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or collectors than a badly torn specimen; whereas, I see in some of the recent catalogues, stamps so used in the United States of Columbia, Mexico and Venezuela, have obtained better prices than the *whole* stamp.

'Timbres,' or Revenue Stamps, have often been used here to prepay postage at times when the local offices have been kept ill supplied with stamps of certain values, and have exhausted the stock.

The stamps of this republic [Dominica] have only been surcharged once, that was in the year 1883, on the 1880 issue, a fact that is well known to all collectors and is noted in every album. But, strange to say, that although there has been only one surcharge, I have come across at least twenty different ones, *all forged* of course, and worthless. The word 'OFICIAL' in blue, red and black, surcharged on the current issue, is perhaps the most recent, and has taken in a good many European dealers, who have made extensive enquiries for it during the last eight months. It is a fraud however, and an intentional one. This country has no official stamps, and all letters on government service pay no postage whatever. The words BUERTO PLATA, SANTO DOMINGO, MONTE CRISTY, or SANTIAGO on the stamps of the last two issues, is another fraud. In fact, the whole of the surcharging of the Santo Domingo stamps is done by unprincipled amateur collectors, and with the sole aim of imposing upon the outside public, who, always anxiously on the lookout for new surcharges, jump at the chance of getting them on stamps from such an unknown place as the Dominican Republic.

Let collectors look well at all stamps from this island before buying them, especially if surcharged or otherwise they may find themselves taken in, a thing that has happened before to-day, to—*Alfred W. Lister.*

EASTERN INKLINGS.

Since the Convention of the A. P. A., New York has been in a hubbub, the first cause of the fight being the *American Philatelist*, but now that the only rightful organ of the Association has been re-established, and the "Combine" were (as it was thought) buried under a snow drift large enough to have quieted them for some time, a new, and from present appearances a very formable bone of contention has arisen, and this is no other than the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, which the "Combine" tried to foist on the A. P. A. as its organ.

The great and only Corwin used this paper for his mouth-piece irrespective of the wishes and opinions of the societies, until the National Society, goaded to desperation, set their foot down, and they did it so hard that the world heard it, and rejoiced exceedingly, for now saith they to themselves, we have cast out from our midst a tormenting spirit, and henceforth we will go on our way in peace. But in this they have been badly mistaken, as no sooner were the "Combine" recovered from their first defeat, than they put their heads together in an effort to regain the control of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, from which they were FIRED by the joint meeting of the societies.

Their motto is RULE or RUIN, and the appearances are that the latter will be the outcome. Mr. Scott has obtained the share of the National Philatelic Society which amounts to a one-half interest, and he now seeks to get the interest of the other societies, but with little success. He declared himself the manager of the paper, and has appointed Mr. Corwin the Editor, and they intend to issue the January number. On the other hand, the Board of Managers who were appointed by the societies still hold the fort, and declare that THEY are the only legitimate managers, and they also will issue the January number; so we will probably see two papers, but what a pretty mess it is? Rumor has it that an heroic effort will be made

at the next meeting of the National to expel the disturbing element, as it is thought that is the only way to settle the matter at once and forever, but there are some ghosts that wont "down," and I fear this is one of them. At all events this is the worst strife that we have yet seen, and there will be some slain before it is over.

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NEW YORK NOTES.

Up to the evening of the 23rd, Corwin claimed that he and Scott owned the "*Metropolitan Philatelist*," and that he would continue to be its Editor, for he could not be put out of it, but when the hosts of the impudent opposition arrived he must have changed his mind, for he very gracefully proposed the name of Jos. Rechert for President of the "National," which was unanimously carried, and was a sure indication that the balance of the ticket would be Anti-Corwin.

J. W. Scott says he is going to issue a paper called the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. He was asked about it at the meeting, and replied that it was his intention to do so. This caused the society to pass a resolution, "That the only *Metropolitan Philatelist* that was the Official Organ of the National Philatelic Society, of New York, was the one with Mr. Hunter and rest of the Board of Managers at its head." This action of the society leaves no doubt in the minds of the weak kneed members as to who is on top in this bitter fight. Corwin has lost ground ever since the late A. P. A. Convention, when he, Calman, Sterling, Tiffany and Scott, attempted to run things, and he can scarcely get together a corporal guard of supporters at this writing. When J. W. Scott at the previous meeting informed the members of the National that the *Metropolitan Philatelist* owed him \$112.00, of which the National's share was one-half or about \$56.00, and offered to pay this amount for the Society provided they would turn over their shares of stock to him; he failed to state what there was due the paper for advertising, over \$215.00, so that he did not lay the exact facts before us, and at the meeting of the 23rd, which so carefully shelved Corwin, the sale made at the previous meeting was declared null and void, and all action was rescinded by a rousing vote. There were thirty present, and great enthusiasm prevailed over the complete rout of Corwin—Scott et. al., for it puts a stop to ring rule, and has taught these men a lesson which ought to be a great benefit to them.

Post Card Watson does not intend to publish his little paper this year. Every one is sorry, for it was a bright little paper, and came out regularly. Mr. Watson says it takes more time than he can afford to give it, and being a very busy man, I presume that the task of getting it out must be irksome instead of a pleasure.

After the Society had rescinded the action in selling its shares of stock in the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, J. W. Scott had the nerve to again repeat his offer to relieve the society of all debts (?) if they would transfer their shares to him. This nery offer was declined by a vote of ten to one, and showed plainly the trick that was being attempted. If Scott can control the paper, Corwin will be its Editor. When Corwin finally realized that he stood no show of being elected President of the National for another term, he tried his level-best to again sit in the Editorial chair of the *Metropolitan*, but he talked too much, and showed his hand, which resulted in his being sat on. Now they intend to publish the *Metropolitan Philatelist* any way, so the readers of the *Stamp Collector* may expect to see two January M. P's. Oh, but won't there be a merry war.

The Brooklyn Philatelic Club has their annual election this month. There are two tickets in the field, one headed J. W. Scott for President, and the other with John M. Sheriden for President, with the chances in favor of my good friend Sheriden.

National Philatelic Society of New York, Election.—The annual election of this Society took place at the club room, 44 West 14th St., New York City, on Tuesday, December 23, 1890. The attendance was large, and the meeting very spirited at times.

Mr. Joseph Rebert, an old time collector, and at one time the President of the Society, was unanimously elected President for the year 1891. This is an excellent choice, for a more enthusiastic philatelist and worker could not be found.

Mr. Hunter, the able Editor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* was placed in the Vice-Presidential chair, the right man in the right place.

Mr. Hy. Clotz was re-elected Treasurer. Good. Our genial and obliging member, Mr. L. S. Morton, was the unanimous choice for Secretary. There are few men more fitted for this office than Mr. Morton.

M. Jos. Holmes, the well-known printer, was elected to the office of Librarian.

The office of Exchange Superintendent was filled by the unanimous vote of the members for Mr. Arthur Tuttle. I have known Mr. Tuttle for a number of years, and feel confident in predicting that this office will be ably filled.

The Executive Committee is now composed of Mr. Terrett, a well-known collector; Mr. R. R. Bogert, the veteran stamp dealer, and Mr. Berlepsch, a wide-awake collector. I consider the above names A1 in every respect.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The present number of the *Stamp Collector*, which the Publisher expects to place in the hands of every stamp collector in the land, is a "new issue" so to speak.

While it is not related in any way to the *Stamp Collectors* published in recent years, it is comprised of a variety of elements which is hoped will make it last much longer than its predecessors of the same name.

The Publisher brings to it his experience gained in former ventures, together with a large list of names gathered from all quarters of the Globe. The *Hoosier Philatelist*, *Stamp Collector's Figaro* and the *Philatelist* of New York, were widely circulated, and enjoyed a fair amount of advertising patronage. It is safe to say that all philatelists who have been sent copies of the above mentioned Journals will receive a copy of the new *Stamp Collector*.

