmanship of Mr Krauth, will spare no effort in their endeavor to provide varied and suitable side attractions for the fortunate ones who will congregate at Clayton, on the occasion of the tenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association.

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Mr. R. F. Albrecht, who is remembered by his distribution of souvenir catalogues at the Niagara convention, has prepared a second and new edition of the popular vest pocket catalogue of the Postage Stamps and Envelope Stamps of the United States, and the favor with which it is being received by United States specialists and collectors generally, promises to out-rival the hearty approbation accorded the previous edition.

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A specialty possibly unique, yet withal very sensible, is that claimed by a Western philatelist. His collection is restricted to those specimens which bear the portraits of rulers, generals, statesmen, notables, etc., and the interest, aside from philatelic, which attaches to a gathering of this sort, may well be imagined.

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The philatelic seasons are becoming equalized, and the activity reigning in the world of philately during the months of winter, does not now, as once it did, so completely overshadow that prevalent during the period of summer. This is a sign pregnant of all manner of good for stamp collectors and stamp dealers.

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When one follows several pursuits, or rather, has several hobbies, it is a fact worthy of note that usually philately is the favorite, it receiving the lion's share of attention. Furthermore, it often happens that stamp collecting ultimately supplants all the other hobbies in the affections of the collector, with the result that the coin cabinet is sold, the Indian relics disposed of, the minerals forgotten or the curiosities relegated to the attic.

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The publisher of a live philatelic magazine wrote to a Chicago dealer asking an advertisement for his paper. The Chicagoan complied with this request, authorizing the publisher to insert his ad. in accordance to instructions; later, the Chicago dealer upon noticing that the philatelic publisher was about to resign from the American Philatelic Association for some reason, wrote him saying that if he, the publisher, severed his connection with the American, he, the dealer would cancel the ad placed with the paper. The outcome of this little drama was that the publisher withdrew his resignation and the advertisement stood good. It is a pleasure to record this modest, yet effective act of loyalty to our Association by a dealer, whose time would be thought to be too much in demand to allow him give attention to a matter such as this.

C. E. SEVERN.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1.

Meetings held the second Thursday of each month at 1233 Masonic Temple. Chas. R Gadsden, President, New York Life Building. Every Paget, Secretary and Treasurer, 309 Jackson Boulevard. W. H. McDonald, Exchange Supt., 2600 Indiana Ave.

The third regular meeting after reorganization of Chicago Branch Number One, of the American Philatelic Association, was called to order Thursday Evening, March 14th, at Room 1233 Masonic Temple at 8:40 p. m. by President Wolseiffer.

Roll call found the following members present: Messrs. Wolseiffer, Severn, Rosenthal, Michael, Cotlow, McDonald, Paget, Wendt, Leland, Massoth and Hopkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The election of Resident Vice-President being in order, Pres. Wolseiffer appointed Mr. Samuel Leland President pro tem, while the former presented his resignation.

Mr. Wolseiffer said it was a worthy object to get the American Philatelic Association in the hands of collectors, and while he was a collector when first appointed Resident Vice-President, for the last few years he has been a dealer. Mr. Wolseiffer also said he did not consider it good policy for one man to hold the same office forever, and that he would feel more at home among the collectors, than in the chair.

Mr. Samuel Leland was nominated by Mr. Wolseiffer and seconded by Mr. Severn for the position. In an interesting, but brief, speech Mr. Leland informed us that for the next few months at least, it was his choice to remain out of office as he did not think he could afford to spare the time, and thanking the members for their kindness, he asked that his name kindly be withdrawn.

The name of Mr. Chas. R. Gadsden was then presented by several, and on a motion he was unanimously nominated for Resident Vice-President, and Mr. McDonald was appointed as a committee of one to tender him the nomination. When approved by the Official Board, under the constitution, he becomes President of Chicago Branch Number One, of the American Philatelic Association.

Mr. Wolseiffer has been a model officer. To his efforts alone are due the succesful reorganization of this Chicago Branch. Many are the unknown sacrifices Mr. Wolseiffer has made for us, and much of this valuable time has been devoted to furthering our interests. A motion of thanks was tendered Mr. Wolseiffer for his valuable services as Resident Vice-President, and as President of this Branch.

It is to be regretted that no collections were exhibited, but the attraction of the evening was centered upon a newspaper wrapper, possessed by Mr. Edward Rosenthal, from the ill-fated steamer Elbe. The paper had been removed from the sunken vessel, and taken back to Bremen, and although the writing was almost obliterated, was forwarded by next steamer to Mr. Rosenthal here. The wrapper was stamped in a foreign language which translated meant about: "Removed from the sunken steamer Elbe by—" The word following "by" was not decipherable.

Mr. C. E. Severn showed the two varieties of the 12 cent stamp of 1872, over which there has been much discussion. Mr. Wendt promises to exhibit his valuable collection at our next meeting, and Mr. C. E. Severn promises to bring down a portion of his collection of the stamps of the Confederate States of America.

There being no other business on hand, meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m., to meet again, April 11th, at 8 p. m.

EVERY PAGET,
Secretary.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

BRANCH NO. 3.

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Frank Koenig, President; J. C. Welsh, Vice-President; H. B. Phillips, Secretary and Treasurer, 48 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

The seventy-sixth regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society was celebrated by a dinner at the Occidental Restaurant, on Thursday evening, March 19.

All regular business was held over for the April meeting, at which members are expected to be present.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

PITTSBURG BRANCH NO. 5.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburg, Pa. President, E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa.; Secretary-Treasurer, A. E. Daum, 421 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Branch Manager of Exchange, Anton Platz, Room 44, 96 Fourth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Thirty-second monthly meeting of the Branch held Thursday evening, March 14th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Minutes previous meeting read and approved.

Roll called, thirteen members and six visitors present.

Report of George W. Rode for Exchange Department, August 30, 1894 to March 14th, read and filed.

Resignation of James M. Dalbey from Branch membership read and accepted with regrets.

Letter from G. D. Mekeel accompanied by a design of the new control stamp read and stamp passed round for inspection.

After a general and pleasant talk on stamps, meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.

BRANCH NO. 7.

The 46th regular meeting was called to order March 20, 1895, at 8:20 P. M. with President Overton in the chair and the following gentlemen in attendance: Messrs. Bailey, Schneider, Kress,

Brodie, Huntington, Tubman, W. H. Barnum, Colwell, Madtes, Prescott, Aikenhead, Buerger, Humiston, Geuder, A. and H. Odell, Pears and White. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The secretary reported, having received invitations to the annual banquets of the Chicago Philatelic Society and the Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio, Texas, which he had duly acknowledged.

On motion of Mr. Prescott the name of Lawrence Hitchcock was dropped from the membership roll.

Moved by Brodie, and seconded by Tubman, that the name of R. G. Dodge be stricken from the Exchange Circuit on account of that gentleman's failure to comply with the rules of the department, unanimously carried.

The Committee on Membership reported favorably on the applications of Messrs. H. Pears, Arthur Odell, H. B. Odell, Carl White, H. S. Harris and F. N. Reed, and the gentlemen were unanimously elected to membership. The applications of W. J. Crawford and F. L. Roby were posted and on motion of Mr. Bailey were referred tothe Committee to be reported on at the next meeting.

The informal auction sale was a great success. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 P. M.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

THE POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 9.

P. E. Rood, President; F. E. Klauser, Vice-President; P. J. Kranz, Sec'y and Treas.
Meetings held on the second and fourth Friday evening of each month, at 8 o'clock.

TOLEDO, O., March 25th, 1895.

The tenth regular meeting of the Society was held on above date, with President P. E. Rood presiding. Present were Messrs. Robb, Lee, Wuerfel, Machen, Meyer, Weber, Klauser and Kranz. Visitors Messrs. Nieft and Meier. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The Executive Committee reported favorable upon the application of H. H. Dawson, and upon motion he was elected to active membership. Bill for printing of 200 postal cards was ordered paid. Communication from Mr. Morris, of Bellaire, Ohio, in referenc to organizing a State Branch of the P. S. of A. was read, and upon motion laid upon the table. The matter was then brought up regarding the organizing of a State Branch of the American Philatelic Association. After a rather lengthly discussion the matter was referred to the Secretary with instruction to communicate with the members of the American Philatelic Association in Ohio in reference thereto, and report at the next meeting.

Upon motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The removal of the most desirable specimen from the Exchange books by the Superintendent of Sales, preventing those participating in the Exchange Department from obtaining them in the legitimate channel, and which eventually must result detrimental to the Exchange Department, and in the falling off of the number participating in the Department, we as Branch No. 9 of the American Philatelic Associntion protest most emphatically against this practice.

There being no further business the members adjourned, to meet at the office of the Secretary, 3d floor Blade Building, on Friday evening, April 5th.

P. J. KRANZ,
Secretary

KANSAS CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY, BRANCH NO. 10.

H. W. Bellard, President; Edward C. Wright, Secretary.

Forty-sixth regular meeting February 4, 1895. President in chair, eight members present. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. Mr. L. L. Siebel, care Badger Lumber Co., and Mr. I. H. Fetty, same address, were elected to active membership. Mr. F. J. Bescher reported a request from Mr. Lewis M. Lange for copy of constitution and by-laws, which the secretary was instructed to furnish. The meeting then adjourned.

Forty-seventh regular meeting February 18, 1895. President in chair, eight members present. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. There being no business to come before the meeting it resolved itself into an admiration society for our excellent Exchange Superintendent who renders us many services, outside of his agency. A long discussion of our proposed auction sale followed an adjournment.

EDWARD C. WRIGHT,
Secretary.

PORTLAND PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION BRANCH NO. 11.

G. E. Raymond, President; C. R. Lewis, Treasurer; S. T. Dow, Secretary. Meeting on alternate Wednesdays at the Falmouth Hotel.

First regular meeting in March was held March 14, instead of the 13th for various reasons. President Raymond was in the chair and Messrs. Lewis, Dowe, Conant, Banks, Spalding, H. F. and G. W. Merrill, Small, Neally, Farnsworth, McAlpine, Stevens, Stephenson, Milliken, Blake, Ferguson and Howe, present. Messrs. R. F. Albrecht of New York, and H. K. Sanderson of Lynn, were present as guests. Charges were made against one of our members for fraudulent practices in postage stamps, and as satisfactory and sufficent proof was offered, he was promptly expelled from the society. The Secretary was instructed to communicate this action to Secretary Stone, and to Mr. C. P. Krauth, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the American Philatelic Association, in order that steps be at once taken to have the guilty party expelled from that body. Upon motion of Mr. Howe (seconded by Dr. Banks) a vote of thanks was extended to Messrs. Albrecht and Sanderson for the part taken by them in ferreting out a counterfeiter, and on motion of Mr. Conant, they were elected to honorary membership in the society.

It is safe to say that no finer collection of stamps has been exhibited in Portland, than was shown us by Mr. Albrecht after the business

was disposed of. It was the celebrated Levison collection of stamps of the Western Hemisphere, and is at this time being sold by Mr. Albrecht as his twenty-seventh auction. Not only were the stamps rare, but they were also in that clean, superb condition which gives such an added charm to a fine collection. We considered it a veritable feast of stamps and esteem ourselves fortunate in being able to make personal inspection of stamps on which we intended to bid in the sale.

After the stamps had been inspected by all, a lunch was served and the meeting broke up at a late hour. Both socially and from a philatelic point of view, it was the most successful meeting our association has had.

Second regular meeting was held March 27th, Messrs. Lewis, Conant, McAlpine, N. F. and G. W. Merrill, Ferguson, Nealley, Dow, Howe and Blake, being present. Mr. Lewis was elected temporary chairman. Secretary's report of last meeting approved, and vote of thanks extended to the member who so generously settled the expense of the lunch at the last meeting.

The capped varieties of the 2 c. 1891, came up or discussion and we fail to understand why they are not as distinct and collectible varieties as the 15 c. 1869 with and without the diamond. No good specimen with cap on right 2 has yet been discovered in Portland, but one stamp was shown which had a mark over the right 2 which certainly is an approach to the cap we are familiar with.

STERLING DOW,
48 State Street, Portland, Me. Secretary.

OHIO STATE BRANCH.

All members of the Association resident in the State of Ohio who are interested in the formation of a State Branch, are requested to send their names to P. J. Kranz, 924 South street, Toledo. There are nearly fifty members now resident in the State and it is hoped to hear from every one of them. An early reply should be sent in answer to this notice.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners. Of this price the Department receives a commission of 10%.

Any member of the Association in good standing has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if he is not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, postage and registration extra, in all cases.

No.		Price.
209.	Prince Edward Island 1861 3d blue, perforated 9, used on original cover, catalogued $6.00, from Book 1610	4 50
212.	Western Australia 1854, 1 shilling, brown unperforated, unused, from Book 1338	6 75
213.	Queensland 1860, 3p. brown, watermark star, unused, from Book 1337	2 25
214.	Barbados 1852 1p. blue on blue paper, unper., unused, catalogued at $4, from Book 1337	2 25
215.	Queensland Registration 1861, yellow, unused, catalogued at $7.50, from Book 1337	4 25
216.	Trinidad 1854 (1 p.) violet on white paper, unused, unperforated, fine, catalogued $8.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1337	3 00
217.	Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) brown-violet on bluish paper, unused, unperforated, catalogued $7.50. 55th Ed., from Book 1337	3 00
218.	Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) red on bluish paper, unused, unperforated, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337	2 50
219.	Trinidad 1859, 1 shilling, blue-black, unused, unperforated, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337	4 00

220. Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) deep violet on bluish paper, unperforated, unused, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 ..... 4 00
221. Trinidad 1851 (1 p.) blue on bluish, unperforated, unused, catalogued $7.50, 55th Ed., from Book 1337 ..... 2 50
222. United States, 1860, 24 cents, used, fine, from Book 1658 ..... 2 40
223. United States Navy Department, 24 cents, fine, used, unperforated at the top, from Book 1658 ..... 2 50
224. Dominica, 1879, 1 sh. lake, water-marked C. C., used, fine, from Book 1658 ..... 4 00
225. Virgin Islands, 1879, 1 p. green, unused, from Book 1658 ..... 2 80
226. Tasmania, 1853, 4 p. orange, square except the one corner patched, used, from Book 1658 ..... 2 20
227. United States Treasury Department, 24 cents, used, fine, from Book 1656 ..... 3 75
229. United States State Department, 12 cents. canceled with star, from Book 1656 ..... 1 80
232. United States Agricultural Department, 30 cents, light cancellation, stamp poorly centered, from Book 1657 ..... 2 50

The following eight numbers are all United States Envelopes, cut square, with liberal margins, from Book 1611.

233. U. S. Env. 1870, 12 cents, plum on white, unused 2 25
235. U. S. Env. 1870, 24 cents, purple on white, unused 4 00
236. U. S. Env. 1870, 30 cents, black on white, unused 3 00
238. U. S. Env. 1870, 24 cents, purple on amber unused 4 25
239. U. S. Env. 1870, 15 cents, orange on cream unused 3 25
240. U. S. Env. 1870, 30 cents, black on cream, unused 4 25
243. U. S. Env. War Department 1873, 12c. dark red on white, unused 1 00
244. U. S. Env. War Department 1873, 15c. dark red on white, unused 1 75
245. United States, 1868, 5c. brown, embossed, unused but poorly centered, from Book 1669 ..... 3 75

The following five stamps are official reprints, from Book 1679.

246. Natal, 1858, 1d. blue, unused (see above) 5 00
247. Natal, 1858, 1d. pink, unused (see above) 5 00
248. Natal, 1857, 6d. green, unused (see above) 7 00
249. Natal, 1857, 3d. pink, unused (see above) 3 50
250. Natal, 1857, 9d. blue, unused (see above) 20 00
251. Bremen, 1866, 5 gr. pink, perforated, fine, used, from Book No. 1611 ..... 3 00
252. Barbados, 1852 (4p.) red on bluish, unperforated, unused, catalogued $6.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1611 ..... 3 25
253. Pacific Steam Navigation, 1858, 2r. carmine on bluish wove paper, unperforated, unused catalogued $20.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1611 ..... 10 00

The following nine numbers are all United States Envelopes cut square with liberal margins, from Book 1612.

254. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 2, on white, fine, used 2 00
255. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 4, on white, fine, used 10 00
256. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 4, on buff, used, fine 12 50
257. U. S. Env. 1853, 3c. red, die 3, on buff, used, fine 2 50
258. U. S. Env. 1855, 10c. green, die 4, on white, used, fine 4 25
259. U. S. Env. 1855, 10c. green, die 2 on buff, used, fine 2 50
260. U. S. Env. 1860, 4c. red and blue (1c.x3c.) on white paper, used, fine 9 25
261. U. S. Env. 1860, 10c, green on buff, unused, fine, catalogued $30.00, 55th. Ed. 20 00
262. U. S. Wrap, 1863, 2c. (U. S. Postage) black on manila, used 2 50
263. St. Lucia 1883-85, 1 sh. orange and black, unused, from Book 1685 ..... 10 00
265. United States Executive Department, 1 c., used, from Book 1698 ..... 5 00
266. Oldenburg 1860, ½ g., brown, used, fine, from Book 1756 ..... 8 75
267. U. S. Env. 1860, 10 c. green on b uff, original cut square, penmarked, fine, catalogued $25.00, 55th Ed., from Book 1756 ..... 16 00
268. San Marino 1894, Commemorative Registered Envelope, 5fr. used and entire, fine, from Book 1756 ..... 15 00
269. United States Justice Dept., 90 c. used, from Book 1698 ..... 22 50
270. United States, 1868, 5 c. brown, grilled, unused, not evenly centered, from Book 1699. 3 50
271. United States, Periodical, 9 c. fine, penmarked, from Book 1699 ..... 9 00
272. Bolivia 1867, 10 c. brown, used, fine, from Book 1756 ..... 7 90
273. Argentine 1876, 5 c. an unsevered pair, rouletted, lightly cancelled, fine, from Book 1756 ..... 6 00
276. U. S. Carrier, 1851, Horseman, red, canceled with penmark, from Book 1728 ..... 8 00
277. Russia 1884, 7 r. black and orange, used, from Book 1728 ..... 3 00
278. New Republic, 1887, 10 s., unused, from Book 1728 ..... 5 00
279. New Republic, 1887, 10 s. 6 d., unused, from Book 1730 ..... 5 00
280. United States, 1868, 3 c. rose, grilled all over, used, condition fair, from Book 1732 ..... 12 50
282. United States, 1869, 24 c. used, fair copy, from Book 1732 ..... 5 00
283. Confederate, horizontal strip of three, 20 c. green, used, fine copies, from Book 1732 ..... 4 00

284. United States, Treasury, 24 c. unused, fine copy, from Book 1732 ..... 4 00
285. United States, 10 c. green, newspaper, 1865, unused, fine, from Book 1775 ..... 5 00
286. United States, 25 c. red, newspaper, unused, fine, from Book 1775 ..... 5 00
287. United States, 1861, 24 c. lilac, fine, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 1 00
288. United States, 1868, 5 c. brown, grilled, unused, perforated, clipped on one side, from Book 1775 ..... 3 00
289. United States, 1855, 24 c. lilac, fine, used copy, from Book 1775 ..... 3 00
290. United States, 1869, 30 c. fine, used, from Book 1775 ..... 2 50
291. United States, 1869. 15 c. without diamond, very fine, used copy, from Book 1775 ..... 2 50
292. United States, 1855, 5c. brown with ornaments, very fine used copy, from Book 1775 .. 3 00
294. United States, two copies, 1872, 90c. dark carmine, yellow gum, light carmine, white gum, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 4 50
297. United States Due, 50 claret, unused, from Book 1775 ..... 1 50
298. United States, 12c. fine dark purple, re-engraved, the newly discovered variety, lightly canceled, from Book 1775 ..... 2 00
299. Confederate, 1862, 10c. rose on original cover, fine copy, from Book 1776 ..... 2 75
300. New Orleans envelope, 5c. orange, cut square, fine used, copy from Book 1776 ..... 30 00
301. Mexico, block of four, 1872, 6c. green, unused, water-marked Maltese Cross, from book 1776 ..... 75 00
302. Mexico, 1872, 50c. yellow, without *morie* on back, used, from Book 1776 ..... 5 00
304 Mexico, 1874, *error*, 1 centavo, blue in color of the peso, unused, from Book 1776 ..... 6 00
305. Mexico, 1856, ½ of an 8 reales stamp, used for 4 reales, provisionally, post mark covering stamp, from Book 1776 ..... 4 50
306. Mexico, 1861, ½ of an 8 reales stamp used for 4 reales provisionally, postmark covering stamp, from Book 1776 ..... 1 75
307. Mexico, 1861, ¼ of an 8 reales stamp used as 2 reales provisionally, postmark covering stamp, from Book 1776 ..... 2 00
308. Mexico, 10 pesos Documentos, 1880, red on black, fine copy, used, from Book 1776 .... 4 00
309 Mexico, 10 pesos Documentos, 1883 84, brown on green, uncancelled, from Book 1776.. 3 00
310. Mexico, 5 pesos, Renta Interior, 1892-93, blue, uncanceled, from Book 1776 ..... 1 00
311. Mexico, 10 pesos, Renta Interior, 1892-93, blue, uncanceled, from Book 1776 ..... 1 50
312. Mexico, 5 pesos, Renta Interior, 1893-94, green, fine, used copy, from Book 1776 ..... 1 25
313 United States 1860, 5c. red-brown, used fine, from Book 1652 ..... 5 00
314. United States 1860, 24c unused, fine, wide unperforated margin on one side showing extra line, from Book 1652 ..... 3 25
317 United States Officially Sealed Post Obitum, unused, from Book 1652 ..... 4 00
318 United States Agriculture Department 15c. unused, from Book 1649 ..... 2 00
320. United States 1861, 5c yellow, fine used copy on original cover, from Book 1650 ..... 5 00
321 Porto Rico, 1878, 10c red-brown, unused, from Book 1821 ..... 6 50
322. Spain, 1865, 19c unused, from Book 1820 ..... 3 50
323 Tasmania, 1889-91, ½ p. orange-brown (Scott's No 80) unused, from Book 1824 ..... 5 50
324. United States, State Dept. $20 00, light green and black, unused, fine, from Book 1882 . 35 00
325. United States, State Dept $20 00, dark green and black, unused, fine, from Book 1883.. 35 00
326 Knoxville, Confederate, 5 c. carmine, used, penmarked, on original cover (catalogued $20 00) from Book 1890 ..... 10 00
327 Canada, 1858, ½ p pink, perforated, unused, slightly cut, but mended, from Book 1910 5 75
328. United States, Navy Dept., 90 cents, used, fine, from Book 1910 ..... 4 90
329 United States, Executive Dept , 6 cents, used, fine, but imperforate on two sides, from Book 1910 ..... 6 40
330 Bahamas, 1850, 1 p pale lake, unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 1921 ..... 6 90
331 Ceylon, 1861, 9 p. watermarked star, unused, fine, from Book 1921 ..... 3 50
332. Mexico, 1867, 8 r. green on brown, gothic, used, fine, from Book 1921 ..... 9 00
333 Mexico 1857, 8 r. violet, used fine, from Book 1921 ..... 2 25
334 Swazieland, 5 sh. steel blue, unused, fine, from Book 1921 ..... 3 90
335. Wurtemberg, 1851, 18 kr. black on violet, used, extremely fine, from Book 1921 ..... 5 90
336. Hungary, 1871, 3 kr. green, lithographed, used, fine, from Book 1921 ..... 6 75
337. United States, 1869, 1, 2, and 3c. reprints without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922.. 10 00
338. United States, 1869, 6c. reprint without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922 ..... 5 00
339 United States, 1869, 10c. reprint without grill, unused fine, from Book 1922 ..... 5 00
340 United States, 1869, 12 c, reprint without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922 ..... 5 00
341. United States, 1869, 15c. reprint without grill, unused, fine from Book 1922 ..... 8 50
342. United States, 1869, 24c. reprint without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922 ..... 12 00
343. United States, 1869, 30c reprint without grill, unus d, fine, from Book 1922 ..... 15 00
344 United States, 1869, 90c. reprint without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922 ..... 20 00
345. Oldenburg, 1858, ⅓ g., green, used, extremely fine, from Book 1923 ..... 37 50
346. Oldenburg, 1858, 2 g., rose, scarcely canceled, fine, from Book 1923 ..... 9 00
347 Oldenburg, 1858, 3 g., yellow, used, very fine, from Book 1923 ..... 9 00
348. Oldenburg, 1860, ⅓ g., green, used, scarcely canceled, from Book 1923 ..... 9 00
349. Oldenburg, 1860, ½ g. brown, used, very fine, from Book 1923 ..... 8 75

350. Oldenburg, 1860, 2 g , rose, scarcely canceled, from Book 1923..... 6 75
351. Oldenburg, 1860, 3 g., yellow, used, fine, from Book 1923..... 6 75
352. United States, State Dept. $2, unused, from Book 1924..... 10 50
353. United States, Treasury Dept. 24 c. used, fine, from Book 1924..... 3 25
354. U. S. Periodical 1875, 9 c. black, unused, fine. from Book 1924..... 8 75
355. United States, Justice Dept. 90 c, unused, imperforate on one side, but wide margin, fine, from Book 1924..... 22 50
356. Mobile, Confederate 5c. blue, used, fine, from Book 1924..... 6 75
357. United States, Navy Dept. 90c. unused, fine but for two pin holes, from Book 1924.. 4 75
358. United States, 1850, 30c. orange, unused, fine, from Book 1924..... 4 25

G. D. MEKEEL,

SALES SUPERINTENDENT,

STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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CONVENTION NOTES.

FROM ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.

PITTSBURG, PENN., April 2, 1895.

The selection of Clayton, N. Y., as the place for our next annual convention was no doubt a great surprise to many members who had never heard of the town. The Committee on Arrangements and Entertainment for the Tenth Convention wish to let our members know something about Clayton and its attractions. The town itself is a thriving village on the American side of the St. Lawrence river near the head of the famous Thousand Islands, about twelve miles above Alexandria Bay. It is on a peninsula formed by the river and a bay running up to Frenchman's Creek, so that it has water on three sides. At Clayton the St. Lawrence is nine miles wide, but so thickly studded with islands that at places it resembles a chain of small lakes. The whole life of the summer visitor is on the river, and the St. Lawrence skiffs have become famous for comfort and safety. Clayton is reached from New York via Utica in one night; from Buffalo via Syracuse in the same time. Through sleeping cars from New York and Chicago are run during the season, and daily boats run from Montreal and Toronto, touching at Clayton. Arrangements will be made to supply any member wishing information, with full time-tables of any route, as soon as they are published, which will be about June 1st. The hotels of Clayton are not modern caravansaries, but old-fashioned, comfortable and homelike. The leading hotels are the Hubbard House, the Walton House and the West End. Rates are from $2.50 a day up, and in summer nearly every family in town is prepared to take boarders at very reasonable rates. It is customary at all houses to furnish a basket lunch for guests going out fishing, and no charge is made. The boats with an expert oarsman cost $3.00 per day, and the oarsmen will supply tackle and bait for a small additional charge. Several stores keep stocks of fishing tackle which are as good as could be found in the largest cities, and purchases in this line can be safely left until Clayton is reached. The skiffs are models of beauty and strength. Although so light that a man can row them all day, they are able to weather heavy wind and sea, and a man can stand on the gunwale without upsetting them. Each skiff carries two legless arm chairs and has ample room for two guests without interfering with the oarsman. Packed away under the seats they carry a folding table and two camp stools, cooking paraphernalia, ice and the materials for luncheon. Usually the start is made about 7:30 a. m., and if a breeze is blowing, a short and delightful sail brings you to some favorite spot of your oarsman, and you begin to try your luck. The small mouth black bass, pickerel, rock bass, chub, eels and wall eyed pike are abundant. The lordly muskellonge is a frequent but irregular prize. Fly fishing, still-fishing with live bait, and trolling with the spoon are the methods used, and from thirty to eighty black bass is not an unusual day's sport. The bass run from one to five pounds, two and a

half pounds being an average weight, and in those cool waters with light tackle a three pound bass will give a good ten minutes' fight before he comes gasping to the landing net. As noon approaches you go to some wooded island and debark. The provident man has brought his hammock or rubber blanket. The oarsman builds a long trough of stones and fills it with brush, and soon has several yards of fire. While the wood is burning down to coals he spreads the table and cleans the fish. The coffee pot is boiling and a bright bed of coals is broiling the fresh fish, chicken chops, etc. A cheerful call of "Din-n-e-e-e-r," like Trilby's "Milk below," rouses you and you sit down to the best meal you ever ate. From long practice your host has learned to pack a lunch basket without forgetting anything, and knives, forks, spoons, napkins, cups, tumblers and plates are all at hand. After dinner you fish homeward again and land in the cool of the evening. No words can picture the perfect contentment of such a day. The Committee proposes to devote a part of each day to recreation and to extend the convention over five days, with a program about as follows.

Tuesday, August 13th:

Reception of arriving members by Entertainment Committee.

Business meeting and election at 10 a. m.

Excursion around the islands on steamer at 2 p. m.

Business meeting and President's address at 8 p. m.

Wednesday, August 14th:

Business meeting at 9 a. m.

Business meeting at 2 p. m.

Electric search light excursion at 8 p. m.

Thursday, August 15th:

Business meeting at 9 a. m., reading and discussion of philatelic papers.

Business meeting at 2 p. m., reading and discussion of philatelic papers.

Supper, with toasts, at 7:30 p. m., with a possible little dance to follow, if the ladies wish it.

Friday, August 16th:

Fishing excursion with picnic dinner on an island, returning about 6:30 p. m.

Business meeting at 8:30 p. m.

Saturday, August 17th:

Business meeting at 9 a. m. Exhibit of stamp devices. Possibly an informal auction. Good byes and adjournment.

