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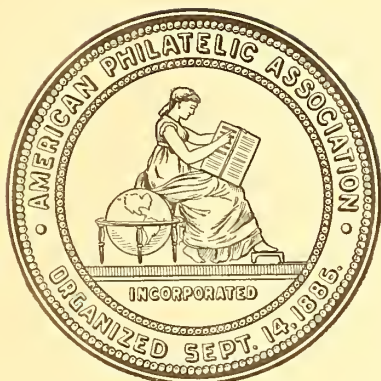
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BY-LAWS
OF THE
American Philatelic Association,

As adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15th, 16th and 17th, 1892, and
amended at the Twelfth Annual Convention, August 24-26, 1897.

ARTICLE I.—*Capital Stock.*

SECTION 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this Association shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions, which shall be expressed upon its face: That the holder thereof has agreed with the Association and has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Association in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock or the certificate thereof shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Association and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be canceled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Association of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock and certificate is surrendered to the Association, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Association. That the Association has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Association and that no transfer thereof shall be

permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Association; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Association that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

SEC. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Association, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose.

ARTICLE II.—*Membership.*

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members of the Association, and accompanied by the sum of one dollar, 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 refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of twenty-one years he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some

responsible person obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Association, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references and bondsmen, to be published in the next Official Journal sent to members, and if no objection to his admission shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and accept or reject the applicant, in their discretion, and shall certify their decision to the General Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

SEC. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Association that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-Laws from time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Association shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit to the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and they may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member and require him to surrender his stock, if he be a stockholder, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Vice-Presidents deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next Convention of the Association, giving notice of their intention to do so in the Official Journal, and such Convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 3. The dues of all stockholders shall be one dollar and twenty cents per annum, payable annually in advance, on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence. New members shall pay dues for the remainder of the year only, computed from the beginning of the month in which they shall have been elected. No other assessment or dues shall be exacted of any stockholder, except by the amendment of this section of the By-Laws in Convention or other general meeting.

SEC. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or accounts due the Association or the Sales and Purchasing Department within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid, or the stockholder presents his resignation and surrenders his

certificate of stock within thirty days thereafter, and pays amounts due, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Association, and his name shall be omitted from the Year Book. The Secretary shall notify the Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department to debar from the privileges of that Department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls. Any stockholder whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, or debt to the Association or Sales and Purchasing Department, may, on payment to the Treasurer (who shall notify the Secretary) of all amounts due, be reinstated and have his stock reissued to him by and at the discretion of the Secretary, who shall, however, refer any case of doubt to the Board of Vice-Presidents, whose decision shall be final in the matter.

SEC. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Association. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Association. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

SEC. 6. No stockholder of the Association who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

ARTICLE III.—*Meetings.*

SECTION 1. 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 Minnesota as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the Convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but 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 Journal issued prior, not less than sixty days, to the holding of such Convention.

SEC. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Association may be called by the Official Board, or by one hundred stockholders of this Association. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder,

at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal, at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote should be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Association as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 4. All stockholders of the Association who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Association shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any Annual Convention, at any called meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

SEC. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting, shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-Laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 6. No Director of this Association shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Association.

SEC. 7. At all meetings of the Association, all questions of order and parliamentary law shall be determined by reference to Roberts' Rules of Order.

SEC. 8. At the Annual Convention of the Association the President shall appoint the following standing committees, of three members each:

- Committee on Standing Rules,
- Committee on Finance,
- Committee on Library,
- Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department,

Committee on Official Journal.
 Committee on Branch Societies.
 and a Committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of five members, of which the President shall be *ex-officio* Chairman, on the By-Laws. The following shall be the order of business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Roll Call.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Reading of Minutes.
6. Reports of Officers.
7. Communications.
8. Unfinished Business.
9. New Business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Adjournment.

SEC. 9. At all special meetings of the Association, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—*Directors.*

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors of this Association shall be designated as the Official Board, and shall consist of nine members who shall all be citizens of the United States.

SEC. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Association, and shall hold his office until the close of the next Annual Convention and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession. And at least seven of their number shall be residents of different States. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of 30 miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same State or locality as another director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

SEC. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, those chosen shall proceed to choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and to select such officers as are required by the By-Laws to be appointed by the Official Board.

SEC. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. The objects of this Association requiring that its Directors shall be residents of different States, in order to facilitate the transaction of business and provide

for a rapid decision of questions requiring the action of the Official Board of this Association, the stockholders direct that instead of convening in a meeting, the following proceedings may be had: Whenever any member of the Board shall desire to submit any matter for their action, he shall reduce the same to writing, in the form of a motion, and mail a copy thereof, upon a separate sheet of paper, to each member of the Board. Any comments or observations he may desire to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon the reception of such motion each member shall write upon the bottom or back thereof his decision for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board, who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the votes of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original votes. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

SEC. 6. The Official Board shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Association and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-Laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Association, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—*Duties of Directors.*

SECTION I. *President.*—The President, in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Association, appoint all committees, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on Treasurer for moneys required by the Association, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes and other obligations entered into by the Association. Prior to each Annual Convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III., Section 1, and shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such Committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the General Fund of the Association. At each Annual Convention he shall address the Association

on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

SEC. 2. *Vice-Presidents.*—The three directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as First Vice-President, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death or inability of the President. He shall preside over the Board of Vice-Presidents, which shall decide all questions arising as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II., Section 1; all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II., Sections 2, 4 and 5, and all other disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Association, and their decision of all such matters shall be final, subject to the provisos of Article II., Section 2. They shall see that proper notices of all elections, meetings, nominations, forms, etc., are sent to members as provided in these By-Laws. They shall keep a "black list" of all individuals known to have ever dealt in counterfeit stamps, or aided in their production; and it shall be their duty to give any information, in their possession in regard thereto, to any member of the Association who shall ask therefor. The Vice-Presidents shall keep a list of "bad debtors" for the same purpose. They shall charge members fifteen cents for each copy of said list, the amount to be paid for in advance. The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the General Secretary for publication in the Official Journal and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams and registry fees shall be certified by the First Vice-President and after approval by the Official Board be paid from the general fund.