The Editor has also had some experience in the publishing business, having been connected with the *Western Philatelist*, *Philatelic Gazette* and *C. P. S. Bulletin* in various capacities.

Speaking of experience in publishing Philatelic papers, reminds the Editor that there is still about \$175.00 in unpaid accounts, due the above mentioned papers, by dealers and collectors who pay no attention whatever to statements and frequent duns. It is not the most pleasant thing in the world to prefer charges against members for debt, or place accounts in the hands of collecting agencies, yet there seems to be no other way to bring this class of delinquents to terms. Prompt settlements in Philatelic deals of all kinds is a boon greatly desired. Not alone is the Philatelic Press embarrassed by this evil, but also our societies and exchange departments.

Perhaps it would be a good idea after all, to publicly black list the *bad pay* collector and dealer.

It is the intention of the present management to make the *Stamp Collector* a newsey and interesting journal, and its policy will be independent, fearless and just. Its columns will always be open to any free discussion of subjects that are useful to Philately, but all personalities will be ruled out. Criticisms will be made in a friendly spirit, and correspondents treated fairly. Advertisements of shady character shall not appear, and we will consider it a favor if our readers will promptly notify us if they are not receiving proper attention from our advertisers.

Among the new features we intend to present to our readers, is the Subscribers's Sale and Purchasing Column. This will prove very valuable to many collectors who have just a few good stamps to dispose of, and don't wish to circulate a half or quarter filled sheet in the Exchange Departments of the Societies they may be members of. Many collectors do not belong to any organized band of Philatelists, and to them it will open an entirely new field. The Sale and Purchasing Column can be used in two ways, either to buy or sell. If you desire to purchase any particular stamp or stamps, mention the highest price you are willing to pay, and the Editor will announce it. If any response, he will place you in correspondence with the party desiring to dispose of it at your price.

An Exchange Column will also be opened if there is any demand for it. Subscribers can have this privilege free, but others will be charged at the rate of one cent per word.

News notes from all quarters of the Globe relating to new issues, changes in postal laws or regulations, and any items of interest to stamp collectors are solicited, and proper credit will be given the first one that sends us the information.

Many stamp collectors say, "we never read a stamp paper," or "we get dozens of stamp papers, but never look at them," and to those we would say, how can you expect to have Philately or Philatelic Journalism prosper if you take no interest in it! We hope to reach many of these collectors, and also to convert them by making the *Stamp Collector* of interest and use to them.

Publisher Massoth is ready at Hanover Centre, Ind., to enter up all subscriptions promptly, and close advertising contracts for three, six or twelve months on very advantageous terms, and the Editor at Chicago is ready to attend to your wants in the matter of Sale, Purchase, Exchange or Correspondence.

CURRENT COMMENTS.

All collectors, whether advanced or beginners, will find something to interest them by glancing through the pages of the *Stamp Collector*. The "C. P. S. auction sale" contains some good things, and "the purchasing and sale columns" offers several bargains. It will pay any collector to watch this column, for he may find something he wants or has been looking for. No stamp advertised in the purchasing and sale column will be sent for examination. If you want it at the price advertised, send the cash for

it (no unused stamps taken), and if it is not as represented the money will be refunded.

Members and others desiring to bid on any lots of the C. P. S. auction sale advertised in this number, should send their bids at once to A. P. Hosmer, 44 Bellevue Place, Chicago, Ill. The sooner the bids are sent in the better they can be handled. Don't wait till the last minute before sending in your bids, as it takes time to arrange and get in order a large lot of bids for an auction sale. Make your bids also as plain as possible, and don't give a lot of instructions about each particular lot, for the person having a lot of bids to execute has no time to look up instructions, and you must allow him to use a certain amount of judgment. Any member of the Society will execute bids free of charge. Should members desire to put any stamps in the sale, send them at once to the Auctioneer with the lowest limit the owner will sell at.

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Mekeel is to issue a weekly stamp paper, and the first number is expected about the time the *Stamp Collector* is mailed. This enterprise is promised for a year at least, and we trust it will prove such a success that it will remain in the field very many years. It remains with the collectors themselves to make it a success, and no Philatelist should be found who can say, "I am not a supporter of it." The more first-class publications we have to represent our science the more dignified it will become. Show your appreciation of Mekeel's great effort by sending in your subscription at once. It will be a novelty to receive a stamp paper regularly once a week, instead of once a month, or perhaps once a year.

St. Louis furnishes another new stamp paper this month, the *Standard Philatelist*. The Standard Stamp Company are its publishers, and with the push and enterprise back of it, displayed by this popular concern in the past, is sure to be a success. Mr. Tiffany's article should be read by old and young collectors alike. It is full of good points that all can profit by. The *Standard Philatelist* will cater to the wants of Collectors, and its Editor invites all to write him for any information they may desire regarding our science. It is well printed, on good paper, and will gain many friends.

John Borgenson, of Union Stamp Company fame, was sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment. His own lawyer and father admitted that the sentence was a light one. Mr. Carrington took an interest in the case, and it is due to him to say, that if he had not presented certain facts to the attorneys for the State and Post Office Inspector Fleming, the young man would have escaped with a reprimand from the Court.

Henry G. Strong, Rochester, N. Y., writes that they are trying to form a Philatelic Society in that city. We are glad to know it, and hope the Society will be a success. Every city or town that has six or more collectors should organize a Society. It has often been remarked, "why don't Boston have a Society?" The Hub Philatelic Society would not sound bad. There certainly are enough active collectors and dealers in Boston to organize an A1 Society.

The Chicago Post Office is a disgrace to this great city, and the daily press is doing good service by keeping the matter before the public. No patching up or repairing will answer. What we want is an appropriation of five million dollars for an entirely new building. The present site is entirely too small, and the building is an eyesore. It is to be hoped that our Congressmen and the Post Master General can prevail on Congress to pass the necessary appropriation for a building suited to the needs of this great metropolis.



OFFICERS FOR 1891.

President, P. M. Wolsieffer.
 Vice President, A. P. Hosmer.

General and Recording Secretary, C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago.

Treasurer, L. A. Haskell, 5753 Butterfield Street, Chicago.

Librarian, C. J. Kuchel, 412 Superior Street, Chicago.

Executive Committee, Samuel Leland, Chairman, W. C. Kurzweg, W. G. H. Janssen.

Manager of Exchange and Auction Departments, S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill.

Official Journal, *The Stamp Collector*.

THE C. P. S. DURING THE YEAR 1890.

The year 1891 finds the Chicago Philatelic Society with a membership of 164, apportioned thus:

Active, - - - -	27
Passive, - - - -	130
Honorary, - - - -	7
Total, - - - -	164

Such figures showing an increase of 18 over the number of members at the commencement of 1890, the comparative small increase being doubtlessly due the lack of means of advertising the society, the C. P. S. having had no official organ the greater portion of the year just closed.

At the discontinuance of the "*C. P. S.*" *Bulletin* the last number being issued in February, 1890, the society was left without an organ and although effort was made at different times to formulate arrangements by which the society would be represented, nothing tangible resulted, until the issuance of the "*Stamp Collector*."

In the "*Stamp Collector*," as official organ, will appear the proceedings of meetings, reports of officers, and all matters of possible society interest, and all members will thereby be kept cognizant of the society's workings.

When is considered the benefits arising from membership and the comparative lowness of cost of same, the advisability of a membership is instantly apparent.

The dues of active members are 25 cents a month, while passive members pay *one dollar per year*. A fact to be borne in mind, however, is the accompaniment of all applications with 25 cents for application fee.

In regard the acquisition of new members, it must be remembered that when applicant happens under 21 years of age, it is necessary the name of a guarantor accompany the application, a step necessitated by the value of stamps on a single exchange circuit, as a precautionary measure, which fact should kindly be recognized in the proposal of new members by our passive members.