The Committee has submitted the program as outlined above to the President and several officers of the Association, and believe that it will meet with universal approval. We wish to make the excursions and supper free to everyone attending the convention, if we can collect a sufficient fund in advance. We hope that every member who reads this will send us at least a small contribution whether he expects to be present at convention or not. We have asked a few members and have raised about $50.00, but we need about $400.00 to carry out the program. Some or all of the dealers in stamps should, we think, be willing to help us by liberal subscriptions, as such a convention as we propose to hold must result in increased interest and renewed activity in stamp collecting. It is very important that the Committee know as far in advance as possible how many members and guests expect to be at the convention, and we urge upon all who expect or hope to be present at the convention to send prompt notice to the Chairman of the Committee. The Chairman expects to go to Clayton early in June to make arrangements for securing hotel accommodations, boats, oarsmen, etc., and should know at that time how many members will attend. For the sake of the Association, in the interests of American Philately, to get acquainted with your fellow collectors, for a healthful outing and for a jolly good time, be in Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y., on the morning of Tuesday, August 13th, 1895.

C. M. KRAUTH, G. W. RODE, E. DOEBLIN, } Committee on Arrangements and Entertainment.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I hereby certify that the following nominations have been approved by the Official Board:

C. R. Gadsden, of Grand Crossing, Ill., as Vice-President for Chicago.

W. E. Loy (of Berkeley, Cal.) as Vice-President for San Francisco.

C. H. Mekeel, as Vice-President for St. Louis.

E. Doeblin (of Allegheny City, Penn.) as Vice-President for Pittsburg.

Henry Clotz, as Vice-President for New York City.

Geo. T. Bailey, as Vice-President for Cleveland, O.

P. E. Rood, as Vice-President for Toledo, O.

Geo. E. Raymond as Vice-President for Portland, Me.

No nominations having been made by the Branches of Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Boston, Mass., Worcester, Mass., Springfield, Mass., Providence, R. I., and as the Board only has authority to appoint a resident vice-president "upon the request of ten or more members of the Association residing therein" or on the notification of a Branch that they have elected a Resident Vice-President, I cannot certify to the election of the several gentlemen suggested as Resident Vice Presidents for these localities.

JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends August 31st.

All applications for insertion in the next Circular must therefore be accompanied by a deposit of $1.17, and must reach the Secretary not later than June 1st.

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADRESSES, ETC.

446 BENT, STEDMAN, Overbrook, Philadelphia, Penn.

360 BEYERLE, W. H., 405 Main St., Elkhart, Ind. (Formerly Goshen).

340 BUCHHOLTZ, AUG., Cor. McNair & West Sts., Station D, Pittsburg, Penn. (formerly Wilkinsburg).

736 ESSELBORN, PAUL, Care Cincinnati Brewing Co., Hamilton, Ohio, formerly Pittsburg, Penn.

509 KELLAND, E. L., 27 South 11th St., Newark, N. J., formerly Auburn, N. Y.

28 KENDALL, H. C., Box 608, Ames, Iowa, formerly Emmettsburg.

685 KOECHLIN, F. C., The Hague, Netherlands, formerly Belleville, Ill.

968 NOWLAND, JAMES A., not Newland.

553 SMITH, J. W., Oblong, Ill., formerly Noble.

922 STEWART, CHAS., 210 East 9th St., St. Paul, Minn.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

The following applications have been received and if no objections are received the persons will be admitted to membership thirty days from the date of this Circular. All such objections must sent to the Trustees of the association or to the Secretary, preferably the former.

AVERILL, EMERY H., Box 253, Portland, Oregon.
References: J. L. Thompson, D. M. Averill.

BAER, HENRY L., Hancock, Mich.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BEAMISH, WM. H., 224 West Penn St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn.
References: Chas E. Osborn, Charles Beamish.
Guarantor: Charles Beamish.

BEREMAN, H. A., 4547 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

COURSON, GEO B., 204 Buckeye St., Akron, Ohio.
References: P. J. Krantz, P. E. Rood.

DAWSON, H. H., 2 Bee Building, Toledo, Ohio.
References: Peter J. Kranz, P. E. Rood.

DE CORDOVA, CHARLES, Kingston, Jamaica, W.
References: J. E. Gunter.

EDMONSON, DALE, Collinsville, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

EDMONSON, J. W., Collinsville, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

FOLTE, G., 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: H. B. Phillips, Wm. E. Loy.

FUNK, W. A., 4513 Cook Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

GRANTLEY, H. W., Seattle, Wash.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

GUNTER, H. EDWIN, Kingston, Jamaica, W. C.
References: J. E. Gunter, C. H. Mekeel.
Guarantor: J. E. Gunter.

HAUCK, DR, LOUIS, 905 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

HARDER, FRED. W., Box 514 Middletown, Conn.
References: Arthur B. Hubbard, William C. Stone.

HORR, H. M., Box 333, Wellington, Ohio.
References: P. J. Kranz, R. J. Machen.
Guarantor: Esther A. Horr.

LASKER, DAN M., Care Jake Davis & Co., Galveston, Texas.
References; Frederic Noyes, Alvah Davison.

LUMAGHI, L. F., Collinsville, Ills.
References: N. W. Chandler, C. H. Mekeel.

MCCULLOCH, ED., New Albany, Ind.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

MEKEEL, G. M., 4381 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

NEUSTADT, A., Collinsville, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

ROGERS, CLIFFORD R., 38 School St., Springfield, Mass.
References: Lizzie Keith Price, William C Stone.
Guarantor: E. C. Rogers.

RUMMELE, J. A., Manitowoc, Wis.
References: C. F. Canright, H. A. Ammann.

SCHMIDT, T. H., Collinsville, Ill.
References: C. H Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

SHERWOOD, WILLIAM B., 495 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. E. Rood.

SHIRREFS, ROBERT A., 571 Madison Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.
References: C. P. Krauth, E. M. Grove.

SHRYOCK, THOS. J., Box 717, Baltimore, Md.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

STUCKERT, REV. ATHANASIUS, 54 Van Reipen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.
References: G D. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.

TENBROEK, G. H., Turner Building, St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

WARD, WILLIAM F., 936 23d St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
References: Alex. Scott, A. G. Winterhalter.

WRIGHT, WALTER A., Honolulu, Hawaii.
References: William C. Stone, E. L. Kelland.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

The following applicants have been accepted as members and stock certificates will be sent them as soon as they can be made out and sent to the president for his signature. This of necessity will cause some little delay on account of the distance, but the publication of the name in the following list is sufficient evidence of membership.

984 BOARDMAN, HENRY F., 183 Second St., Troy, N. Y.

985 COELHO, TOMASSO, 81 Wightman Road, Harringay, London, England.

997 DUCKWORTH, L. C., 80 Woodland St. Worcester, Mass.

986 GATES, BURTON N., Charlotte and Clifton Sts., Worcester, Mass.

987 GEUDER, GEO. W., 862 Cedar St., Cleveland, O.

988 GUTKE, CHAS., 3405 Osage St., St. Louis, Mo.

989 HOLT, WARNER R., Newton Center, Mass.

990 LYFORD, CHARLES D., Bailey Road, Watertown, Mass.

313 MUENNINGHAUS, W. F., 2613 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

991 ODELL, ARTHUR, 587 Hough Ave., Cleveland, O.
451 REYMOND, G., 2749 Russell Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
992 RICE, ARTHUR O., 19 Maple St., Worcester, Mass.
993 RICKETTS, CHAS. LANGWORTHY, Vryburg, British Bechuanaland.
994. RIEDL, P., 40 Wenzelplatz, Prague, Austria.
290 RODGERS, T. B., 3535 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.
995 SEBBENS, CHAS. E., 26 Spring St., Worcester, Mass.
996 SIMPSON, JOHN BOULTON, 5 East 14th., St., New York.

DECEASED.

724 COLUCCI., FERNAND, Nov., 1894, Alexandria, Egypt.

NOMINATIONS.

Nominations for directors and trustees for the ensuing year are now in order and all such should be sent to the Chairman of the Literary Board before the first day of July in order to be in time. Suggestions for the appointable officers are also in order. It is hoped that each branch will at least put a ticket in the field and that the members at large will feel free to send in names which they may prefer.

MORE MEMBERS WANTED!

The small number of applications received during the past two months is disappointing. There is no reason why we should not have double the number each month if our members will only bestir themselves. Yet there are scores of our number who have never even signed as reference for a single applicant. Each member certainly ought to be able to induce one friend to join each year. Since the convention of last year there have been sent in nearly 200 applications. The largest number of applications in any one year was last year when 280 members were added, and the next was in 1888 when there was an increase of 268. These figures can be excelled only by doing some lively hustling during the next three months for it will require nearly 30 applications each month to accomplish the desired result. Let us then do our best and see if this year's work will not stand at the top.

STATE BRANCHES.

Over thirty charter members have thus far been secured for the proposed Ohio State Branch and quite a number have not yet been heard from. Colorado is taking steps to organize and one of our prominent Illinois members has written for information.

Our By-Laws say nothing about the formation of state branches, the proviso stating that "ten or more stockholders, resident in the same locality" can form a branch. A liberal interpretation of the above would seem to allow of the formation of such an organization, but the Secretary has decided not to issue any certificates to such branches until the opinion of the Official Board has been secured. If the approval of the Board is secured the next convention will probably alter the By-Laws so as to make special provision for such branches.

CLAYTON CONVENTION.

The especial attention of our members is directed to the report of the committee of arrangements for the next convention. Read and ponder. Then plan your vacation so as to be there. If you don't, you will miss it.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws should be sent to the Secretary at as early a date as possible that there may be time enough to discuss them. If you do not like the working of any part of them propose some change and it will be laid before the convention.

PUBLICATIONS WANTED.

The Secretary is desirous of securing the following publications of the Association for binding for the files of this office, and would be greatly obliged to any members who can supply any of the missing numbers.

Constitution, etc., 1888.
Constitution, etc., 1889.
List of members Philatelic Society of America, enrolled by the committee on organization from May to September, 1886.
List of members, 1890.
List of members, April 1891.

EXPULSION.

By direction of the Board of Trustees notice is hereby given that E. C. Farnsworth of Portland, Maine, has been expelled from the Association.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership April 10	882	
Added since	20	
		902
Died	1	
Expelled	1	
		2
Present membership		900

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary.
384 Union St. Springfield, Mass.
May 2, 1895.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

A protest having been received from the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, concerning the practice of the Superintendent of Sales of removing stamps from books sent in for circulation and advertising same in the Official Circular, the matter has been submitted to the Official Board for its opinion.

The approval of the Official Board being required to all rules made for this department, a mail vote was taken with the result that the rule was unanimously approved, and the practice of the Superintendent upheld.

By order of the Directors,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary.
May 1, 1895.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash, March 30, 1895	34 28	
Dues Coll, April 1 to 30....	25 95	
		$ 60 23

EXPENDITURES.

Postage April Circular.....	8 93
Cash balance, April 30, 1895.	51 30

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, March 30.	970 00
Cash received April 1 to 30,	3 00
Amount at credit April 30, 1895.	973 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 31, 1894.	$ 55 05

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

Collinsville, Ill., April 30, 1895.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, April 30, 1895.

During the month of April I received one hundred and thirty-eight books for circulation in the Sales Department, the gross value of which was .....$ 4,675.38

Previously acknowledged, gross value.	45,514.70
	$50,190.08
Books retired as per previous report..	25,157.99
	$25,032 09
96 books retired in April, gross value.	2,217.88
Value of stamps now in circulation...	$22,814.21

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $729.59 or 32 9/10%. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of April were $1,113.79.

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of April were as follows:

174 Blank Books.....	$17.40
4500 Control Stamps.....	4.50
	$21.90

The sales from the advertised list in last month's Official Circular amounted to $171.40. Members having desirable stamps for sale should send them in to the Department. All such stamps should be mounted in books, in the regular way.

The stamps advertised, will be sent to any responsible member of the Association or Branch Exchange Manager on approval, provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee, or pays express charges both ways.

Members sending cash in advance, will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory can be returned.

When ordering blank books and control stamps members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each one hundred control stamps.

The Department wants more books of United States Revenues, United States postage stamps and British Colonials, as well as other books of high grade stamps. Some good *U. S. Revenues* are particularly desired. Collectors that are becoming specialists and disposing of parts of their collections, can not do better than to place them in books for sale through this Department. The blank books have spaces for 120 stamps, and are furnished at 10c. each. The Department charges a commission of 10% on the net sales. Members may mark their stamps as they see fit, placing them at net prices. Where stamps have been marked intelligently, the sales have always been very satisfactory.

ABOUT ADVERTISING STAMPS.

I referred to the opposition of some members to the matter of advertising certain stamps in the last Official Circular.

As this originated in the Pacific Philatelic Society, and has now been settled to their satisfaction, I now give the correspondence in full for the information of others who have had ideas on this subject.

MARCH 16, 1895.

Mr. H. B. Phillips, Branch Man'gr Pac. Phil. Soc., 307 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR—In your letter of the 9th, you mentioned that the members of your society looked with disfavor on the plan of removing specimens for advertising. In my letter of the 17th, I replied that if your members sending in books did not desire to have their stamps advertised, their wishes would be regarded. I now notice in the minutes of the meeting of your society, held February 21st, that your society have adopted resolutions on this subject, but have failed to give any reasons for same. In the Association's by-laws the conduct of this department is left wholly to the Superintendent, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, and they have not objected to this plan. If your reasons could be specifically stated, I would take great pleasure in answering them, as I have given the matter a great deal of consideration and can easily explain the advantages of the system, and wish to know from what standpoint they view it, whether as buyers or sellers of stamps I believe it is only through misapprehension of the system that any objection could have been raised, and I am very much surprised that the Society should have adopted formal resolutions without pointing out the reasons of their disapproval. I remain,

Yours very truly,
G. D. MEKEEL.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., March 20, 1895.

Mr. G. D. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.

DEAR SIR—In reply to your letter of inquiry as to whether the members of the Pacific Philatelic Society look with disfavor as buyers or sell-

ers on your system of removing the better stamps from books to be advertised, would say they all look at it from the standpoint of buyers.

They wish to *see* the stamps, it is so they may see them that the Branch is organized, and books are called for, When the best things are removed the object of the branch is defeated to that extent.

Sending for specimens on approval in another thing entirely and it seems that not many of the members care to go to that trouble on an uncertainty as to how the specimen will look when in hand, as they have joined the Branch to avoid that trouble and expense.

As sellers they are indifferent for the most part so far as I have heard.

Yours truly,
H. B. PHILLIPS, Sec'y.

APRIL 9, 1895.

Mr. H. B. Phillips, 48 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR—In reply to your favor of March 20th, I notice that the reason your society looks with disfavor upon removing stamps to be advertised is because they want to *see* the stamps. They probably have not stopped to take into consideration that no one Branch sees more than 10% or 20% of the stamps in circulation, our range of membership is so large, and the fact that books cannot well be out more than ninety days, prevents any one Branch from seeing *all* of the stamps; so that the books are divided up into a great many circuits, and from 80% or 90% of the stamps are perhaps returned to the owners before they can reach you. When you take this into consideration, your members would not gain the advantage they seem to desire of seeing all of the stamps that are advertised,

Further than this, there are a great many stamps put into the exchange by members with the view to their being advertised, that would never be put in for general circulation, as the risk and length of time required is too great. While this system gives general satisfaction to the owners of the stamps, and while I defer to the wishes of those who do not wish their stamps so removed, there seems to be no good reason for making any change in our present system, as it is very evident that the opinion of your society has been formed hastily and without a thorough knowledge or consideration of the matter. The terms and conditions of the Department are such that if the Pacific Philatelic Society want to see all of these stamps, there is nothing to prevent their making the request and having them sent to them monthly. I remain,

Yours truly,
G. D. MEKEEL.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18, 1895.

G. D. Mekeel, Supt.

DEAR SIR—Yours of 9th inst. at hand, in the matter of the position of the Pacific Philatelic Society as to removing stamps for the purpose of advertisement. Your letter was read at a meeting of the Society held on the 16th inst., and on motion unanimously carried, it was ordered that the Branch Manager make the offered arrangement with you to have all the advertised stamps sent out once each month.

This solution of the question was considered very satisfactory by all.

As the details are left with me, I propose that you send the stamps so they will reach me, say two days before the date of our regular monthly meeting. I will notify all the members that they are here, and will be at the meeting, where all can see them. * * * *

With this arrangement the more good things you remove and advertise the better it will suit us. Trusting you will carry this out as proposed, I remain,

Yours truly,
H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secy. and Branch Mgr.

APRIL 26, 1895.

Mr. H. B. Phillips, Sec'y, San Francisco, Cal.

DEAR SIR—In reply to your communication of April 17th, the stamps will be sent to you for exhibition at your Society meeting as requested. They will be shipped by Wells, Fargo Express at your expense, this being the regular terms on which stamps are sent to all members, and these stamps being valuable, would request to have them returned in the same way, as the Express Company is responsible, while there is no security by registered mail in case of a loss.

I will endeavor to make the shipment so that it may reach you a day or two before your meeting and depend upon you to return them promptly the following day. I also understand that the stamps are not to pass from your possession

I think this may be the means of other societies adopting the same method, and thus affording a quick circuit of more desirable stamps among good buyers and accomplishing the result intended by advertising—that of bringing the more desirable stamps to the notice of a greater number of collectors than is possible through the ordinary means of circulating the books, and I am very glad that we have made such a happy solution of the matter. I also hope that the purchases your Society may make will justify our expectations, and they will be able to make some good purchases. I remain,

Yours very truly,
G. D. MEKEEL.

The above correspondence covers all points involved in the matter of advertising stamps. There is no doubt, but that it is a very good system, and will increase in popularity and usefulness when thoroughly understood.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,

ST. LOUIS, April 30, 1895.

In conducting this Department, I have had occasion to observe a decided tendency on the part of a number of members participating, to leave as little money on deposit as possible.

The majority of the members have signified their willingness to pay for anything I should send them, promptly, but they seem decidedly disinclined to leave any money on deposit, although I have repeatedly stated that this Department can only be conducted successfully with sufficient working capital.

In justice to another class of participants in this Department, I must say that some have been more than liberal, leaving a sum on deposit quite in excess of the requirements.

Inasmuch as working capital is the *one factor* that makes this Department a possibility and the one thing that will make it a success, I have formulated a new set of rules and regulations in which I have divided the participants into five graduated classes. These classes are graded in accordance with the stamps that the participants require, and a special amount is required to be deposited in order to entitle the members to join these classes. The amounts thus deposited are to furnish a working capital for the Department. A certificate of deposit will be issued to the member and this certificate will be redeemable in cash upon thirty days' notice of the member's desire to withdraw. The same, however, is only redeemable at face value in case the member's account with the Department is paid in full at the date of the withdrawal. As the Department orders stamps in advance, it is only fair that members should give at least thirty days notice when withdrawing, in order that the stamps ordered for them may not be left on hand. These advanced deposits for which certificates are issued, are not placed to the credit of the member, on the books of the Department, but carried in a special Working Capital Fund. New issues as received will be forwarded to members with invoices, for which they are expected to remit from time to time, all accounts to be balanced at least once in thirty days. In order that this general scheme may be properly understood, I have formulated the following:

GENERAL RULES.

Governing all classes of Participants in the Purchasing Department.

1. A member desiring to avail himself of the benefits of the Purchasing Department must make a cash deposit as provided in one of the following classes.

2. A certificate of deposit will be issued to him for the amount, the same redeemable in cash, subject to thirty days' notice of a desire to withdraw from the Department. For the certificate to be redeemable, however, the member's open account with the Department must be balanced.

3. New issues will be sent to participating members in accordance with their orders, from time to time as they are received; he will remit for these bills regardless of his original deposit represented by the certificate. No account at this time must remain open longer than thirty days.

4. A member joining one of the following classes may qualify his order as regards postal cards, cut or entire envelopes and addesives. He may also make geographical distinctions and limitations according to the class of stamps he collects, *but the deposit must be made in accordance with the class he joins, this to be governed by the limit of face value.*

5. Any member participating is entitled to subscribe for one, two or three copies of any stamp: or he may be entered in Class A. for one copy, Class B for another copy and one of the other classes for a third copy, or he may enter any one class for three copies. In any case he must make the full deposit in whatever class he joins, for each copy desired.

CLASS A.

Deposit required $100.00. This will entitle the participant to receive all new issues with the limit of face value over $5 up to any amount, or without any limit.

CLASS B.

Deposit required, $50.00 This will entitle the participant to receive all new issues, placing the limit of face value over $1.25 up to $5.00 inclusive, he having the privilege of placing his limit at any point between these two amounts.

CLASS C.

Deposit required $35.00. This will entitle the participant to receive all new issues, placing the limit of face value over 50 cents up to $1.25, he having the privilege of placing his limit at any point between these two amonnts.

CLASS D.

Deposit required $20.00 This will entitle the participant to receive all new issues, placing the limit of face value over 25 cents up to 50 cents inclusive, he having the privilege of placing his limit at any point between these two amounts.

CLASS E.

Deposit required $10.00. This will entitle the participant to receive all new issues of the face value up to and including 25 cents. No deposit will be received for less than $10.00 nor will any order be accepted where the limit is less than 25 cents for face value of the stamps required.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All members now on the books of the Department are requested to conform to the above regulations and to make a remittance at once of an amount sufficient with the present balance to their credit, to entitle them to enter one of the above five classes, in order that this system may go into effect from this date. A list of the balances of members not already included in the above classes upon the 30th day of April is as follows:

W. R. Baird	18.26
J. F. McGregory	9.94
Dr. Gaertner	1.16
F. O. Conant	15.65
E. Mayer	9.72
A. Dawson	16.87
W. E. Fiske	12.78
Rev. A. Battiste	69

H. E Deats	29.03
H. A Cheney	6.28
W. C. Eaton	17.92
N. R. Graves	7.85
F. H. Drown	5.16
C. P. Krauth	12.54
W. J. Lawrence	16.32
G. T. Loomis	11.95
B. S. Terry	6.30
A. W. Brown	14.39
D. Benjamin	15.83
A. Rae	14.65
H. F. King	23.71
E. R. Ackerman	8.44
F. Trifet	14 43
W. C. Van Derlip	29.37
F. D. Batchelder	26.36
C. H. Adams	20.27
J. M. Andreini	54.46
H. G. O. Ramborger	8.73
Miss M. Aikman	4.28
W. W. Grant	11.17
W. H. Phillips	13.75
M. Meyenberg	6.92
R. Roberts	6 63
F. F. Olney	7.78
C. A. Hughes	2.51
W. A. Mac Calla	9 35
F. S. Belden	7.92
Geo. Gregory	18.18
Edw. Hawkins	11.15
Total	$528.70

Above members are requested to conform their balances and remit an amount sufficient with that to their credit to entitle them to entry to the class they desire to join.

They will then remit separately for all new issues billed during the month of May according to the new rules.

The following members have already complied with the new conditions, and certificates have been issued as follows:

CLASS A.

Dr. S. G. Stein	$100.00
J. F. Beard	100.00
J. B. Simpson	100.00
Baron A. Reuterskiold	100.00
	$400.00

CLASS B.

E. B. Mason	$ 50.00
W. H. Withee	50.00
	$100.00

CLASS C.

Joe F. Beard, 2 copies	$70 00
Dr. S. G. Stein, 2 copies	70 00
F. T. Wadsworth	35.00
	$175.00

CLASS D.

Rev. A. F. Bruder	$20.00
W. J. Morgan	20.00
	$40 00

CLASS E.

Dr. J. Cabot	$10.00
Dr. H. Tuck	10.00
W. H. Faber	10.00
G. Lemoine	10.00
H. R. Taylor	10.00
C. H. Shearer	10.00
T. S. Clark	10.00
	$70.00

Total to the credit of Working Capital Fund	$785.00
Balances to the credit of participating members in excess of the Working Capital Fund	153.03
Total contributed by the sixteen members now participating in the Department, in good standing	$873.03
Balance to the credit of the thirty nine members who have not yet had an opportunity to make their deposits according to the above classes	$528.70
Eight participating members in the Department are *delinquent* on the books, to the amount of	31 25

As soon as the forty-seven members in the last two classes shall have entered the Department under the new scheme, making good their advance deposits, there will be no question at all of the possibility of our supplying *all new issues promptly*, and I urge that all members conform as quickly as possible to the new regulations, and I also hope that our ranks will be largely increased.

The above figures clearly demonstrate the justice of the new rules and regulations. Out of sixty-three participating members, sixteen of them have now on deposit 62% of the funds on hand. A circular will be prepared setting forth the new rules and regulations, soliciting members to join this Department, and mailed with this number of the Official Circular.

The following novelties have been sent to participating members since I last reported on the matter.

Brazil, 2,000 reis.

British Bechuanaland; 2 pence, brown and black.

British Honduras, 1, 5, 10 cents.

Congo, 5, 10, 25 centimes 1, 5 francs.

Guatemala, 6 centavos, mauve.

Mexico, 12 centavos (numeral).

Mexico, provisional post cards, 6 varieties.

Mexico, new series, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 50 centavos, new series, 1, 5, 10 pesos.

Mexico, Envelopes, 4, 5, 10 centavos.

Mexico, Letter cards 4, 10 centavos.

Mexico, Wrappers, 1, 2 centavos.

Mexico, Post cards, 2, 3 centavos (2 each.)

Mexico, Post card, variety 2c. Interior on buff.

Newfoundland, ½, 12 cents.

Panama (Colombia) 20 centavos.
Peru, 20 centavos.
Porto Rico, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 centavos.
Somalis Coast (Djibouti). 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 75 centimes; 1, 2, 5, 25, 50 francs.
South African Republic, ½ penny, 1 p. 1 sh. (*wagon with tongue.*)
Zululand, ½, 1 penny, £5.
Cash orders are now out for the following stamps:
Madagascar, 1895, 2, 4, 6 p. 1, 2, 4 sh.
Zululand, balance of series.
South African Republic, current series with varieties.
Belgium, recent issues.
Netherlands, recent new shades and colors.
Seychelles, 8, 15 and 30c. envelopes; 3, 12, 15 and 45c. adhesives.
Uruguay, 1894, series 1c. to 3 pesos.
British South Africa, 3 sh.
British Central Africa, 3 sh.
Lagos, 5, 7½, 10 p.
Cyprus, 9, 18, 45 p.
Greece, 20 l. envelope.
Roumania, 1894 series, 1½ b. to 2 l.
Servia, full series, 1895.
Absyssinia, full series.
Persia, full series 1894.
Mexico, Officals, 1c. to 10 p., 1895.

Sometime ago this Department was unable to secure the French Colonials through the Paris office, of the Minister of the Colonies, and therefore did not get the last set from Benin, Diego Suarez, and Obock. Nor did I get the full supply of the new sets of Nossi Be, St. Maria de Madagascar or French Soudan. I am now advised by my correspondent that I will be able to get these sets of stamps in Paris from the Minister of the Colonies. I will have to pay a commission, however, and as some of the members of this Department may have already been supplied, I desire each participating member to drop me a postal card stating whether or not I shall order the following stamps for his account. As my order will be mailed the 25th. of the present month, it is necessary that reply should be made promptly. Members whose deposits have not been made in accordance with the classes mentioned above, by that date, will not be included in my order;

Benin, 1c. to 1f., cost 90c. per set.
Diego Surez, 1c., to 1 fr., cost 90c. per set.
Obock, (large), 1c. to 1 fr., cost 90c. per set.
Nossi Be, 1 c. to 1 fr. cost 90c. per set.
St. Maria de Madagascar, 1c. to 1 fr., cost 90c.
French Soudan, 1c. to 1 fr. cost 90c. per set.

Beside there are the high values of the Obock, which I will only order by special request.

2	francs	cost	about.....	50
5	"	"	"	1.22
25	"	"	"	6.05
50	"	"	"	12.10

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF LITERARY EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY., April 29, 1895.

I sent in no report for March as very little business was transacted. I have received quite a number of letters asking me about various philatelic publications, also prices of same and requests to try and procure certain papers. I have answered nearly all the letters and keep a list of the papers wanted, so that if I happen to see any of them listed, I can inform the members. I have also made out a list of prices at which old papers can be obtained, as far as I could find prices. I will be glad to inform anyone on this subject, if I can. I would like to suggest, however, that members inclose return postage as my position as Superintendent has no salary attached. I have received Mr. Frankel's list of all German papers, which is a valuable edition to a student of philatelic literature. He desires to enter into exchange relations with advanced collectors of stamp journals. I also received a letter from Mr. Victor Suppantschitsch of Grau, Austria, who is the author of The Bibliography of German Philatelic Literature. He also desires to enter into exchange relations with advanced collectors and mentions that he has several thousand old and valuable papers for exchange. I have also received from Mr. E. B. Jones, Ruthven, Iowa, copies of his Philatelic Check List, which is, I think, the most valuable work of its kind since Mr. Tiffany's "Collector's Companion." All collectors should get it, if for no other reason, than that it has been published at both a loss of time and money by the author. Again, I will say, that I am ready at any and all times to give any information I possibly can to my brother members of the American Philatelic Association.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. M. CAMPBELL, M. D.

AUCTION AGENTS REPORT.

NEW YORK, April 29, 1895.

During April but two sales have been held. On 17th inst. J. W. Scott Co. offered a gathering made up mainly from the duplicates of several large collectors. Though a much mixed lot, some very rare stamps were sold at high prices.

The sale of R. F. Albrecht & Co ,24th and 25th inst., consisted of a fine collection. The rarities sold high, as usual, but many of the stamps were not very fine.

It is evident that collectors are becoming more particular, as to the condition of their specimens. Those not fine are not wanted, if they are scarce; while those in perfect condition sell readily at prices close to and often far above those quoted in the catalogues.

For May three sales are booked: Bogert & Durbin on the 11th, R. F. Albrecht & Co., 23rd, 24th; and late in the month the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. will hold the final sales of the season. The last mentioned will consist entirely of the collection of entire U. S. envelopes of the late

Gilbert Harrison. It is probably the most complete collection of U. S. entire envelopes ever made, and collectors will never again have such an opportunity to secure minor varieties of knife, die and color. Catalogues will be sent to all asking for them.

W. F. GREGORY.

REPORT OF COLLECTING AGENT

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., April 9, 1895.