They shall furthermore keep a card catalogue of the names and addresses and history of all members of the Association. They shall elect one of their number to act as Secretary who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

SEC. 3. *Secretary.*—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a true record of all proceedings of the Association and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all documents, have custody of the corporate seal of the Association; seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates and receipts, countersign, register and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the

official matter published in the Official Journal; *provided*, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, such matter shall be submitted to the Official Board. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II., Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the Association to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement etc., as provided in Article II., Section 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each Annual Convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Official Board, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Association, required by law to be made by the Directors. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official Journal, in addition to the list of applications, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Association, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the Convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session.

SEC. 4. *Treasurer*.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property and securities of the Association, and shall report to the Secretary monthly the balance in his hands. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand in each monthly circular. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and General Secretary, and shall present to the Annual Convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Official Board, to the account of the Association, and shall give bond to the Association in the sum of not less than \$2,000. Said bond to be obtained of some surety company at expense of the Association, to be approved by the Official Board.

SEC. 5. *International Secretary*.—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Association or the Official Board, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the General Secre-

tary, or any other officer of the Association, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Association and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt*, the changes in membership so long as this Association continues interested in its publication. He shall so far as possible report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Association or its individual members.

SEC. 6. In case of death or resignation of any member of the Official Board the Board shall fill the vacancy, and all vacancies caused by the removal of a Director shall be filled by election, as provided by the statute of the State of Minnesota.

ARTICLE VI.—*Elections*.

SECTION 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The form of ballot to be used must be uniform and shall be designated by the President and approved by the Official Board. It shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for that election. At all such elections a plurality of the votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV., Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the committee.

SEC. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election. A sufficient extra quantity of blanks shall be provided at the place the convention is held.

SEC. 4. The special elections to fill vacancies in the Official Board, provided

for by the statute of the State of Minnesota, in the case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted, as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Association.

SEC. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

SEC. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any member of the Association to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

SEC. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.—*Officers.*

SECTION 1. In addition to the nine Directors, or Official Board, the officers of the Association shall be:

- A Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department,
- A Superintendent of Literary Exchange,
- A Counterfeit Detector,
- An Examiner of Sales Books,
- A Librarian,
- A Collecting Agent,

and such Resident and State Vice-Presidents and Auction Purchasing Agents as the Official Board may appoint.

SEC. 2. All of the officers mentioned in Section 1 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Official Board, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Official Board or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon so to do. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Official Board may, in their discretion,

appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer appointed by the Official Board, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. *Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department.*—This officer shall conduct the Purchasing and Sales Department of the Association under such rules and regulations as may be approved by the Official Board, the same to be announced by him in the Official Journal. He shall be entitled to a commission of ten per cent. on all sales and purchases, and shall pay all expenses of his department. The Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department shall give bonds to the Association in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be approved by the Official Board. He shall at the end of every three months submit a full and accurate statement of the affairs of his department to the Board of Vice-Presidents, this statement to be accompanied by a balance sheet taken from his books upon the last day of the three months covered by the above-mentioned statement, *i. e.*, November 30, February 28 (or 29), May 31 and August 31. He shall hold the Association harmless from any losses arising from the management of his department.

SEC. 4. *Superintendent of Literary Exchange.*—The Superintendent of Literary Exchange shall receive lists of such philatelic books and publications as may be desired by members of the Association. He shall also receive lists of such philatelic books and publications belonging to members as they may send him from time to time for sale at fixed prices, and he shall notify any member desiring such publication from whom it can be obtained.

Members making use of this department must defray all incidental expenses.

SEC. 5. *Auction Purchasing Agents.*—The Auction Purchasing Agents shall, in person or by proxy, attend all auction sales of stamps held in their respective vicinities, and shall purchase for members at a commission not to exceed 5 per cent., and subject to such rules and regulations as each may prescribe, such stamps as these members request him to purchase for their account.

SEC. 6. *Counterfeit Detector.*—The Counterfeit Detector shall, when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness, and, as far as he can, when asked, the value of the specimens sent him by member, charging therefor three cents for each specimen, up to the number of fifty sent to him at one time, and two cents for every additional specimen. For making estimates of the value of collections, etc., he may make an agreement as to terms with the owner. Postage or expense of carriage must be in all cases defrayed by members.

SEC. 7. *Examiner of Sales Books.*—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Superintendent of Sales, before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

All stamps, etc., considered counterfeit or reprint (with the exception of reprints sold by the governments originally issuing them, and receivable for postage at the time of their sale) by the Superintendent or the Examiner of Sales Books, shall be removed from the sheets and placed in separate envelopes, marked with the price or prices placed thereon and the name of the owner, and shall not be circulated, but returned by the Superintendent, and on the square on the sheet or place provided on the cover he shall stamp the words "Specimen Removed."

When a government reprint, receivable for postage at the time of its issue, is found on a sheet or a cover, he shall stamp the word "reprint" below the square on the sheet or the place provided on the cover for the specimen.

SEC. 8. *Librarian*—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

SEC. 9. *Resident Vice-Presidents.*—A Resident Vice-President shall be appointed for any locality upon the request of ten or more members of the Association residing therein, and for such foreign States and countries as the Official Board may deem advisable. Each Resident Vice-President shall exercise a general supervision over the section in which he resides. He shall examine the case of all applicants for membership in his vicinity and shall advise the Board of Vice-Presidents of any reason that may exist for rejecting the application, or any conduct on the part of any member in his vicinity, that might render such person unworthy of membership in the Association, and make an annual report to the Convention.

He shall call a meeting of the members in his district at least four times a year for the discussion of matters of interest to the Association and cause a report of such meetings to be published in the Official Journal.

SEC. 10. *Collection Department.*—The Collecting Agent shall organize a department for the collection and settlement of any claims that may be sent him by members of this Association against any persons whatsoever, or the recovery of any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Official Board, to see that proper steps are taken and the proper authorities notified to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his services all actual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc.,

and 10 per cent. of all amounts recovered, *provided*, that in case of collections made for the Association he shall charge only actual disbursements, but no commission.

ARTICLE VIII—*Sales Department.*

SECTION 1. This Association cannot and does not guarantee any member from loss sustained in the usual and customary manner, in exchange of stamps among members through the department 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 in the Association for the amount of the loss; neither does the Association guarantee its members against such losses as are commonly incident to the business of buying, selling and exchanging stamps. Any loss accruing to members from unavoidable accidents or the dishonesty of a fellow member 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.