Patrons of the Exchange Department must remember that payment for stamps taken off exchange books should be made when statement is rendered there by exchange manager, as it is immaterial whether they have stamps in circuit or not, and in case of their having stamps on circuit, they are also paid in cash. A little thought and it is readily seen how this method facilitates the workings of the department. Our manager will furnish information that may be desired as to the department.

In regard the auction department be it understood that bids from anyone, member or not, are executed free of charge by any of our members, but only members of the society are privileged to send lots to be sold at auction, to be protected by a limit if desired. A charge of 10 per cent. on all sales effected through the department is an item not to be overlooked by the patrons of this department.

Manager of Auction and Exchange Departments is S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill., to whom must be addressed everything pertaining to either of these departments.

Our new librarian, Mr. C. J. Kuchel, will attend to the duties coming under that head, while the secretary is always pleased to give any information concerning the society, in his power.

For information and application blanks address,

C. E. SEVERN, Gen Sec'y.

103RD REGULAR MEETING, HELD DECEMBER 4TH AT "GRAND PACIFIC HOTEL."

Immediately upon the calling of the meeting to order by President Leland, in the presence of Members Abraham, Bradt, Carrington, Dilg, Ferris, Ford, Holman, Hosmer, Palmer, Pierce, Ross, Severn, Vidal and Wolsieffer, Mr. Bradt moved the postponement of its session until after a meeting of the A. P. A. branch of Chicago, and such being the pleasure of the majority, the motion was concurred in.

After the adjournment of the branch, the meeting again came to order. Bill from Secretary was ordered paid.

The banquet committee, per Chairman Bradt, reported that suitable arrangements could be made with the "Grand Pacific" hotel authorities and spoke at some length regarding details, and asked that an order be drawn on the treasurer for necessary expenses. This request was, on motion, granted. The committee was continued in their present capacity and that they take proper steps, deemed by them necessary, was the society's pleasure.

Mr. Hosmer moved that next meeting be called for 7 o'clock, P. M., in order that necessary business may be transacted, as at 8, P. M., would be the hour of serving dinner. Carried.

Mr. Palmer moved, which motion carried, that secretary notify members as to the hour of meeting and holding of banquet and further that secretary serve notification to members that they had the liberty of inviting any interested in Philately, the names of such guests subject to the approval of banquet committee.

Mr. Dilg on behalf committee on official organ, referred the society to Mr. Wolsieffer, who presented a favorable offer from the *Stamp Collector*. It was moved and carried that the society take advantage of the offer.

Mr. Wolsieffer also reported regarding the executive committee's investigation of the Harte and McFadden matters.

Nominations of officers to be elected at next meeting were as follows:

President—P. M. Wolsieffer.

Vice President—A. P. Hosmer

General Secretary—C. E. Severn.

Treasurer—L. A. Haskell.

Recording Secretary—C. E. Severn.

Librarian—C. J. Kuchel.

Chairman Executive Committee—Samuel Leland, and Messrs. Janssen and Kurzweg.

Various other names were mentioned in connection with the different offices but were, at owner's request, withdrawn.

After which, adjournment at 10:45, P. M.

104TH REGULAR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 18TH AT "GRAND PACIFIC."

Meeting was called to order at 7 o'clock by the president in the presence of Messrs. Bradt, B. W. Carrington, Dahlberg, Ferris, Holman, Hosmer, Janssen, Kurzweg, Leland, McDonald, Palmer, Ross, Severn, Vidal and Wolsieffer, and visitors J. W. Carrington and C. H. Jacobus.

Business of greater importance was transacted, as follows: The passage of a motion to hold a special meeting the second Thursday in January, 1891, and the election of H. G. Smith, Winona, Minn., to passive membership in the society.

The ticket chosen and nominated at last meeting, the constitution of which was:

President—P. M. Wolsieffer.

Vice President—A. P. Hosmer

General Secretary—C. E. Severn.

Treasurer—L. A. Haskell.

Recording Secretary—C. E. Severn.

Executive Committee—S. Leland (chairman), W. C. Kurzweg and W. G. H. Janssen, was elected; each name for the respective office being unanimously agreed upon on first ballot.

Promptly at 8 o'clock nearly all the members and visitors present, making a company of 15, were ushered into the dining room and were seated. President Leland at the head, while Mr. Janssen graced the opposite end of the table, preparatory to the inspection of the menu as here given:

MENU.

Blue Points.

Mock Turtle, A L'Anglaise.

Baked Whitefish, Bordelaise.

Small Potatoes.

Young Turkey Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce.

Baked Mashed Potatoes.

Lima Beans.

Sweet Breads, Braise.
Green Peas.

Roman Punch.

Roast Mallard Duck.
Chicken Salad.

Fancy Cake.

Ice Cream.

Confectionery.

Fruit.

Coffee.

Cheese.

Grand Pacific Hotel.

Thursday.

December 18, 1890.

After a most enjoyable period employed in said inspection, the president arose and with remarks graceful and appropriate, welcomed the new president, Mr. P. M. Wolfieffer, who in return feelingly spoke of the honor conferred and of matters pertinent the Society's welfare in a manner which held the attention of all.

Then Mr. Leland called upon Mr. Bradt, who replied in a way such as only Mr. Bradt has.

Another past-president of the Society, Mr. A. L. Holman, replied to "The proper manner as to the study of philately," in a way instructive to all present.

Then Mr. Leland thinking it stood to reason that Dr. Dahlberg knew all about medicine stamps, asked that he favor us with remarks thereon and the Doctor had no way but to do so.

Mr. Palmer spoke in a scholarly manner on "Philately as regarded by a busy man," and was greatly applauded upon the conclusion of his remarks.

Mr. Janssen was asked to answer as to "Philately abroad," and Mr. Janssen spoke in a manner both entertaining and pleasing.

Mr. J. W. Carrington in a most pleasing vein entertained the members with remarks truly happy in their conception, while Mr. Hosmer discoursed on the theme "Our Visitors."

Mr. Kurzweg in response to "The Ladies," spoketh much that should be remembered, and smiled in so doing. Mr. Jacobus said a few words, on being called on, while Mr. B. W. Carrington excused himself for not making extended remarks.

Mr. McDonald spoke briefly and in like manner Mr. Ferris regaled the company.

Lastly the Secretary made a few statements. Thus the evening wore away until 11:30, P. M., when adjournment was moved.

The evening is to be remembered as being thoroughly enjoyable and diffusing throughout the company that spirit of harmony so essential to the society which seeks an elevated plane or would excel.

C. E. SEVERA, Sec'y.

EXCHANGE AND AUCTION DEPARTMENT.

As my report for the year now drawing to a close will be ready next month I will make no effort at a report now, but will confine myself to some general remarks.

I expect there are many members who would like to participate in the exchange transactions who are not doing so. I would request all such to advise me if they wish to receive exchange lots, as these are only sent to such members as request it.

Good stamps at fair prices are disposed of very readily; but the Department has lately been burdened with some very poor stuff, indeed stamps that I dislike to send out on circuit. I trust the members will endeavor to send in only such stamps as have a reasonable chance of disposal, and that they will send in plenty of them.

Some of the members fail to settle their accounts promptly. In future I shall include in my report the names with amounts owing of all members who fail to respond to a second statement.

The slowness of collections have made it impossible for me to make settlements with the owners of the stamps taken. Promptness in remitting is the main thing required to keep the Department running successfully.

On the 15th of January we once more assume our auction sales, which were so popular a year ago. The bidding is open to every one and no commission will be charged for purchases made. Members only have the privilege of selling stamps through our auction sales—a commission of ten per cent. on sales effected being charged.

Members having stamps they wish offered at auction will please mount them on pieces of paper about the size of a postal card. If there is any particular description to be made write it below the stamp; also note on back of paper your limit of price for the lot.

Dec. 26, 1890.

S. B. BRADT, Manager.

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The Philatelic Society of America.

ORGANIZED JAN. 15, 1889.