I have received during March, eight claims, amounting to $45.80.

I have collected two of those claims, amounting to $7.85.

I have also succeeded in collecting two old claims, amounting to $18.20.

May 8, 1895.

I have received during the month of April, six claims amounting to $81.56.

I have collected three old claims, amounting to $11.44.

Very truly yours,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

Geo. W. Rode, 38 Hazelwood ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.; C. P. Krauth, Secretary Forty-eighth st. and A. V. Ry., Pittsburgh, Pa.

PITTSBURG, PENN., April 30, 1895.

I beg to report that the Board of Trustees held a meeting on April 29th, at which the entire Board was present. Mr. Rode in the chair.

The charges against an applicant not having been proven, the objection to his admission to membership was withdrawn.

A case of a member of the Association using his Association number in connection with an assumed name in a published circular was considered. The member having explained that it was ignorantly done, with no intention to deceive, and having promised to destroy the objectionable circulars, the matter was held over to give him an opportunity to fulfill his promises.

The Portland Philatelic Association, Branch No. 11, of the Amer. Phil. Assn., having preferred serious charges against E. C. Farnsworth, of Portland, Me., and the truth of these charges having apparently been proven, and admitted by Mr. Farnsworth, it was decided to expel him from membership in the Association.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That in case of rejected applicants for membership in this Association, it is not expedient to furnish such applicants with the records in their cases, provided that if request is made for the record in such a case, by a member signing as reference for such rejected applicant, it may be furnished confidentially, if approved by the unanimous vote of the Board.

The General Circular to Claimants ordered at the ninth annual convention, was adopted for publication. A copy of this circular is furnished to the General Secretary for publication in this circular and a copy will be mailed to each past and present member to their last known address.

The General Secretary having advised the Board that their report of November 14, 1894, regarding disposition of claims against the Association, had been approved by the Official Board, the Secretary was instructed to forward the warrants for the amounts adjudged due on these claims to the Treasurer and to advise the claimants. This will take several days to do, and as the warrants can only be paid as the funds in the treasury permit, it may be some time before all claimants receive the amounts allotted to them.

The question of a form of proxy and official ballots for use at the tenth annual convention was discussed and the Secretary instructed to get out the proxies and ballots in time for distribution with the June Official Circular. Adjourned at 10:50 p. m.

C. P. KRAUTH.
Secretary Board of Trustees.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 1, 1895.

At the ninth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association, held at Niagara Falls, N. Y., August 21 and 22, 1894, a resolution was presented by Mr. C. H. McKeel, duly seconded and carried by a majority vote, instructing the Board of Trustees to notify all past and present members of the Association that any claims for loss or damage which they may have against the Association must be presented in writing to the Board of Trustees within a fixed period from the date of such notification. In compliance with these instructions, the Board has prepared from the official reports of the Secretary a list of all past and present members, with their last known address, and this notice will be sent to each person whose name appears on that list. The Board has further carefully considered, investigated and referred to the Official Board, with recommendations for action, all cases of claims against the Association of which it has any knowledge. With this recommendation the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees, as regards these claims, ceases; and we now give notice, in accordance with the instructions of the Association in convention assembled, that any person having any further existing claim against the American Philatelic Association must present the same, in writing, with full particulars and all obtainable proof of correctness, supported by affidavit, to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, on or before Wednesday, July 31, 1895, as after that date all such claims will be considered as outlawed and will not be received by the Trustees. Under the by-laws of the Association no claim against the Association can be recognized until it has been passed upon by the Board of Trustees, who constitute the judicial body of the Association, as distinguished from the Official Board, who constitute the executive body. The Board of Trustees having made its recommendation in any given case, the carrying out of its suggestions rests entirely with the Executive Board, as it may see fit to do so or not, or as may be warranted by the financial condition of

the Association. This Association being an aggregation of persons interested in the same pursuit, for mutual assistance and intercourse, the Association, *per se*, cannot and does not guarantee any member from loss sustained in the usual and customary interchange of stamps among themselves through the Departments of the Association, except in such cases where loss accrues to a member through such gross negligence or dishonesty of an officer as would render him liable under his bond to the Association for the amount of the loss. When the officers of the Association perform their duties with due care the liability of the Association on their behalf ceases. Neither does nor can the Association guarantee its members against such losses as are commonly incident to the business of buying, selling and exchanging stamps. The Association has made laws for the guidance of its officers in the performance of their several duties, and has demanded from some of them heavy bonds for the performance of their duties under its laws. Any loss accruing to a member from unavoidable accident or the dishonesty of fellow members, which could not reasonably have been foreseen and prevented by the officer in charge of the transaction, must be borne by the member and does not constitute a claim against the Association. While we do not know of any existing just claims against the Association which have not already been passed upon by the Trustees, yet as a matter of courtesy rather than right, the Association desires to prevent dissatisfaction by giving a full and impartial hearing to all members who may feel that in the past they have not received their just dues. Owing to imperfect records of past transactions some claims may possibly exist of which the present Board is not cognizant, and this notice will give a final opportunity to every one to present their claims, failing, which they can no longer with any justice complain that they have not received due consideration. All letters on this subject should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Mr. C. P. Krauth, 48th St. & A. V. Ry., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Board of Trustees of the American Philatelic Association:

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Uncle Sam received a rude awakening from his fancied security, when it was discovered that his two cents stamps were being counterfeited. Only in very rare instances have those who take criminal advantage of the postoffice department had the temerity to counterfeit stamps of a current issue. However, these lithographed counterfeits have had but a short lease of life and the governmental authorities have entered into the prosecution of those responsible for the birth of the spurious stamps with their customary ardor and earnestness. Some time ago, Germany had an experience similar to that of our country and its current issue was counterfeited with some success.

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As the season wanes, auction sales seem to multiply and nearly every sale can boast of a few star specimens. In a Boston sale, a Millbury local is presented, reserved at twelve hundred dollars, and those intending to compete for the rarity are invited to send for photographs of the stamp.

Some of the latter day auction catalogues with their stamp photogravеurs, are beautiful examples of the art of typography.

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We are all familiar with the axiomatic little couplet to the effect that a drop of ink may make millions think. The philatelic world recently offered an illustration of how a little drop of peroxide of hydrogen not only made hundreds of philatelists think, but occasioned results whereby hundreds of dollars changed ownership. The experiment by which the true status of the five cent, 1890, color of the four, was determined has been widely read of, and the story of how the five cent, chameleon-like, changed its hue to the ordinary color under the potency of the peroxide is an impressive little recital.

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It would be meet for writers on the subject of "How to Preserve Rarities" to begin their articles with: First, get your rarities.

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Soon the days of heat will come and then, the members will begin to think of the pleasure that will be store for them when they rendezvous at Clayton. With its inviting woods and waters, Clayton is a refreshing picture to conjure up in one's mind when the city swelters, with the thermometer in the nineties.

C. E. SEVERN.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1.

Meetings held the second Thursday of each month at 1233 Masonic Temple. Chas. R. Gadsden, President, New York Life Building. Every Paget, Secretary and Treasurer, 309 Jackson Boulevard. W. H. McDonald, Exchange Supt., 2600 Indiana Ave.

The fourth regular meeting after re-organization of Chicago Branch Number One of the American Philatelic Association, was called to order Thursday evening, April 11th, at 8:30 p. m. by the Secretary.

Our new President was unfortunately called away on important business and consequently could not be present. On a motion of Mr. Severn and seconded by Mr. Paget, Mr. Wolsieffer was elected President *pro tem.*

Roll call found the following members present: Messrs. Wolseiffer, Severn, Rosenthal, Hopkins, Michael, Massoth, Schultze, Grossman, Wendt and Paget. Visitors Messrs. Lefever, Moeng and Steinbrecher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer made a report showing a very low balance in the treasury, and a collection was taken sufficient to defray the expenses of his office for the next few meetings.

It was suggested that the Secretary have a stamp made with which to print notices of the meetings, thereby reducing the labor of his office by several hours monthly, but at the request of the Secretary, he was given permission to act as he chose upon the matter, as he prefers to be more personal in his notices. A minimum of fifty, and sometimes an hundred notices are sent out for each meeting.

A committee composed of Mr. McDonald was to report the result of his office, but unavoidable business engagements caused his absence. He sent information, however, that Mr. Gadsden had kindly consented to accept the nomination as Resident Vice-President of the American Philatelic Association, and President of the Chicago Branch No. One.

A communication was read from Mr. H. W. Hanna informing us he leaves for San Francisco for a year's sojourn, and his temporary withdrawal from the branch was accepted with regrets. It is to be hoped Mr. Hanna will find time to attend the meetings of the San Francisco Branch, and our loss will be their gain.

Under the head of new business, at the suggestion of the Secretary, the President appointed an entertainment committee, and named Messrs. Severn, Rosenthal and Michael as such a committee, to arrange for an entertainment of a Philatelic nature for each future meeting.

A recess was next taken in order to give the members present opportunity to examine the fine collection of Mr. Albert Schultze. Mr. Schultze is a man of years, and while his philatelic experience dates back only a few years, he has amassed a general collection of over 9,000 varieties of postage stamps. Mr. Schultze is an earnest student of philately and has in his collection many unchronicled varieties of postage stamps.

The Chicago Branch is a success. Mr. Wolseiffer's most sanguine estimates are being rapidly fulfilled, and the Chicago Branch, at present indications, will soon be able to hold a candle over any similar branch in existence. That symbolic emblem of Chicago: "I will," is also asserting itself, and it is quite certain that also that other phrase, "I did," so typical of Chicago, will soon be in evidence. As Secretary, I feel fully repaid for the time and labor expended, and, with the members' kind permission, shall continue to fulfill the duties of the office of Secretary and Treasurer to the best of my ability. Let every Chicago collector, whether a member of the Association or no, be present regularly at our meetings and lend his aid in making our branch fully able to bear up its number successfully. We are BRANCH NUMBER ONE.

At 9:57 p. m., after thanking Mr. Schultze for so kindly exhibiting his valuable collection, an adjournment was taken, and each and every collector left for home highly gratified over our success thus far.

The Chicago Philatelic Society has just closed a lease for Rooms 551 Marquette Building, and where the next and following meetings of Chicago Branch Number One, of the American Philatelic Association, will be held. The Marquette Building is located an the north west corner of Dearborn and Adams streets, just across from the Post Office, and is much more centrally located than the Masonic Temple. The Committee of Rooms reports it has secured a room and adjoinments even finer than the one now occupied by the Society, and in virtue of the courtesy extended to us by the Chicago Philatelic Society, our meetings will be held in their rooms.

EVERY PAGET, Secretary.

April 15, 1895.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

BRANCH NO. 3.

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Frank Koenig, President; J. C. Welsh, Vice-President; H. B. Phillips, Secretary and Ex. Man., 48 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

The seventy-sixth regular monthly meeting of the Society was held Tuesday, April 16th, at No. 108 Stockton street, at the office of Wm. Sellschopp.

Meeting called to order at 8:00 p. m., with President Koenig in the chair. Mr. James A. Nowland was elected a member of the Society. A letter was read from Mr. G. D. Mekeel concerning the removal and advertisement of stamps from the books by the Superintendent of Exchanges, in which he stated all these stamps, so removed, would be forwarded to the Society on request, for inspection. On motion, duly seconded, it was ordered that the Secretary accept the offer and in the name of the Society request the stamps be sent on each month, in time for the monthly meetings.

A discussion of Library matters resulted in a committee being appointed to purchase a suitable case or cabinet to contain the accumulation of books and other philatelic works belonging to the Society, and which is being constantly augmented by donations and subscriptions from the Library fund.

The first and second retouches of the current 2c. red, U. S., as issued by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing was shown by the Secretary, Mr. Phillips, and discussed; the almost simultaneous appearance of the two re-touches led members to think the first retouch would be issued in but very small numbers.

After an evening pleasantly and profitably spent in the discussion of matters philatelic, the

meeting adjourned at 10.30 p. m., until the third Tuesday of May, the place of next meeting being at the command of the President.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.

BRANCH NO. 7.

Meeting held the third Wednesday of each month at the office of Mr. G. J. Bailey, 446 Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio. J. J. Overton, President; W. H. Barnum, Secretary, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The 47th regular meeting was called to order April 17, 1895, at 8:20 p. m., with President Overton in the chair, and the following members in attendance: Messrs. Bailey, Brodie, W. H. Barnum, Colwell, Madter, Buerger, Humiston, Gender and Pears. The minutes of the 46th meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bailey kindly offered to give volumes 6, 7, and 8 of the *Philatelic Journal of America* to the club provided we agreed to pay for the binding of above mentioned journals. On motion of Mr. Brodie this offer was accepted with thanks, and the treasury was ordered drawn on for the required amount.

Several communications were read from the Pomery Philatelic Society (Branch A. P. A.), in regard to the plan of organizing a State Society, and requesting that we give them our support in their endeavors in that direction. After a long discussion on the matter (in which all present took part), Mr. Bailey moved that inasmuch as the Garfield-Perry members failed to see the need or value of a State Society, and as they considered the local and national Societies as sufficient, we cannot, in all friendliness, give our support to this movement, and that the Secretary be instructed to notify the Pomeroy Philatelic Society to this effect. This motion was duly seconded by Mr. Barnum and unanimously carried. The Membership Committee having reported favorably on the applications of F. L. Roby and W. J. Crawford, these gentlemen were unanimously elected to membership.

There being no further business to come before the club the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p. m.

W. H. BARNUM, Sec'y.

PORTLAND PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

BRANCH NO. 11.

G. E. Raymond, Resident Vice-President; C. R. Lewis, Treasurer; S. T. Dow, Secretary. Meeting on alternate Wednesdays at the Falmouth Hotel.

Both the meetings in April were particularly well attended in spite of the fact that there was no unusual attraction to bring them out. Many good stamps were shown including the rare shillings of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Mr. W. N. Howe presented the name of Harvey S. Murray for membership and he was unanimously voted in.

After considerable deliberation the Branch deems it expedient to publish the person who has been guilty of fraud in our society. The sentiment of the society in this matter found voice in a motion "that the Secretary be instructed to incorporate in his next report to Secretary Stone, for publication in the Official Circular, the facts concerning the fraudulent practices of one of our members, and to have his name published as well." This motion was seconded, and was carried by the society.

The facts of the case were enumerated in my report of one or two months since. To review briefly: E. C. Farnsworth, a member of this branch was suspected of perforating the imperforate pence issue of Canada and offering the same for sale as genuine, with the deliberate attempt to defraud. By means of a marked sixpence stamp he was caught, and on being confronted with positive proof, he confessed. He was expelled from this Branch and steps taken to have him deprived of his membership in the American Philatelic Association. His case is now in the hands of the Board of Trustees. So far, three fraudulently perforated three-pence stamps, three six-pences, one one hundred and eighty reis Brazil, and two Portland Star Match stamps rouletted (a unique variety) can be laid at Mr. Farnsworth's door.

That such things should happen in our Branch is a matter of profound regret to all its members, but we have done all in our power to right the matter and end the career of the guilty party.

STERLING DOW,
Secretary.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners.

Any member of the Association or Branch Society has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if they are not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing postage registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, express charges or postage and registration extra, in all cases.

321.	Porto Rico, 1878, 10 c. red-brown, unused, from Book 1821	6 50
322.	Spain, 1865, 19 c. unused, from Book 1820	3 50
323.	Tasmania, 1889-91, ½ p. orange-brown (Scott's No. 80) unused, from Book 1824	5 50
324.	United States, State Dept. $20.00, light green and black, unused, fine, from Book 1882	35 00
326.	Knoxville, Confederate, 5 c. carmine, used, penmarked, on original cover (catalogued $20.00) from Book 1890	10 00
327.	Canada, 1858, ½ p. pink, perforated, unused, slightly cut, but mended, from Book 1910	5 75
329.	United States, Executive Dept., 6 cents, used, fine, but imperforate on two sides, from Book 1910	6 40
330.	Bahamas, 1850, 1 p. pale lake, unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 1921	6 90
331.	Ceylon, 1861, 9 p. watermarked star, unused, fine, from Book 1921	3 50
332.	Mexico, 1867, 8 r. green on brown, gothic, used, fine, from Book 1921	9 00
333.	Mexico 1857, 8 r, violet, used fine, from Book 1921	2 25
334.	Swazieland, 5 sh. steel blue, unused, fine, from Book 1921	3 90
335.	Wurtemberg, 1851, 18 kr. black on violet, used, extremely fine, from Book 1921	5 90
336.	Hungary, 1871, 3 kr. green, lithographed, used, fine, from Book 1921	6 75
337.	United States, 1869, 1, 2, and 3c. reprints without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922	10 00
338.	United States, 1869, 6c. reprint without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922	5 00
341.	United States, 1869, 15c. reprint without grill, unused, fine from Book 1922	8 50
342.	United States, 1869, 24c. reprint without grill, unused, fine, from Book 1922	12 00
345.	Oldenburg, 1858, ⅓ g., green, used, extremely fine, from Book 1923	37 50
346.	Oldenburg, 1858, 2 g., rose, scarcely canceled, fine, from Book 1923	9 00
347.	Oldenburg, 1858, 3 g., yellow, used, very fine, from Book 1923	9 00
348.	Oldenburg, 1860, ⅓ g., green, used, scarcely canceled, from Book 1923	9 00
349.	Oldenburg, 1860, ½ g., brown, used, very fine, from Book 1923	8 75
350.	Oldenburg, 1860, 2 g ,,rose, scarcely canceled, from Book 1923	6 75
351.	Oldenburg, 1860, 3 g., yellow, used, fine, from Book 1923	6 75
353.	United States, Treasury Dept. 24 c. used, fine, from Book 1924	3 25
354.	U. S. Periodical 1875, 9 c. black, unused, fine, from Book 1924	8 75
355.	United States, Justice Dept. 90 c, unused, imperforate on one side, but wide margin, fine, from Book 1924	22 50
356.	Mobile, Confederate 5c blue, used, fine, from Book 1924	6 75
357.	United States, Navy Dept. 90c. unused, fine but for two pin holes, from Book 1924	4 75
358.	United States, 1850, 30c. orange, unused, fine, from Book 1924	4 25
359.	United States, Post Obitum officially sealed, unused, from Book 1925	3 30
360.	United States, 1860, 24c. fine, used copy, from Book 1929	2 50
361.	United States, 1860, 90c unused, fine, from Book 1929	9 00
362.	United States, 1861, 5c. yellow, fine, used, from Book 1929	3 50
363.	United States, 1869, 15c. without diamond, fine, used, from Book 1929	2 25
364.	United States, 1869, 24c. fine, used copy, from Book 1929	5 50
365.	United States Carrier, Horseman, 1c. black, fine, used copy on original cover, from Book 1925	5 00
366.	United States, 1868, 3c. rose, grilled 13x16 mm., fine used copy, from Book 1940	3 75
367.	Switzerland, Geneva, 1847, 5c. yellow-green, fine used copy, from Book 1944	5 25
368.	St. Vincent, 1883, 4 p. blue, Crown C. A., used, fine, from Book 1952	3 50
369.	Victoria, 1861, 2 sh., green, perf. 12, unused, from Book 1953	6 50
370.	Baden, 1862, 30 kr., orange, used, from Book 1953	2 00

371. New South Wales, 1853, 8 p., orange, unperf., good margin, but slightly torn, used, from Book 1953 ..... 10 00
372. United States, State Dept., $20.00, fine, unused, o. g., from book 1882 ..... 35 00
373. U. S. Envelope, *entire*, 1853, 3c., red on white, Die 4, full letter size, fine used copy, from Book 2014 ..... 9 00
374. United States, 1861, 5c. yellow, fine, used, from Book 2018 ..... 4 00
375. New Orleans, Confederate provisional, 2c. blue, used, from Book 2019 ..... 5 00
376. New Zealand, £3. revenue, green, used, postally, from Book 1780 ..... 2 60
377. Nova Scotia 1851, 1p. brown, used, slightly nicked, from Book 1678 ..... 4 00
378. British Columbia 1861, 2½p. used, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 2 20
379. Madagascar 1884, 1sh. 6p. unused, from Book 1678 ..... 7 00
380. United States 1856, 5c. with full ornaments, used strip of 3, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 12 00
381. Confederate 1863, TEN cents, used, on original cover, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 5 00
382. New South Wales, registered, unperf., red and blue, used, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 4 20
383. United States, 1847, 10c. fine, used, on original letter, from Book 1678 ..... 3 75
384. Portugal, 1853, 100r, unused, original, Scott 55th. Ed., $75.00, from Book 2027 ..... 30 00
385. Italy, Unpaid, 1884, 50l, green, unused, Scott 55th. Ed. $14.00, from Book 2027 ..... 7 00
386. Bahamas, 1850, 1p. pale red, unsevered pair, used, Scott's 55th. Ed. $40.00, from Book 2027 ..... 20 00
387. Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $5.00, red, blue and black, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 6 00
388. Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $2.00, brown and green on yellow, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 2 50
389. Mexico, 1895, 5 pesos, vermilion, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 3 75
390. Mexico, 1895, 10 pesos, dark blue, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 7 50
391. Somalis Coast, (Djibouti), 25 francs, red and blue, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 6 50
392. Argentine, 1874, 10c. green, w'm'k "R. A." unperf. used, from Book 2029 ..... 6 00
393. U. S. Local, Brown & Co., 1c. black, Scott's 55th, Ed. $12.50, unused from Book 2029. 7 00
394. Mexico, 1867, ½r. brown, gothic suacharge, used, from Book 2029 ..... 17 50
395. Mexico, 1867, 8r. black on brown, gothic surcharge, used from Book 2029 ..... 8 00
396. Mexico, 1857, 8r. green on brown, gothic surcharge, used, from Book 2029 ..... 11 50
397. Hanover, 1859, 10g. green, fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 9 50
398. Wurtemburg, 1861, 18kr. blue, perf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 3 90
399. Wurtemburg, 1863, 18kr. orange, perf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 3 20
400. Bremen, 1855-60, 5sgr. green, unperf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 3 75
401. Bremen, 1855-60, 7 gr. yellow, p. unperf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 8 00
402. Bremen, 1861-63, 10 gr. black, roul., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 10 00
403. Bremen, 1866, 7 gr. pink p., perf. fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 2 50
404. Bergerdorf, 1861, 4s. brown p., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 17 50
405. Switzerland, Federal 1849-50, 5c. red and black, fine, used, copy from Book 2030 ..... 4 75

G. D. MEKEEL,

SALES SUPERINTENDENT,

STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN—It is provided by our By-laws (Article III., Sec. 1.) that "the annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Association, to be designated as the 'Annual Convention,' shall be held each year at such date and at such place, within or without the State of West Virginia, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention" and that "the publication in the Official Circular of the proceedings of the Convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meetings;" but it is further provided that "the president shall also cause a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Circular issued next prior to the holding of such convention."

In the proceedings of the Ninth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association held at Niagara Falls N. Y., August 21-23, 1894, published in the *American Philatelist* for December 1894, pages 39, 40 and 47 will be found the proceedings of the last preceding Annual Convention fixing the place for holding this years Annual Convention at Clayton, Jefferson Co., in the State of New York and the time as the second Tuesday in August or August 13, 1895.

Shortly after the adjournment of last years' Convention, in accordance with the expressed desire of the Convention, the President appointed the Committee of Arrangements, provided for by Article V., section 1, of the By-laws, in order that they might have ample time to make arrangements. This Committee composed of C. P. Krauth. G. W. Rode, and E. Doeblin, have already made several announcements to make members of what is proposed to be done for their entertainment.

As it is absolutely necessary in order to reach some of our stockholders in time that the forms of ballots, proxies and other official papers concerning elections and the Annual Convention should be mailed with this number, upon consultation with the trustees the President, has decided to issue the call provided for now, although it will have to be re-printed in the two following Official Circulars. This suggests the propriety of slightly changing the wording of the articles of the By-laws relating to these subjects in order to extend the time for the issuing of these notices.

The President therefore announces that the Tenth Annual Convention of the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association will be held at the Hubbard House, Clayton, Jefferson County, New York, on Tuesday August 13th, 1895, and following days, and will be called to order at 10 o'clock a. m. That at the same time and

place an election will be held for five Directors and three Trustees to serve during the coming year. That the polls for such election will be open from 10 o'clock a. m., until noon, only as provided by the By-laws, and that to be counted every ballot must be in the form herewith enclosed, signed by the stockholder voting or his proxy and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "ballot" and should be directed "To the Committee on Credentials, American Philatelic Association, care Hubbard House, Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y."

Votes and proxies may be changed at any time until received by the Committee and in the event of two votes or proxies reaching the Committee, that bearing the later date will be accepted. It is necessary to caution members against using any but signatures written with a pen, as stamped, printed or typewritten signatures cannot be accepted.

The President has been requested also to call attention to the fact that the Corporation Law of West Virginia expressly providing that the stockholders "may also by a By-law prescribe the qualifications of directors; but if it be not otherwise provided, every director shall be a resident of this State (West Virginia) and a stockholder, the provision by by-law that *'Each Director of our Association shall be a resident of a different State"'* cannot be successfully disputed.

While your President cannot but feel flattered that solicitude for his welfare has led some of his friends to prematurely announce that he would this year renew and insist upon the request to be allowed to retire from your service, made some years ago when sickness and overwork made him fear that his duties in your behalf might be neglected, these announcements have led so many others to urge upon him to announce positively his willingness to remain in office with such strong assurances of their good-will and desire that your President believes it to be his duty, having received so many times, accepted the honors showered upon him, to leave it to you to decide at the coming election what is best for the Association irrespective of any personal considerations.

JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

FELLOW MEMBERS—As the date of the annual convention of the Association approaches a renewal of interest is noticed all along the line; not but what the members have the interest of the Association at heart at all times, that is shown by the activity of the various departments, but for many months, after each convention, the membership is engaged either in patronizing these departments or in adding to their treasures through other channels, the Association, moving on smoothly and apparently without effort, and yet its very calmness is an indication of the watchfulness of those in charge.

With the approaching of the annual meeting the rank and file realize that they have certain duties to perform, and what is usually taken as an awakening interest, is simply the coming forward of the members in the line of their duty to the Association. New officers proposed; new laws suggested; plans for the bettering of the different departments, these are the signs of the times, and indicating to those in authority that the members are alive to the interests of the society.

The committee appointed by the President at the last convention for the entertainment of the members at Clayton have, as already noted in this journal, done excellent work, and the indications are that the next convention will, in point of interest, far eclipse all previous meetings. The programme laid out is an enticing one, and those who have the pleasure of seeing it through will surely not regret it.

Many have already signified their intention to be present with their wives or other members of their families, and every indication leads to the belief that the 1895 convention will mark an epoch in the history of the Association. Fellow members, let us all try to be there.

Respectfully,
ALVAH DAVISON,
Vice-President.

CONVENTION NEWS.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May 28, 1895.

The Entertainment Committee has written to the various hotels and transportation companies. The hotels have fixed rates as follows;

Hubbard House, $3.00 per day for single person occupying a room; $2.50 per day each for two persons occupying a room. Izaak Walton House, $2.00 to $2.50 per day. New Windsor (formerly West End), $2.50 per day for single person occupying a room; $2.00 per day each for two persons in a room.

The headquarters of the Association will be at the Hubbard House. All of the hotels named are good, clean, comfortable houses, where our members will be taken care of. It would be advisable, as the Convention is held during the height of the Clayton season, to write to the hotel selected some time in advance, so as to secure rooms. The summer time-tables of the railroads are not yet obtainable. The Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company advise, however, that their steamers will leave Toronto daily, (Sunday excepted), at 2:00 p. m., arriving at Clayton at 6:20 a. m. A steamer leaves Kingston on Monday mornings at 5.00, reaching Clayton at 6:20 a. m. Full timetables and sleeping car arrangements will be given in the July Circular. If the proposed programme is to be carried out the members must subscribe more generally and more liberally to the entertainment fund. Not a single reply has been received to our request in the May Circular. The Committee is willing to do the work but not to pay for entertaining the Convention.

C. P. KRAUTH,
Chairman Entertainment Committee, American Philatelic Association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withhold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends August 31st.

All applications for insertion in the next Circular must therefore be accompanied by a deposit of $1.08, and must reach the Secretary not later than July 1st.

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names, as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESSES, ETC.

899 BARBOUR, W. J., 438 Clarke St., Helena Monanta.,

929 CANWRIGHT, C. F., Manitowoc, Wisconsin (formerly Two Rivers, Wis.)

815 CORRELL, WM. H., 629 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Penn. (formerly Nagasaki, Japan.)

430 HOOVER, H. D., 304 Jackman St., Janesville, Wis.

936 HOPKINS, S. B., 181 Wabash Ave, Chicago, Ill.

796 MCKUSICK, H. N., 308 N. Third St., Stillwater Minn.

941 PAGET, EVERY., R. D. Barton Building, Kansas City, Kas. (formerly Chicago, Ill.)

477 POLLOCK, EDWIN T., U. S. S. Machias, Yokohama, Japan (formerly Mansfield, Ohio.)

947 STAMM, SIGMUND, Box 507 Homestead, Penn (formerly McKeesport, Penn.)

5 WOLSIEFFER, P. M., 181 Wabash Ave, Chicago, Ill

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

BANKS, WILLIAM, JR., 44 State St., Boston, Mass.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BEATTY, WM. A., 55 James St., St. Catharines, Ontario.
References: C. Wesley Price, W. H. Barnum.

BEERMANN, HENRY C., Atlanta, Ga.
References: J. A. Howard, C. H. Mekeel.

BELLARD, H. W., Mo. & Kan. Tel. Co., Kansas City, Mo.
References: Edward C. Wright, Theodore Stanley.

BOEMAN, WALTER, Annandale, N. J.,
References: C. H, Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: T. R. Boeman.

BRIGGS, M. C., Muscatine, Iowa.
References: Joe F. Beard, S. G. Stein.

BUTTON, B. G., Aurora, Illinois.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Hopkins.

References: Wm. H. Page, A. Hatchelder.