SEC. 2. A report shall be rendered to all members whose books are not returned and settled for within three months from date of receipt.

SEC. 3. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days, a fine of two cents per day for each book must be collected from members who disregard this rule. Upon the failure of any member to pay such fine he shall be dropped from circuit lists and reported to the Board of Vice-Presidents.

SEC. 4. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department who shall collect a premium of one per cent. of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation.

This rule shall apply to all stamps in circulation at the date of its adoption.

From this fund all losses shall be paid of whatever nature, except those arising from substitutions.

Should losses occur greater than the amount of the Insurance Fund in hand they shall stand as a liability against the fund, to be paid when the amount of premiums collected will satisfy same.

ARTICLE IX.—*Official Journal.*

SECTION 1. *The Weekly Philatelic Era* shall be known as the Official Journal of the Association.

This paper will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publisher twenty-five cents per year from the general fund for each member.

The publishers to pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

ARTICLE X.—*Annual Publication.*

SECTION 1. *The American Philatelist*

shall be published annually in November and shall contain a copy of the Charter and the By-Laws as last amended, a list of all active members, arranged alphabetically and by residence, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all Departments which may not be included in the general By-Laws, a list of all Branch Societies and affiliated societies, a list of the names and addresses of all officers of the Association and of the publishers of the Official Journal. The *American Philatelist* shall be edited by the General Secretary and approved by the President before publication. Advertisements of responsible firms may be accepted by the Secretary upon terms satisfactory and profitable to the Association, and the proceeds turned into the general fund. One copy shall be mailed free to each member of the Association and ten copies to each Director and ten copies to the Librarian. Copies to the public or extra copies for members will be sold by the Secretary at twenty-five cents per copy, and the proceeds turned into the Treasury. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the general fund.

ARTICLE XI.—*Branch Societies.*

SECTION 1. Whenever ten or more stockholders resident in the same locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same 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, and shall have submitted a copy of their rules and list of members to the Official Board, 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 or State Society, as the case may be, and shall appoint the member selected a Resident or State Vice-President, as the case may be. Such local and State Branches shall be numbered in regular order in separate series, and each society shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it, *provided* that the name of a State Branch shall include the name of the State for which it is chartered. Any existing local society having the requisite number of stockholders among its members may become a branch society upon the same conditions.

SEC. 2. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Association or who shall have made application for admission as such.

The Resident and State Vice-Presidents shall 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, and shall file with the Secretary of the Association a report of each of their meetings.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of each Branch Society shall send to the Treasurer on the 1st of July each year a complete list of the members in good standing upon that date.

SEC. 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 some other branch society, and shall vote the same by proxy, duly instructed, or through their Resident Vice-President.

ARTICLE XII.—*Property.*

SECTION 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession, belonging to the Association, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

SEC. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Official Board shall be turned over to the Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the Board in which they originated.

ARTICLE XIII.—*Amendments.*

SECTION 1. The By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment, and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, any special meeting, or by a general vote, as provided for in Article III., Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-Laws shall be final, if such proposed amendment shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such Convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any convention or special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-Laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III., Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.

Thirteenth Annual Convention

—OF THE—

American Philatelic Association.

The thirteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was held in New York City on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 23-26, 1898.

The following stockholders were present:

H. E. Deats,	Flemington, N. J.
Albert W. Batchelder,	Boston, Mass.
Lewis Robie,	Chicago, Ill.
William N. Howe,	Portland, Me.
W. W. Jewett,	Portland, Me.
Frederick P. Richardson,	Salem, Mass.
J. F. Johnson,	Boston, Mass.
William C. Stone,	Springfield, Mass.
J. H. Leippe,	Reading, Pa.
J. A. Wainwright,	Northampton, Mass.
George L. Toppan,	Boston, Mass.
F. P. Vincent,	Chatham, N. Y.
Alexander Holland,	New York.
Albert Perrin,	New York.
O. H. Williams,	New York.
Frank H. Burt,	Newton, Mass.
C. P. Krauth,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
R. R. Bogert,	New York.
Gordon Ireland,	Springfield, Mass.
Charles E. Sebbens,	Worcester, Mass.
E. Doebelin,	Pittsburgh, Pa.
J. B. Witherby,	Philadelphia, Pa.
John N. Luff,	New York.
John W. Scott,	New York.
W. F. Gregory,	New York.
Nathan Cobe,	Waltham, Mass.
James F. Duhamel,	New York.
C. F. Richards,	New York.

S. Schachne,	. . . . .	New York.
Alvah Davison,	. . . . .	New York.
R. F. Albrecht,	. . . . .	New York.
William H. Mitchell,	. . . . .	Bayonne, N. J.
C. F. Rothfuchs,	. . . . .	Boston, Mass.
Henry L. Calman,	. . . . .	New York.
J. M. Bartels,	. . . . .	Washington, D. C.
T. L. Hazzard,	. . . . .	Allegheny, Pa.
George S. McKearin,	. . . . .	Hoosick Falls, N. Y.
Frank B. Gouch,	. . . . .	Woonsocket, R. I.
Henry A. Chapman,	. . . . .	Rocky Hill, Conn.
Paul Lazarus,	. . . . .	Brooklyn, N. Y.
H. Toelke,	. . . . .	Brooklyn, N. Y.
Otto E. Heineman,	. . . . .	Allegheny, Pa.
A. Platz,	. . . . .	Allegheny, Pa.
V. Gurdji,	. . . . .	Rochester, N. Y.
D. T. Eaton,	. . . . .	Muscatine, Ia.
Clifford W. Kissinger,	. . . . .	Reading, Pa.
E. B. Sterling,	. . . . .	Trenton, N. J.
E. B. Woodin,	. . . . .	Springfield, Mass.
M. C. Berlepsch,	. . . . .	New York.
Albert E. Lawrence,	. . . . .	Yonkers, N. Y.
Charles Steigerwalt,	. . . . .	Lancaster, Pa.
Joseph Holmes,	. . . . .	New York.
Ernest R. Aldrich,	. . . . .	Benson, Minn.
A. E. Miller,	. . . . .	Meriden, Conn.
M. Tausig,	. . . . .	New York.
J. D. Rice,	. . . . .	Trenton, N. J.
A. M. Kirtland,	. . . . .	Mount Vernon, N. Y.
A. L. Tichenger,	. . . . .	New York City.
E. T. Parker,	. . . . .	Bethlehem, Pa.
P. F. Bruner,	. . . . .	New York City.
Julius Adenaw,	. . . . .	New York City.
Augustus Lehmann, Jr.,	. . . . .	Paterson, N. J.
A. Krassa,	. . . . .	New York City.