President—E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.
 Vice-President—M. V. Samuels, San Francisco, Cal.
 Secretary—H. C. Beardsley, Box 616, St. Joseph,
 Missouri.
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 York.

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 Crossing, Ill.
 Purchasing Agent—S. W. Scott, Dubuque, Iowa.
 Librarian—R. A. Sheldon, Mobile, Ala.

Official Journal, *The Stamp Collector*.

A WORD TO MEMBERS.

All members of the Philatelic Society of America are invited to send in any communications, suggestions, or notes of interest for the benefit of the P. S. A., and to consider this journal as their own. The Publisher has promised to give the Society all the space they can use, and the members should take advantage of it. The P. S. A. has suffered in the past for the reason that it has had no permanent Official Journal, and it is hoped that the *Stamp Collector* will fill the position with credit. Members will now be fully posted on all that is going on. The Editor on receiving the report of Secretary Beardsley notes with surprise that he is nominated for two positions, and herewith respectfully declines, and trusts no member will throw away his vote by voting for him as he cannot possibly accept either position, if elected, owing to so many other duties. He desires to thank his unknown friends for the intended honor, and will take the same interest in the P. S. A. as if he were an officer.

The Editor would further request that all officers and members send in their reports and communications on or before the 22d of each month which will insure their insertion in the following number.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Since my last report the following persons have become members:

NEW MEMBERS.

102. M. Steffan, Memphis, Mo.
103. Geo. H. Watson, 36 Broad St., New York, N. Y.
104. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y.
105. T. H. Tubmann, 872 Fairmount St., Cleveland, Ohio.
106. W. C. Kurzweg, 334 Washington B'd, Chicago, Ill.
107. Henry W. Doscher, Petaluma, Cal.
108. G. A. Baas, Batesville, Ind.
109. W. W. Jewett, 502 Congress St., Portland, Me.
110. F. G. Johnson, L. Box 867, Painesville, Ohio.
111. M. A. MacDonald, 420 Sibley St., St. Paul, Minn.
112. A. N. Spencer, cor. John and Front Sts., Cincinnati, O.
112. R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.
114. Clarence Jackson, Harper, Ia.
115. Chas. S. Strain, Box 218, Ft. Wayne, Ind.
116. Geo. L. Kahle, 508 N. Fourth St., St. Louis, Mo.

The following have applied for membership and if no objection to their becoming members is received by January 13, they can receive their membership cards by remitting dues:

APPLICATIONS.

- Geo. W. Archard*, 311 N. Henry St., Madison, Wis. References, E. R. Aldrich, F. M. Davis.
Geo. B. Tutthill, Box 1115 Sioux Falls, S. Dak. References,
J. C. Colby, Union Grove, Wis. References, E. R. Aldrich, H. C. Beardsley.
Lon Conner, Connersville, Ind. References, F. N. Massoth, Jr., M. Steffan.
Arthur C. Paddock, Nantucket, Mass. References, F. N. Massoth, Jr., and W. M. Chase.

Following are the nominations made for the election which is about to take place
 Polls close on Jan. 15th.

FOR PRESIDENT.

- E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. Geo. H. Watson, New York City. P. M. Wolsieffer
 Chicago.

VICE PRESIDENT.

M. V. Samuels, San Francisco, Cal. H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo. A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O.

SECRETARY.

A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y. P. M. Wolsieffer, Chicago. H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.

TREASURER.

Lincoln Rappleye, Trumansburg, N. Y. H. E. Deats, Hightstown, N. J. Geo. H. Watson, New York City.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

W. J. Morgan. H. E. Deats, Hightstown, N. J. H. C. Beardsley, St. Joseph, Mo.

Candidates names in italice have declined the nominations. Members will bear in mind that two candidates cannot be elected from the same State.

S. W. Scott, of Dubuque, Iowa, has been appointed Purchasing Agent by the official board.

Send your vote at once on a postal card to H. C. Beardsley, Box 616, St. Joseph, Mo. Don't forget the polls close Jan. 15th, at noon. No vote arriving after this time will be counted.

H. C. BEARDSLEY, Sec'y.

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

I regret to say that but little life has been apparent in this Department since I have had it in charge. However, I trust that with the new year, the members will arouse themselves and make it worth while continuing the Department.

The blank sheets I received from the former Manager were of such a quality that I was forced to discard them and have others made. Any members having a supply of the old sheets can exchange them with me for the new ones, as in order to do away entirely with the old sheets I will refuse to circulate them after February 1st. Therefore if you have any of the old sheets filled send them in before February 1st; if any blank ones, exchange them for the new ones before February 1st.

I would request all members not on circuit and wishing to be, to notify me at once. I would also request members having stamps to dispose of, to prepare them and send them in. The sheets received thus far have been very few and also very poor.

Sheets received and now in circulation are as follows: Blank sheets sold, 46; Filled sheets received, 62; Value, \$225 72. Two exchange lots have been sent out and others will follow as rapidly as I receive filled sheets for circulation.

S. B. BRADT, *Exchange Manager*.

December 30th, 1890.

CORRESPONDENCE.

W. E. R. SCHUYLER, NEB.—The *Philatelic Gazette* was discontinued the early part of 1890, but you can obtain the complete file of 17 numbers, published in Chicago, for \$3.00. We send you herewith a copy of the *Stamp Collector* and hope to receive your support. You can get a book on rare coins by addressing Stevens & Co., 69 Dearborn St., Chicago, or The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York City. Any book store can supply you with a work on Mineralogy. Try A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago. The Editor fully agrees with you that the *Gazette* was a fine looking paper.

CLARENCE G., HARPER, IOWA—Sample copies of the *Philatelic Gazette* are no longer sent out. Back numbers only can be obtained. A copy of the *Stamp Collector* is sent you in place of it.

ALBERT P., CLARKS, NEB—See other answers regarding sample copies of *Philatelic Gazette*.

S. P. D., GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Your letter did not contain the exchange notice or stamps you claim to have enclosed. Either you omitted them or enclosed them in some other communication. Look them up and don't censure us for the delay.

S. P. P., MONTEVIDEO, VA.—A copy of the *Stamp Collector* was mailed to your address. The Publisher will supply you with back numbers of the *Figaro* and the Editor can supply the back numbers of the *Philatelic Gazette*.

E. B. T., CALAIS, ME.—See other answers about sample copies and back numbers of the *Philatelic Gazette*. Send 35 cents to F. M. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind., and you will receive the *Stamp Collector* for one year.

CHAS. H. B., WILMINGTON, DEL.—Your informant is in error. I am not the Secre

tary of the A. P. A. Write to Millard F. Walton, Lock Box 33, Philadelphia, Pa. C. E. Severn, 448 Racine Ave., Chicago, Ill., will give you any information regarding C. P. S. affairs and Joseph Rechart, 191 Garden St., Hoboken, N. J., can assist you in becoming a member of the I. P. V. of Dresden. It is necessary to give references in each case and if you are not of age to have a guarantor who will become responsible for your acts.

H. G. S., ROCHESTER, N. Y.—The editor has mailed you a Constitution and By-Laws of the C. P. S. and some printed matter as requested, and hopes your new society will be a success. Send in any news relating to its formation, numbers, list of officers, etc., for publication.

SUBSCRIBERS' SALE AND PURCHASING COLUMN.

Rules.—Subscribers and members having rare duplicates to dispose of can have them advertised in this column free of charge, but only on the following conditions:

1st.—They must be hinged to a card or stiff piece of paper about the size of a postal card and forwarded to the Editor with lowest cash price, together with an addressed stamped return envelope.

2d.—If a sale is effected, 10 per cent. will be deducted from the amount realized to cover cost of expenses. If stamps are not sold with the first advertisement they will be announced in this column a second time. Always register valuable letters.

3d.—All correspondence relating to this column should contain a stamp for reply. The Editor will not announce any stamps from descriptions. They must be sent him for examination and will be held until they are sold or returned after the second advertisement.