COUZENS, CHARLES, Greeley, Colo.
References: Joseph S. Davis, Edward Hlla

CUSTER, L. G., Post Office, St. Louis, Mo.
References, C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

FRAME, GEORGE M., 38 Lindell St. Haverhill, Massachusetts.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Geo. S. Frame.
References: C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

EATON, D. T., Muscatine, Iowa.
References: Joe F. Beard, S. G. Stein.

ENGEL, E. S., 1732 Larimer St., Denver, Colo.
References: Edward H. Hall, Joseph S. Davis.

FINCHAM, C. T., 2317 Main Ave., San Antonio, Tex.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

FRANK, GEO. W., Kearney, Nebr.
References: P. M. Wolsieffer, S. B. Hopkins.

HAWLEY, H., 3065 Easton Ave, St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: C. H. Mekeel.

HAWLEY, DR. NELSON, 3065 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: G. D. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.

HOLLAND, GEO. A., P. O. Box 526 Montreal, Canada.
References: W. E. Muir, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Alfd. T. Holland.

HOLMES, CLAY W., P. O. Drawer 13, Elmira, N. Y
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

JOHNSON, WILLIAM A., 1406 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
References: A. G. Winterhalter, Alexander Scott.

JONAS, HENRY, Goshen, N. Y
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

KEILBACH, FRANK E., Savannah, Ga.
References: Emil E. Warmbold, William C. Stone.

KELLOGG, GEORGE A., Council Bluffs, Iowa.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel,

LEPERE, WM. H., 1131 Leonard Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

LESER, CARL, 2213 Tioga St., Philadelphia, Pa.
References: G D. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.
Guarantor: F. Leser.

LOMBARD, J. P., 100 3d St., Portland Ore.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

MEADE, CALVERT, 420 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: H. B. Phillips, William E. Loy.

MERRILL, C. A., 22 High St., Melrose, Mass.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

NAEHER, OSCAR W., 544½ E. 12th St. New York City.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Frederick Doering.

NATHAN, G. MCD., 18 East Wall St., Atlanta, Ga.
References: J. A. Howard, C. H. Mekeel.

PENNEKAMP, THEODORE H., Box 402, Topeka, Kans.
References: C. H Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

PIERCE, WILLIAM T., Watertown, Mass.
References: Charles A. Hobbs, Walter B. Snow.

RAHM, EDWARD, 14 Liberty St., Allegheny, Penn.
References; E. Doeblin, C. P. Krauth.

REYES, JUAN JOSE, Casa Kromberg, Guatemala.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

RUSSELL, MRS. MARGUERITE V., 60 Washington Building, Portland, Ore.
References: D. M. Averill, J. L. Thompson.
SEIBEL, LOUIS L., 1210 College Ave,, Kansas City, Mo.
References: F. J. Bescher, W. V. Lippincott.
STEINBRECHER, W. PAUL, 409 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
References: S. B. Bradt, Every Paget.
STEUERNAGLE, C. O., Waterloo, Ontario.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Andrew K. Roesch.
STEVENS, HENRY, Box 544, Portland, Ore.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
STUTESMAN, C. W., Peru, Ind.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
WAGENER, F. E., 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
References: H. B. Phillips, Wm. E. Loy.
WILLIAMS, EUGENE, Greeley, Colo.
References: Edward H. Hall, Joseph S. Davis.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

The following applicants have been accepted as members and stock certificates will be sent them as soon as they can be made out and sent to the president for his signature. This of necessity will cause some little delay on account of the distance, but the publication of the name in the following list is sufficient evidence of membership.

998 AVERILL, EMERY H., Box 253, Portland Oregon.
999 BAER, HENRY L., Hancock, Mich.
1000 BEAMISH, WM. M., 224 West Penn St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Penn.
1001 BEREMAN, H. A., 4547 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
1002 COURSON, GEO. B., 204 Buckeye St., Akron, Ohio.
1003 DAWSON, H. H., 2 Bee Building, Toledo, O.
1004 DE CORDOVA, CHARLES, Kingston, Jamaica, W.
1005 EDMONSON, DALE, Collinsville, Ill.
1006 EDMONSON, J. W., Collinsville, Ill.
1007 FOLTE, G., 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
1008 FUNK, W. A., 4513 Cook Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
1009 GRANTLEY, H. W., Seattle, Wash.
1010 GUNTER, H. EDWIN, Kingston, Jamaica, W. C.
1011 HAUCK, DR. LOUIS, 905 Morrison Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
1012 HARDER, FRED. W., Box 514 Middletown, Conn.
1013 HORR, H. M., Box 333, Wellington, Ohio.
1014 LASKER, DAN M., Care Jake Davis & Co., Galveston, Texas.
1015 LUMAGHI, L. F., Collinsville, Ills.
1016 MCCULLOCH, ED., New Albany, Ind.
1017 MEKEEL, G. M., 4381 Page Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
1018 NEUSTADT, A., Collinsville, Ill.
1019 ROGERS, CLIFFORD R., 38 School St., Springfield, Mass.
1020 RUMMELE, J. A., Manitowoc, Wis.
1121 SCHMIDT, T. H., Collinsville, Ill.
1022 SHERWOOD, WILLIAM B., 495 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.
1023 SHIRREFS, ROBERT A., 571 Madison Ave., Elizabeth, N. J.
1024 SHRYOCK, THOS. J., Box 717, Baltimore, Md.
1025 STUCKERT, REV. ATHANASIUS, 54 Van Reipen Ave., Jersey City, N. J.
1026 TENBROEK, G. H., Turner Building, St. Louis, Mo.
1027 WARD, WILLIAM F., 936 23d St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
1028 WRIGHT, WALTER A., Honolulu, Hawaii.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

A number of collectors who have recently applied for membership in this Association, complain that they have been very much annoyed by the receipt of unsolicited selections of stamps sent them on approval by various dealers. Even though a stamped envelope is enclosed for the return of stamps, it is often very annoying to collectors not desiring stamps to receive consignments in this way from strangers, and dealers are requested not to take such liberties until they have received permission from the members. One gentleman has been so very much annoyed that he has ever been led to regret his having applied. His wife has had to sign for a number or registered letters and he has had to undertake the responsibility of returning them, much to his annoyance and inconvenience.

This note is inserted for the benefit of such dealers as have been in the habit of using this column for such purposes, and we hope it will have the desired effect without further mention of names.

RESIGNATIONS

The following resignations have been presented and will be accepted thirty days from date if no objections are received. The stock certificates have been surrendered.

431 BACON, CARRINGTON, C., Imboden, Arkansas.
808 FLAGG, HARRY W., Brockton, Mass.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Acceptances have been received from the following persons whose appointments were published last month:

Pittsburg.—E. Doeblin.
St. Louis.—C. H. Mekeel.
Cleveland.—G. J. Bailey.
Portland.—Geo. J. Raymond.

The appointment for New York is declined, Mr. Clotz stating that he can under no circumstances accept the appointment. The Branch is therefore requested to nominate another person for the position.

ANNUAL ELECTION.

With this number of the Circular will be found the proxy blanks and ballots for use in the election. It is hoped that every member will exercise his privilege of casting a vote and of being represented at the convention in person if possible or if not, by a proxy. The members of the Board of Directors alone are prohibited from holding proxies. The ballots can either be sent by mail or deposited in person or by a proxy at the convention. The polls close August 13th at 12 o'clock noon.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following nominations have been confirmed by the Official Board.

Dr. Everett Toombs, for Resident Vice-President for Worchester, Mass.

R. F. Albrecht, for Resident Vice-President for Staten Island, New York.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership, May 10	900
Added since.....	31
Present membership.....	931

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary,
384 Union Street, Springfield, Mass.

ANOTHER BRANCH SOCIETY.

June 10, 1895.

WHEREAS, The Worcester Philatelic Society, of Worcester, Mass., having a membership of over ten members of the Association, has made application for recognition as a Branch of this Association.

Therefore, we have this day issued to them a certificate constituting them Branch Number 12 of the Association.

WILLIAM C. STONE, Secretary. JOHN K. TIFFANY. President.

NOMINATIONS.

PITTSBURGH, PA., May, 10, 1895.

W. C. Stone, Esq., Sec., Springfield, Mass.:

DEAR SIR—In accordance with resolution unanimously carried at the thirty-fourth monthly meeting of the Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, held Thursday evening, May 9th, I beg to advise you thereof:

Resolved, that the Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, American Philatelic Association, hereby nominates for the offices of the Association the gentlemen named hereafter, and urges upon all members of the Association harmonious action in electing them at the coming annual convention, to be held at Clayton, N. Y., on Tuesday, August 13th, believing, as we do, that the best interests of the Association will be conserved thereby.

FOR DIRECTORS:

Alvah Davison, of New York.
H. B. Phillips, of California.
W. C. Stone, of Massachusetts.
N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.
E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

FOR TRUSTEES:

Geo. W. Rode, of Pittsburgh.
C. P. Krauth, of Pittsburgh.
Ignaz Stauffer, of Carnegie, Pa.

We express our preference for the distribution of offices among the Directors, as follows:

For President, Alvah Davison.
For Vice-President, H. B. Phillips.
For Secretary, W. C. Stone.
For Treasurer, N. W. Chandler.
For International Secretary, E. Doeblin.

We further recommend the re-appointment of Geo. D. Mekeel as Purchasing, Sales and Exchange Manager; of Dr. G. N. Campbell, of Hopkinsville, Ky., as Literary Exchange Manager; of H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., as Librarian; of J. Arthur Wainright, of Northampton, Mass., as Collecting Agent and John Walter Scott, of New York, as Counterfeit Detector.

Yours very truly,
A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 22, 1895.

Mr. Wm. C. Stone, Secretary American Philatelic Association, Springfield, Mass.

DEAR SIR—At a regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, held last evening, the following nominations and recommendations for officers for the next year were made:

*W. C. VanDerlip, of Boston, with recommendation for President.

H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, with recommendation for Vice-President.

W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., with recommendation for Secretary.

N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill., with recommendation for Treasurer.

E. Doeblin, of Alleghany, Pa., with recommendation for International Secretary.

The present Board of Trustees were re-nominated, and all the present appointive officers were recommended for re-appointment.

Respectfully yours,
H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary Branch No. 3, Am. Ph. Ass'n.
(Pacific Philatelic Society.)

ST. LOUIS, May 24, 1895.

Mr. W. C. Stone, Secretary, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass.

DEAR SIR:—I beg to acknowledge the re-appointment as Resident Vice-President for St. Louis, and will take steps to call a formal meeting at an early date. At present I have to advise you of the following nominations for members of the Official Board that have been handed me by St. Louis members:

PRESIDENT.

Mr. John K. Tiffany, of Missouri.

VICE-PRESIDENT.

Alvah Davison, of New York.
H. B. Phillips, of California.
C. P. Krauth, of Pennsylvania.
*C. H. Mekeel, of Missouri.
*Willard C. VanDerlip, of Massachusetts.

TREASURER.

N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.

SECRETARY.

W. C. Stone, of Massachusetts.
C. P. Krauth, of Pennsylvania.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

TRUSTEES.

C. P. Krauth,
G. W. Rode,
I. Stauffer, } of Pennsylvania.

PURCHASING AND SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

G. D. Mekeel, of Missouri.

COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

J. W. Scott, of New York.

LIBRARIAN.

H. E. Deats, of New Jersey.

Literary Exchange Sup't, Collecting Agent and Literary Board same as at present.

I desire to certify to these nominations and request that they all be printed in the forthcoming report in the Official Circular. I also desire to state that the following members from St. Louis are expected to be in attendance and will accept proxies:

C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel and I. A. Mekeel.

It is probable that several other members will attend besides Mr. Tiffany, although they have not authorized me to make the announcement. I remain

Yours truly,

C. H. MEKEEL,
Resident Vice-President.

This ticket was nominated by Chicago Branch Number One of the American Philatelic Association. It is a representative ticket and all members of the American Philatelic are urged to work for its election. The Chicago Philatelic Society also endorsed this ticket at their meeting held just after adjournment of Chicago Branch Number One of the American Philatelic Association.

*Mr. Willard C. VanDerlip, of Boston, with recommendations for President.

Mr. Brewster C. Kenyon, of Long Beach, Cal., with recommendations for Vice-President.

Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, of Reading, Pa., with recommendations for Secretary.

Mr. W. H. MacDonald, of Chicago, Ill., with recommendations for Treasurer.

Mr. Henry Clotz, of New York City, with recommendations for International Secretary.

And said Board of Directors are requested to see that the following are appointed to the following:

APPOINTIVE OFFICES.

Literary Board: Mr. J. D. Rice, of New Jersey; Mr. C. E. Severn, of Illinois; Mr. Louis G. Quackenbush, of New York.

Sales Exchange Manager—Mr. Geo. W. Crittenden, of New York.

Purchasing Agent—Mr. Geo. D. Mekeel, of Missouri.

Literary Exchange Manager—Dr. G. N. Campbell, of Kentucky.

Counterfeit Detector—John Walter Scott, Esq., of New York.

Librarian—Mr. H. E. Deats, of New Jersey.

Collecting Agent—Mr. J. A. Wainwright, of Massachusetts.

For Trustees—The Branch nominates: Messrs. C. P. Krauth, E. Doeblin, G. W. Rode. All of Pittsburg.

Convention seat for 1896, Cleveland, Ohio.

EVERY PAGET,
Secretary.

May 16th, 1895.

The following ticket has been ratified by the Kansas City Branch at a meeting held May 27, 1895:

For President—*Willard C. Vanderlip, of Boston.

For Vice-President—Alvah Davison, of New York.

For Secretary—Wm. C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

For Treasurer—W. H. MacDonald, of Chicago.

For International Secretary—*Henry Clotz, of New York.

And with request that the following be elected to the appointive offices:

Literary Board—Mr. C. E. Severn, Illinois; Mr. J. D. Rice, New Jersey; Lewis G. Quackenbush, New York.

Sales Exchange Manager—F. J. Bescher, Missouri.

Purchasing Agent—Geo. W. B. Crittenden, New York.

Literary Exchange Manager—G. N. Campbell, Kentucky.

Counterfeit Detector—J. W. Scott, New York.

Librarian—H. E. Deats, New Jersey.

Collecting Agent—J. A. Wainwright, Massachusetts.

For Trustees—C. P. Krauth, E. Doeblin, G. W. Rode. All of Pittsburgh.

Convention seat, 1896, Cleveland, Ohio.

F. J. BESHER,
Secretary.

The Staten Island Philatelic Society, Branch No. 6, endorses unanimously the following ticket, which has been placed in the field by the Pittsburgh Branch:

For President—Alvah Davison, of New York.

For Vice-President—H. B. Phillips, of California.

For Secretary—William C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

For Treasurer—N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.

For International Secretary—E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
May 16, 1895. Secretary.

The Cleveland Branch has placed in nomination the following ticket:

For President—John K. Tiffany, of Missouri.

For Vice President—J. H. Huber, of Illinois.

For Secretary—Clifford W. Kissenger, of Pennsylvania.

*For Treasurer—Howard K. Sanderson, of Massachusetts.

*For International Secretary—Henry Clotz, of New York.

For Trustees—Geo. J. Bailey, W. H. Schneider and R. S. Aikenhead, of Cleveland, Ohio.

W. H. BARNUM,
May 15, 1895. Secretary.

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*The nominees to whose names stars are prefixed positively refuse to allow the use of their names, letters from two of them being given below. Mr. Sanderson emphatically states that he will not permit the use of his name. The other two letters speak for themselves.

BOSTON, May 22, 1895.

William C. Stone, Esq., Secretary :

MY DEAR SIR — I am in receipt of various communications informing me that I have been nominated as a candidate for President of the American Philatelic Association at the coming election. I fully appreciate the honor conferred upon me by these nominations, but I regret to say that it would be absolutely impossible for me to be a candidate. The gentleman to be elected President should be a man centrally located, of great ability and with plenty of time to devote to the business of the Association. By such a selection alone can the Association attain the position it should occupy among the Philatelic societies of the world.

Please announce in the next circular that I am not a candidate. Yours sincerely,

W. C. VAN DERLIP.

NEW YORK CITY, May 21, 1895.

Paul Steindrecher, Esq., Sec'y Chicago A. P. A. Branch :

DEAR SIR — I am in receipt of your communication of the 18th inst., and I see by it that you have kindly nominated me for International Secretary of the American Philatelic Association for 1895-96.

Please allow me to tender you my best thanks for such nomination, and let me tell you that I really cannot accept any office at all for the present, as my business does not give me any spare time to attend to anything outside.

I am very sorry to decline, and I hope you can find somebody who will do justice to the office.

With best regards to all, I am,

Yours truly, HENRY CLOTZ.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash, April. 30, 1895	51 30	
Dues Coll. May 1 to 31....	17 05	
		$ 68 35

EXPENDITURES.

Secretary, Office Expense January-April	17 97	
Postage on May Circular....	9 15	
Printing Acc't Literary Board	4 00	
Envelopes for Official Circular	16 50	
Postage and mailing Trustees Circular	47 70	
Register for Secretary.....	13 00	
		108 32
Due Treasurer May 31, 1895.		39 97

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit, April 30..	973 00
Cash received May 1 to 31.	37 00
Amount at credit May 31, 1895.	1,010 00

INTEREST ACCOUNT.

Amount at credit July 31, 1894.	$ 55 05

Interest on Stock Fund for the current year will be payable in July.

N. W. CHANDLER, Treasurer.

Collinsville, Ill., May 31, 1895.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, May 31, 1895.

During the month of May I received one hundred and ten books for circulation in the Sales Department, the gross value of which was .....$ 3,053 14

Previously acknowledged, gross value.	50,190 08
	$53,243 22
Books retired as per previous report..	27,375 87
	$25,867 35
69 books retired in May, gross value..	2,068 40
Value of stamps now in circulation...	$23,798 95

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $623.99 or 30%. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of May were.....$902.28.

Sales from the advertised list in last month's circular.....	$283 05
Total sales for May.....	$1,185 33

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of May were as follows:

130 Blank Books.....$	13 00
11,400 Control Stamps.....	11 40
	$24 40

Members having desirable stamps for sale should send them into the Department and they will be advertised. All such stamps should be mounted in books in the regular way.

The stamps advertised will be sent to any responsible member of the Association or Branch Exchange Manager on approval, provided he sends a stamped return envelope to pay registration fee, or pays express charges both ways.

Members sending cash in advance will have the preference over those requesting the stamps on approval. Any stamp not satisfactory can be returned.

When ordering blank books and control stamps, members are requested to send cash with their orders in all cases, unless they have an open account with the Department—10 cents for each book and 10 cents for each 100 control stamps.

The Department wants more books of United States Revenues, United States postage stamps and British Colonials, as well as other books of high grade stamps. Some good U. S. Revennes are particularly desired. Collectors who are becoming specialists and disposing of parts of their collections, can not do better than to place them in books for sale through this Department. The blank books have spaces for 120 stamps, and are furnished at 10 cents each. The Department charges a commission of 10 per cent. on the net sales. Members may mark their stamps as they see fit, placing them at net prices. Where stamps have been marked intelligently, the sales have always been very satisfactory.

Several books of Canadian Revenues and Law Stamps are on hand; also some Mexican Revenues

and Russian Locals. These will be sent out upon special requests from members who are interested.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEORGE D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.,

ST. LOUIS, May 31, 1895.

The new rules have been received with favor by most of our members.

The following is the condition of the

WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

Balance as per April 30th report..$785 00

WITHDRAWAL.

W. J. Morgan (Class D)..... 20 00

$765 00

DEPOSITS IN MAY.

Class A—	
J. M. Andreini.....	100 00
Rev. A. F. Bruder (advanced from Class D)	80 00
Class B—	
H. F. King.....	50 00
H. E. Deats	50 00
F. E. Wadsworth (advanced from Class D)	15 00
Class C—	
W. R. Baird	35 00
F. O. Conant	35 00
W. C. Eaton.....	35 00
Class D—	
C. P. Krauth	20 00
H. G. O. Ramborger.....	20 00
E. R. Ackerman	20 00
F. Trifet	20 00
Rev. A. Battiste.....	20 00
Class E—	
Dr. Louis Hauck	10 00
B. G. Tallman.....	10 00
H. W. Grantley.....	10 00
H. F. Ketcheson (3 copies).....	30 00
N. R. Graves	10 00
F. H. Drown.....	10 00
C. A. Hobbs	10 00
Total.....	$1,355 00

The following novelties have been sent to members since my last report:

British Buchuanaland, several post cards.
China, 1c to 24c.
Guatemala, 1c post card.
Hayti, 20c.
Madagascar, 2, 4, 6 p; 1 and 4 sh.
Mexico, Officals, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 12, 15, 20, 50c, 1, 5 and 10 pesos.
Natal, ½ or 1 p.
New Zealand, ½ p.
Niger Coast Protectorate, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 5 p and 1 sh.
Peru 2c *mauve*, with surcharge.
South African Republic, 3 p.
Zululand, 2½, 3, 6 p. 1, 4 sh. and £1.

Cash remittances have been made for the following new issues:

Abyssinia, full series.
Angola, 5r to 300r.
Austria, unpaid series.
Belgium, recent issues.
Benin, 1c to 1 fr.
British Guiana, envelopes.
British Central Africa, 3 sh.
British South Africa, 3 sh.
British East Africa, 5, 7½ p.
Cape Verde, 5r to 00r.
Congo, 5r to 300r.3
Cyprus, 9, 18, 45 p.
Diego Suarez, 1c to 1 fr.
French Soudan, 1c to 1 fr.
Guinea, 5r to 300r.
Greece, 20l envelope.
India (Portuguese), 5r to 300r.
Italy, 45c.
Lagos, 5, 7½, 10 p.
Macao, 5 to 300 r and ½ to 47c.
Montenegro, unpaid series.
Mozambique, 5 to 300 r.
Mozambique Company, 2½ to 1000 r.
Netherlands, recent varieties of color.
Nossi Be, 1c to 1 f.
Obock, 1c to 50 fr.
Orange Free States, new series.
Persia, full series.
Paraguay, 20c.
Roumania, full series.
Servia, full series.
Seychelles, 3, 12, 15, 45c, 8, 15, 30c env.
St. Helena, 2p, 1sh.
South African Republic, balance of series.
St. Thomas and Prince Isls., 500 to 300 r.
St. Maria de Madagascar, 1c to 1 fr.
San Marino, 2 20c, 1l.
Sarawak, new series.
Unor, 5 to 300 r.
Uruguay, full series.
Zambezia, 5 to 300 r.

I have been advised that I shall not be able to get the Peru provisional official stamps.

In my report for the month of January I reported that the Portuguese Colonies of the new type would not be supplied, as I was unable to get orders for 28 series; I have since filled out the number and ordered enough for all who are now participating.

Any member who has already supplied himself on account of my former announcement will please notify me which sets *not* to send.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., June 1, 1895.

No receipts during April, hence no report last month.

51. The stamps of Shanghai, by W. B. Thornhill. From H. E. Deats.

52. Comprehensive Check List of U. S. and Canadian Philatelic papers. From E. B. Jones.

53. Cronologische Tabelle der Deutschen Philatelistischen Zeitschriften, 1863-1893, by H. Frankel. From H. E. Deats.

54. A Reference List of the Stamps of the Straits Settlements surcharged for use in the Native Protected States, by William Brown. From H. E. Deats.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

CLEVELAND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

CLEVELAND, O., MAY 27, 1895.

The regular monthly meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and the quarterly meeting of Branch No. 7 was held on the third Wednesday of this month with a good attendance. The minutes of the meeting will be found in another column.

Heretofore the meetings of the branch have been discontinued with the May meeting, but this year there is a strong disposition to keep them up during the summer months. This, I take it, speaks volumes for the interest in philately in Cleveland as it stands at present.

Two new members and two applications were received this month.

Respectfully, V. P.
G. J. BAILEY.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY BOARD.

J. D. Rice, Chairman, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.; C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lewis G. Quackenbush, 15 Madison St., Oneida, N. Y.

A philatelist of Iowa makes a specialty of blocks of ten, and he had a separate album devoted to their reception.

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Welcome additions to our philatelic literature are being made as we approach the fag end of the philatelic season, but nowadays little importance attaches to the time of the year a philatelic work is projected. Though philatelic interest is by no means normal throughout the year, its decline in the summer months is not so marked as is popularly supposed.

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New philatelic papers of the better sort are announced from Iowa and Missouri respectively, and both of these magazines will be published by American Philatelic Association members.

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The several improved blank albums now upon the market offer a happy solution to the problem that once vexed the advanced philatelist. Some years ago, if he wished a blank album, he was compelled to have one made at his own expense, as no satisfactory one could be purchased from the dealer. Now it is only comparatively seldom that the philatelist must have the blank album that will suit him manufactured at his special order.

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The present is the era of good feeling in the association. In friendly rivalry divers conditions will vie with one another for the suffrages of the members. We all know that each ticket submitted was prepared by a branch or member of the society having the welfare of the organization at heart. When the curtain descends on bowing victors, the unsuccessful candidates will swell the applause to them.

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Said a collector: "I have a short list of stamps catalogued at from five to fifty cents apiece. My collection lacks these specimens, and I have sent the catalogue prices for them, but they were not obtainable. I think many philatelists have this difficulty in securing these scarce common specimens."

How Chairman Krauth does descant upon the manifold attractions of Clayton! Of course, the subject is worthy of the song, but let him beware, or his services will be in tremendous demand. He will be inundated by requests from summer resort proprietors and real estate men to write their prospectuses.

C. E. SEVERN.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1.

Meetings held on second Thursday of each month at Room 838 Marquette Building, corner Dearborn and Adams streets. Chas. R. Gadsden, President, New York Life Building. Every Paget, Secretary and Treasurer, 309 Jackson Boulevard. W. H. McDonald, Exchange Superintendent, 2660 Indiana avenue.

The fifth regular meeting after reorganization of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association was called to order Thursday evening, May 9th, at temporary rooms, 847 Marquette Building, at 8:29 p. m., by the Secretary.

The election of a temporary chairman being next in order, Mr. Chas. Easterly Severn was nominated, seconded and duly elected president *pro tem.*

Roll call developed a rather small attendance, owing to the uncertainty of the location of the new rooms. The next meeting will be held in the permanent rooms which have at last been decided upon and leased for two years by the Chicago Philatelic Society—Room 838 Marquette Building, corner Dearborn and Adams streets. The location is a central one, and much more convenient to the various transportation lines than was the Masonic Temple. The building is new and covers even more space than the Temple, and is Chicago's representative building.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A communication was read from Secretary Stone anent the nomination of Mr. Gadsden, and in reference to the stock certificates of the new members, which, it seemed, were unnecessarily delayed.

The committee of entertainment reported they had interviewed several members, who had kindly consented to exhibit their collections at future meetings, and also reported promises of papers upon several Philatelic subjects by members. Mr. Severn exhibited, during recess, some rare United States and foreign stamps on original cover.

It was suggested that Chicago Branch Number One of the American Philatelic Association indorse a ticket for the coming election of the American Philatelic Association, at this meeting. The question was warmly, yet friendly debated, and those prominent in the debate were: Messrs. Severn, Bradt, Rosenthal, Paget, Myers, Michael and Massoth. After much discussion it was decided to postpone action until next meeting.

The members then individually discussed a ticket.

Upon a motion of the Secretary it was decided to hold a special meeting to discuss a ticket and after more debating the date was fixed as May 16th, to be held before or after the meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society meeting, and it is hoped a larger number will be in attendance.

A motion to adjourn was next made and resulted in a tie vote. On the second ballot said motion was

defeated by a majority of one, and one member who had not voted before voted in the negative.

Recess was next taken to enable those present to examine the valuable specimens so kindly exhibited by Mr. Severn.

After thanking Mr. Severn, meeting was again called to order, and the kind offer of MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS to publish the minutes was brought before the Society. The Secretary was permitted to use his judgment in the matter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:59 p. m. to enable the members to catch the 10 o'clock elevator for Chicago or rather, *terra firma*. Next meeting (special) will be held Thursday evening, May 16th.

Although the attendance was not the best, the meeting was a long and spirited one, and was heartily enjoyed by all present, as each member left in the best of spirits.

Chicago collectors hie out and attend our meetings! Exhibit that true Chicago spirit "I will." Each one can add to our number. Let the summer meetings continue. Summer suspensions are dangerous. We have made a good beginning; have quite a few staunch standbys, and let us add your name and aid. All collectors and friends whether members of the American Philatelic Association or not are cordially invited to attend any of our meetings. Let each member bring one new recruit with the aim of getting him to join the Association and become an active member of the branch.

EVERY PAGET,
Secretary.

The sixth meeting — a special meeting — of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association was called to order Thursday evening, May 6th, at room 838 Marquette Building, at 8:45 p. m., by President Gadsden.

Roll call found the following members present: Messrs. Gadsden, Huber, MacDonald, Wolseiffer, Wollenberger, Gregory, Paget, Rosenthal, Michael, Severn, Pennington, Leland, Lefever, Massoth, Dahlberg, Frank, Grossman and Steinbrecher.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

The question on nominating a ticket for the next election of the American Philatelic Association was brought before the Branch, and after listening to addresses by Mr. Wolseiffer and others, a committee of three was appointed by the President to prepare a ticket. Mr. Gadsden appointed as such a committee Messrs. C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolseiffer and J. H. Huber.

A recess was next taken to enable said committee to prepare a ticket.

After recess the committee reported they had chosen the following: (See nominations in another column.)

Mr. Wolseiffer next offered the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association thinks the office of Purchasing, Sales and Exchange Manager is an extensive office, and the workings of which are more than one member can ordinarily manage, and at the same time perfect the workings of said offices to the satisfaction of all members; and,

"WHEREAS, Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association thinks said office should be divided, and the distinct and separate office of Purchasing Agent and Sales-Exchange Manager be created, as they were in former years, and in furtherance of the same, said Chicago Branch has placed in nomination members for said offices; therefore, be it

"*Resolved*, That Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association requests that said offices be again created in place of the one now in vogue, and that, if necessary, the By-Laws of the American Philatelic Association be so amended in order that said officers may be duly elected to fill their respective offices."