The convention was held pursuant to the following call, issued by the President in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 31, 1898.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: The Thirteenth Annual Convention of this Association for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may legally come before it, will be held in New York, Tuesday, August 23rd, 1898, at 10 o'clock A. M.

I appoint John N. Luff, R. R. Bogert and P. F. Bruner, residents of New York, Committee of Arrangements.

I appoint Hiram E. Deats of Flemington, N. J., William F. Gregory of New York, Charles W. Bowen of Providence, R. I., P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago, and J. Franklin Johnson of Boston, Committee on Credentials.

FRANK F. OLNEY, President.

Business sessions of the convention were held at the rooms of the Collectors' Club, No. 351 Fourth Avenue, New York, on the morning and afternoon of Tuesday, August 23, and on the morning of Wednesday, August 24; on board the steamer "William Fletcher," on the North River and New York Harbor, on Thursday, August 25; and at the Collectors' Club, on Friday morning, August 26.

The arrangements for the entertainment of the visiting members and their friends were in the hands of committees of the New York Branch and the Staten Island Philatelic Society. On Tuesday afternoon a carriage drive was taken through Central Park and Riverside Drive to the tomb of General Grant, returning to the Metropolitan Museum of Fine Arts. In the evening of the same day a choice vaudeville entertainment was given at the Collectors' Club, followed by a collation. On Wednesday afternoon a trolley trip to Coney Island took place. Thursday was devoted to a steamboat excursion on the East and North Rivers by a specially chartered boat, giving the visitors an opportunity to see the greater part of New York Harbor. The steamboat, near the end of its journey, approached and sailed around several of the war-ships then recently returned from Cuban waters and lying off Stapleton, Staten Island, among them being the "Indiana," "Massachusetts," "Brooklyn," "New York" and "Texas." About 4 P. M. the visitors were landed at Stapleton, Staten Island, where they became the guests of the Staten Island Philatelic Society. A trolley ride about the island was enjoyed, and some time was passed at Midland Beach, whence the visitors returned to Stapleton to partake of a banquet, which concluded the program of social events of the convention.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION.—Tuesday Morning, August 23, 1898.

The first session of the thirteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association was held in the rooms of the Collectors' Club, 351 Fourth Avenue, New York City, on Tuesday morning, August 23, 1898.

In the absence of President Olney, the chair was occupied by George L. Toppan, one of the Vice-Presidents, who called the convention to order at 10.37 A. M.

The Vice-President: Please come to order, gentlemen. The first thing I have to call attention to this morning is the following telegram:

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 22, 1898.—John N. Luff, care of Scott Stamp and Coin Co., 18 East 23rd Street, New York: I find that it is impossible for me to attend the convention.

FRANK F. OLNEY.

I will now ask Mr. Luff to take the chair.

Mr. Luff in the chair.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, you will kindly give your attention to Mr. Toppan, Vice-President and acting President.

Vice-President Toppan then read the following address:

Vice-President's Address.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN AND LADIES: Another year has past and once again we have gathered together in annual convention. This time, in the absence of both our President and First Vice-President, it becomes my duty to preside over your deliberations and to do my best to supply the address with which the presiding officer is accustomed to open your yearly conventions. In consideration of the fact that it was not until this morning that I learned of the enforced absence of Messrs. Olney and Van Derlip, I trust that you will be pleased to overlook and pardon the brevity of my remarks.

The past year has been a notable one in many ways. It will be recorded in history as one of the most eventful periods of the century. Strictly speaking, perhaps the part which our own country has taken in revising the map of the world and making it necessary for us to take up the study of geography again, has but little that is germane to philately in general. But I take it for granted that you are all, as I am proud to be, Americans, first, last and all the time. It seems to me, therefore, that I need make no apology for referring to the stirring events which have characterized our war with Spain.

The glorious achievements of our army and navy will fill many pages of the world's history for the past year.

We started out to free Cuba: we have done it, or, if the island is not yet actually free, we have, at all events, assured to its people freedom from oppression and a more humane and stable form of government than any Spanish colony has ever known. But Cuba is not all: Porto Rico has fallen to us as one of the spoils of war; Hawaii, also, has been annexed; we have come into possession of one of Ladrone Islands, and unless all indications fail, our foothold in the Philippines is not to be given up entirely.

We have been, and still are, the cynosure of all eyes the world over. We have demonstrated the extent of our internal resources and we have done it in a manner which has been so complete and thorough as to compel the admiration of the world.

As in the past, so it has been in this instance; we have always been slow to throw down the gauntlet, but never slow to pick it up, and, when we have cast it we have never failed to defend the challenge and to come out victorious. May God grant that it may be ever thus.

And now to turn to the philatelic aspects of the war, for, after all, it has them.

It is responsible for the new issue of revenue stamps with which we have lately been made acquainted, and by means of which our blessed old "Uncle Sam" intends that we shall pay our share of his greatly increased expense account.

It will if it has not already done so, place the issues of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii, and possibly the Philippine Islands among the list of obsolete stamps.

All this, it seems to me, is a pronounced gain to philately, at least in this country, for though the effects of the war have been already discounted to a great extent in the stamp market, it has undoubtedly caused a great and ever increasing demand for the stamps of the above named countries, and this, of course, will serve to heighten the interest in others.

Looking backward over the past year I cannot but feel that it has been a prosperous one for our Association. To be sure our membership has become considerably smaller than a year ago, but what has been lost in quantity has been made up in quality.

Heretofore it has been the custom to carry dead wood on our membership rolls indefinitely; this year, thanks to the energy of our late Secretary, Mr. Joe F. Beard, than whom no society ever had a more loyal or painstaking official, and the hearty co-operation of our efficient treasurer, we have cut off all this dead growth and have now gotten down to the living heart of the tree. May it live long and flourish in its newly found vigor is a sentiment in which I know you will all join me.

The different departments of the Association are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all in good working order, and there has been a harmony in the conduct of its affairs which must be extremely gratifying to all.