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| No. 1.—5 entire, unused, U. S. Postal Service, envelopes, blue on blue, No. 607 of Scott's 51st Cat. The 5 for..... | 35cts |
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| No. 11.—\$5. and \$10. Charter Party, unperforated, used and in splendid condition, for..... | 2.25 |
| No. 12.—50 cents Probate of Will, \$20 Conveyance, both unperforated, for..... | 2.25 |
| No. 13.—A complete file of the Collector's Companion, unbound..... | 2.75 |
| No. 14.—90c. 1838, purple, unused, catalogue price, \$1.50, for..... | 1.15 |
| No. 15.—An unused pair of the 90c purple, 1888, for..... | 2.25 |

Note.—Collectors having any of the following for sale please notify the Editor by card, giving lowest price or offer, but don't send the stamps. The Editor will notify in all cases where the offer is accepted.

A. Wanted—A good specimen of the 1c. orange Chicago, Penny Post stamp, if possible on original envelope. State lowest cash price.

B. Wanted—For exchange in U. S. stamps or cash, the 1c. blue, 1c. brown, 1c. green Floyd's Penny Post. No fancy cash price.

C. Wanted—Any one having a 24c. purple, 1870, grided, good specimen, can dispose of same at a fair cash price.

STAMP DEALERS' DIRECTORY.

A two-line card will be inserted in this column one year for \$1.00.

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SIXTEENTH AUCTION SALE

Of the Chicago Philatelic Society, to be held Thursday evening, Jan. 15, 1891. Bids, to be by the piece, will be executed *free of charge* by any local member of the Society, or by A. P. Hosmer, 44 *Bellvue Place, Chicago.*

*Unused; p. perforated; pp. part perforated; unperf. unperforated; uns. unserved; dgd. damaged.

LOT NO.	UNITED STATES.	NO. IN LOT.	LOT NO.	CONFEDERATE STATES.	NO. IN LOT.
1	1847, 5c, 10c.....	2	50	1862, 10c. rose on orig. env.....	1
2	*1851, <i>Proofs</i> , 1, 5c, Franklin and Eagle carrier.....	4	51	*1863, TEN cent.....	1
3	*1851, <i>Proofs</i> , 10, 12, 24, 30, 90.....	5	FOREIGN.		
4	1857, 3c, outer line.....	10	52	Argentine, 1864, 15c, unperf. wmk....	1
5	*1861, <i>Proofs</i> , 1, 2, 3, 5, 10.....	5	53	Bahamas, £1, postal canc, fine.....	1
6	*1861 6. <i>Proofs</i> , 12, 15, 24, 30, 90....	5	54	Br. Bechuanaaland, 10sh, blk. and green.....	1
7	1866, 3c, Grille 13x16.....	1	55	*Canada, 1870, 1c, red, <i>void</i> , fine....	1
8	1869, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30.....	8	56	Cape G. H., 1853, 1, 4, 6d, 1sh.....	4
9	1869, 15c.....	1	57	Cuba, 1855, $\frac{1}{2}$ r. p., Sc., No. 1063....	1
10	1869, 30c.....	1	58	*Dom. Rep. 125 on 25.....	1
11	*1869, 90c. original.....	1	59	*Do., 250 on 50, lines.....	1
12	1870, 7, 90, each slightly torn.....	2	60	*France, unpaid 5 f., black.....	1
13	90c, 1872, 1861, 1888.....	3	61	Gt. Britain, Inc. 10d, 1848.....	4
14	*1822, <i>Proofs</i> , 1 to 90c.....	10	62	*Hong Kong, 48c, no wmk.....	1
15	Periodical, *12, 24c.....	2	63	Jamaica, 1, 3, 6d, <i>Pine Apple</i> , 1d rev.....	4
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STAMPS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

I have read with interest the essay written by Mr. W. H. F. Moore, on "Stamps of the Dominican Republic," which appeared in *The Philatelist*, and whilst conforming in the main what Mr. Moore has written, I would call the special attention of collectors to the existence of an issue previous to the square ones of 1865, which are so much sought after, and which are so difficult to obtain.

Mr. Moore spoke about an issue in use with the Spaniards during the time that this country was annexed to Spain, and although very few collectors ever heard of these stamps, and the albums do not call for them, they nevertheless existed, and in proof of my statement, I may say that I have in my possession 9 of them, well postmarked, and not yet detached from the letters, which are in as good a state of preservation as the day in which they were sent from the post. Some are from Santiago (a town in the interior) and others from Santo Domingo, or Monte Cristy, and all are directed to this

post. They are postmarked as follows:—and the stamps used are the same as those used in Cuba and Porto Rico, at the same date.

I merely give this information for the benefit of collectors, so they may give

these stamps their proper place in the albums. Very few of them now exist, and I do not know of any others than those in my possession, but should this statement meet with discredit, Mr. Moore, a correspondent of your paper, and an enthusiastic collector, has seen the stamps in my possession, and is able to confirm all that I have here written regarding this.

ALFRED W. SISTER.

A TREMENDOUS PURCHASE OF STAMPS.

In the October number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* appeared an article reprinted from a Trenton, N. J. paper with an account of a purchase of stamps from the government, but as the event I believe is without parallel in the history of Philately, it deserves a more extended notice than there given, and in this paper I will endeavor to add some additional facts regarding it.



In the Treasury and adjoining buildings at Washington, an enormous quantity of revenue stamps of all kinds had accumulated, the issues running from the establishment of the service in 1863 down to 1885. The stamps consisted of tobacco and liquor issues of every variety, and the total weight was about two hundred tons. Finding that this mass of paper was occupying valuable space, an act of Congress was passed ordering its sale, and sealed bids were advertised for.

The resolution ordering the sale of the various waste stuff is printed in a pamphlet of about one hundred pages.

The matter coming to the attention of Mr. E. B. Sterling, of Trenton, he in connection with Mr. H. E. Deats, made a bid for the lot, offering about \$31.00 per ton for it. It appearing that the Washington waste paper dealers have a combination by which they offer a very low price for paper, the bid of Messrs. Deats and Sterling being found the highest was accepted, but then a curious complication arose.

The government finding that the bidders were interested in the sale of stamps, refused to accept their bid on the ground of their being so interested, and it was then referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his decision. Secretary Windom ruled that Messrs. Deats and Sterling were legal bidders, and another bid was asked for. This time they bid \$8.20 per ton, and it was accepted, although the first bid was nearly four times as much.

The negotiations occupied a space of about two months, and the correspondence in relation to the matter was considerable.

Out of the total of two hundred tons bought, about twenty-five tons are unused stamps in books. In the remaining books some have a few stamps, and some have many, while others are the stubs only.

The stuff in coming from Washington occupied eight cars, and it is now stored in cellars in Trenton, where 8 boys are daily occupied in sorting them over, under the direction of Mr. Sterling.

After the stamps have been separated from the trash, the old paper will be sold, and it is expected that there will be fully twenty tons of salable stamps.

Many varieties hitherto unknown, have been found, and it is probable that a new revenue stamp catalogue will be the outcome of the purchase after all the sorting is over.

There are but few collectors of tobacco and liquor stamps in this country, but in Europe the demand is great, and a large part of these will no doubt find their way across the ocean.

ALVAH DAVISON.

EASTERN INKLINGS.

Holmes' *Philately*, which has made occasional appearances for some years past, is again to be issued. The paper has already changed hands three or four times, and it will now be under the direction of Mr. Duncan S. Wylie. I fear it will require considerable time before collectors will take a quarter's worth of stock in it owing to its fickleness in the past. The paper will appear in its usual form.

I believe the Canadian mud-slinger, (whose name is well known from the aforesaid description) is about to launch some more of his invectives on a patient, but as regards him, a thoroughly disgusted public. This party as I understand it, thinks he has been injured by a certain Chicago gentleman, and instead of making his defense and allowing the public to judge of his guilt, he keeps on defending, until we have about concluded that he *must* be guilty, otherwise he would have shut up long ago. Too much protesting of innocence is an acknowledged sign of guilt.