Unanimously carried.

Under the head of New Business, Mr. Every Paget presented his resignation as Secretary and Treasurer, as removal from the city will prevent his fulfilling said office. On motion the resignation was "Accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks tendered Mr. Paget for his valuable and efficient services rendered during his brief term."

Mr. W. Paul Steinbrecher was nominated, seconded and duly elected to fulfill the unexpired term of Secretary and Treasurer of Chicago Branch No. 1 of the American Philatelic Association.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p. m., to meet again June 13th, at 8 p. m.

I wish to thank the members for the valuable assistance given me in helping me fulfill the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, and regret exceedingly that business calls me to Kansas City, which, for the present at least, will be my new home. When in that fair city, drop into Room D, Boston Building, where the writer will be at.

Let every member of the American Philatelic Association vote for the ticket put forth by our branch. CHICAGO HAS SPOKEN! Chicago has chosen a representative, live ticket, and it will unquestionably be elected.

Very fraternally,
EVERY PAGET,
Secretary.

PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

BRANCH NO. 3.

Meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. Frank Koenig, President; J. C. Welsh, Vice-President; H. B. Phillips, Secretary, 48 Market St., San Francisco, Cal.

Seventy-eighth regular meeting held, May 21, 1895, by invitation, in the elegant bachelor apartments of President Koenig, at 406 Sutter street, on above date; the occasion being a "housewarming" of the President's new quarters.

Present eleven members and President Koenig in the chair. Messrs. Samuels and Folte also present as guests.

The usual routine of business was conducted, applications for membership were read in behalf of Mr. George F. Conway and Mr. G. Folte.

Donations for the Library were received from Mr. Folte and accepted with thanks.

In the matter of nominations for general offices of the American Philatelic Association for the next year; Mr. Loy moved that the Society, nominate W. C. VanDerlip, of Boston, with recommendation for President; H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal., with recommendation for Vice-President. Wm. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., with recommendation for Secretary. N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill., with recommendation for Treasurer, and E. Doeblin, of Pittsburg, Pa., with recommendation for International Secretary. The motion being duly seconded, was adopted.

On motion, duly seconded, the present Board of Trustees were re-nominated and the present appointive offices were all recommended for re-appointment.

On motion of Mr. Koenig, seconded by Mr. Sellschopp, it was adopted as the sense of the Society that if any change be made in the Purchasing and Exchange Departments of the Association and that if not in conflict with the laws of the Associotion then the position of Superintendent and Manager should be made a salariedoffice, with a salary attached of $1800 per annum. That all percentages and discounts on silver exchanges should be paid into the treasury and that the incumbent devote his entire time to the Association and not engage in any other business or occupation during his incumbency, and that Mr. John N. Luff, of New York and San Francisco, be recommended for the position.

Mr. Weber read a note on the 1d. West Australia stamp.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Weber for his information, and a copy was ordered furnished for publication.

Another vote of thanks was tendered President Koenig for the entertainment of the Society for the evening.

An auction sale was then held of the stamps removed and advertised in the Official Circular by the Superintendent of Exchange, he having sent them on as duly announced. Sales from the parcel were made to the amount of $127.00.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned to allow the members to participate in the "House-Warming" ceremonies.

H. B. PHILLIPS,
Secretary.

A NOTE READ BEFORE THE PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY, MAY 21, 1895.

GENTLEMEN.—I have the pleasure of placing before you a discovery I made a few days ago.

It is a one penny of Western Australia watermarked Crown and C. C. the perforations of which gauge 14 on top, bottom and right sides, but 18½ at the left.

The stamp of this value and watermark is well known and common perforated 12½ all round, and likewise 14 all round. And the same value in the C. A. watermark, perforated 14, perforated 12, and the compound 12x14, is also well known, but I believe the new variety or vagary I present has not hitherto been noted.

A. H. WEBER.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH NO. 5.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. President, E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa.; Secretary-Treasurer, A. E. Daum, 431 Wood street, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Branch Manager of Exchange, Anton Platz, Room 44, 96 Fourth avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Thirty-fourth monthly meeting of the Branch was held Thursday evening, May 9th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Minutes of April meeting read and approved.

Roll called, twelve members and six visitors present.

After the disposition of routine business, Mr. E. M. Grove moved, Mr. Geo. W. Rode seconded, the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, American Philatelic Association, hereby nominates for the offices of the Association the gentlemen named hereafter, and urges upon all members of the Association harmonious action in electing them at the coming annual convention, to be held at Claytom, N. Y., on Tuesday, August 13th, believing, as we do, that the best interests of the Association will be conserved thereby."

(See list of nominations.)

"We further recommend the appointment of Geo. D. Mekeel as Purchasing, Sales and Exchange Manager; of Dr. G. N. Campbell, of Hopkinsville, Ky., as Literary Exchange Manager; of H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., as Librarian; of J. Arthur Wainwright, of Northampton, Mass., as Collecting Agent, and John Walter Scott, of New York, as Counterfeit Detector."

The resolution unanimously carried amid loud applause.

Mr. Grove moved, Mr. Rode seconded, that a committee of three be appointed by this Branch to canvass for and further the interests of the ticket nominated by this Branch for officers of the American Philatelic Association. Unanimously carried.

Messrs. H. E. Wilson and Sigmund Stamm admitted to Branch membership.

Notice was received from the Twin City Philatelic Society requesting the appointment of Mr. C. P. Krauth to represent the Branch on a committee composed of one member each of the T. C. P. S., Pittsburgh Branch No. 5 and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club, to draw up a petition to the Directors of the Carnegie Library setting forth in detail, the wealth of Philatelic literature, periodical as well as in book form, already existing, the number of persons of the highest intellectual, business and social standing who are interested in Philately and Philatelic Literature, the lack of any public collection of works of reference on this subject in this country and the desirability of such a public collection, and requesting them to consider the purchase of books and files of periodicals on the subject for incorporation into the Carnegie Library; to personally endeavor to enlist the sympathy of the Librarian in Chief in obtaining such a collection, and aid him in the drawing up of a list of books for purchase. The Committee will draw up and submit to the Branch and the T. C. P. S., an address to the Tenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association, with the object of having the Association join in their efforts to secure a public Philatelic Library in Pittsburgh. The request granted and Mr. Krauth appointed with power to act for the Branch.

After an address by the President and many interesting remarks by Messrs. C. P. Krauth, Geo. W. Rode, I. Stauffer, C. W. Kirk and others, the meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM, Sec'y.

STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY BRANCH NO. 6.

146th Meeting of the Staten Island Philatelic Society, held May 16, 1895. The Meeting was called to order at 6.15 p. m.

Present, Mr. August Dejonge, in the Chair, Messrs. Henry Clotz, R. F. Albrecht, Henry Obert, Adolph Reinhardt, E. R. Carter, Oscar Dejonge, Dr. R. Roehre and R. S. Lehman.

As guests there were present Messrs. Richard Brueckenstein, and Carl Dreier.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read.

There were proposed for membership by Mr. August Dejonge, Mrs. Cornelius G. Kloff; by Mr. E. R. Carter, Mr. Edward J. Abbott. The nominations were referred to the Executive Committee.

Mr. E. R. Carter, Manager of Exchange, read the following report:

Exchange Department of the Philatelic Society,
January 22, 1895 to May 16, 1895.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE S. I. P. S.—The Manager of the Exchange Department submits the following statement, showing the business done during the past four months, 68 circuits have been received by the Manager, amounting to $46.30. Sales have been made from the above aggregating $375.02, 18 circuits amounting to $1,171.91 have been retired, returned to owners and settled for. Sales from these retired circuits were made amounting to $235.59, equal to a little over 20% of value of circuits. Out standing circuits of this date are 50, amounting to $3460, from sales of same the manager has received $139.44.

A new feature of the Department, suggested by our President, has been made in the shape of small circuit books with space for holding a 100 stamps. These books have been made in a size to be placed in an ordinary envelope and are sold to the members only at 2½ cents apiece, at about cost of making. The first issue has been sold and is obselete, there are no remainders. We are now sending out the second issue, and we are seriously thinking of placing an order for a third edition.

In conclusion the Manager of the Exchange Department wishes to express his thanks to the members and friends of the S. I. P. S. for the hearty and willing co-operation he has received from them during the less than 4 months that he has looked after the Department, and trusts that in the next annual report of the Department a much better showing will be made.

Respectfully submitted,
EDGAR R. CARTER,
Exchange Manager, S. I. P. S.

Tompkinsville, N. Y. May 16, 1895.

Mr. Clotz moves that the thanks of the Society be tendered to Mr. Carter for the able manner in which he has conducted his office, and for the magnificent report which he has rendered. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lohmeyer presents the Society with No. 14 of the Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society, for which thanks are tendered.

The Annual Election was held with the following result. President, August Dejonge; Vice-President R. F. Albrecht; Treas. Henry Clotz, Secy. R. S. Lehman; Exchange Manager, E. R. Carter; Executive Committee, Oscar Dejonge, R. H. Benary, C. Witt; Librarian Adolph Lienhardt; Steward, Louis Loescher.

The newly re elected President thanked the Society for the repetition of the honor which has been for so many years conferred upon him, and predicted a successful year for the Society, if the members worked together so harmoniously and industriously as in the preceding one.

The President reported that he and the Exchange Manager visited our member, Mr. Frank H. Knoll, at his home in Brooklyn, and were both delighted and astonished at the glorious exhibition of stamps which greeted their eyes when he opened his album. They had every reason to be satisfied with the unbounded hospitality displayed by this gentleman towards them.

The attention of the members is called to the fact that the Society possesses three albums, namely, a Stamp Album, a Counterfeit Album and a Photograph Album, and all are respectfully urged to contribute thereto.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p. m., and a supplementary meeting, composed of the A. P. A. members, was held, in which the following business was transacted:

A communication of the Pittsburgh Branch of the A. P. A. was received, in which the A. P. A. members of this Society were informed that it had nominated the following ticket for A. P. A. officers for the year 1895-1896: For President, Alvah Davison; for Vice-President, H. B. Phillips; for Secretary, W. C. Stone; for Treasurer, N. W. Chandler; for International Secretary, E. Doeblin. This ticket was endorsed unanimously by the A. P. A. members present.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht was elected resident Vice-President for Staten Island for the ensuing year.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
Secretary.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.

BRANCH NO. 7.

Meeting held the third Wednesday of each month at the office of Mr. G. J. Bailey, 446 Arcade, Cleveland, Ohio. J. J. Overton, President; W. H. Barnum, Secretary, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The 48th regular meeting was held May 15, 1895, with President Overton in the chair, and the following members in attendance: G. J. Bailey, W. H. Schneider, Chas. Kress, W. J. Brodie, J. J. Overton, Jas. F. Colwell, J. O. Prescott, W. H. Buerger, J. O. Humiston, G. W. Gender, Arthur Odell, H. B. Odell, Carl White and W. H. Barnum, also as guest, Dr. J. B. Sapp.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Chair reported a vacancy on the Membership Committee, Mr. Leaming having absented himself for four successive meeetings. The Chair then appointed Mr. G. W. Gender to fill Mr. Leaming's place.

Mr. Bailey moved that a committee of three be appointed to secure suitable letterheads for the Club's use, said Committee to have full power to act on this matter. Motion seconded by Mr. A. Odell and carried unanimously. The Chair appointed Messrs Bailey, Schneider and Brodie.

After a lengthy debate on the subject of the A. P. A. Sales Superintendent's action in sending the stamps regularly advertised in the monthly circular to various Branches for their inspection, Mr. Bailly moved that our Branch Manager, (Mr. Brodie) be instructed to notify the Sales Superidtendent (Geo. D. Mekeel) to forward the above mentioned lots for inspection to our meetings. Seconded by Mr. Schneider and unanimously carried.

Mr. Barnum moved that a Committee of three be appointed to select a ticket for the Cleveland Branch to support at the coming A. P. A. election, and that the Committee be ordered to report before the meeting adjourned. Seconded by Mr. Bailey, and carried. The Chair appointed Messrs. Barnum, Bailey and Scneider.

On motion of Mr. Colwell, seconded by Mr. Humiston, all other business was left to the next meeting, and a recess was ordered for the informal auction sale. Mr. Brodie acted as auctioneer. Very good prices were received for the stamps offered.

Upon returning to regular business, the Committee cn Nominations made their report as follows! (See under nominations.)

On motion of Mr. Prescott, duly seconded by Mr. Gender, the report was accepted.

On motion of Mr. Barnum, duly seconded by Mr. Kress, the Club adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

KANSAS CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

BRANCH NO. 10.

Meetings held on alternate Mondays at 1204 Broadway. W. H. Bellard, President, care Mo. & Kas. Tel. Co. D. J. Rosenwald, Vice President, 427 W. 11th St. Theo. Stanley, Treasurer. T. J. Bescher, Secretary, City Hall Market. W. B. Lippincott, Superintendent of Exchanges, 15 E. 5th St.

Fifty-third regular meeting, May 13. Vice-President Bescher in the chair; eight members present. The minutes of the fifty-second meeting were read and approved. Moved by Mr. Lippincott, seconded by Mr. Spence, that the Secretary be instructed to purchase a Canadian, Mexican, and a Stanley-Gibbons Tenth Edition Catalogues. Also to subscribe to London Philatelist and Supplement on United States Envelopes. Carried. A balance of 57 cents being due from an expelled member it was decided to settle by a *pro rata* assessment of those present. A bill for printing and supplies was presented by Mr. Lippincott to the amount of $3.45. Mr. Bescher moved that $1 for postage should be added. Ordered paid.

Mr. Van Brunt sent in his resignation which was accepted with regrets.

Moved and seconded that the rules be suspended and that the vote for officers be taken by acclamation. Mr. Bellard elected President; Mr. Rosewald, Vice-President; Dr. Theo. Stanley, Treasurer; Mr. F. J. Bescher, Secretary.

A lengthy discussion on a American Philatelic Association ticket took place. It was decided to postpone to the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p. m.

Fifty-fourth regular meeting, May, 27, 1895. President Bellard in the chair and seven members present. The reading of the minutes were dispensed with. The President then re-appointed Mr. W. B. Lippincott Superintendent of Exchanges. Secretary read a letter received from Secretary of Chicago Branch asking endorsement of their ticket for the American Philatelic Association. It was not decided to endorse it as a whole, and was settled as follows. (For list see nominations.)

Moved and carried that the K. C. P. S. indorse the following resolution passed by the Chicago Branch American Philatelic Association:

"*Resolved*, That Chicago Branch No. One American Philatelic Association, requests that this said office be again created, in the place of the one office now in vogue and that if necessary that the By-laws of the American Philatelic Association be so amended in order that said officers be duly elected to fill their respective offices" and the secretary was notified to so inform the Chicago Branch.

Mr. Lippincott was indorsed by the Kansas City Brnnch for delegate at coming convention, the members present promised to do all in their power to aid him. Mr. Lippincott will accept proxies from members of American Philatelic Association, and he will use them for the best interests of Association.

A letter from the Louisville Philatelic Society, regarding exchanges, was read and referred to the Superintendent of Exchanges.

Adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

F. J. BESCHER, Sec'y.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners.

Any member of the Association or Branch Society has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if they are not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing postage registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, express charges or postage and registration extra, in all cases.

359.	United States, Post Obitum officially sealed, unused, from Book 1925	3 30
360.	United States, 1860, 24c. fine, used copy, from Book 1929	2 50
363.	United States, 1869, 15c. without diamond, fine, used, from Book 1929	2 25
364.	United States, 1869, 24c. fine, used copy, from Book 1929	5 50
365.	United States Carrier, Horseman, 1c. black, fine, used copy on original cover, from Book 1925	5 00
368.	St. Vincent, 1883, 4 p. blue, Crown C. A., used, fine, from Book 1952	3 50
369.	Victoria, 1861, 2 sh., green, perf. 12, unused, from Book 1953	6 50
370.	Baden, 1862, 30 kr., orange, used, from Book 1953	2 00
371.	New South Wales, 1853, 8 p., orange, unperf., good margin, but slightly torn, used, from Book 1953	10 00
374.	United States, 1861, 5c. yellow, fine, used, from Book 2018	4 00
375.	New Orleans, Confederate provisional, 2c. blue, used, from Book 2019	5 00
376.	New Zealand, £3. revenue, green, used, postally, from Book 1780	2 60
377.	Nova Scotia 1851, 1p. brown, used, slightly nicked, from Book 1678	4 00
378.	British Columbia 1861, 2½p. used, fine, from Book 1678	2 20
379.	Madagascar 1884, 1sh. 6p. unused, from Book 1678	7 00
380.	United States 1856, 5c. with full ornaments, used strip of 3, fine, from Book 1678	12 00
381.	Confederate 1863, TEN cents, used, on original cover, fine, from Book 1678	5 00
382.	New South Wales, registered, unperf., red and blue, used, fine, from Book 1678	4 20
384.	Portugal, 1853, 100r, unused, original, Scott 55th. Ed., $75.00, from Book 2027	30 00
385.	Italy, Unpaid, 1884, 50l, green, unused, Scott 55th. Ed. $14.00, from Book 2027	7 00
386.	Bahamas, 1850, 1p. pale red, unsevered pair, used, Scott's 55th. Ed. $40 00, from Book 2027	20 00
387.	Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $5 00, red, blue and black, unused, from Book 2028	6 00
388.	Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $2.00, brown and green on yellow, unused, from Book 2028	2 50
389.	Mexico, 1895, 5 pesos, vermilion, unused, from Book 2028	3 75
390.	Mexico, 1895, 10 pesos, dark blue, unused, from Book 2028	7 50
391.	Somalis Coast, (Djibouti), 25 francs, red and blue, unused, from Book 2028	6 50
392.	Argentine, 1874, 10c. green, w'm'k "R. A." unperf. used, from Book 2029	6 00
393.	U. S. Local, Brown & Co., 1c. black, Scott's 55th, Ed. $12.50, unused from Book 2029	7 00
395.	Mexico, 1867, 8r. black on brown, gothic surcharge, used, from Book 2029	8 00
396.	Mexico, 1857, 8r. green on brown, gothic surcharge, used, from Book 2029	11 50
399.	Wurtemburg, 1863, 18kr. orange, perf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	3 20
400.	Bremen, 1855-60, 5sgr. green, unperf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	3 75
402.	Bremen, 1861-63, 10 gr. black, roul., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	10 00
403.	Bremen, 1866, 7 gr. pink p., perf. fine, used copy, from Book 2030	2 50
404.	Bergerdorf, 1861, 4s. brown p., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	17 50
406.	Bermuda, postcard, 1893, 1p. on 1½p. unused, catalogued, at $10, from Book 2035	7 50
407.	Japan, postcard, 1885, 1s. blue and red, used catalogued at $7.50, from Book 2035	3 00
408.	Canada, 1859, 5c. vermilion variety, used, catalogued at $15. from Book 2035	12 00
409.	Canada, 1852, 6p. purple, unperforated, wove paper, used, from Book 2035	3 80
410.	British Columbia, 5c. black on red. per. 12½, used, slightly defective at the top, from Book 2035	6 00
411.	Canada envelope, 1860, 10c. brown, unused, entire, from Book 2035	4 20

412. Canada envelope, 1860, 5c. vermilion, used, entire, scarce, from Book 2035 ..... 8 00
413. Bremen, 1866, 10gr. black, perforated, fine, used, from Book 2036 ..... 8 00
414. Wurtemburg, 1863, 18kr. orange, used, fine, from Book 2036 ..... 3 00
415. Montserrat, 1876 6 p. green, fine, used 2 10
416. United States, 1860, 24c. fine, used, from Book 2036 ..... 2 50
417. Mauritius 1858, type A7, 2p. blue, used, from Book 2036 ..... 5 00
418. United States, 1869, 24c. used, from Book 2013 ..... 3 75
419. Montserrat, 1876, postmarked Jan. 15, 1884, two and one-half 1p. stamps, fine, used, on original cover as 2½ p., from Book 2070 ..... 13 00
420. United States Carrier, type A18, 1c blue, used as a seal on back of envelope, cancelled only with lead pencil mark, stamp slightly defective at one side, catalogued at $25, from Book 2073 ..... 13 50
421. United States, unsevered pair of $1 Columbians, fine, used copies, from Book 2073 ..... 15 00
422. United States, 1888, 90c. purple, block of six, fine, used, from Book 2073 ..... 4 25
423. United States, 1890, 90c. orange, block of eight, fine, used, from Book 2073 ..... 4 80
424. United States Periodical, 1875, 9c. used, cancelled with pen mark, slight tear on one side, from Book 2086 ..... 7 50
425. United States Carrier, 1851, horseman, 1c. red, uncancelled, catalogued at $15.00, from Book 2091 ..... 9 50
426. United States Carrier, 1851, horseman, 1c. black, used on original cover, extremely fine, from Book 2091 ..... 5 00
427. United States Carrier, type A22, 1852, 1c. blue on white, uncancelled, magnificent copy on original cover, from Book 2091 ..... 20 00
428. New York, 5c. black, fine, used copy, very slight defect at the top, from Book 2091 ..... 5 50
429. United States, 1867, 3c rose, embossing, 13 x 16, cancelled, with date written across the face of stamp in ink, very fine copy, from book 2091 ..... 4 25
430. United States, 1860, 5c brown, fine, used copy, from Book 2091 ..... 2 75
431. Virgin Islands, 1866, 6 p., rose, perforated 12, unused, from Book 2091 ..... 4 50
432. Bahamas, 1861, 1 p., pale lake, perforated 16, unused, from Book 2091 ..... 7 50
433. Tasmania, 1870, 10 p., black, watermark 10, unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 2091 ..... 12 50
434. Ceylon, 1857, 9 p., olive-brown, watermark star, unperforated, fine, used, from Book 2091 ..... 15 00
435. Ceylon, 1857, 8 p., chocolate, watermark star, unperforated, extremely fine, used copy, from Book 2091 ..... 50 00
436. Tasmania, 1858, 6 p., grey-violet, slightly ink-marked almost imperceptible, very fine strip of four with original gum, from Book 2091 ..... 15 00
437. South Australia, set of 47 stamps, surcharges, reprints and specimens on sheet as issued from the South Australia P. O. Department from 1855-94, all denominations, from Book 2092 ..... 8 00
438. New South Wales, set of specimen and reprint stamps as issued from P. O. Department 1855-91, ½ p. to £1, including postage due, from Book 2092 ..... 10 00
439. United States Justice Department 30c. fine, used copy, from book 2093 ..... 13 00
440. St. Vincent, 1861, 1 p. rose, *unperforated*, unused, original gum, fine, from Book 2093 ..... 31 50
441. Antigua, 1862, 6 p. green, *unperforated*, watermark star, from Book 2093 ..... 17 50
442. Niger Coast (Oil Rivers Protectorate), 1892 Prov. 1 sh. on 2p. red surcharge, unused, original gum, from Book 2093 ..... 15 00
443. Niger Coast, (Oil Rivers Protectorate), 1892, Prov. 5sh on 2p. violet surcharge, very rare, from Book 2093 ..... 25 00
444. Niger Coast (Oil Rivers Protectorate), 1892, Prov. 10 sh. on 5p. red surcharge, (sold for £12 in England), from Book 2093 ..... 30 00
445. Zululand, 1895, £1, mauve on orange-red, unused, original gum, from Book 2093 ..... 6 95

G. D. MEKEEL,

SALES SUPERINTENDENT,

STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO.

The American Philatelic Association

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—JULY, 1895.

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PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN—As it was necessary in ordor to reach some of our stockholders in time that the forms of ballots, proxies and other official announcements concerning the election and Annual Convention should be mailed with the June number of the Official Circular, the President has already announced that the Tenth Annual Convention of the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association will be held at the Hubbard House, Clayton, Jefferson County New York, on Tuesday August 13th, 1895, and following days, and will be called to order at 10 o'clock a m That at the same time and place an election will be held for five Directors and three Trustees to serve during the coming year. That the polls for such election will be open from 10 o'clock a. m., until noon, only, as provided by the By-laws, and that to be counted every ballot must be in the form mailed with the June Official Circular, must be received before the polls are closed, signed by the stockholder voting, or his proxy, and enclosed in a sealed envelope marked "ballot," and should be directed "To the Committee on Credentials. American Philatelic Association, care Hubbard House, Clayton, Jefferson Co., N. Y."

Votes and proxies may be changed at any time until counted by the Committee and in the event of two votes or proxies reaching the Committee, that bearing the later date will be accepted. It is necessary to caution members against using any but signatures written with a pen, as stamped, printed or typewritten signatures cannot be accepted

The President has been requested also to call attention to the fact that the Corporation Law of West Virginia expressly providing that the stockholders "may also by a By-law prescribe the qualifications of directors; but if it be not otherwise provided, every director shall be a resident of this State (West Virginia) and a stockholder, the provision by By-law that "*Each Director of our Association shall be a resident of a different State*" cannot be successfully disputed.

As it is provided by the By-Laws (Article III., Sec. 1.) that the President shall cause the "call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of the convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Circular issued next prior to the holding of such convention," in order that the call may be in strict accordance with the By-law as it stands, I hereby repeat the above announcement.

This suggests the propriety of slightly changing the wording of the articles of the By-laws relating to these subjects in order to extend the time for the issuing of these notices.

The Entertainment Committee have made ample provision at Clayton for the necessities of members visiting the convention, and have not forgotten to provide occupation and enjoyments for the hours when the convention is not in session. It is hoped that these novel features will result in a larger attendance than usual, and that many collectors who are not members yet will accept the invitation always cordialy extended by the Association to all interested in our pursuit to come and witness our proceedings.

JOHN K. TIFFANY,
President.

CONVENTION NOTES.

PITTSBURG, PENN., June 24, 1895.

The Committee on Entertainment for the coming convention beg to advise the members of the Association that their Chairman has been to Clayton, and has seen the hotel and steamboat proprietors, and finds that great interest is taken in the approaching convention, and that everyone is waiting to welcome us. We have arranged for a daylight excursion around the islands, and also for an electric search light excursion at night We have arranged for a supper at the Hubbard House, and have arranged provisionally for an all day fishing party and island picnic dinner The committee has issued and mailed to each active member of the Association a circular requesting contributions for defraying the expenses of these entertainments, and the response has been very liberal, for which we desire to express our heartfelt thanks. We are still short, however, a considerable amount of the sum necessary to carry out the above outlined plans, particularly the all-day fishing excursion, which is an expensive affair. The railroad arrangements which will be in effect in August are substantially as follows:

Leave Buffalo 10 a. m., via Syracuse; arrive Clayton 5:20 p. m., parlor cars on train. Leave Buffalo 9:15 p. m., via Syracuse; arrive Clayton 5:45 a. m.; sleepers from Suspension Bridge to Clayton, and from Chicago to Philadelphia, New York, which is but twenty-one miles from Clayton.

Leave New York 8:33 a. m., arrive Clayton 5:30 p. m., parlor car on train. Leave New York 7 p. m., arrive Clayton 5:45 a. m., sleepers on train.

The Lake Shore trains leaving Chicago at 3:00 and 5:30 in the afternoon, connect at Buffalo with the morning train to Clayton, as does the Michigan Central train leaving Chicago at 3:00 p. m. The railroad rates from Chicago to Clayton and return, via either Lake Shore or Michigan Central, will be $30.00. From Buffalo to Clayton and return, unlimited, $11 75; for direct passage, limited, $8.80, From New York to Clayton and return, unlimited, $15.25; for direct passage, limited, $13.50. From Pittsburgh to Clayton and return $22.25. Sleeping car rate from Chicago to Buffalo, $3.00; from Buffalo to Clayton, or New York to Clayton, $2.00 a berth. The hotel rates are fixed as follows:

Hubbard House, room with bath, one person, $3.50; room without bath, one person, $3.00; room without bath, two persons, $2.50 each.

Izaak Walton House, room without bath, one person, $2.50; two persons, $2.00 each.

The New Windsor, same rates as Izaak Walton House.

The Dewey House, which is less pretentious, can accommodate a few members at $1.50 per day. Nearly all private families in Clayton take summer boarders at rates ranging from $6.00 to $15.00.

The committee has received advices from members intending to visit Clayton during convention which would indicate that from sixty to seventy-fiue persons will be present, and can assure all members that the beauties of the St. Lawrence and the pleasant life there in summer cannot be too strongly pictured. We anticipate a most enjoyable convention, and hope that as many members as possible will arrange their vacation time so as to be able to be at Clayton on the 13th of August.

We are still endeavoring to obtain some concession on railroad rates, and should we be successful in this, will make the announcement through the philatelic press and in the August Official Circular. It is a matter of the utmost importance that members expecting to be present should advise the committee at once, as we shall not make definite arrangements for entertaining a larger number than we know will be there, as we must guarantee many of the items absolutely whether we use them or not. The committee would also request the members who havo promised subscriptions to send in the money as soon as possible, in order that we may have ample funds on hand for such payments as require to be made in advance.

LATER REPORT.

The entertainment committee for the annual convention of the American Philatelic Association has been busily engaged in perfecting details. Owing to the expressions of opinion received to the effect that the program originally laid out was almost too long, the committee now thinks that the following program will be about the thing:

Tuesday, August 13th.

10 a. m.—Opening of convention in Hubbard House parlors.
12 m.—Polls close.
2 p. m.—Business meeting; President's address.

8 p. m.—Search light excursion around the islands.

Wednesday, August 14th.

Morning—Daylight excursion around the islands.
2 p. m.—Business meeting; reading of paper by Mr. Mekeel.
8 p. m.—Business meeting.
10 p. m.—Social gathering at Hubbard House; dancing.

Thursday, August 15th.

7:30 a. m.—Fishing picnic; boats and steamer provided. Photographic group taken on the island.
1 p. m.—Picnic dinner on the islands, followed by reading of paper by Davison.
8 p. m.—Business meeting.

Friday, August 16th.

10 a. m.—Business meeting.
2 p. m.—Business meeting; exhibit of stamp appliances by Mr. Krauth. Adjournment.
8 p. m.—Dinner, with toasts.