All the different complications which we were called upon to adjust a year ago, several of which were left by the convention in the hands of its several officers and committees, have been satisfactorily disposed of and will, doubtless, be more fully laid before you in the reports of said officials.

I have only to add that it gives me great pleasure to extend to you all a most hearty welcome to this, our Thirteenth Annual Convention, and to express the wish that the coming year may be replete with success and prosperity, not only to the Association as a whole, but to each individual member thereof.

GEORGE L. TOPPAN.

New York, Aug. 23, 1898.

The Vice-President in the chair.

The Vice-President: Before proceeding to the business of the convention I will call upon Mr. W. F. Gregory, President of the local Branch.

Welcome from New York Branch.

Mr. W. F. Gregory: *Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:* I hardly expected to be called upon to make any remarks, but as the representative of the New York Branch I extend to you a cordial welcome to New York. When we extended an

C. P. Krauth,	- - - - -	126
H. G. Smith,	- - - - -	140
H. B. Phillips,	- - - - -	142
P. F. Bruner,	- - - - -	111

The above nine candidates, having a majority, are declared elected.

The following scattering votes are also recorded :

George R. Tuttle,	- - - - - 25	J. N. Luff,	- - - - - 5
E. Doebelin,	- - - - - 16	H. E. Deats,	- - - - - 3
J. L. Kilbon,	- - - - - 15	P. M. Wolsieffer,	- - - - - 3
F. Noyes,	- - - - - 15	Scattering,	- - - - - 14
C. W. Kissinger,	- - - - - 4		

Respectfully submitted,

THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE,

H. E. DEATS, Chairman,

W. F. GREGORY,

J. F. JOHNSON.

The number of proxies passed on by the Committee up to ten o'clock this morning is as follows :

W. F. Gregory,	- - - - - 36	F. F. Olney,	- - - - - 1
C. P. Krauth,	- - - - - 25	E. R. Aldrich,	- - - - - 2
H. E. Deats,	- - - - - 21	C. F. Rothfuchs,	- - - - - 1
J. N. Luff,	- - - - - 16	J. F. Johnson,	- - - - - 3
A. W. Batchelder,	- - - - - 14	P. M. Wolsieffer,	- - - - - 1
J. W. Scott,	- - - - - 8	C. W. Bowen,	- - - - - 1
W. W. Jewett,	- - - - - 8	E. Doebelin,	- - - - - 1
C. W. Kissinger,	- - - - - 5		

There are other proxies in the hands of the Committee, which will be passed on some time before the session to-morrow morning.

On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Luff, the foregoing report of the Committee on Credentials was accepted.

The Vice-President: The Secretary wishes me to urge upon all members the importance of signing the register, as that will be part of the official records of the convention, and all members, to have their names enrolled as in attendance, will sign that register upon the table here.

The next thing in order is the roll-call.

Mr. C. P. Krauth: Mr. President, I move that the roll-call be dispensed with and the register taken as the roll-call.

The motion, being seconded, was put to vote and declared carried.

Appointment of Committees.

The Vice-President announced the appointment of the following committees :

ON STANDING RULES—A. W. Batchelder, J. A. Wainwright, J. M. Bartels.

FINANCE—F. P. Richardson, P. F. Bruner, R. R. Bogert.

LIBRARY—Alexander Holland, W. C. Stone, A. Perrin.

SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT—J. W. Scott, C. F. Rothfuchs, E. Doebelin.

OFFICIAL JOURNAL—W. F. Gregory, H. E. Deats, Lewis Robie.

BRANCH SOCIETIES—V. Gurdji, D. T. Eaton, J. F. Johnson.

CREDENTIALS—H. E. Deats, W. F. Gregory, J. F. Johnson, C. W. Bowen, P. M. Wolsieffer.

BY-LAWS—The President (Chairman *ex-officio*), C. P. Krauth, Alvah Davison, J. N. Luff, J. B. Witherby.

Official Stenographer.

Mr. W. W. Jewett: Mr. President, I think it is necessary to appoint an official stenographer, and I move that Mr. Frank H. Burt be elected as such.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Gregory, and being put to vote was declared carried.

Minutes of Last Convention.

The Vice-President: The reading of the minutes of the last meeting is the next thing in order.

Mr. W. C. Stone: Mr. President, I move that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with. They have been published in full in the Year Book, and the reading of them would consume considerable time.

Mr. W. N. Howe: I would like to amend the motion so as to read "that the Year Book as published be approved."

Mr. J. A. Wainwright: Mr. President, I move that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that the Year Book as printed be approved as the minutes of our last annual session.

Mr. Stone: I accept the amendment.

Mr. A. W. Batchelder: Mr. President, I suggest that everybody who speaks talk about twice as loud as he ordinarily does.

The Vice-President: It has been moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that the record as published in the Year Book be approved.

The motion, being put to vote, was carried unanimously.

Reports of Officers.

The Vice-President called for reports of officers.

Report of the Secretary.

Mr. President and Members:

I have not been able to prepare an annual report such as might be expected from the Secretary of an Association of this kind. Up to the time of my election I had never given the office of Secretary a single thought otherwise than that it was in the hands of a competent official who fully understood its workings, and I am now beginning to understand the loss this Association has met in his decease. I am confident if he had lived he would have presented to you at this time a full and thorough review of the past year.

The books and papers of the Association have been in my possession about a month, and it has not been possible for me to examine same during this short time.

One year ago the membership was 879. During the year we have had 12 resignations; dropped for non-payment of dues, 224; deceased, 6; new members, 76; leaving our present membership 713, a loss from last report of 166.

The following deaths appear in the records of the year:

- 1346. CLEO. C. MORENCY.
- 1035. B. G. BUTTON.
- 89. C. W. GREVENING.
- 144. G. B. CALMAN.
- 1037. L. G. CUSTER.
- 464. J. F. BEARD.

The report for 1897 shows 112 resignations; dropped for non-payment of dues, 141; expelled, 7; deceased, 6; new members, 94; loss preceding year, 170.

RECAPITULATION.

	1897.	1898.
Membership	879	713
New Stockholders	94	76
Resignations	112	12
Dropped for non-payment of dues	141	224
Deceased	6	6
Expelled	7	0
Loss	170	166

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM N. HOWE,
Secretary.

The Vice-President: Report of the Treasurer.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's report, which was as follows:

Report of the Treasurer.