Say fellows, lay low for a minute while I whisper in your ear, but keep mum! I got this from one who said the matter was a dark secret, and known only to a select few. The turbulent times in New York, and especially in the philatelic societies, has led to the formation of another one, and this is to be composed entirely of the "upper ten." An organization meeting is to be held somewhere very soon, after which you will probably hear more of it. My correspondent says that dealers will be given the cold shake every time, and yet I believe Scott is in it. There would seem to be a conflicting clause somewhere, but I cannot give an explanation of it. If I am not mistaken, the Brooklyn Society at one time excluded dealers, but they now have one at its head. I hazard a guess that C. B. Corwin comes in somewhere in the new crowd.

I have it from inside sources that there is always a conflict going on between the Calmans of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., and Mr. J. W. Scott. Both watch each other's movements, and there is a continual struggle for supremacy in the stamp line. Scott's evident success is a bitter pill to Calman, and they only wait a good opportunity to square accounts with him.

As I intimated in your last issue, two numbers of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* have been issued by different parties, and the war is still on. Both sides are as determined as ever, and both papers will appear for some months. Each pokes at the other, and they go on in the sweet consciousness that theirs is the only original.

The Brooklyn Society were to have a spread this month in honor of their anniversary, but report has it that it has been postponed on account of the warring factions, who it is feared might disturb the peacefulness of the occasion.

Mention has been made somewhere of a philatelic club room which the New Yorkers are desirous of establishing. I reckon the idea is to provide a room where the the Chicago men can put up when they strike here. Accustomed to their town walks and country lanes, there is reason for them to be bewildered when striking the Metropolis. I suggest that several guides be appointed, and always be on hand to meet the incoming strangers. It is understood that the club room will be in quick communication with a bar for the benefit of those arriving from the bleak and frozen fastnesses of Staten Island.

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CURRENT COMMENTS.

S. W. Scott, of Dubuque, Iowa, and Otto Scheible, of Chicago, have formed the Philatelic Mercantile Agency, and are about to publish a reference book which, besides giving the names and address of every person in the United States and Canada, obtainable, interested in Philately, will also state the number of varieties and specialties, as also a rating of credit—making it an invaluable guide to dealers as well as collectors.

There was a very large number of complaints received from members of the C. P. S. and P. S. A. to the effect that they had not received the January number of the STAMP COLLECTOR. In order to avoid a repetition of this the Editor requests each member to send him his *correct* address on a postal card, as it appears that many changes in address have taken place. The C. P. S. is about to issue a new and revised edition of the Constitution and By-Laws together with a list of members, and it is especially desired to have the address of each member correct. It now rests entirely with the members as to the correctness of this list.

The Publisher apologizes to the subscribers, advertisers and readers of the late *Stamp Collector's Figaro* for the tardy and mean appearance of the December 1890 issue. It was intended to close the year with a handsome number, and have the *Figaro* end its existence with the best number ever issued, but fate, and a small-fry printer decreed otherwise. The loss of the job made this Dixon printer delay and abridged the issue. If you want to know where *not* to have a stamp paper printed, just drop a line to the Publisher, and get his advice on the subject. He can tell you to a dollar how much he is out on the transaction, besides the annoyance, trouble and time lost in correspondence.

We had prepared a review of our exchanges, and several publications received during the month, but at the last moment we had to omit them, and also a number of short notes.

The thanks of the Editor are due to Messrs. Deats and Sterling for several specimens from their "Tremendous Stamp Purchase" which is written up in the STAMP COLLECTOR. Under date of January 20th, Mr. Sterling writes: "I have not been able to give much attention to A. P. A. matters in general for some time. I have worked like a slave on the great paper stock to the sacrifice of everything else, and I have had to let things take care of themselves for the past four months. I now begin to see daylight, and before April 1st I shall have every A. P. A. account squared up and settled in full." The editor wishes them success in their speculation, and trusts it will pan out even better than Chicago real estate in the vicinity of the World's Fair site.

All C. P. S. members should read the excellent report of Exchange Manager Bradi. This department alone is certainly worth a membership in the Society. There is only one drawback, and that is in regard to members failing to meet their accounts promptly. So much has been said on this very point that it appears almost like a waste of time to mention it again, but it is a story that never grows old, and must be told over and over again so long as members will take larger amounts from sheets than they can pay for. The Exchange Manager talks very plainly about this matter, and says, "don't take the stamp if you are not prepared to pay for them." Now, gentlemen of the C. P. S., one and all, let us try to go through the year 1891 without having our names published as delinquents.

The election of the P. S. of A. just held, has resulted in no choice for any office. This was caused by their being so many candidates and members voting for candidates who *declined* to serve. Messrs. Beardsley and Watson and the Editor of this journal have respectfully declined, and we trust our friends will not throw away their votes by placing our names on their tickets for any office. Mr. F. J. Stanton, of Smyrna, N. Y., is the only candidate for Secretary, who has sent in an official acceptance. The office of Secretary, by the way, is an important one, and should be filled by one who is able and *willing* to do the work, and as Mr. Stanton pledges himself to do this, the Editor moves that we make his election unanimous by all voting for him. The polls close March 1st. Don't forget to send in your vote promptly.

Just as the STAMP COLLECTOR goes to press we learn that a Postal Card Society is being formed. Success to it.

Many members of the C. P. S. and P. S. A. are also members of the Canadian Philatelic Association, and they will no doubt remember that Mr. Victor H. Young started to collect the photographs of all the members, and have a group picture made. A number of members loaned their pictures

for this purpose, and the Librarian of the C. P. A. and A. P. A. also contributed a few. Mr. Young was unable to carry out his scheme, and the Editor has all of the photograph now in his possession, and has consented to go on with it provided it can be done reasonably, and he receive the proper financial support from the members. If it proves to be too expensive an undertaking, the pictures will all be returned to their respective owners. A further report, and it is hoped a final one regarding the matter will be made in the next issue of the STAMP COLLECTOR.

"Look At The Letters" is the heavy head lines of a three column article in the Sunday *Herald* of January 25th. It is a well written article about our overcrowded Post Office, and gives a correct idea of the immense amount of mail matter handled every twenty-four hours. A bill favoring an appropriation for four million dollars for a new building will be reported by the Committee, and it is hoped that it will pass Congress and receive the President's signature.



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Manager of Exchange and Auction Departments, S. B. Bradt, Grand Crossing, Ill.

Official Journal, *The Stamp Collector*.

SECRETARY'S MONTHLY REPORT.

Meeting of January 8th, being the 6th special, was called to order at the "Grand Pacific Hotel," in the presence of 18 members.

Bills from Hack & Anderson and Secretary were approved. Communication from W. S. Kinzer was read and Secretary instructed as to his reply. Treasurer's 4th quarterly report for 1890 and statement for the year ending 1890 were submitted, said statements showing cash on hand to the amount of \$47 35.

A committee on constitution, consisting of Messrs. Dilg, Leland and Severn, to bring out new edition of same, was appointed. Adjournment 10:15 P. M.

The number of members present at the 105th regular meeting was 21.

Manager Bradt made oral report as to the exchange department, and after some general business the advertised auction sale of 102 lots occurred, after which was adjournment at 10:30 P. M.

New C. P. S. members acquired during January, 1891, are as follows:

No. 236. Arthur C. Paddock, passive, Nantucket, Mass.

No. 237. Thos. W. Kehoe, passive, 455 W. Huron St., Chicago, Ill.

No. 238. Roger W. Cooley, active, 107 Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

No. 239. Otto Schieble, active, box 882, Chicago, Ill.

No. 90. F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind., had his membership changed from passive to active.

SOCIETY SHORTS.

Mr. B. A. Cottlow, Shelbyville, Ill., C. P. S. No. 146 (passive,) is again in Chicago, continuing his medical studies.