We have written to the Trunk Line Association to see what we could do in the way of securing rates and find that if there is a guaranteed attendence of 100 persons we can secure an arrangement by which full fare is to be paid going and one-third fare returning. This arrangement, however, only covers the Trunk Line territory, from Niagara, Buffalo, Salamanca, New York, Pittsburgh, Bellaire, Wheeling, Parkersburg and Charleston, and points east thereof except New England. The committee would also be called upon to pay the expenses of a Trunk Line Association agent at Clayton who would issue the return certificates. As we have not anything like one hundred persons who have positively assured us that they will be at Clayton, we do not feel safe in giving the guarantees required. If, however, a sufficient number of members advise us of their positive attendance, we will make another attempt to secure this reduction.

We have arranged with Mr. D. R. Hardy, of Clayton, to take a photograph of the convention, 14 inches by 17 inches, of which the price per copy to members desiring it will be $1.00.

The New England members of the Association are earnestly requested to communicate with Mr. Albert W. Batchelder, 325 Washington St., Boston, Mass., as to their intention of attending the convention, as Mr. Bathhelder is trying to get a special rate for the New England members, and should know at once how many expect to go.

The entertainment fund is still short abyut $100.00 of the amount necessary to carry out the above program, and members who take an interest in the convention, and would like to contribute to its success, need not hesitate in sending a cheque to the chairman of the committee.

All indications are that the season this summer at Clayton will be a very prosperous one, so that we are likely to find the town pretty crowded in the middle of August and members should secure their hotel accommodations as far in advance as possible. There is no lack of accommodations, but it is best to be on the safe side if you wish to secure the best and most convenient places for your stay.

Yours truly,
C. P. KRAUTH,
Chairman, Entertainment Committee.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

NEW YORK, July 1st, 1895.

FELLOW-MEMBERS: As the date of our annual convention approaches, interest in the yearly gathering grows more intense, and I am pleased to state that a number of the members from this city will be present, how many, it will be impossible to tell until the opening of the convention.

I have been endeavoring to have a good delegation go from this place, and from the number who have the matter under consideration, I have strong hopes of succeeding, the alluring programme of the committee on entertainment being a drawing card.

From all accounts, the wives of the members will be out in force at our next meeting, this being in line with the resolutions passed at the last convention, requesting their presence, and as the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee will use all his powers for looking after, and gratifying their desires for a pleasurable summer outing, it can be stated without hesitation, that all the ladies who honor us with their presence, will be given a joyous occasion, in so far as it lies in the power of the Committee, and the membership to provide it.

The next convention is bright in promise of a long-to-be remembered reunion, and let us by our personal attendance, further weld the bonds of good fellowship—bonds, which it is our boast, exist to a stronger degree among philatelists than between the members of any other society. Fraternally,

ALVAH DAVISON,
Vice-President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Members are requested to be careful and see that all applications sent in by them are filled out in the proper form. It is frequently necessary to withhold publication until the omissions can be supplied. All applications must now be accompanied by

a sum sufficient to pay for a share of stock and for the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year which ends August 31st.

In communications with the Secretary members are requested to affix their membership numbers to their names, as it saves time in making changes of address, etc.

CORRECTIONS AND CHANGES OF ADDRESS, ETC.

359 BACON, D. H., Derby, Conn. (formerly Birmingham).

842 BANKS, CHAS. E., Marine Hospital Bureau, Washington, D. C. (formerly Portland, Me.)

642 BARTLETT, W. C., Igerna, Cal. (formerly N. Lemoine, Me.)

410 CUTLER, S. M., Custom House, Louisville, Ky. (formerly Washington, D. C.)

564 DAVIS, JOSEPH S., 1460 Pearl St., Denver, Colo.

222 EATON, W. C., 259 Steuben St., Brooklyn, N. Y. (formerly Hamilton, N. Y.)

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1042 FRANK, GEO. W., should be Frank, Jr., Geo. W.

425 GEUDTNER, CHARLES, 1026 Evanston Ave., Chicago, Ill.

710 JONES, WALTER C., 51 Cherry St., Somerville, Mass. (formerly Bradford, Mass.)

448 MCCOY, JAS. H., Box 179 Carnegie, Pa. (formerly Chartiers, Pa.)

637 MUIR, W. E., Westmount, Quebec (formerly Montreal, Quebec).

968 NOWLAND, Jas. A., New Castle, Del. (formerly San Francisco, Cal.)

941 PAGET, EVERY, Room D, Boston Building, Kansas City Mo. (formerly Chicago, Ill.)

244 PILCHER, Capt. J. E., 145 Gates Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. (formerly Youngstown, N. Y.)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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References: C. H. Mekeel, N. W. Chandler.

BAGLEY, B. D., 13 Astor Pl., New York City.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BARDSLEY, J. E., 33 Davis St., Fall River, Mass.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: Aug. W. Buck.

BORIES, EMILE, M. D., Seattle, Wash.
References: H. W. Grantley, G. D. Mekeel.

BROWN, ALLEN A., 30 Kilby St., Boston, Mass.
References: William C. Stone, W. J. Eldred.

BRUNER, P. F., 27 W. 58th St., New York, N. Y.
References: W. F. Gregory, R. R. Bogert.

CANFIELD, EDWIN M., 33 Veazil St., North Adams, Mass.
References: G. D. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.

COGSWELL, GEO. H., Bradford, Mass.
References: Wm. H. Page, A. W. Batchelder.

COOK, ROBERT L., 57 Westminster St., Springfield, Mass.
References: Clifford R. Rogers, Wm. C. Stone.
Guarantor: William F. Cook.

DILLIARD, J. I., Collinsville, Ill.
References: A. Neustadt, T. H. Schmidt.

DOEHLER, C. A. F., Two Rivers, Wis.
References: C. F. Canright, R. R. Thiele.

DONOHOE, J. F., El Paso, Tex.
References: Chas. M. Newman, G. D. Mekeel.

EDMONSON, F. E., Collinsville, Ill.
References: J. W. Edmonson, Dale Edmonson.

FELDMAN, B. M., M. D., 170 E. 79th St., New York, N. Y.
References: W. F. Gregory, R. R. Bogert.

FLEISCHMANN, A. R., Wilshire Building, Cleveland, O.
References: G. J. Bailey, William C. Stone.

FRATCHER, W. F., 183 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich.
References: R. S. Appleton, A. H. Crittenden.

FRIEND, F. H., 274 Pleasant Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

GRABOWSKY, WILLIAM, 707 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
References: E. Doeblin, Geo. Feick.

GRANTLEY, H. R., Seattle, Wash.
References: H. W. Grantley, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: H. W. Grantley.

GRANTLEY, A. W., Seattle, Wash.
References: H. W. Grantley, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: H. W. Grantley.

HAMMOND, CLARENCE A., 870 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
References: C. W. Kissenger, Frederick W. Fox.

HODGINS, JOHN, Bartow on Sound, New York, N. Y.
References: Eugene Thwing, R. R. Bogert.
Guarantor: Eugene Thwing.

HOMER, ROLAND, 4409 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: W. B. Homer.

JOPLIN, REV. GEO. A., Third Pres. Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

KENNEDY, THOS., Collinsville, Ill.

References: T. H. Schmidt, Dale Edmonson.

KOPF, EMIL A., 153 W. Kinney St., Newark, N. J.
References: G. H. Mekeel, C. H. Mekeel.

KLAPP, O. E., St. Paris Ohio.
References: P. J. Kranz, P. E. Rood.

LALIME, J. A., St. Hyacinthe, Canada.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: B. Lalime.

MASON, CHAS. D., Room 2, Court House, Toledo, O.
References: P. J Kranz, F. E. Klauser, Henry Meyer.

MILLER, HARRY H., Burlington, Kas.
References: G. D Mekeel, Fred'k T. Hoyt.

MILLER, R. M., New Chester, Adams County, Pa.
References: A. Lohmeyer, P. L. Messer.

MOROIN, Capt. C. M., Bucuresci, Roumania.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

PERRIN, ALBERT, 122 E. 23d St., New York, N. Y.
References: J. N. Luff, W. F. Gregory.

PERRIN, CHAS. B., Box 1026, Springfield, Mass.
References: Wm C. Stone, W. J Eldred.

ROEMER, CHARLES, 206 Adams St., San Antonio, Texas.
References: Albert Steves, Edward W. Heusinger.

SHERMAN, G. C., Watertown, Mass.
References: C. P. Krauth, E. N. Grove.

SNYDER, RUSSELL J W., 231 Greenwich St., New York, N. Y.
References: Joseph Holmes, A. Davison.

THWING, MRS. EUGENE,
THWING, MAUDE,
THWING, GRACE EVA,
THWING, WALTER EUGENE,
} 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
References: Eugene Thwing, R. R. Bogert.
Guarantor for last three: Eugene Thwing.

TICHINGER, ALOIS L., 412 W. Fiftieth St., N. Y. City.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

WELCHANS, W. H., Lancaster, Penn.
References: W. A. Haldy, Chas. A. Hughes.

WELLES, E. F., Colorado Springs, Colo.
References: H. K. Sanderson, A. W. Batchelder.

WILLIAMS, JR., R. B., Ithaca, N. Y.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.
Guarantor: R. B. Williams.

The above applicants will be admitted to membership August 10, provided no objections are received by the Trustees prior to that date.

All applications for insertion in the next Circular must be accompanied by a deposit of $2.00, and must reach the Secretary not later than July 31st.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Members changing their residences should always notify the Secretary to that effect, as much confusion will otherwise arise if he is not informed. Several members have notified the publishers of the Official Circular, but have neglected to inform the Secretary. Mail matter addressed to the following members has been returned by the post office authorities, the parties having removed. Can any of our members give us their present address?

MAITRET, MAX, 165 East Nineteenth St., New York, N. Y.

TURNBULL, NEWTON, Middletown, Conn.

WILCOX, HORACE, 77 Hough Ave., Cleveland, O.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

1029 BANKS, WILLIAM, JR., 44 State St., Boston, Mass.

1030 BEATTY, WM. A., 55 James St., St. Catharines, Ontario.

1031 BEERMANN, HENRY C., Atlanta, Ga.

1032 BELLARD, H. W., Mo. & Kan. Tel Co., Kansas City, Mo.

1033 BOEMAN, WALTER, Annandale, N. J.

1034 BTIGGS, M. C., Muscatine, Ia.

1035 BUTTON, B. G., Aurora, Ill.

1036 COUZENS, CHARLES, Greeley, Col.

1037 CUSTER, L. G., Post-office, St. Louis, Mo.

1038 FRAME, GEORGE M., 38 Lindell St., Haverhill, Mass.

1042 FRANK, GEO. W., JR., Kearney, Neb.

1039 Eaton, D. T., Muscatine, Ia.

1040 ENGEL, E. S., 1732 Larimer St., Denver, Colo.

1041 FINCHAM, C. T., 2317 Main Ave., San Antonio, Tex.

1043 HAWLEY, H., 3065 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

1044 HAWLEY, DR. NELSON, 3065 Easton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

1045 HOLLAND, GEO. A., P. O. Box 526, Montreal, Canada.

1046 HOLMES, CLAY W., P. O. Drawer 13, Elmira, N. Y.

1047 JOHNSON, WILLIAM A., 1406 G St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

1048 JONAS, HENRY, Goshen, N. Y.

1849 KEILBACH, FRANK E., Savannah, Ga.

1050 KELLOGG, GEORGE A., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

1051 LEPERE, WM. H., 1131 Leonard Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

1052 LESER, CARL, 2213 Tioga St., Philadelphia, Pa.

1053 LOMBARD, J. P., 100 3d St., Portland, Ore.

1054 MEADE, CALVERT, 420 California St., San Francisco, Cal.

1055 MERRILL, C. A., 22 High St., Melrose, Mass.
1056 NAEHER, OSCAR W., 544½ E. 12th St., New York City.
1057 NATHAN, G. McD., 18 East Wall St., Atlanta, Ga.
1058 PENNEKAMP, THEODORE H., Box 402, Topeka, Kans.
1059 PIERCE, WILLIAM T., Watertown, Mass.
1060 RAHM, EDWARD, 14 Liberty St., Allegheny, Penn.
1061 REYES, JUAN JOSE, Casa Kromberg, Guatemala.
1062 RUSSELL, MRS MARGUERITE V., 60 Washington Building, Portland, Ore.
1063 SEIBEL, LOUIS L., 1210 College Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
1064 STEINBRECHER, W. PAUL, 409 North Clark St., Chicago, Ill.
1065 STEUERNAGLE, C. O., Waterloo, Ont.
1066 STEVENS, HENRY, Box 544, Portland, Ore.
1067 STUTESMAN, C. W., Peru, Ind.
1068 WAGENER, F. E., 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal.
1069 WILLIAMS, EUGENE, Greeley, Colo.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations having been published in the last Circular and no objections having been received they are herewith accepted:

431 BACON CARRINGTON, C., Imboden Arkansas.
808 FLAGG, HARRY W., Brockton, Mass.

The following members desire to withdraw from the Association at the close of the year (September 1.) and if there are no objections received their names will be dropped at that time.

791 LORING, GEO W., Brockton, Mass.
40 MCALLISTER, H., Philadelphia, Penn.
125 PARUTA, EUG., Trieste, Austria.

DROPPED.

Objections having been received to the admission of W. H. Hollis to membership in the Association, the Trustees have investigated the case and instruct the Secretary to refuse admission. The name of Mr. Hollis having been inadvertently published among the new stockholders it should therefore be dropped from the list.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership, June 10.....	931	
Added since.....	41	
		972
Resigned.....	2	
Dropped.....	1	
		3
Present membership.....		969

NOMINATIONS.

The various nominations made by the Branches are herewith presented an alphabetical arrangement for ready reference, candidates who have declined to run being omitted.

President.

Alvah Davison, of New York.
John K. Tiffany, of Missouri.

Vice-President.

Alvah Davison, of New York.
J. H. Huber, of Illinois.
Brewster C. Kenyon, of California.
H. B. Phillips, of California.

Secretary.

Clifford W. Kissinger, of Pennsylvania.
Wm. C. Stone, of Massachusetts.

Treasurer.

N. W. Chandler, of Illinois.
W. H. MacDonald, of Illinois.

International Secretary.

E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania.

Trustees.

George W. Rode, C. P. Krauth, Ignaz Stauffer, of Pennsylvania.
C. P. Krauth, E. Doeblin, G. W. Rode, of Pennsylvania.
Geo. J. Bailey, W. H. Schneider, R. S. Aikenhead, of Ohio.

DOCUMENT WANTED.

The Secretary has received all but one of the publications called for by him in the May Circular, and our thanks are due to Mr. H. E. Deats for filling up the office files. The only thing now lacking, we believe, is a copy of the original list of members enrolled by the Committee on Organization, May to September, 1886. Will our members kindly see if they can supply this.

CONVENTION OF 1896.

Attention is called to the communications in another column relative to the place of meeting of our next convention. Let the members read and consider carefully and then come to Clayton prepared to vote intelligently.

NEW BRANCHES.

The New York Branch having lapsed into innocuous desuetude some time since, a number of the members held a meeting June 18, and organized themselves into a Branch to take the place of the former organization. There are now forty members and the Branch has subscribed for four shares of the capital stock of the Association as permitted by the By-laws. We hope to see some of the other quiescent Branches wake up and follow the example of New York. St. Louis Branch having over 40 members has subscribed to three additional shares of stock.

A number of members resident in the State of Ohio have held a convention and

formed a Branch which has received the recognition of the Official Board We are glad to see this activity manifested among our Branches and trust that all localities containing a sufficient number of members will speedily take advantage of the provisions of the By-laws providing for local organizations. It is quite likely that more detailed provisions will be made at the convention for these Branches.

OHIO BRANCH SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Ohio Philatelic Society, having a membership of over ten members who are also stockholders of the American Philatelic Association, has made application for recognition as a Branch of this Association under the above name, and a majority of the Official Board have voted in favor of granting the application, I hereby certify that the Ohio Philatelic Society has become a Branch of this Association, and that Mr. P. E. Rood is hereby appointed as Resident Vice-President, as provided in Article VIII. of the By-laws.

JOHN K. TIFFANY, President.
W. C. STONE, Secretary.
Springfield, Mass., July 5, 1895.

OUR STOCK FUND.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the Official Board, the first unanimously and the second with but one dissenting vote:

Resolved, That the Treasurer be, and hereby is instructed to make no payments whatever from the Stock Fund, except by special vote of the Official Board, or of the Association.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to transfer the Interest Fund to the General Fund whenever the amount in the General Fund is insufficient to pay outstanding warrants.

S. S. S. S.

The Society for the suppression of speculative stamps informs us that the following issues are to be boycotted:

St. Antonio issue of Portugal.

Future issues of Chinese locals.

North Borneo and Labuan, 4, 10, 20, 30 and 40 cents on $1.00.

We shall always be glad to do what we can to further the good work commenced by this Society and trust that some formal action will be taken at the convention concerning co-operation with it in its endeavors to purify our catalogues and albums. Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE,
July 2, 1895. Secretary.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

The attention of all officers of the Association is called to the fact that at the coming convention an annual report will be expected from each and every member holding any official position. It is especially requested that each and every Resident-Vice-President be prepared with a report on the condition and progress of his district including statistical reports from all branches therein. Do not neglect this as all will be called for by name at the convention.

Should any officer not be able to be present in person the report should be sent to the Secretary at the address given below not later than August 12th.

Do not neglect this notice!

WILLIAM C. STONE,
Secretary.
Hubbard House, Clayton, Jefferson Co., New York.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues Paid June 1 to 30, 1895	$ 6 01

EXPENDITURES.

Due Treasurer May 31	$ 39 07	
Postage June Circular	10 28	
Printing Ballots, Envelopes and Proxies	9 35	
Stamped Envelopes for President and Treasurer	5 45	
Printing Circulars and Envelopes, for Trustees	13 10	
Register for Treasurer	11 00	
		$ 89 15
Due Treasurer June 29, 1895		$ 83 14

STOCK FUND.

Amount at Credit May 31, 1895	$1,010 00
Cash Received June 1 to 30, 1895	18 00
	$1,028 00

INTEREST FUND.

Amount at Credit July 31, 1894	$ 55 05

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., June 29, 1895.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Geo. W. Rode, 38 Hazelwood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.; C. P. Krauth, Secretary: Forty-eighth St. and A. V. Ry., Pittsburgh, Pa.

PITTSBURG, PENN., June 27, 1895.

No meeting of the Board of Trustees having been held in May, I was unable to make any report for publication in the June Official Circular. The thirteenth meeting of the Board was held Monday, June 24, 1895, at the office of Mr. Rode, at 8:00 p. m. The members of the Board were all present, Mr. Rode presiding.

A claim from R. P. Zobel for $8.00 for stamps substituted on circuit some years ago, was received and considered. No record of the original presentation of this claim can be found among the meager records of former Boards received by the present Board, and the attention of former Trustees is called to this case with the request that they furnish the Secretary of

the Board with any correspondence or information in their possession. Action deferred awaiting fuller record of the facts.

A charge against a foreign member of failure to meet obligations or keep promises was ordered investigated.

A complaint of libelous and unjust treatment on the part of the Association or its officials was held over for the purpose of endeavoring to get former records.

In a case of apparent swindling of a foreign member by a member in the United States, the Board considers the evidence in their hands sufficient to warrant them in placing the matter in the hands of the Post-office Department for prosecution, and this will be done at once.

It was resolved to submit the testimony in the case *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* vs. Georges Carion to the Association at Convention, in accordance with Sec. 3, Art. II. of the By-laws, and the Secretary was instructed to publish the required notice in the Official Circular.

A protest from a foreign member having been received in January against the admission of W. H. Hollis of San Francisco to membership, the Board wrote to the General Secretary to withhold his admission pending investigation. Mr. Hollis having been given a full opportunity for defense, and failing to reply to the charges, the Board decided to reject his application for admission. The Secretary was instructed to prepare a draft of the annual report for consideration at the next meeting. Adjourned at 10:40 p. m.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

The Board of Trustees hereby gives notice to all concerned that they will, in accordance with Sec. 3, Art. II., of the By-laws of the American Philatelic Association, certify to the annual Convention of the Association, to be held at Clayton, N. Y., Aug. 13, 1895, for consideration and action, the case of Georges Carion, of San Francisco, Cal., a member of the Association. The charge against Mr. Carion is published in the September, 1894, issue of *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*, over the signature of the Societé Philatelique Francaise, per F. A. Hoffman, Secretary, and is to the effect that he has knowingly sold stamps of certain French Colonies with bogus surcharges. The full records in the possession of the Board will be presented at the Convention. Yours truly,

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, JUNE 30, 1895.

During the month of June I received one hundred and forty-three books for circulation in the Sales Department, the gross value of which was..... .... $3,108.35
Previously acknowledged, gro. value..... 53,243.22

$56,351.57

Books retired as per previous report..... 29,444.27

26,907.30

177 books retired in June, gross value..... 4,257.52

Value of stamps now in circulation $22,649.78

Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $1,146.60, or 27%. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of June were ..... $ 831.80
Sales from the advertised list in last month's Circular... 112.10

Total sales for June..... $ 943.90

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of June were as follows:

118 Blank Books	$ 11.80
4,200 Control Stamps....	4.20
	$16.00

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, June 30th, 1895.

The new rules have been received with favor by most of our members.

The following is the condition of the

WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

Balance as per May 31st report..$1,355.00

DEPOSITS IN JUNE.

Class C —	
H. G. O. Ramborger (advanced from Class D)..... ....$	15.00
W. T. Pierce.....	35.00
G. T. Loomis.....	35.00
Class D —	
W. H. Phillips.....	20.00
Class E —	
J. A. Schiedt.....	10.00
Alfred Dawson.....	10.00
W. A. MacCalla.....	10.00
	$1,490.00

The following novelties have been sent to members since my last report:

Abyssinia, ¼ to 16 y., full series.
*Azores, 2½ to 100 r., full series.
Belgium, 2 c. brown.
British Central Africa, 3 sh.
British East Africa, 5, 7½ a.
British South Africa, 3 sh.
Greece, envelope 20 l., letter card 20 l., 1 d., perforated and unperforated.
Italy, 45 c.
Mexico, envelopes, 10c on rose and yellow, 20+20 c. compound.
Peru, 5 c.
*Portugal, 2½ to 1000 r.
San Marino, 2, 20c. 1 l.

We shall not have the set of Roumania 1894, that I reported last month. Our correspondent has left and remittance was returned as it is now rather late, and many of our members being already supplied I will not send another order.

Cash remittances are now out for the following stamps:

Angola, 5 r to 300 r.
Austria, unpaid series.
Belgium, 20+50c. Postal Packet Stamps.
Benin, 1 c. to 1 fr.
British Guiana, envelopes.
Cape Verde, 5r. to 00r.
Congo, 5r. to 300r?
Cyprus, 9, 18, 45 p.
Danish West Indies 10 c. on 50 c.
Diego Suarez, 1 c. to 1 fr.
French Soudan, 1 c. to 1 fr.
Guinea, 5 r. to 300 r.
India (Portuguese), 1½ r. to 8 t.
Lagos, 5, 7½, 10 p.
Macao, 5 to 300r. and ½ to 47 c.
Montenegro, unpaid series.
Mozambique, 5 to 300 r.
Mozambique Company, 2½ to 1000 r.
Netherlands, recent varieties of color.
Nossi Be, 1 c. to 1 f.
Obock, 1 c. to 50 fr.
Orange Free States, new series.
Persia, full series and new envelopes.
Paraguay, 20c.
Servia, full series.
Seychelles, 3, 12, 15, 45c. 8, 15, 30 c. env.
St. Helena, 2 p. 1 sh.
South African Republic, balance of series.
St. Thomas and Prince Isles, 500 to 300 r.
St. Maria de Madagascar, 1c. to 1 fr.
Sarawak, new series.
Timor, 5 to 300 r.
Uruguay, full series.
Zambezia, 5 to 300 r.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

*Only part of my order was received of above; balance is expected very soon.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 1, 1895.
No receipts last month.

H. E. DEATS, Librarian.

REPORT OF COLLECTING AGENT.

During May I have received nineteen claims, amounting to $136.99; collected during the same time one claim of $8.00. Have filed one more claim with the Post-Office Inspectors.

Yours truly,
J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT.

NORTHAMPTON, MASS., June 4, 1895.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

CLEVELAND '96.

TO ALL A. P. A MEMBERS:

At its June meeting the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Branch No. 7, American Philatelic Association, passed a resolution to the effect that the club should do all in its power to secure the 1896 convention of the American Philatelic Association for Cleveland.

This city is being favorably considered as a place for holding conventions by many bodies, both large and small, because of its numerous advantages. It is centrally located and accessible from all directions. Its position on the lake gives it a most delightful summer climate; extreme heat is rarely experienced, and even when a hot day does come, it is usually followed by a cool night.

The beauty of Cleveland is notorious, yet strangers visiting our city for the first time almost always express surprise at finding so much to admire. Many cities have beautiful parks, but Cleveland having these, is besides a great park in itself, with its wide streets shaded by beautiful trees. Cleveland philatelists may not be as numerous as in some other cities, but if the invitation of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club is accepted, its members will certainly make *every* effort to insure a successful meeting and a pleasant time for every one that attends.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.
Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

GETTYSBURG (PA.) FOR 1896.

Allow me to present the name of Gettysburg, Pa., as the Convention Seat for the American Philatelic Association in 1896, believing that, should it be selected, it will prove to be the largest attended Convention ever held. The S. of P. held

their First Annual Convention at Gettysburg, which was very successful. The S. of P. was then in its infancy, yet there were representatives from N. Y. City, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Altoona, Reading and even as far south as Charleston, S. C.; all pronounced it the most satisfactory convention the S. of P. ever held.

In regard to Gettysburg. It is universally regarded as the scene of the greatest struggle of modern times, or in fact of any age, past or present. Nearly a quarter of a million souls here engaged in deadly strife, and hundreds of hand-to-hand encounters took place, with the most fatal results. Upwards of 60,000 were killed, wounded and missing, of whom 10,000 were killed outright.

Gettysburg is the most elaborately and accurately marked battle-ground in the world. The position of every body of troops of the Federal Army has been clearly and distinctly outlined, and the manœuvers of both sides can be easily traced to this day. Over 400 memorial monuments are to be found on the historic ground. The are mostly constructed of granite or bronze. Many of them have been erected at great expense (one alone cost $125,000,) and are exceedingly handsome.

The National Cemetery, with its splendid monuments, is a beautiful spot; Seminary Ridge, guarded here and there by guns, and punctuated by granite shafts; Cemetery Hill, with its earthworks yet intact; Culp's Hill, with its bullet scarred trees; Cemetery Ridge, with its long line of monuments; Little Round Top, surmounted by a bronze statue of its brave defender, Gen. Warren; Big Round Top, on the summit of which is an observatory, presenting a grand and extensive view of all the surrounding country; the Devil's Den, with its bullet-marked boulders, the Peach Orchard, the Whirlpool of Death, the Bloody Angle, etc., are easily reached by hacks or the electric railway.

Ample accommodations can be secured as the town can boast of eight fine hotels with capacities ranging from 100 to 300. Rates from $1 per day up. Hacks and carriages, driven by guides conversant with every spot of interest and all the details of the battle can be easily secured.

Gettysburg is located about 40 miles south of Harrisburg and 60 miles northwest of Baltimore, and is easily reached by the Pennsylvania, Philadelphia & Reading and Western Maryland railroads, over which extremely low excursion rates can be secured during the summer, and especially the month of August. Following are the *regular* summer excursion rates over the Pennsylvania or Philadelphia & Reading Railroad from some of the principal eastern cities: Altoona, Pa., $7.30; New York and Brooklyn, $9.65; Harrisburg, $1.80; Lancaster, $2.96; Philadelphia, $6.00; Pittsburg, $11.95. About the middle of August of each year the Grand Army of the Republic holds its annual encampment, when tickets good for ten days can be secured for about two-thirds the above rates from all points in Pennsylvania.

The Sons of Philatelia will no doubt hold their Convention at Gettysburg next year, and if the American Philatelic Association would also decide on the same place, which I earnestly trust it will, a large attendance would be assured, owing to the joint Conventions.

My application is now pending in the American Philatelic Association, and I expect to be at Clayton in August to attend the Convention, where I will endeavor to have Gettysburg, Pa., selected for the 1896 Convention seat.

Fraternally,
R. M. MILLER,
Sec'y S. of P.

New Chester, Adams Co., Pa., June 8, 1895.

P. S.—All proxies entrusted to me will be voted for Gettysburg.

CLEVELAND VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

CLEVELAND, O., June 27, 1895.

I am glad to send you another application this month, and we sincerely trust that it will go a long way towards making up the 1,000 that you were striving after.

A motion was unanimously carried, at the last meeting of the Cleveland Branch, to extend a cordial invitation to the Association to meet in this city and hold its convention in 1896. I hope the members will give this due consideration and be prepared to consider the matter at Clayton.

There is a great deal to say about the advantages of Cleveland as a convention town, too much, in fact, to do the subject justice here. Suffice it to say that should the Association decide to meet here we shall endeavor to see that none go away dissatisfied. Yours truly,

G. J. BAILEY, Res. V. P.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.

Notice is hereby given that a change in the By-Laws of the Association will be proposed at the next convention by the New York Branch, this change or addition to consist of a guarantee or insurance fund to be held by the Treasurer to cover any losses in the Exchange department of the Association, such fund to be made up of a certain percentage, say one half or one per cent, of the amount or value of stamps placed by the members in the hands of the Exchange Department, this percentage to be sent to the manager when forwarding stamps to be placed on the cir-

cuits. To illustrate: A member sending stamps to the value of $25.00 for circulation, would forward with them twenty-five cents, or one per cent, this amount to be turned over to the Treasurer to be credited to the Insurance Fund. Under this plan the members using the Department would pay for the losses instead of having such losses paid for out of the general fund, and a tax on all the whole membership.