To the President and Directors of the American Philatelic Association:

I herewith submit my report as Treasurer for the current year, August 1, 1897, to July 31, 1898.

GENERAL FUND—Receipts.

1897—Cash from former Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	\$335.67
September, Dues Collected	-	-	-	-	-	79.50
October	"	"	-	-	-	471.60
November	"	"	-	-	-	143.40
December	"	"	-	-	-	42.40
1898—January	"	"	-	-	-	26.40
February	"	"	-	-	-	15.60
March	"	"	-	-	-	25.20
April	"	"	-	-	-	30.10
May	"	"	-	-	-	7.20
June	"	"	-	-	-	1.50
July	"	"	-	-	-	3.10
From J. W. Scott Returned (Defense Fund)	-	-	-	-	-	54.68
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	\$1236.35

Expenditures.

1897.						
September,	Clifford W. Kissinger, Postage and Expressage	-	-	-	-	\$ 1.29
October,	Joe F. Beard, Secretary, Expense Account to Boston	-	-	-	-	97.25
	Joe F. Beard, Secretary, Expense Account July and Sept. inc.	-	-	-	-	6.88
	H. G. Smith, Treasurer, Stamped Envs. and Foreign Postage (Notices)	-	-	-	-	15.30
	Frank H. Burt, Report 12th Annual Convention, etc.	-	-	-	-	77.25
	Jones & Kroeger, Notification and Receipt Cards	-	-	-	-	9.25
	Jno. W. Scott, Defense Fund	-	-	-	-	100.00
	H. G. Smith, Treasurer, 1000 Stamped Envelopes	-	-	-	-	21.60
November,	Jno. Luther Kilbon, Expenses Board of Vice-Presidents	-	-	-	-	18.12
	Journal Printing Co., Printing	-	-	-	-	27.15
	Joe F. Beard, Secretary, Expense to October 27th inclusive	-	-	-	-	26.99
	F. A. A. Robertson, Agent Bond for Treasurer	-	-	-	-	20.00
	W. W. Jewett, Postage Foreign Papers September and October	-	-	-	-	8.19
	Compton & Sons Litho. & Print Co., 2000 Certificates bound	-	-	-	-	65.00
December,	Journal Printing Co., 1200 Copies Year Book	-	-	-	-	162.50
	W. W. Jewett, 600 Subscriptions at 25 cents per year	-	-	-	-	150.00
	Geo. W. Achard, Expense Incorporation Papers, etc.	-	-	-	-	12.50
	Jones & Kroeger, 500 Letter Heads, Treasurer	-	-	-	-	2.00
1898.						
January,	Joe F. Beard, Secretary, Expense Acct. November and December	-	-	-	-	40.77
	C. W. Bowen, Chairman, Expressage, Postage, etc.	-	-	-	-	4.92
February,	W. W. Jewett, Postage Foreign Papers Nov., Dec. and Jan.	-	-	-	-	10.85
March,	H. G. Smith, Treasurer, Stamped Envelopes and Expressage	-	-	-	-	11.40
	H. G. Smith, Treasurer, Incorporation Dues West Virginia	-	-	-	-	10.00
June,	Joe F. Beard, Secretary, Expense Jan., Feb. and to March 19	-	-	-	-	38.66
	W. W. Jewett, Foreign Postage, February, March and April	-	-	-	-	6.44
July,	E. Doebelin, Subscription <i>Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt</i>	-	-	-	-	5.50
	Joe F. Beard, Secretary, Expense Balance, March, April and May	-	-	-	-	18.14
	Wm. N. Howe	-	-	-	-	25.44
	*Cash on hand July 31, 1898	-	-	-	-	\$993.39
		-	-	-	-	242.96
Total	-	-	-	-	-	\$1236.35

*Interest Account and Insurance Fund transferred to General Fund.

Stock Fund.

Amount at credit July 31, 1897	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$1439.00
Received during year	-	-	-	-	-	-	75.00
							<hr/> \$1514.00

Entertainment Fund.

Amount at credit last report	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$125.89
Respectfully submitted,							

H. G. SMITH,
Treasurer.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I would suggest that Mr. Doebelin be appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of this meeting. I think that a man who has brought up a family of thirty-four ought to handle a meeting like this first-rate. (Laughter.)

Mr. Doebelin: Don't be talking about me, Mr. Batchelder.

The Vice-President: Under the rules this report will go to the Committee on Finance, of which Mr. Richardson is Chairman.

Report of the International Secretary, Mr. Doebelin.

The Secretary produced the report called for and offered it to Mr. Doebelin.

Mr. Doebelin: Will you please read it, Mr. Secretary? I am a little hoarse.

The Secretary declined to read the report and handed it to Mr. Doebelin.

Mr. Doebelin: Here, Mr. Krauth, you wrote it; you will have to read it. (Laughter.)

Mr. Krauth: (Taking the report from Mr. Doebelin.) Gentlemen, it seems that coming events have cast their shadows before.

Mr. Stone: A pretty good-sized shadow, too.

Mr. Krauth: In behalf of Mr. Doebelin I make this report. (Reading report, as follows):

Report of International Secretary.

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 17, 1898.

To the President and Members, American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: The By-Laws of our Association, which require an annual report from each officer, whether he has anything to report or not, constitute my only excuse for this offense, which is not even my first. On looking over the report of the twelfth annual convention I notice that the word "Laughter" is frequently interjected after my remarks, from which I infer that my remarks were supposed to be witty. I will endeavor, therefore, to give to this report the quality which is said to be the soul of wit: brevity.

The Association during the past year has not acquired any new members in foreign countries. I have sent out a few application blanks, but without apparent result. The great fall in prices of stamps, the war and rumors of war, have made collecting less active, and have given rise to an ultra conservatism in matters of expenditure. The increased dues, which are high as compared with the dues of some excellent foreign societies which offer as many inducements to members as our Association, have no doubt operated against an increase in foreign membership.

The Federation of German Societies seems to be an accomplished fact, and will be of great service to collectors. The *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* is still doing good work, and the Association should continue to give it hearty support.

