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A PHILATELIC FRIEND.

A friend, in the true sense of the word, to the beginner as well as to the advanced collector of postage stamps is the hand-book. With a small beginning, it has to day become an indispensable reference book, without which an earnest philatelist can get along. There are so many issues of hand-books, that the choice of one is very difficult to the collector. But if we look a little closer at some of these productions of philatelic literature, we find that there are but few among them, that really deserve the name of a hand-book. In the most cases they are but a speculation of some dealer who sends out his price lists and catalogues among collectors under the name of hand-book.

Naturally enough, these do not contain anything but a list of stamps issued mostly by incomplete and inaccurate, with their prices of course, it is nice to know the value of ones stamps, but there are too many collectors who view this as the most important thing. The collector should not look for the money value of his stamps in the hand-book, but learn as much as possible about the inscriptions etc. on the stamp and for this, the simple recording of the stamp is not sufficient, but it must be taken up in all its peculiarities. Only then does the hand-book fulfil its mission when

it leads the collector to a more accurate study of his treasures, when he continually learns more secrets from them and is lead to discoveries, which always tend to keep up the interest of the philatelist for his hobby.

What value does not a good hand-book possess on the acquisition of a new stamp. From it the collector can learn of the genuineness of the specimen, and it frequently leads him to discover that the stamp upon which he had looked on account of its color as an unknown issue, is nevertheless only a chemical change or a falling off of the ground color.

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A PAINTING

We recently received from a friend in Germany a reproduction of a philatelic painting, the original of which was dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the "International Philatelisten Verein in Dresden, last year.

It is a very humorous, well executed painting, representing the "Triumphal March of Philately" which is led by the sections of the society, followed by the corresponding members, a row of dealers, the German private posts, nearing their death, the father of philately Moens of Brussels, the several philatelic papers, etc. It must be seen to be appreciated.

THE B. H. P. S.

Regular meeting of the Black Hawk Philatelic Society, held at the residence of Mr. Harms, August 24 1888, and called to order at 8.10 P. M.

Seven members present with Mr. Copp in the chair. On motion of Mr. Case Messrs Copp, Harms and Reimers were appointed a committee to look up members in Davenport and Moline for the purpose of affecting a tri-city organization.

Mr. Cleveland moved to amend the motion by inserting that each member consider himself a committee of one for that purpose. The motion was lost.

Mr. Cook's offer to furnish 75 copies of the *LITTLE CLIPPER*, containing our P. S. of A. ticket, was accepted.

The Librarian reported no new papers. The Treasurer reported financially embarrassed. Mr. Brutt, (Germany) was admitted to membership. Under unfinished business the Philatelic Society of America was brought into discussion and Messrs. Brutt, Copp and Harms signified their willingness to join as soon as suitable reports be heard from Secy. pro tem Vonte. The Secretary was instructed to notify him of our action.

The Secretary was instructed to forward Mr. Bradt all necessary particulars for the insertion of the Black Hawk's name in his paper, *PHILO'S MONTHLY*.

Mr. Cleaveland moved that a subscription fund be collected for the Library, \$3.00 was pledged.

An informal discussion followed on the philatelic topics of the day.

A number of amateur and philatelic papers were auctioned off or sold to Mr. Harms, 15 cents, (which the treasurer tells me has not yet been

paid.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 P. M.

THE A. P. A. CONVENTION.

The Third Annual Convention of our National Association met at Boston, August 13th and continued for three days. There were about fifty members present in person, and 286 by proxy. it was a very successful gathering in every respect. The reports of the officers show very flattering results in the progress made during the year, 330 new members having been admitted making a total of 606 members in the Association.

The 'Treasurers' report showed \$304 in the treasury. It was adopted that the Secretary receive a salary of \$150 a year. The constitution was mended up a little. St. Louis, the Monday of fair week, 10 October, was chosen as the place and time for the next convention. The Philatelic Exhibition held in connection with the convention was a grand success and one of the finest of its kind it ever held in America and some valuable collections were exhibited.

The following are the officers elected for the next two years:

Pres. J. K. Tiffany.

V. Pres. W. C. VanDerlip.

Secretary. S. B. Bradford.

Treasurer. H. B. Seagrave.

Int. Secretary. J. Rechert.

A stock company for the publication of philatelic literature has been formed in Toronto.

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EDITORIALS.

Herewith you receive another new venture in the philatelic line. Look the paper over carefully and if you think it worthy of your patronage help us along a little by sending us your subscription, contribution or advertisement. We will try to make each number as interesting as possible and there is one thing that we want you to understand, it will be published regularly.

Is Mr. T. Watkins' book of philatelic poems out yet?

THE COLLECTORS LEDGER for August, contains the portrait of H. E. Deats.

The contents of the August "CURIOSITY WORLD" are mostly made up by Chicago talent.

THE REAY issue of stamps is well illustrated in the August number of the P. J. of A.

Send 10 cents and receive five good varieties U. S. revenue stamp and this paper for one year.

PARKER'S MONTHLY comes to hand regularly and generally contains some good bargains.

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THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE has changed hands and will now be published at Chicago by an incorporated company.

THE TORONTO PHILATELIC JOURNAL combines its July and August numbers. It exposes Miss. Jessie E. Greene of Denton, Neb. as a fraud.

Every collector should send his name and address, with size of his collection to Geo. E. Pryor, No. 431 Lackawanna Avenue, Scranton Pa.

We have received several catalogues of auction sales lately. They seem to be of a frequent occurrence now. Thats right, the more the better.

Our editor's address after Sept. 15 will be, E. Harms, Urbana Ill., at which place he attends college.

Exchanges will please address one copy to him and one to L. K. Cleveland, Rock Island, Illinois.

Rock Island has the distinction of having used the first engraved U. S. Match Stamp. They were issued from the Internal Revenue Bureau in 1862. They are now very rare it being thought that only five are in existence. All our efforts to find any of these almost extinct revenues in this city have been fruitless. Six months ago one of them brought \$35.00 in Chicago, and we should think they were very desirable at \$50.00 now.

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