This slight payment we think will meet with the approval of the members, as it will enable the Treasurer to pay promptly any losses which have been passed upon and recommended for payment by the Board of Trustees, instead of such claimants waiting an indefinite time for the payment of losses, through the General Fund being unable to meet the payments

Respectfully,
W. F. GREGORY.
Sec. New York Branch, A. P. A.

TOLEDO, O., July 1st, 1895.

In accordance with Art. X. of the By-Laws of the American Philatelic Association, I hereby offer the following amendment to Art. VIII., Sections 1, 2 and 3, making four sections in the article

Yours very truly,
WM. J. BABCOCK,
Secretary of the Ohio Phil. Society.

ARTICLE VIII.—Branch Societies.

SECTION 1. Whenever ten or more stockholders, resident in the same locality or State, shall notify the Official Board that they have associated themselves together as a branch society, adopted a name and rules for their government, and have selected one of their number as a Resident or State Vice-President, the Official Board, if satisfied that the formation of such branch would be advantageous to the Association and that said rules are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-Laws of the Association, shall issue a Charter or Certificate under the seal of the Corporation, to said stockholders that they have become a branch society, and shall appoint the member selected a Resident or State Vice-President.

These certificates so issued to local societies shall be numbered in regular order, and all State societies shall be numbered separately in regular order, and both be known by its number in addition to its name selected by it. Any existing local or State society having the requisite number of stockholders among its members may become a branch society upon the same conditions.

SECTION 2. Any branch society, local or State, so organized, may admit to its membership persons not stockholders of the Association, if it so elect; provided, that such persons shall in no case be permitted to participate in any proceedings relating to the affairs of this Association; but branch societies are expected to urge all of their members to become stockholders, to elect their Resident or State Vice-President from among their own officers, to make the consideration or the welfare of the organization a part of their regular order of business, and to make to the Official Board, from time to time, and to each annual convention, suggestions as to any matters that they may consider advisable for official consideration.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the general secretary to publish, or cause to be published in the Official Circular, the names of candidates to State branches, their addresses, guarantors, etc., be they members of the American Philatelic Association or not, provided that three-fourths of all the members of such State societies be stockholders of the American Philatelic Association.

SECTION 4. Any branch society so organized may, from time to time, if it so elect, subscribe for, acquire and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Association for every ten stockholders who are members of such branch, and not already included in the number who may have acquired stock in the name of the same or some other branch society, and shall vote the same by proxy, duly instructed or through their Resident or State Vice-President.

COMMUNICATIONS.

"Please say in the Circular that A. W. Batchelder, 325 Washington street, Boston, Mass., means to go to the convention and wishes to hear from New Englanders who are going in order that special rates may be secured from Boston to Clayton via Montreal.

"Also say that New England proxies should be sent to Mr. Batchelder at the above address; Mr. S. E. Cassino, 51 Portland street, Boston, Mass., or Mr. F. H. Burt, Hubbard House, Clayton, N. Y."

The undersigned members of the American Philatelic Association residing in New England desire to place themselves on record as favoring the election of the candidates for directors nominated by the Pittsburg Branch for the year 1895-6. We believe the gentlemen named in this list to be well fitted for the positions which they are nominated, and are convinced that the best interests of the Association will be served by choosing the candidates named below:—

Alvah Davison, of New York, recommended for President.

H. B. Phillips, of California, recommended for Vice-President.

W. C. Stone, of Massachusetts, recommended for Secretary.

N. W. Chandler, of Illinois, recommended for Treasurer.

E. Doeblin, of Pennsylvania, recommended for International Secretary.

(Signed)

Chas. A. Hobbs, Fred. H. Pitman, Howard K. Sanderson, John Luther Kilbon, W. F. Morgan, Jr., Willard E. Robinson, Fred'k P. Richardson, Frederic Forehand, Fred. S. Smith, Albert W. Batchelder, Frank H. Burt, W. L. Brown, Gordon Ireland, A. C. Eddy, J. F. Johnson, Malcolm Storer, A. C. Woodward, Frank E. Stimpson, Burton N. Gates, Arthur O. Rice, Wm. T. Pierce, Walter B. Snow, Chas. D. Lyford, S. E. Cassino, W. J. Eldred, Mrs. A. J. Smith, Clifford R. Rogers.

ATTLEBORO, Mass., June 3, 1895.

The following are my nominations for directors and trustees for the ensuing year:

President—Mr. H. E. Deats, New Jersey.

Vice-President—W. C. VanDerlip, Boston.

Secretary—Alvah Davidson, New York.

Treasurer—C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis.

International Secretary—I. A. Mekeel.

Trustees—E. A. Holton, F. Trifet; S. E. Cassino all of Boston.

Yours respectfully,

E. F. THAYER.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY BOARD.

J. D. Rice, Chairman, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.; C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lewis G. Quackenbush, 13 Madison St., Oneida, N. Y.

The coming Clayton convention is engrossing the attention of the members, and the prospective pilgrims to Philatelia's shrine are indulging right royally in the pleasures of anticipation.

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There has been some complaint on the part of collectors residing in some of the larger cities about the difficulty experienced in obtaining full sets of the current United States envelopes at the post-offices of their respective cities. They say that the clerks usually evince a marked disinclination to attend to the collectors' wants because it necessitates some expenditure of time and ease to search for all the sizes and values representing a full complement of the envelopes.

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At one time it was no unusual occurrence to receive foreign mail matter and to discover that letters had been denuded of the stamps *in transitu*. To day it is comparatively rare that one finds that desirable foreign stamps have been abstracted from covers addressed to one's self. Stamp collectors were chiefly instrumental in bringing about this reform, as they were almost always certain to register a complaint with the proper authorities, when they noticed stamps missing from their foreign mail, and now when an employee of the postal service takes a stamp from a letter, he takes his official life into his own hands.

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Said a philatelist: "No doubt it has been remarked many times, what an excellent thing a stamp collection is for a convalescent—the person recovering from a severe illness. It proves a mild mental stimulant for the patient and eases his hours of enforced idleness. The facility with which the stamps may be handled adds to their advantages, and all things considered, the collection of stamps is unequalled as a companion for the person who is 'getting well.'"

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The efforts of an individual reformer are usually futile and mocked at by the evil against which they are levelled. Only by union and the organization of individuals can enough power be concentrated to blast the foundation of a firmly established wrong. Hence the Society for the Suppression of the Speculative Stamps.

C. E. SEVERN.

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Mr. H. E. Deats desire to thank the members who have so very kindly placed his name in renomination for one of the Directors of the Association, and begs us to state that he will not under any circumstances accept *any* elective office. He feels that he can better serve the Association as Librarian.

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The Chairman of the Literary Board also expresses his appreciation of the honor confered by the several branches who have asked for his re-appointment, but must *positively* decline. He has endeavored to faithfully serve the Association, but having been hampered in his work by the Official Board he will not again serve.

J. D. RICE.

CORRECTION.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17, 1895.

In the Official Circular for June a printer's error has crept in, quite vitiating the report of the discovery made that Western Australia stamp is perforated 12½x14, and not 18½x14, as printed. Please have the same corrected.

A. H. WEBER.

REPORTS OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

Meetings held on second Thursday of each month at Room 838 Marquette Building, corner Dearborn and Adams streets. Chas. R. Gadsden, President, New York Life Building. Every Paget, Secretary

and Treasurer, 309 Jackson Boulevard. W. H McDonald, Exchange Superintendent, 2600 Indiana Ave.

The seventh regular meeting after reorganization of the Chicago Branch Number One, American Philatelic Association, was called to order Thursday evening, Juue 13, at 8.40 p. m. by the Secretary, owing to the absence of the President.

On a motion of Mr. Severn, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was elected President *pro tem.*

Roll call found the following members present; Messrs. Wolsieffer, Severn, Ross, MacDonald, Gregory, Rosenthal, Michael, Massoth, Steinbrecher and Grossman. Visitors Messrs, Peloubet, Borg and Lefever.

The minutes of last meeting were approved as read.

The Treasurer next made a report showing a balance of twenty-four cents in the treasury and a collection was taken, amounting to $1.50.

Chairman Severn of the Literary Board next reported that they had interviewed several members who promised to bring their collections at future meetings, and that there would be amusement of a plilatelic nature at every meeting.

Communications were read from the following: National Philatelic Society, San Francisco; Branch No. 3, Boston Philatelic Society; C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Co., another from the National Philatelical Society,—Messrs. H. Clotz, J. A. Wainwright, B. C. Kenyon, W. C. Van Derlip, J. D. Rice, H. E. Deats, and another from Mr. H. Clotz.

The number of communications made it impossible to act on each one separately, and the Secretary was allowed to use his own judgment in answering any of them.

Under the head of new business, upon the suggestion of the Secretary, a campaign committee was appointed by the president. The business of this committee will be to "boom" the ticket put forth by our Branch, and work in a general way for the election of this ticket, which is one of the best tickets in the field. All members of the American Philatelic Association who do not wish to see "veterans" in the offices of the Association, and who think a suburban route of 365 miles is sufficient to permit frequent visits, are urged to work, not only vote, for the ticket nominated by the Chicago Branch. If you have not a copy of this ticket, just look out for our campaign committee.

Chicagoans who will attend the Convention at Clayton next August, and who will receive proxies, are P. M. Wol-eiffer, F. Michael and A. E. Fritz. All members who will not attend the Convention, will do well to send their proxies to the above, where they will be properly looked after.

A letter from Mr. Van Derlip, in which he declines to be a nominee for President of the American Philatelic Association, brought on a short debate as to whom we ought to nominate for President. Mr. Steinbrecher moved, Mr. Grossman seconded, that the Branch nominate Mr. Alvah Davison for President. Carried.

Mr. Clotz declining to run for International Secretary left the Branch without a nominee for that office. As no member proposed any name for that office, it was decided to leave that office blank on our ticket. During further discussion of the matter a motion was made to take a recess. Unanimously carried.

During recess the members looked at the fine collection of entires which Mr. Gregory so kindly brought down for their inspection. After thanking Mr. Gregory, the meeting was again called to order. As there was no further business on hand, meeting adjourned at 10.15 p. m. to meet again July 11, at 8 p. m.

Let the members remember that we have bound ourselves together by nominating a ticket comprised of the best philetalists in this country. The mere fact that we have nominated a ticket does not insure its election. Let every member consider himself a campaign committee of one to work for the election of the ticket nominated by Chicago Branch No. 1. Let them remember that the word defeat exists only in the dictionary for the faint-hearted, and that Mr. Webster, when he put it there, had no idea of Chicago; he was dozing and plodding whether it really meant St. Louis. Ah! friend Webster, you will find that you were wide awake when you applied it with St. Louis. Clayton next August will show it. I wish to thank the editors of stamp papers for their kindness in publishing our ticket. Chicago appreciates your good work, merry editors. Keep on with it, and you will have the best set of officers that ever governed the Association. The more the merrier.

Fraternally,
W. PAUL STEINBRECHER,
Secretary.

NEW YORK BRANCH No. 2.

In pursuance to a call, thirteen members of the American Philatelic Association met at room 26, Bible House, June 18, 8 p. m. and organized a branch, to be known as the New York Branch.

Officers chosen were: J. M. Andreini, President; J. N. Luff, Exchange Manager; W. F. Gregory, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary was instructed to notify the Board of Directors of the organization of the New York Branch; ask that a number be given, a charter be issued and Mrs. J. M. Andreini be appointed Resident Vice-President.

Meeting adjourned subject to the call of the President.

JUNE 28, 1895.

In pursuance to a call of the President, New York Branch met at 1 p. m., ten members being present.

The Secretary reported that there were at present forty members of the Branch. Five more were added at this meeting.

The principal object of the meeting to nominate candidates for the Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association. The following ticket prepared and unanimously endorsed with preferences for official position as follows.

Alvah Davison of New York, for President.

H. B. Phillips, San Francisco, for Vice-President.

W. H. McDonald, Chicago, Treasurer.

W. C. Stone, Springfield, Mass., Secretary.

E. Doeblin, Pittsburg, Int. Secretary.

For Trustees—C. P. Krauth, Geo. W. Rode, Ignatz Stauffer, all of Pennsylvania.

For appointive officers no recommendations were made

It was recommended that an amendment to the By laws be presented, providing a guarantee fund to meet losses in the Exchange Department.

The Committee on Suppression of Speculative Stamps was endorsed and the Convention asked to nominate same Committee.

W. F. GREGORY,
Secretary.

THE STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

One hundred and forty-seventh meeting, held June 20, 1895.

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 p. m. the following members present, President, August Dejonge in the chair; Messrs. Henry Clotz, R. F. Albrecht, Henry Obert, Adolph Lienhardt, Hugo Kessler, Oscar Dejonge, E. R. Carter, Dr. R. Roehrs, Robert S. Lehman.

The minutes of the proceeding meeting were accepted as read.

The executive Committee reports favorably on the nomination of Mrs. Cornelius G. Kolff and Mr. Edw. J. Abbott, and upon balloting on the names, the parties were unanimously elected to membership.

Mr. Witt presents the Society with an oddity in the shape of a misprint of the 10 pf. German, present issue, having a bar through the T of the upper label "Reichspost;" a lot of proofs of the 10 cents first issue Netherlands in fancy colors, and an impression from the entire original plate of the same stamp in grey for the Stamp Album; also a volume of the "Stamps of Lubeck" for the Library.

Mr. Lohmeyer presents the Society with Nos. 15 and 16, of the *Monthly Bulletin* of the Postal Card Society.

The thanks of the Society are tendered to the above kind donors.

The committee on the new circuit books were discharged, with the thanks of the society.

Mr. R. F. Albrecht informed the members that he would leave for Europe during the coming week. The members assembled wished him a very pleasant and safe journey.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p. m.

The next meeting will be held July 18, 1895.

ROBERT S. LEHMAN,
Secretary.

PITTSBURGH BRANCH No. 5.

Meets the second Thursday of each month at No. 25 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., President E. Doeblin, Allegheny, Pa.; Secretary-Treasurer, A. E. Daum, 421 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Branch Manager of Exchange, Anton Platz, Room 44, 96 Fourth Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Thirty-fifth monthly meeting held Thnrsday evening, June 13th, President E. Doeblin presiding.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Roll called, 12 members and many visitors present.

Mr. E. M. Grove on behalf of the Committee on Nominations stated the Committee had sent out circulars to all members of the American Philatelic Association calling attention to the Pittsburgh ticket.

Mr. John Neessner, Jr., as the Committee on Transportation reported that he had secured a rate of $16:co for the round trip to Clayton, not including the Sleeping Car, provided a sufficient number of members would attend the Convention. Report received and Mr. Neessner continued.

Mr. John Pesh elected to Branch Membership

Dr. F. T. Aschman owing to press of personal business, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with regrets.

It was regularly moved, seconded and carried that it be recommended to the American Philatelic Association to hold the next Annual Convention at Cleveland, Ohio.

After a pleasant evening, the meeting adjourned.

A. E. DAUM,
Secretary.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB BRANCH No. 7.

Meeting held the third Wednesday of each month at the office of Mr. G. J. Bailey, 446 Arcade, Cleveland, O. J. J. Overton, President; W. H. Barnum, Secretary; 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, O.

The forty-ninth regular meeting was held June 19, 1895, at 1446 Arcade. Meeting was called to order at 8:40 p. m., with President Overton in the chair and the following members in attendance: Messrs. Bailey, Kress, Brodie, Colwell, Graves Madtes, Prescott, Buerger, Humiston, Gurder, A. and H. B. Odell, Pears, White and W. H. Barnum. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Bailey read a communication from A. P. A. Trustee C. P. Krauth, requesting donations—of any amount—to help cover the expenses of the tenth annual convention, to be held at Clayton next August,

after which Mr. Bailey kindly offered to forward any donations that the members might wish to make.

After a lengthy debate it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the American Philatelic Association be invited to hold their eleventh annual convention in this city.

The Committee on Membership having reported favorably on the applications of J. B. Sapp, D.D. S., and M. M. Hobert, it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot of the club in favor of these gentlemen, after which they were duly declared members of the club.

Meeting then adjourned.

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

THE POMEROY PHILATELIC SOCIETY BRANCH No. 9.

Wm. C. Stone, Secretary American Philatelic Association.

DEAR SIR—At a special meeting of Branch No. 9, held on Saturday evening June 1, 1895, the following resolution was offered and unanimously carried.

Resolved. That Branch No. 9 of the American Philatelic Association hereby nominates for the officers of the Association the gentlemen hereafter named viz:

For President—J. K. Tiffany, of Missouri.
" Vice-President—B. C. Kenyon, of California
" Secretary—C. W. Kissinger, of Pennsylvania,
" Treasurer—W. H. McDonald, of Illinois.
" International Secretary—Henry Clotz, of New York.

Appointive Officers, Literary Board—J. D. Rice, of New Jersey, C. E. Severn, of Illinois, L. G. Quackenbush, of New York.

For Sales and Exchange Manager and Purchasing Agent—Geo. W. B. Crittendon, of New York.

Literary Exchange Manager—G. N. Campbell, of Kentucky.

Counterfeit Detector—J. W. Scott, of New York.

Librarian—H. E. Deats, of New Jersey.

Collecting Agent—J. A. Wainright, of Massachusetts.

Trustees—C. P. Krauth, E. Doeblin, G. W. Rode, all of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Convention Seat for 1896—Cleveland, Ohio.

P. J. KRANZ, Secretary.

TO BE AT THE CONVENTION.

Alvah Davison and wife, New York City.
H. E. Deats and family, Flemington, New Jersey.
C H Mekeel and family, St Louis, Mo.
G. D. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.
I. A. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo.
John K. Tiffany, St. Louis, Mo.
Otto C. Backer, St. Louis, Mo.
N. W. Chandler and family, Collinsville, Ills.
J. W. Scott and wife, New York City.
Charles H. Smith, Brushton, New York.
Lewis G. Quackenbush, Oneida, New York.
C. P. Krauth and family, Pittsburgh, Penn.
E. Doeblin and wife, Allegheny City, Penn.
Wm. C. Stone, Springfield, Massachusetts.
Clifford W. Kissinger, Reading, Penn.
F. H. Burt, Newton, Massachusetts.
E. L. Kelland, Auburn, New York.
E. L. Hickok, Auburn, New York.
Dr. S. G. Stein, Muscatine, Iowa.
Joe F. Beard, Muscatine, Iowa.
G. T. Loomis, Attica, New York.
A. Strauss, St. Louis, Mo.
F. A. Perry, Mt. Morris, N. Y.
W. H. Withee, La Crosse, Wis.
F. Michael, Chicago, Ill.
W. L. Drury, Washington, D. C.
W. Kelsey Hall, Petersboro, Ontario, Canada.
W. V. Lippincott, Kansas City Missouri.
G. J. Bailey, Cleveland, Ohio.
P. J. Eaton, Pittsburg, Penn.
Fred Michael, Chicago, Illinois.
J. C. Miller, Coal Valley, Penn.
R. O. Williams, Buffalo New York.
Wm. H. Lepere, St. Louis, Mo.
A. R. Rogers and family, New York City.
R. M. Miller, New Chester, Pa.
A. W. Batchelder, Boston, Mass.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners.

Any member of the Association or Branch Society has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if they are not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing postage registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, express charges or postage and registration extra, in all cases.

363.	United States, 1869, 15c. without diamond, fine, used, from Book 1929	2 25
365.	United States Carrier, Horseman, 1c. black, fine, used copy on original cover, from Book 1925	5 00
368.	St. Vincent, 1883, 4 p. ultramarineCrown C. A., used, fine, from Book 1952	3 50
369.	Victoria, 1861, 2 sh., green, perf. 12, unused, from Book 1953	6 50
370.	Baden, 1862, 30 kr., orange, used, from Book 1953	2 00
371.	New South Wales, 1853, 8 p., orange, unperf., good margin, but slightly torn, used, from Book 1953	10 00
375.	New Orleans, Confederate provisional, 2c. blue, used, from Book 2019	5 00
376.	New Zealand, £3. revenue, green, used, postally, from Book 1780	2 60
378.	British Columbia 1861, 2½p. used, fine, from Book 1678	2 20
379	Madagascar 1884, 1sh. 6p. unused, from Book 1678	7 00
380.	United States 1856, 5c. with full ornaments, used strip of 3, fine, from Book 1678	12 00
381.	Confederate 1863, TEN cents, used, on original cover, fine, from Book 1678	5 00
382.	New South Wales, registered, unperf., red and blue, used, fine, from Book 1678	4 20
385.	Italy, Unpaid, 1884, 50l, green, unused, Scott 55th. Ed. $14.00, from Book 2027	7 00
386.	Bahamas, 1850, 1p. pale red, unsevered pair, used, Scott's 55th. Ed. $40 00, from Book 2027	20 00
387.	Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $5 00, red, blue and black, unused, from Book 2028	6 00
388.	Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $2 00, brown and green on yellow, unused, from Book 2028	2 50
389.	Mexico, 1895, 5 pesos, rose, unused, from Book 2028	3 75
390.	Mexico, 1895, 10 pesos, dark blue, unused, from Book 2028	7 50
391.	Somalis Coast, (Djibouti), 25 francs, red and blue, unused, from Book 2028	6 50
393.	U. S. Local, Brown & Co., 1c. black, Scott's 55th, Ed. $12 50, unused from Book 2029	7 00
395.	Mexico, 1867, 8r. black on brown, gothic surcharge, used, from Book 2029	8 00
396.	Mexico, 1857, 8r. green on brown, gothic surcharge, used, from Book 2029	11 50
399.	Wurtemburg, 1863, 18kr. orange, perf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	3 20
400.	Bremen, 1855-60, 5sgr. green, unperf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	3 75
402.	Bremen, 1861-63, 10 gr. black, roul., fine, used copy, from Book 2030	10 00
403.	Bremen, 1866, 7 gr. pink p., perf. fine, used copy, from Book 2030	2 50
406.	Bermuda, postcard, 1893, 1p. on 1½p. unused, catalogued, at $10, from Book 2035	7 50
408.	Canada, 1859, 5c. vermilion variety, used, catalogued at $15. from Book 2035	12 00
409.	Canada, 1852, 6p. purple, unperforated, wove paper, used, from Book 2035	3 80
410.	British Columbia, 5c. black on red, per. 12½, used, slightly defective at the top, from Book 2035	6 00
411.	Canada envelope, 1860, 10c. brown, unused, entire, from Book 2035	4 20
412.	Canada envelope, 1860, 5c. vermilion, used, entire, scarce, from Book 2035	8 00
413.	Bremen, 1866, 10gr. black, perforated, fine, used, from Book 2036	8 00
414	Wurtemburg, 1863, 18kr. orange, used, fine, from Book 2036	3 00
415.	Montserrat, 1876 6 p. green, fine, used	2 10
416.	United States, 1860, 24c. fine, used, from Book 2036	2 50
417.	Mauritius 1858, type A7, 2p. blue, used, from Book 2036	5 00
419.	Montserrat, 1876, postmarked Jan. 15, 1884, two and one-half 1p. stamps, fine, used, on original cover as 2½ p, from Book 2070	13 00
420.	United States Carrier, type A18, 1c. blue, used as a seal on back of envelope, cancelled only with lead pencil mark, stamp slightly defective at one side, catalogued at $25. from Book 2073	13 50
421.	United States, unsevered pair of $1 Columbians, fine, used copies, from Book 2073	15 00
424.	United States Periodical, 1875, 9c. used, cancelled with pen mark, slight tear on one side, from Book 2086	7 50

425. United States Carrier, 1851, horseman, 1c. red, uncancelled, catalogued at $15.00, from Book 2091 ..... 9 50
426. United States Carrier, 1851, horseman, 1c. black, used on original cover, extremely fine, from Book 2091 ..... 5 00
427. United States Carrier, type A22, 1852, 1c. blue on white, uncancelled, magnificent copy on original cover, from Book 2091 ..... 20 00
428. New York, 5c. black, fine, used copy, very slight defect at the top, from Book 2091 ..... 5 50
429. United States, 1867, 3c. rose, embossing, 13 x 16, cancelled, with date written across the face of stamp in ink, very fine copy, from book 2091 ..... 4 25
430. United States, 1860, 5c. brown, fine, used copy, from Book 2091 ..... 2 75
431. Virgin Islands, 1866, 6 p., rose, perforated 12, unused, from Book 2091 ..... 4 50
432. Bahamas, 1861, 1 p., pale lake, perforated 16, unused, from Book 2091 ..... 7 50
433. Tasmania, 1870, 10 p., black, watermark 10, unperforated, unused, fine, from Book 2091. 12 50
436. Tasmania, 1858, 6 p., grey-violet, slightly ink-marked almost imperceptible, very fine strip of four with original gum, from Book 2091 ..... 15 00
439. United States Justice Department 30c. fine, used copy, from book 2093 ..... 13 00
440. St. Vincent, 1861, 1 p. rose, *unperforated*, unused, original gum, fine, from Book 2093.. 31 50
441 Antigua, 1862, 6 p. green, *unperforated*, watermark star, from Book 2093 ..... 17 50
442. Niger Coast (Oil Rivers Protectorate), 1892 Prov. 1 sh. on 2p. red surcharge, unused, original gum, from Book 2093 ..... 15 00
443. Niger Coast, (Oil Rivers Protectorate), 1892, Prov. 5sh on 2p. violet surcharge, very rare, from Book 2093 ..... 25 00
444. Niger Coast (Oil Rivers Protectorate), 1892, Prov. 10 sh. on 5p. red surcharge, (sold for £12 in England), from Book 2093 ..... 30 00
445 Zululand, 1895, £1, mauve on orange-red, unused, original gum, from Book 2093 ..... 6 95
447 Newfoundland, 1867, 5c. black, unused, from Book 1913 ..... 2 55
448 Newfoundland, 1866, 5c. brown, used copy, fine from Book 1913 ..... 4 35
450 Brunswick, 1863, 2 sgr., black on blue, Perce en arc, used, fine, from Book 2230 ..... 3 00
451 Fiji Express, 1870, 6 p., quadrille paper, canceled with pen strokes, slight hole in stamp, but otherwise good copy of very rare stamp, from Book 2230 ..... 11 00
452. South Australia, 4 p., purple, watermark star, rouletted, surcharged "C. S." in blue, used, from Book 2230 ..... 2 00
453 South Australia, 1 sh., red-brown, rouletted, surcharged "C. P.," used, from Book 2230. 3 75
454 South Australia, 1867, 3 p. on 4 p., ultramarine, red surcharged, used, from Book 2230. 5 50
455. South Australia, 2 p., waterwarked Crown C. A., rouletted, stamp creased and somewhat nicked, from Book 2230 ..... 3 50
456. Memphis, Tenn., Confederate provisional, 5c. red on orange, cut square, used, fine copy, catalogued by Scott, $50, from Book 2231 ..... 27 50
457. St. Louis, United States Postmaster Provisional, 10c. die C, fine used copy, slightly creased and cracked, but stamp entire, exceedingly rare stamp, from Book 2231 ..... 70 00
458. Ceylon, 1857, 2 sh., blue, watermarked Star, unperforated, fine used copy, the outside margin of the stamp free on every side, from Book 2231 ..... 22 50
459. Ceylon, 1857, 8 p., chocolate, watermarked star, unperforated, the outer line on the left side is partly clipped and a small nick in the lower left hand corner, not touching the frame of the stamp. A very desirable specimen of an exceedingly rare stamp, from Book 2231 ..... 35 00
460. Canada, 1858, ½ p., pink, ribbed paper, used, fine, from Book 2231 ..... 15 00
461. Canada, 1855, 10 p., blue, fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 6 50
462. New Brunswick, 1851, 6 p., yellow, a beautiful used copy, so very lightly canceled that the cancellation does not mar the stamp whatever, an extremely fine specimen, from Book 2231 ..... 20 00
463. Nova Scotia, 1851, 6 p., green, very fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 7 00
464. Newfoundland, 1863, 6½ p., lake, very fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 10 00
465. Newfoundland, 1857, 8 p., scarlet-vermilion, very fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 8 00
466. New South Wales, Sidney View, 1859, 3 p., green on yellowish wove paper, fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 9 00
467. Prince Edward Island, 1861, 6 p., green, perf. 9, fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 4 00
468. Mexico, 1884, 10 pesos, blue, very fine used copy, from Book 2231 ..... 11 75
469. U. S. envelope, cut square, 1855, 10c. green, die 4, on white paper, unused, original, from Book 2232 ..... 5 50
470. U. S. Local, Honours, Type L. 157, Scott's 55th edition, no value, black on lavender, catalogued $10 from Book 2232 ..... 6 00
471. U. S. Revenue, first issue, $200, green and red, unsevered pair, canceled by pen and ink inscription, fine, from Book 2225 ..... 27 50
472. United States, Agricultural Department, 1c. to 30c. complete, unused, from Book 2233. 18 50
473. United States, Justice Department, 1c. to 90c. complete, unused and fine, from Book 2233. 50 00
474 United States, State Department, $2.00, unused, from Book 2233 ..... 12 00
475. United States, State Department, $10.00, unused, except for slight red ink pen marks across the top, from Book 2233 ..... 40 00

476. United States, State Department, $20.00, unused except for three light red ink pen marks across stamp, from Book 2233 ..... 40 00
477. United States, State Department, 1c. to 90c., unused, complete, from Book 2233 ..... 20 00
478. United States, 1851, 5c. brown, used, fine, from Book 2235 ..... 6 75
479. United States, 1860, 30c. orange, unused, fine, from Book 2235 ..... 4 50
480. United States, 1860, 90c. blue, unused, fine, from Book 1235 ..... 12 00
481. United States, 1861, 5c. yellow, unused, perforated too close on one side, from Book 2235 ..... 18 00
482. United States, 1868, 3c. rose, embossing covering entire stamp, from Book 2235 ..... 15 00
483. United States, 1868, 30c. orange, embossed, uncanceled, from Book 2235 ..... 3 50
484. United States, 1888, 90c. purple, block of eight, used, from Book 2235 ..... 8 00
485. United States, 1890, 90c. orange, block of ten and block of seven, used, seventeen stamps, from Book 2235 ..... 10 00
486. United States, 1890, 90c. orange, block of six, used, from Book 2235 ..... 4 00
487. United States, 1870, 15c. light grille, unused unperforated on right, from Book 2235 ... 10 00
488. United States, P. O., officially sealed,, post obitum, unused, from Book 2236 ..... 3 50
489. New York, U. S., Postmaster Provisional, 1845, 5c. black, fine used copy, from Book 2236 ..... 7 00
490. United States, Executive Department, 2c. unused, fine, from Book 2236 ..... 4 50
491. United States, Executive Department, 10c., unused, from Book 2236 ..... 5 75
492. United States, 1869, 15c, unused, block of three, from Book 2236 ..... 7 50
493. United States, 1869, 15c., unused, unsevered pair, from Book 2236 ..... 5 00
494. United States, 1869, 24c., unused, two slight spots at top, fine, from Book 2236 ..... 8 00
495. United States, 1869, 30c., unused, from Book 2236 ..... 9 00
496. United States, 1869, 24c., unused, without grille, original gum, fine, from Book 2236... 11 00
497. United States, 1869, 30c., unused, without grille, original gum, fine, from Book 2236... 13 50
498. United States, 1869, 90c, ungrilled, unused, well centered, has been gummed down in an album, but otherwise fine, from Book 2236 ..... 18 50
499. U. S. Revenue, 2c., second issue, head inverted, used, fine, from Book 2236 ..... 4 00
500. United States, Columbian, $1.00, used, fine, except for a slight tear at the top, neatly mended, from Book 2051 ..... 5 50

G. D. MEKEEL,

SALES SUPERINTENDENT,

STATION C. ST. LOUIS, MO.