There are in Chicago quite a number of conservative collectors, who care to affiliate

with no society, and although constant effort is made to endeavor to lead them visit a C. P. S. session, the invitation is rarely taken advantage of.

The *Stamp Collector* for January, having been sent every known collector in the city, was the means of instituting among city non members a general demand for further information as to the Society, and one is led to suspect no mean acquisition of active members in the near future.

President Wolsieffer indeed ought to be a very busy person, and one wonders where the time comes in which he attends to the manifold duties of editor, president, author, etc., besides his regular business. Mr. Wolsieffer's brother, of Philadelphia, Pa., President of the National League of Musicians of the United States, by the way is one of the leading candidates for the position of Musical Director at the "World's Exposition" in 1893.

Mr. Otto Scheible, of this city, one of the proprietors of the Philatelic "mercantile bureau," was one of the active members acquired in the month just closed.

Copies of the new edition of constitution and by-laws, which will contain a list of members, will be sent each member as soon as published, which will doubtless be before many days.

When correspondents desire information on subjects of general society interest, the Secretary shall not always reply by letter, but take the following manner in answering such requests:

L. C. W.—I find on looking over the records that P. M. Wolsieffer was Secretary of the C. P. S. a period extending from June 14, 1888, to Feb. 20, 1890.

J. N. J.—Yes, at one time the C. P. S. furnished its members with four stamp journals, at which time, however, it held no advertised auction sales or operated an exchange department. 2.—As to your second question, it would not look well for me to venture an opinion.

C. E. SEVERN, Secretary.

EXCHANGE AND AUCTION DEPARTMENTS.

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Exchange Department, which a year ago was but just started upon, and was somewhat of an experiment, has now become one of the principal features of the Society, particularly with the passive members. Still there are a great many members who fail to avail themselves of the Department, either by sending in filled sheets for circulation or by being placed on Exchange Circuits. I trust that the new year will find most of these members enrolled in the Department.

During the past twelve months 1,554 filled sheets, valued at \$5,701.05 were received. These were made up into 230 Exchange books, which in turn became 53 Exchange lots. Of these 53 lots, 39 (value \$3,561.37) have completed their circuits, with sales amounting to \$960.14, and 14 (value \$1,958.49) are still in circulation—sales amounting to \$181.19 have been reported thereon; the total sales for the year being \$1,141.33. The percentage of sales on lots that have completed their circuits is shown to be nearly 27 per cent. With a little more care in preparing sheets for circulation this percentage may be materially increased in the year 1891. Many quite worthless stamps have been sent in in the past, and sometimes the prices have seemed to have been made regardless of any recognized value. But we have in many cases had to deal with collectors with whom the exchange system was an entire novelty, and it is to be expected that their first experience will teach them what kind of stamps will sell and about how to price them.

The running expenses of the Department for the year have been \$75.16; the receipts have been: For blank sheets, \$58.25; fines, \$2.70; a total of \$60.95, leaving a deficit of \$14.21, which was paid by the Manager.

During the last three months the receipt of filled sheets has been far from satisfactory, and I trust the members will remedy this in future by placing only good, salable specimens on their sheets. I have had many complaints that "this was a very poor lot," but I can only say that the lots are what the members make them.

There has been considerable difficulty in obtaining settlements from a number of members, and in consequence I have been unable to settle for some of the stamps that have made the rounds and been returned to owners. I trust that all delinquents will settle with the least possible delay, and I would warn all members not to take stamps unless they are prepared to settle promptly for the same. Statements are sent out on the first of each month, and settlement should be in my hands by the 10th of the month. In future, my monthly report will include the names of all members who have failed to settle the last statement sent out. In this connection I wish to say that the fact of a member's having stamps in circulation does not excuse his failure to settle statements rendered; credits will be rendered as early as possible, but if you take stamps before any credit has been made you, or in excess of your credit, you are expected to settle for same when statement is rendered.

Some very annoying delays have occurred with some of the exchange lots. In one case a member detained two lots for nearly three months, and some like instances have occurred in which the delay was not so great. A lot sent over the Canadian circuit was delayed between Nova Scotia and Boston for over two months by the customs officials—a fact that has led me to drop entirely the Canadian circuit. As in many instances the members fail to observe the rule which allows two days for examining each lot I shall make it a point to charge fines for all detentions beyond the stipulated time. I also wish to urge that reports be promptly sent in and that particular attention be paid to having the dates on same correct.

The Auction Department has not done much this year; but two sales were held, January and February, and then the sales were dropped for want of proper conveniences for bringing them before the members. The new year, however, bids fair to bring this Department prominently forward once more, and I would urge all members having rare stamps to dispose of to send them in. In order to prevent stamps being sacrificed, the owner is allowed to fix a reserve price at which the lot will be bid in for him in case there are no buyers for it. If, however, the owner's reserve appears to be too high, the auctioneer will reject the lot and return it without offering it for sale. The commission charged is but ten per cent. on actual sales effected. No commission is charged for executing bids for persons unable to be present at the sales. Settlements must be strictly cash, time only being allowed for the correspondence in forwarding purchases and in remitting. The sixteenth sale will occur January 15th, 1891, and the sales will be continued regularly at the second meeting in each month. All lots to be offered should be in my hands by the 20th of each month, in order to insure insertion in the sale of the following month.

December 31, 1890.

S. B. BRADT, Manager.

REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1891.

As the journal goes to press too early to include a report of the Exchange Department for the entire month, a report of the Auction Department only is given.

The sixteenth sale was held on Thursday evening, January 15th, about twenty-five collectors being in attendance. The catalogue comprised 102 lots, of which 31 failed to reach the owner's limits, and were in consequence withdrawn. The remaining 71 lots realized \$65.06.

At times the competition was brisk and spirited, and again became slow or altogether lacking. Below is given the prices brought by some of the lots:

Lot No.	Description.	Sold for
1	U. S. '47, 5 and 10c.	\$1 50
7	U. S. '68, 3c., Grille 13x16	2 00
11	*U. S. '69, 90c.	5 30
24	4c. playing cards	1 50
36	G. Farr & Co., matches	1 28
50	Confederate 10c. rose, on env.	1 50
51	*Confederate TEN cents	1 60
62	*Hong Kong 48c., no wmk	1 15
69	Newfoundland 5c., brown	1 35
81	*Saxony, '56, 10 n. g.	1 40
82	Sch. Holstein, '50, 1 sh.	1 25
87	Sweden, 1855, 3 s. b.	2 28
94	Victoria, stamp duty, £1 yellow	1 55
96	Cape of Good Hope, 1d '63, rouletted	3 50

S. B. BRADT, Manager.

CHICAGO, January 22, 1891.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer:

DEAR SIR—Will you kindly publish the following names in the next number of the *Stamp Collector*, as frauds of the worst description:

Jules Gisquiere, Guatemala.

Oscar Schneider, Riga, Russia.

A. Thorndale, Brentwood, England.

Prof. T. A. S. Quail, Georgetown, British Guinea.

The above have been delinquent since April, 1890, and no amount of letters or threats can bring them out of the silence in which they are enveloped.

The stamps were sent to all by registered letters, and the postmasters in each place say that the letters were delivered as addressed, so I know the stamps were received.

By showing them up you will oblige,

Yours truly,

A. P. HOSMER, 44 Bellevue Place, Chicago.

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The Philatelic Society of America.

ORGANIZED JAN. 15, 1889.

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Official Journal, *The Stamp Collector*.

SMYRNA, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1891.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Esq.:

DEAR SIR.—I see by the STAMP COLLECTOR just received, that I am nominated for the office of Secretary of the P. S. A.

This is the first intimation I had of it, and do not know who to thank for the honor, but so long as I am proposed, I will consent to run, and if elected, I will do my best to serve the Society and push the interests of the P. S. of A.

Allow me to congratulate yourself and Mr. Massoth on the fine appearance of the STAMP COLLECTOR. The C. P. S. and P. S. A. should be proud of their Official Journal, I also congratulate you on your unanimous election to the Presidency of the C. P. S.