For the first time in the life of the Association, mail communication with a foreign country has been interdicted by our Government, and we now have interesting instances of United States stamps with foreign cancellations from Cuba and Puerto Rico to add to the ones from the Chinese Treaty Ports. The breaking out of war so soon after the issue of the new colonial series by Spain has had a tendency to induce speculation in them and to run up the prices far beyond real values. I should be inclined to think that the cessation of hostilities will bring about a more abundant supply and lower prices for these stamps. There has been no great novelty in foreign philatelic literature during the year, although a number of tastefully illustrated books have appeared, which tend to show how wide-spread is the pursuit of stamp collecting. The partial adoption of Imperial Penny Postage by England and some of her colonies will have an effect in reducing cost of stamp exchanges.

In conclusion, permit me to thank the gentlemen of this Association for the confidence reposed in me and the honor done to me in again making me your International

Secretary. All of the little that I have been able to do has been done with the earnest desire of spreading the influence of the Association to foreign countries and building it up at home; for what I have left undone I crave your indulgence, for what I have been able to do for the Association I have been more than rewarded, for what the Association has done for me I thank you deeply and sincerely in the hope that it may grow and prosper and extend its influence over the whole world, just as the spirit of our national institutions is spreading its blessed influence in the dark places of the world.

Yours respectfully,

E. DOEBLIN,

International Secretary.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the International Secretary. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Scott: I move it be accepted.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Jewett, and, being put to vote, was declared carried.

The Vice-President called for the report of the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department.

The Secretary: I will say that I have received this report this morning, Mr. President. (Reading report, as follows):

Report of the Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Departments.

NEW YORK, August 20th, 1898.

MR. PRESIDENT: I have the honor to submit the following report to your Association. When I assumed the duties of Superintendent on September 1st last, I found my department in an unsettled and disrupted condition. It was not until about January 1st that I was able to accumulate enough material to place numerous circuits all over the country, in a satisfactory condition. I have kept those circuits that have been prompt in their returns well supplied with books. Some that have been greatly negligent in their returns, have not fared as well.

Upon taking charge of this Department my predecessor only supplied me with the Blank Books, Stationery, etc., necessary to conduct its business. I received no records of its previous business except numerous lists of circuits that had been previously used by him, many of which I found to be worthless, and contained names that no longer belonged to the Association. This necessitated my forming an entire new list of circuits, which was only accomplished after much hard work. I have endeavored to localize these circuits whenever possible, thus saving members much postage and other expenses.

The total number of books received since I entered office and up to August 20th was 1600, gross value of which was \$57,000.30. I have retired from these figures 476 books of which the gross value was \$18,909. During this my first year, I have sent out 389 circuits and have received back 344 circuits, from which has been sold the gross sum of \$6,404.02.

Upon investigation I find that while a very large number of stamps have been purchased by the members they have been of the medium grade, ranging from 10c to \$5.00. This has shown that the financial condition of the members was not conducive to the purchase of high priced stamps.

My weekly report to the Official Organ has placed before the Association the conditions and wants of this Department.

I have organized the system of paying out to members the money received from the sale of their stamps as fast as it comes in. To most of the owners of books I have sent checks on account who have had credits of \$10.00 or more.

I have no losses of circuits to report. There has been a loss of \$20.20 from books which I have not been able to trace or charge to members, and I lay this loss to the very poor hinging done by a few of the members, evidently they have been lost in handling of the books. Some members are in arrears but I consider them good.

The Insurance Fund will show on the retiring of all books received up to date \$570.00 less \$189.46 which your Board directed me to pay to balance a loss made during the last term of my predecessor.

I find that I am unable to continue the Purchasing Department. At the highest only 12 members have participated in it, supplying a capital of \$415.00, a sum entirely inadequate to carry it on. Most of this money has been refunded and I propose to discontinue the Department. In this connection I recommend the following changes: I find the duties of the Superintendent of Sales Department are arduous enough, and occupy so much of his time, that he cannot properly attend to the duties of the Purchasing Department and bring it to its proper condition and so continue it. I therefore

recommend that the two Departments be separated and that two Superintendents be appointed, one for the management of the Sales and another for the Purchasing Department.

I think that the latter Department under a proper Superintendent devoting time and energy to it and who can induce not less than 75 members to join, can be made of much service to members and of enough profit to compensate him for his services, but I am positive that both Departments cannot be run jointly, with satisfaction to the members. The Purchasing Department has not been a success under the management of any of my predecessors from its start.

The following is the summary of the business of the Sales Department for the year ending August 20th, 1898.

Total number of books received 1600, valued at	-	-	-	\$57,000.30
Total number of books retired 476, valued at	-	-	-	18,909.83
Leaving in circulation and on hand 1124, valued at	-	-	-	38,090.47
Sales from retired books	-	-	-	3,199.64
Total number of circuits sent out	-	-	-	389
“ “ “ “ returned	-	-	-	344
From which there has been sold	-	-	-	\$6,404.02
Blank Books sold to the value of	-	-	-	202.90
Control stamps sold to the value of	-	-	-	36.50

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. TUTTLE.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you hear the report. What action will you take on it?

Mr. Jewett: I move it be received and referred.

The Vice-President: I believe under the rules that will pass to the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department, Mr. Scott, Chairman.

The next report is the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents. Mr. Deats, will you take the chair while I read that?

Mr. Deats: Put Scott in.

Mr. Scott was thereupon called to the chair.

The Chairman: Please give your attention while the Vice-President reads the report.

The Vice-President read the following report:

Report of Board of Vice-Presidents.

BOSTON, MASS., August 18, 1898.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

Your Vice-Presidents have the honor to present the following report of the matters which have come before them this year.

We have held twelve meetings since the last convention, besides various informal consultations and letters. Two of the meetings have been held with one member unavoidably absent, but in all cases every vote passed by the Board has had the full approval of all the members.

For the last five months the Board has greatly missed the active interest and help of Secretary Joe F. Beard, whose much regretted death has deprived the Association of one of the best officers it has ever had. His successor has fully and faithfully met all the duties of his office, but Mr. Beard's long familiarity with the affairs of the Association made it possible for him to furnish information and make helpful suggestions to an extent which no one else could be expected to equal.