The American Philatelic Association

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR—AUGUST, 1895.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT.

Regarding a false and malicious statement made in the *American Journal of Philately* regarding the affairs of the Association, will state that the communication there printed and referred to was sent to the President with the following letter:

ST. LOUIS, July 3, 1895.

John K. Tiffany, Prest.

DEAR SIR—I have just returned, having been absent from the city. Enclosed herewith you will find communication received from Mr. J. D. Rice, Chairman of the Literary Board, addressed to our company, in which he enclosed an editorial and two communications for insertion in the July Official Circular. There is one of these communications that I hereby submit to you and hope that you will read it carefully. I wish to protest against the publication of this letter, as I think it is not in proper shape.

Article VII. Sec. 4 of our By-Laws provides that the Literary Board shall edit the Official Circular, but it does not provide for the publication of every letter that may happen to be addressed to that Board; and as this communication is sent in for publication without any comment as to the subject-matter, it is certainly an improper one. I am clearly of the opinion that the letter is simply written as a campaign document, and is intended to be published simply for the harm that it may do.

First, you will notice the intimation that the writer makes in the letter that counterfeit stamps have been advertised in the Official Circular, while no facts or data is presented to substantiate this intimation, and the allegation that a certain stamp is a reprint, and that another one has the margins cut too close, and that a third has a fraudulent cancellation, is not backed or substantiated by proper evidence. Of course if these stamps are such as they are alleged to be, it is easy to ascertain the facts; but doctors sometimes differ, and in these particular cases, the owner of the stamp alleged to be a reprint claims to have had it a number of years before the reprints were made; the stamp alleged to be trimmed too close is simply a matter of taste, being by far a better specimen than most unperforated stamps, while fully as good an authority as Mr. Calman has passed favorably upon the cancellation of the other. With regard to these three particular stamps there is no reason why we should object to the criticism, as any member is free to discuss matters of this kind, but the connection in which this is presented shows the animus of the communication.

The last part of the letter, which is intended to be a reflection on all dealers west of New York City is manifestly false and unjust, and should never be printed. Furthermore, this matter all refers to the office of Examiner of Exchanges, which is provided for under Section 8 of Article VII. If it is deemed advisable by the next Official Board to appoint this officer from the East, which seems to be the only place in this gentleman's estimation that anything is known about stamps, there is nothing to prevent that being done. Under these circumstances, the criticism with regard to the Sales Superintendent is entirely out of place, and coming from the source in which it does, is clearly the result of business jealousy. I therefore file my protest and hope that you will refer this whole correspondence back to the Literary Board. I remain,

Yours very truly,

C. H. MEKEEL.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

I certify the following nomination has been approved by the Official Board:

EDWARD H. HALL, Fort Collins, Colo., as Vice-President for Colorado.

JOHN K. TIFFANY.

St. Louis, Aug. 3, 1896. President.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

CORRECTIONS, CHANGES OF ADDRESS, ETC.

642 BARTLETT, W. C. Igerna, Cal. (formerly N. Lemoine, Me.)
927 BAILEY, WM. O., St. Paul, Minn. (formerly Junction City, Kas.)
498 HOWARD, JOHN H., Suwanee, Ga. (formerly Atlanta Heights, Ga.)
1049 KEILBACH, F. E., Court House, Savannah, Ga. (not No. 1849.)
696 LINDSAY, JOHN M., 527 Jeanette St., Wilkinsburg, Station D, Pittsburg, Pa.
992 RICE, ARTHUR O., 7443 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill. (formerly Worcester, Mass.)
453 WEBER, WENDELIN, 85 Emslie St., Buffalo, N. Y.
733 WOODWARD, A. T., Kobe, Japan, (formerly Yokohoma.)
896 WINTERHALTER, LIEUT. A. G., care Navy Pay Agent. San Francisco, Cal. (formerly Washington, D. C.)

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

BANDY, JOHN W., 407 W. Harrison St., Danville, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, G. D. Mekeel.

BARTLETT, CHARLES H., 213 Erie St., Toledo, Ohio.
References; P. J. Kranz. Henry Meyer.

GERDING, HERBERT, Lock Box D, Kirkville, N. Y.
References: L. W. Quackenbush, C. W. Kissenger.
Guarantor: Marie Gerding (his sister.)

HARRY, MINNIE, Hamilton, Mo.
References: J. D. Van Volkenberg, Wm. C. Stone.

KINGMAN, REV. HENRY, Boulder, Colo.
References: W. C. Eaton, J. L. Kilbon.

PRATT, FRED. W., 575 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.
References: E. A. Holton, G. D. Mekeel.

SCHILLER, GEO, M., 946 Howard St., San Francisco, Cal.
References; Geo. Carion, J. H. Makins.

STEBBINS, JR., DR. JAS H., 114 Pearl St., New York City
References: C. H. Mekeel, I. A. Mekeel.

WOLSELEY, HENRY W., 100 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.
References: C. H. Mekeel, I. A. Mekeel.

NEW STOCKHOLDERS.

1070. ADDICKS, WM. A., E. 77th St., New York, N. Y.
1071. ANDERSON, R. A., 509 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.
1072. BAGLEY, B. D., 13 Astor Pl., New York City.
1073. BARDSLEY, J. E., 33 Davis St., Fall River, Mass.
1074. BORIES, EMILE, M. D., Seattle, Wash.
1075 BROWN, ALLEN A., 30 Kilby St., Boston, Mass.
1076. BRUNER, P. F., 27 W. 58th St., New York, N. Y.
1078. COGSWELL, GEO. H., Bradford, Mass.
1079. COOK, ROBERT L., 57 Westminster St., Springfield, Mass.
1080. DILLIARD, J. I., Collinsville, Ill.
1081. DOEHLER, C. A. F., Two Rivers, Wis.
1082. DONOHOE, J. F., El Paso, Tex.
1083. EDMONSON, Mrs. M. E., Collinsville, Ill.
1084. FELDMAN, B. M., M. D., 170 E. 79th St., New York, N. Y.
1085. FLEISCHMANN, A. R., Wilshire Building, Cleveland, O.
1086. FRATCHER, W. F., 183 Grand River Ave., Detroit, Mich.
1087. FRIEND, F. H., 274 Pleasant Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
1088. GRABOWSKY, WILLIAM, 707 Penn Ave., Pittsburg, Pa.
1089. GRANTLEY, H. R., Seattle, Wash.
1090. GRANTLEY, A. W., Seattle, Wash.
1091. HAMMOND, CLARENCE A., 870 President St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1092. HODGINS, JOHN, Bartow on Sound, New York, N. Y.
1093. HOMER, ROLAND, 4409 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo.
1094 JOPLIN, REV. GEO. A., Third Pres. Church, Pittsburg, Pa.
1095. KENNEDY, THOS., Collinsville, Ill.
1096. KOPF, EMIL A., 153 W. Kinney St., Newark, N. J.
1097. KLAPP, O. E., St. Paris Ohio.
1098. LALIME, J. A., St. Hyacinthe, Canada.
1099. MASON, CHAS. D., Room 2, Court House, Toledo, O.
1100. MILLER, HARRY H., Burlington, Kas.
1101. MILLER, R. M., New Chester, Adams County, Pa.
1102. MOROIU, Capt. C. M., Bucuresci, Roumania.
1103. PERRIN, ALBERT, 122 E. 23d St., New York, N. Y.
1104. PERRIN, CHAS. B., Box 1026, Springfield, Mass.
1105. ROEMER, CHARLES, 206 Adams St., San Antonio, Texas.
1106. SHERMAN, G. C., Watertown, Mass.
1107. SNYDER, RUSSELL J. W., 231 Greenwich St., New York, N. Y.
1108. THWING, MRS. EUGENE, 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1109. THWING, MAUDE, 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1110 THWING, GRACE EVA, 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1112. THWING, WALTER EUGENE, 156 St. Marks Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1113. TICHINGER, ALOIS L., 412 W. Fiftieth St., N. Y. City.
1114. WELCHANS, W. H., Lancaster, Penn.
1115. WELLES, E. F., Colorado Springs, Colo.
1116. WILLIAMS, JR., R. B., Ithaca, N. Y.

RESIGNATIONS.

The following resignations have been presented and will be accepted next month provided no charges are received before that date.

PARSONS, ROBERT L., Chicago, Illinois.

EXPELLED.

By order of the Board of Trustees, notice is hereby given of the expulsion of Max Maitret of New York. This person is in the hands of the authorities, charged with forging Haytian stamps. He claims that he did not intend to defraud the Goverment, but only to sell them to collectors.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Colorado has formed a branch society and her application for recognition has been approved by the Official Board. this swells the number to 14, all but two of which seem to be in active running order.

The St. Louis Branch has applied for three more shares of stock and the Pittsburg Branch for two. There are other branches which are entitled to shares which have not been taken up and we hope to hear from them at an early date.

DOCUMENTS.

The thanks of the Secretary are due to P. M. Wolsieffer for a copy of the document asked for in the last Circular, together with several other papers relating to the organization of the Association. Our files of the official publications are now nearly complete, some numbers of the *American Philatelist* only, being lacking. A list of these will appear in a subsequent report. When completed the Secretary proposes to have these lists, etc., suitably bound so that they can be preserved for the benefit of future incumbents of the office. They practically constitute the entire records of the early years of the Association and are of great value to ascertain facts concerning the admission, etc., of members.

COLORADO BRANCH SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, The Colorado Philatelic Society, having a membership of over ten members, who are also stockholders of the American Philatelic Association, has made application for recognition as a branch of this Association under the above name, and a majority of the Official Board have voted in favor of granting the application, I hereby certify that the Colorado Philatelic Society has become a branch of this Association, and that Mr. Edward H. Hall is hereby appointed as Resident Vice-President; as provided in Article VIII. of the By-laws.

JOHN K. TIFFANY, President.

W. C. STONE, Secretary.
Springfield, Mass., Aug. 5, 1895.

CONVENTION REPORT.

The next number of the Circular will contain a comprehensive report of the Clayton Convention with such changes in our By-laws as may be authorized by it. The full report will appear in the Annual.

SPECIAL.

As the Secretary expects to be absent from home from August 10th to 21st, inclusive, he trusts members will excuse any delay that may occur in his correspondence. It will be impossible to have it forwarded.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY.

Total membership, July 10.....	969
Added since.....	45
Present membership.....	1,014
Expelled.....	1
	1013

PAY YOUR DUES EARLY.

Members are herewith notified that dues for the ensuing year are payable September 1st and that promptness is desirable in remitting them. The Treasurer will take them as fast as you can send them in. Do not delay about this.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE,
Aug. 1, 1895. Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Dues Paid July 1 to 31, 1895.....		$ 14 89
E. B. Sterling by Trustees.....	$ 8 88	
Less remited J. W. Risdom and C. H. Lyons.	1 88	
		7 00
J. D. Rice Chairman Literary Board, acc adv. *American Philatelist*...		18 84
		$ 40 73

EXPENDITURES.

Balance Due Treasurer June 30.....	$ 83 14	
Postage July Circular..	10 75	
Dues Returned, Application Declined.....	.51	
Treasurer's Office Expenses and Postage, Sundries to Date.....	19 90	
Peeke Claim Allowed by Trustees.....	16 28	
		130 58
Due Treasurer July 31, 1895.....		$ 89 85

STOCK FUND.

At Credit June 30, 1895	$1,037 00	
Cash Received July 1 to 31, 1895.....	47 00	
Deposit Returned Application Declined.....		1,084 00 1 00
At Credit July 31, 1895..		$ 1,083 00

INTEREST FUND.

Amount at Credit, July 31, 1894	$ 55 05
Interest to July 31, 1895	55 70
At Credit July 31, 1895	$ 110 75

N. W. CHANDLER, Treas.
Collinsville, Ill., July 31, 1895.

SALES SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C, St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, July 31, 1895.

During the month of July I received one hundred and thirty-nine books for circulation in the Sales Department—

The gross value of which was	$ 3,627 95
Previously acknowledged gross value	56,351 57
	$59,979 52
Book retired as per previous reports	33,701 19
	$26,278 33
200 books retired in July, gross value	4,253 10
Value of stamps now in circulation	$22,025 23
Of the books retired from circulation, the gross sales amounted to $1,365 70, or 32%. The cash sales from all books in circulation during the month of July were	757 88
Sales from the advertised list in last month's Circular	212 30
Total sales for July	$970 18

Blank books and control stamps disposed of during the month of July were as follows:

223 Blank Books	$ 22 30
7,300 Control Stamps	7 30
	$29 60

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

SUPERINTENDENT.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, Station C., St. Louis, Mo.

ST. LOUIS, July 31st, 1895.

The following is the condition of the

WORKING CAPITAL FUND.

Balance as per last report	$1,490.00
Baron A. Reuterskold reduced from Class A to Class C	65.00
	$1,425.00

DEPOSITS IN JUNE.

Class C—Wm. H. Lepere	$35.00
	$1,460.00

New issues have been received and forwarded, and orders placed for stamps recently announced.

This being the vacation season, there is naturally very little interest in stamps, and I will reserve my detailed report until September.

G. D. MEKEEL,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., July 30, 1895.

Only one donation since my last report.

No. 55. Priced catalogues of Albrecht's auction sales 22-29 bound in half morocco. From R. F. Albrecht & Co., 90 Nassau St., New York City.

There is room for some more gifts of this kind.

H. E. DEATS,
Librarian.

REPORT OF COLLECTING AGENT.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass.

During the month of June I received on claim for collection amounting to $27.95.

During this time I have collected $2.00 on account of an old claim of long standing.

I have received during the month of July six claims amounting to $67.51.

I have during this time collected one of these claims amounting to $8.22.

Also one old claim amounting to $37.25.

J. ARTHUR WAINWRIGHT,
Collecting Agent.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Geo. W. Rode, 38 Hazelwood Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ignaz Stauffer, Mansfield Valley, Pa.; C. P. Krauth, Secretary; Forty-eighth St. and A. V. Ry., Pittsburgh, Pa.

PITTSBURG, PENN., July 25, 1895.

A meeting of the Board of Trustees was held on the 19th inst. at the office of the Chairman, Mr. Rode, at 8 p. m. All of the members of the Board were present.

The Superintendent of Sales and Exchanges reported that settlement had been made of the claim of S. C. Smith vs. the Association, and the contra claim of the Department vs. Mr. Smith, and the balance due him remitted.

The claim of W. H. Peeke, Jr., arising out of the loss of stamps on circuit during Mr. Calman's administration, has been paid and Mr. Peeke's receipt obtained.

The balance due Mr. J. W. Risdon from Mr. Sterling's administration has been paid.

The claim of B. F. Levy was recommended to the Official Board for payment.

A number of cases of complaints against members of the Association were read and discussed and further investigation ordered.

The case of Maximilian Maitret, of New York, charged by the United States Secret Service with counterfeiting stamps

was considered, and it was decided to expel Mr. Maitret from membership in the Association.

The annual report of the Board for presentation at the approaching annual Convention, was discussed and adopted.

Adjourned at 10:45.

Yours truly,

C. P. KRAUTH,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

LITERARY BOARD.

J. C. Rice, Chairman, Box 290, Trenton, N. J.; C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Lewis G. Quackenbush, 15 Madison St., Oneida, N. Y.

It has been suggested that stamp collectors should adopt and wear a distinctive badge or emblem, by which they may advertise themselves as philatelists. The American Philatelic Association, at one time in its history, had an official button-maker, who furnished members with buttons of the accepted design for a nominal price. Only comparatively few of the members purchased these badges of membership, and the office of official button-maker soon became a memory. There is one objection to buttons, badges and the like, and it is insurmountable. Men of the sort we have in philately disdain to decorate themselves with emblems and wear them conspicuously.

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One philatelic season is no sooner ended than preparations are made for the next. The conventions of the philatelic societies mark the close of the period of the year's philatelic inactivity, and they are to be credited with stimulating philately into life a month or two before this would happen, otherwise.

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The apologists for the Seebecks claim that the stamps are pretty and cheap—that they are worth the prices asked for them as engravings, though they admit when questioned point-blank that the stamps can scarcely help but have a sinister influence on philately. Will not the large number of upholders of Seebeckism make some sacrifice of pleasure to the eye, in order that the heart of philately itself may be free from taint.

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The stamp collection in the library of the institution of learning is becoming commoner. It is usually under the direct supervision of the librarian, or of some person appointed especially to care for it. The stamp album has a well-defined place in the college library, and there, too, its opportunity for doing missionary work is highly favorable.

Some philatelists, true to business-like methods even in matters pertaining to pleasure, lay aside a certain sum of money each month to be used in securing stamps for their collections, and they limit their purchases to that amount, no matter how strongly tempted they may be to invest more heavily. C. E. SEVERN.

REPORT OF BRANCH SOCIETIES.

CHICAGO BRANCH NO. 1.

The eighth regular meeting after reorganization was called to order Thursday evening, July 11, at 8:45 p. m., by the Secretary, owing to the absence of the President.

On motion of Mr. Severn, Mr. A. L. Holman was elected President *pro tem.*

Roll call found the following members present: Messrs. Holman, Severn, Miller, Massoth, Steinbrecher, Rosenthal, Michael and Power.

The minutes of last meeting were approved as read:

W. Paul Steinbrecher, of the "Campaign Committee," reported progress.

Communications were received and read from the following: W. W. Jewett, Alvah Davison and George W. D. Crittenton.

A speech from Mr. Holman was listened to with great interest and a brass band passing along the street below probably came to serenade this admirer of centralization.

There being no further business on hand, meeting adjourned at 9.15 p. m. to meet again August 8, at 8 p. m.

I wish to thank the editors of the philatelic journals who so promptly published the ticket and resolution nominated by our Branch.

All Chicago members of the association are asked to attend the meetings of Branch No. 1 on the second Thursday of each month at 8 p. m., at 838 Marquette Building.

Fraternally,
W. PAUL STEINBRECHER,
Secretary.

THE STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

148th meeting held July 18th, 1895.

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 p. m. with the following members present:

President, August Dejonge in the chair, Messrs. Henry Clotz, Adolph Lienhardt, Edgar R. Carter, Oscar Dejonge, Dr. R. Roehre, Henry Obert, R. H. Benary, Chas. Horrmann, Hugo Kesler, Otto Credo, Oliver H. Griffin and R. S. Lehman

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously accepted.

Mr. Henry Clotz proposed for membership Mr. A Richter.

Mr. Albrecht presented the society with a bound and priced copy of his Auction Catalogues—22 to 29; a complete cata-

ogue of the postage stamps of British North America and West Indies; and a catalogue of United States stamps.

Mr. Lohmeyer presented the society with the Monthly Bulletin of the Postal Card Society No. 17 and thanks were extended.

Mr. Edw. H. Heusinger, our member at San Antonio, Texas, sends a communication to the Exchange Manager stating that he will send us some exchange books in the near future, and also notifies the Society of his marriage, on which occasion the same sends its best congratulations; the President ordered the members to empty a bumper to the health and future happiness of the young couple.

Mr, Carter proposed that an evening outing be held during the month of August or September, and the President appointed Messrs. Clotz and Carter as a committee to consider the matter and see absent members on the subject, reporting at the next meeting or before if necessary.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the National Philatelical Society, with resolutions passed at a meeting of said Society favoring the issuing of Periodical and Postage Due stamps for sale to the general public by the Postmaster-General. The members assembled heartily endorsed these resolutions and hope that they will be able to convince the Postmaster General of the benefits which would accrue from such action,

Our member Rev. E. J. Abbott notifies the Society that he has changed his address to Wadham's Mills, Essex Co., N. Y.

All members who have not sent their photographs for the Society Album are respectfully requested to do so at once.

The meeting adjourned upon motion at 11 p. m. The next meeting will be held on August 15th, 1895.

ROBERT LEHMAN,
Secretary.

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB, BRANCH No. 7.

Meeting held the third Wednesday of each month at the office of Mr. G. J. Bailey, 446 Arcade, Cleveland, O. J. J. Overton, President; W. H. Barnum, Secretary, 47 Livingston St., Cleveland, O.

The fiftieth regular meeting was held July 17, 1895, at 456 Arcade.

Meeting was called to order at 8:52 p. m., with Vice-President Aikenhead in the chair, and the following members in attendance: Messrs. Bailey, Schneider, Kress, Brodie, Colwell, Madtes, Prescott, Buerger, Gueder and W. H. Barnum

The guest of the evening was Mr F. C. Bond, P. S. of A. No. 678.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

There being no regular business to come before the Club the members present devoted the evening to American Philatelic Association affairs. The several tickets were discussed and it was the general opinion that "ours" was the strongest of them all. Our candidates for Trusteeship are especially worthy of support. They are all representative business men and would make officials that all could be proud of. Are you supporting them?

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

KANSAS CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY¶ BRANCH No. 10.

There being no quorum present at the meeting July 8, no business was transacted.

Fifty-ninth regular meeting July 22nd, 1895, with President Bellard in the chair. Lippincott, Seibel, Bescher, Paget, and Mr. Hurst (visitor) present.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Mr. Bescher then read the annual report of the Branch. The same was approved and ordered forwarded.

Mr. Every Paget and Mr. Ralph Hurst were then elected to active membership.

Mr. Bescher made a motion to have the committee appointed to revise the By-laws and Constitution to report and finish their business.

After a lengthy talk on American Philatelic Association affairs the meeting adjourned at 10:30. T. J. BESCHER.

SALES DEPARTMENT

Of The American Philatelic Association.

GEO. D. MEKEEL, STATION C., ST. LOUIS, MO.

The following stamps have been removed from the books sent in by members of the Association, and are here advertised for sale at the *net* prices placed upon the stamps by their owners.

Any member of the Association or Branch Society has the privilege of purchasing the following stamps, even if they are not participating in this Department in any other way. The stamps will be sent on approval to responsible parties who will furnish an addressed, stamped envelope bearing postage registration fee, but cash orders will have the first preference, the first member remitting the cash will receive the stamp; there is only one stamp in each case. In case of dissatisfaction money will be refunded, upon return of the stamps. Stamps may be ordered by number.

The Superintendent of this Department will not engage to advertise any special stamps sent in to this Department, but uses his discretion in selecting such stamps as he deems advisable from the books sent in to the Sales Department. Members having rare stamps that they are willing to sell at reasonable prices may depend upon it that the Department will be likely to advertise them if they are placed in the sales books and sent in the usual way.

The stamps offered this month are as follows, express charges or postage and registration extra, in all cases.

363. United States, 1869, 15c. without diamond, fine, used, from Book 1929 ..... 2 25
365. United States Carrier, Horseman, 1c. black, fine, used copy on original cover, from Book 1925 ..... 5 00
368. St. Vincent, 1883, 4 p. ultramarineCrown C. A., used fine, from Book 1952 ..... 3 50
369. Victoria, 1861, 2 sh., green, perf. 12, unused, from Book 1953 ..... 6 50
370. Baden, 1862, 30 kr., orange, used, from Book 1953 ..... 2 00
371. New South Wales, 1853, 8 p., orange, unperf., good margin, but slightly torn, used, from Book 1953 ..... 10 00
375. New Orleans, Confederate provisional, 2c. blue, used, from Book 2019 ..... 5 00
376. New Zealand, £3. revenue, green, used, postally, from Book 1780 ..... 2 60
378. British Columbia 1861, 2½p. used, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 2 20
379 Madagascar 1884, 1sh 6p. unused, from Book 1678 ..... 7 00
380. United States 1856, 5c. with full ornaments, used strip of 3, not perforated on one side, from Book 1678 ..... 12 00
381. Confederate 1863, TEN cents, used, on original cover, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 5 00
382. New South Wales, registered, unperf., red and blue, used, fine, from Book 1678 ..... 4 20
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386. Bahamas, 1850, 1p. pale red, unsevered pair, used, Scott's 55th Ed. $40 00, from Book 2027 ..... 20 00
387. Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $5.00, red, blue and black, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 6 00
388. Liberia, 1895, "O. S." $2.00, brown and green on yellow, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 2 50
389. Mexico, 1895, 5 pesos, rose, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 3 75
390. Mexico, 1895, 10 pesos, dark blue, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 7 50
391. Somalis Coast, (Djibouti), 25 francs, red and blue, unused, from Book 2028 ..... 6 50
393. U. S. Local, Brown & Co., 1c. black, Scott's 55th, Ed. $12 50, unused from Book 2029. 7 00
395. Mexico, 1867, 8r. black on brown, gothic surcharge, used, from Book 2029 ..... 8 00
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400 Bremen, 1855-60, 5sgr. green, unperf., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 3 75
402. Bremen, 1861-63, 10 gr. black, roul., fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 10 00
403. Bremen, 1866, 7 gr, pink p., perf. fine, used copy, from Book 2030 ..... 2 50
406. Bermuda, postcard, 1893, 1p. on 1½p, unused, catalogued, at $10, from Book 2035 ..... 7 50
408. Canada, 1859, 5c. vermilion variety, used, catalogued at $15 from Book 2035 ..... 12 00
409. Canada, 1852, 6p. purple, unperforated, wove paper, used, from Book 2035 ..... 3 80
410. British Columbia, 5c. black on red, per. 12½, used, slightly defective at the top, from Book 2035 ..... 6 00
411. Canada envelope, 1860, 10c. brown, unused, entire, from Book 2035 ..... 4 20
412. Canada envelope, 1860, 5c. vermilion, used, entire, scarce, from Book 2035 ..... 8 00
413. Bremen, 1866, 10gr. black, perforated, fine, used, from Book 2036 ..... 8 00
414 Wurtemburg, 1863, 18kr. orange, used, fine, from Book 2036 ..... 3 00
415. Montserrat, 1876 6 p. green, fine, used 2 10
416. United States, 1860, 24c. fine, used, from Book 2036 ..... 2 50
417. Mauritius 1858, type A7, 2p. blue, used, from Book 2036 ..... 5 00
419. Montserrat, 1876, postmarked Jan. 15, 1884, two and one-half 1p. stamps, fine, used, on original cover as 2½ p, from Book 2070 ..... 13 00
420. United States Carrier, type A18, 1c. blue, used as a seal on back of envelope, cancelled only with lead pencil mark, stamp slightly defective at one side, catalogued at $25, from Book 2073 ..... 13 50
421. United States, unsevered pair of $1 Columbians, fine, used copies, from Book 2073 ..... 15 00
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425. United States Carrier, 1851, horseman, 1c. red, uncancelled, catalogued at $15.00, from Book 2091 ..... 9 50
426. United States Carrier, 1851, horseman, 1c. black, used on original cover, extremely fine, from Book 2091 ..... 5 00
427. United States Carrier, type A22, 1852, 1c. blue on white, uncancelled, magnificent copy on original cover, from Book 2091 ..... 20 00
428. New York, 5c. black, fine, used copy, very slight defect at the top, from Book 2091 ..... 5 50
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456. Memphis, Tenn., Confederate provisional, 5c. red on orange, cut square, used, fine copy, catalogued by Scott, $50, from Book 2231..... 27 50
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459. Ceylon, 1857, 8 p., chocolate, watermarked star, unperforated, the outer line on the left side is partly clipped and a small nick in the lower left hand corner, not touching the frame of the stamp. A very desirable specimen of an exceedingly rare stamp, from Book 2231..... 35 00
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468. Mexico, 1884, 10 pesos, blue, very fine used copy, from Book 2231..... 11 75
469. U. S. envelope, cut square, 1855, 10c. green, die 4, on white paper, unused, original, from Book 2232..... 5 50
470. U. S. Local, Honours, Type L. 157, Scott's 55th edition, no value, black on lavender, catalogued $10 from Book 2232..... 6 00
471. U. S. Revenue, first issue, $200, green and red, unsevered pair, canceled by pen and ink inscription, fine, from Book 2225..... 27 50
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482. United States, 1868, 3c rose, embossing covering entire stamp, from Book 2235..... 15 00
484. United States, 1888, 90c purple, block of eight, used, from Book 2235..... 8 00
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489. New York, U. S., Postmaster Provisional, 1845, 5c. black, fine used copy, from Book 2236..... 7 00
494. United States, 1869, 24c., unused, two slight spots at top, fine, from Book 2236..... 8 00
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505. Tasmania, 1856, 1p. red, unwatermarked, unperforated, uncancelled, unsevered pair, from Book 2398..... 12 00
506. Canada, 1858, 3p. perforated 14, wove paper, used, from Book 2401..... 10 00
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