Very truly yours,

F. J. STANTON.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Since my last report the following persons have become members:

NEW MEMBERS.

117. *Geo. W. Archard*, 311 N. Henry St., Madison, Wis.
118. *Geo. B. Tuthill*, Box 1115 Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
119. *J. C. Colby*, Union Grove, Wis.
120. *Lon Connor*, Connersville, Ind.
121. *Arthur C. Paddock*, Nantucket, Mass.

The following have applied for membership, and if no objection to their becoming members is received by February 15, they can receive their membership cards by remitting dues.

APPLICATIONS.

Walter V. Roderick, Crawfordsville, Ind. References, A. Rosenberg, F. N. Massoth, Jr., *Lewis W. Colfelt*, 2348 Bridge St., Frankford, Philadelphia, Pa. References, Wm. v. d. Weibern, J., D. U. Worthington.
Otto Scheible, P. O. Box 882, Chicago, Ill. References, S. W. Scott, H. C. Beardsley.
John T. Gartlein, Jr., Connersville, Ind. References, Lon Connor, F. N. Massoth, Jr., *Lewis H. Pizen*, 1103 College Ave., Racine, Wis. References, W. H. Carpenter, Fixon & Co., W. F. Lewis.

No. 116 has resigned.

Owing to the fact that the official organ was issued only eight days before the time set for close of polls, it did not reach the larger share of the members in time for the election, so another election has been called for March 1st, for which printed postals will be sent out in a few days, and will probably reach the members before this. Members will please forward vote as soon as the card is received.

Following are the nominations made for the election which is about to take place. Polls close on March 1st.

FOR PRESIDENT.

E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn. *Geo. H. Watson*, New York City. *P. M. Wolsieffer*, Chicago.

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SECRETARY.

A. N. Spencer, Cincinnati, O. F. J. Stanton, Smyrna, N. Y. *P. M. Wolsieffer*, Chicago. *H. C. Beardsley*, St. Joseph, Mo.

TREASURER.

Lincoln Rappleye, Trumansburg, N. Y. H. E. Deats, Hightstown, N. J. *Geo. H. Watson*, New York City. F. N. Massoth, Jr., A. N. Spencer.

INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

W. J. Morgan. H. E. Deats, Hightstown, N. J. *H. C. Beardsley*, St. Joseph, Mo.

Candidates names in italics have declined the nominations. Members will bear in mind that two candidates cannot be elected from the same State.

P. M. Wolsieffer has been appointed official editor by the official board.

Respectfully submitted. H. C. BEARDSLEY, Sec'y.

Box 616.

St. Joseph, Mo.

CORRESPONDENCE.

L. R. H., MEMPHIS, TENN.

The point you make regarding fancy prices for odd numbers and complete files of philatelic papers, is a good one, but not true in all cases. It is a very difficult matter to complete the files of some papers. For example, the *Philatelic Monthly*, *Garden City Philatelist* and a number of others. No. 9 of the *Garden City Philatelist* is exceedingly rare, as is No. 3 of the *Western Philatelist*.

FRANK B., NORMAN, IND. T'Y.

The editor will exchange for U. S. stamps not in his collection to value of \$4 00 catalogue price, for a complete file of the seventeen numbers published in Chicago of the *Philatelic Gazette*. Not being a dealer he has no use for quantities of the stamps you mention.

JESSE D., CAMDEN, N. J.

The idea of the Subscribers' Sale and Purchasing Column is to bring the buyer and seller together without publishing the names of either. If you have the stamp mentioned send it along, and if it is as represented a check will be forwarded to you, or if not accepted, it will be returned at once. You cannot expect that a collector will pay a big price for a stamp without seeing it, and, in some cases, having an authority pass on its genuineness.

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SUBSCRIBERS' SALE AND PURCHASING COLUMN.

READ THE RULES CAREFULLY.

Rules.—Subscribers and members having rare duplicates to dispose of can have them advertised in this column free of charge, but only on the following conditions:

1st.—They must be hinged to a card or stiff piece

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3d.—All correspondence relating to this column should contain a stamp for reply. The Editor will not announce any stamps from descriptions. They must be sent him for examination and will be held until they are sold or returned after the second advertisement.

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1	1857, 1c, block of 3 of the rare die.	1	46	Confederate, New Orleans, 5c brn. on blue.	1
2	1856, 5c, with ornaments.	1	47	*Autioquia, 1883, 5, 20c.	2
3	1868, 3c, grille 13x16.	1	48	Azores, 1868, 5, 120r, each dgd. at cor.	2
4	1869, 15c, both varieties.	2	49	Baden, inc. 18 and 30 kr. '62.	11
5	1869, 24c.	1	50	*Barbadoes, 1861, 6d, red.	1
6	*1869, 30c. reprint.	1	51	Barbadoes, fine lot.	12
7	1869, *1, 2, *3, 6, 10, 12c.	6	52	Brazil, 1850, 600r.	1
8	1869, 90c.	1	53	Bremen '66, 10 g. clipped; Mexico '67, 1r, Uruguay '84, 5c, variety.	3
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11	*Periodicals, 1, 2, 3, 4c.	4	56	*British Honduras, 50c on 1sh.	1
12	*Treasury, 1, 2, (no gum), 3, 6, 10, 12, 15c.	7	57	Bulgaria.	17
13	Treasury, 24c. fine copy.	1	58	Canada, 1855, 10d.	1
14	*Am. Rapid Tel., set, punched.	16	59	Ceylon, 1857, 1sh 5d.	1
15	*No. Mutual Tel., set.	4	60	Ceylon, 1857, 1sh slate.	1
16	Env. 1853, 3c buff, narrow sq. label, fine.	1	61	Ceylon, 1855, 56c on 96c.	5
17	*Env. 1864, 40c, rose on buff.	1	62	Columbia, inc. 10p, 1870.	8
18	Env 1874, 2c, brn. on man., die A.	1	63	*Costa Rica, 1883, 40c.	1
19	*Env War, Reay, 15c, white; cor. of env., very fine.	1	64	Curacao, 250g.	1
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21	Ent. Env. 1853, 3c, narrow sq. label note size, Boyd local in l. cor.	1	66	Gambia, 1869, red.	1
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22	Ent. Env. 1887, 2c, die A, white and Amber, sizes 3 and 5.	4	68	Great Britain, 1d, rev. large, used postally.	1
23	Same as Lot 22.	4	69	Hawaii, including 1864, 2c.	8
24	*Ent. Env. 1 to 3c, sizes and colors.	12	70	*Honduras, 1878, set.	7
25	*Ent. Env. 2 to 10c, inc. 6c. purple, '64.	12	71	Iceland, 1873, 2s, *8s.	2
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35	Gates & Gates & Sons, 3c, Match.	2	82	Philippine Islands.	5
36	Bent. cannon, Hutchinson, Penn.	4	83	Roman States, 50b, 1s.	2
37	N. Y. Match Co., 1c, verm.	1	84	Roman States, 50b.	1
38	Park City, 3c, orange.	1	85	Poland, Russia cut env. 7 on 10.	2
39	Same as Lot 38.	1	86	*Queensland, 1876, 1sh, no wmk.	1
40	Zisemann, G. & Co., uns pair, mended.	1	87	*Sarawak, 2 on 8, block of 3, Reunion, 1866, 25 on 40, 10 on 40 (pair).	3
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45	Crosby Opera House Lottery Ticket.	1	92	Sweden, inc. Stockholm.	14
			93	*Tolima, 1871, 10c.	1
			94	Turkey, 1867, 25 pi verm.	1
			95	*Turkey, 1869, 25 pi rose-lilac.	1
			96	*Turkey, unpaid 1865, 25 pi.	1
			97	*Victoria, 1885, 3d, 4d, surc. stamp, duty.	2
			98	Wurtemberg, 1862, 18k, dgd.	1
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