When the work of the present year opened, the Board found among its unfinished cases that of Emil A. Stigeler, of Denver, Col., who had been arrested at the instance of Sales Superintendent Mekeel, under charge of larceny of a number of books belonging to the Department. The Board was led to believe that, without compromising the case or compounding a felony, a course might be followed by which a part or even the whole of the stolen property could be recovered. We esteemed it our duty to gain this advantage if possible, and instructed Mr. Carstarphen, the lawyer who had been retained by Mr. Mekeel when the complaint was first made against Stigeler, that our desire was to recover the property or its value, if possible. In the same letter he was informed that the case was entirely in his hands, and that he was at liberty to follow any course in conducting it which seemed to him advantageous. Stigeler having addressed us a letter in which he promised to do all in his power to make restitution, we replied to him

that our chief aim was to protect the Association from loss, and referred him to our lawyer. Mr. Carstarphen was pleased to inform us that by our letter to Stigeler, we were guilty of compounding a felony, and so presented the matter to his friends that a bitter attack was made upon the Board in several philatelic papers. The courts having decided that the proceedings against Stigeler should be by civil rather than criminal process, it was proposed to bring civil suit against him, though with little hope that any judgment which might be made could be collected. At this point, however, Stigeler's flight from Denver put an end to the matter.

The last convention ordered that the Association be incorporated under its old name in the State of Minnesota, and that the regular payment of ten dollars as a tax to the State of West Virginia be also made. It was also directed that the Association should govern itself according to the laws of Minnesota as soon as the incorporation there should be completed. After some delay on the part of our agents in Minnesota, the articles which had previously been filed there were amended by changing the name American Philatelic Society to American Philatelic Association. New stock certificates were then issued, bearing a new seal. The report of this Board under date of April 27, 1898, published in our Official Organ, gives the reasons why this course was adopted, and sets forth the grounds on which it is held that the new certificates are sufficient for the purposes of the Association and the protection of its members. The same report gave a history up to that time of the demand of the authorities of West Virginia for payment of a tax of \$50 per year from the date of incorporation, instead of the \$10 per year which had been paid and had again been offered this year and refused. To that report it only needs to be added that the authorities of the State finally decided that the Association is a literary organization and not a money-making corporation, and reversed their decision, accepting the payment of ten dollars.

Two rather perplexing and complicated cases have been before us for the greater part of the year, but both are now finally settled. The first of these cases is that of E. T. Parker, who was suspended by this Board on March 24, and who was re-instated August 9. The complainant in the case was Mr. S. M. Wood, of Ponta Delgada, Azores, who set forth that he had at Mr. Parker's request, sent him a considerable lot of the St. Anthony stamps of the Azores, for which he was to receive certain stamps in exchange. He had repeatedly written Mr. Parker, who gave him no response, and who declared that he had forgotten that such a lot of stamps ever came to him. It appeared to be his disposition to dally with the claim, and, after several warnings, the Board pronounced the sentence of suspension of which we have already spoken. Meanwhile there came a complaint from Messrs. Buhl & Co., of London, that they had a charge against Mr. Parker which it was impossible for them to collect. When the period of three months was at an end, during which Mr. Parker's suspension was first decreed, neither of these parties had acknowledged satisfaction, and it remained for us only to continue the suspension until such acknowledgment was received. Such acknowledgment has now been made by Mr. Wood, while the Buhl matter has been presented in such form as to show that the Board would not be justified in continuing Mr. Parker's suspension on that ground alone. Consequently, the Board, on August 9, re-instated Mr. Parker.

A still more complicated case arose in connection with certain dealings of our late Superintendent of the Sales and Purchasing Department, Mr. G. D. Mekeel. The same Mr. Wood who had made complaint against Mr. Parker, set forth also that Mr. Mekeel had received from him a lot of stamps of a value somewhat more than \$40, which were shipped by Mr. Wood in response to a circular from the Department offering certain inducements to foreign correspondents. In acknowledgment of the stamps thus sent, Mr. Wood received a promissory note of the C. H. Mekeel Stamp & Publishing Co., which he was asked to indorse without recourse and to return to St. Louis. This he refused to do, writing to Mr. Mekeel that the stamps were purchased for the account of the Association and not of the firm, and that he expected the Association to pay for them. No further progress being made toward a settlement, and Mr. Mekeel insisting on treating the matter as a liability of the insolvent corporation, this Board demanded that he assume the liability personally and settle it. He acknowledged the receipt of our demand, but nothing further was heard from him for some weeks. He was again warned early in June that he must settle the matter at once, and, having heard nothing from him, on June 23 the Board passed certain votes regarding the matter, one of which expelled Mr. Mekeel from membership. As soon as Mr. Mekeel received notice of these votes, he telegraphed us that the claims had been settled by C. H. Mekeel, following the telegram with a letter explaining that he had delayed reporting to us because he knew that the claim was in process of settlement and he had expected to hear by every mail that it was finished. The votes of the Board were therefore rescinded.

Meanwhile, another case, precisely similar to all appearances, had arisen from the claim of Mr. E. Georgieff, of Sophia, Bulgaria, who had shipped about fifty dollars' worth of Bulgarian stamps to Mr. Mekeel, understanding that they were for the depart-

ment. This case was also settled by Mr. C. H. Mekeel, who sent Mr. Georgieff 200 sets of Mexican stamps of the issues of 1892 and 1894. But Mr. Georgieff was not satisfied with this settlement, and, apparently hoping that he could obtain the cash from us in accordance with our original vote, wrote us a new statement, setting forth that the settlement was not satisfactory. Upon receipt of this letter we demanded of Mr. Mekeel that he settle the claim in cash. In response to this demand he furnished us full and satisfactory proof that Mr. Georgieff had first indorsed the note of the Mekeel Co., thus accepting them as his debtor, and then had written to Mr. C. H. Mekeel stating that the count of stamps sent him in settlement was short in one particular, thus showing that he had at that time at least accepted these stamps as the best settlement which could be obtained. We have therefore regarded the matter as beyond our jurisdiction and have notified Mr. Mekeel and Mr. Georgieff to that effect.

The Sales Department during the past year has appeared to be efficiently conducted. Mr. Tuttle could hardly hope to escape adverse criticism altogether, but such complaints as have reached us have been of a sort susceptible of easy and creditable explanation. The requirements of the By-Laws as to full reports to the Board have been complied with, and full balance sheets are in our possession. We have been fortunate this year in escaping complaints of substitution on sales books. The attempt was made early in the year to trace the parties guilty of substitutions in previous periods, but we were unable to make any satisfactory progress.

In closing we would ask the privilege of again reminding the members of the Association that the Board of Vice-Presidents are not the Collecting Agent of the Association. It is the fixed rule of the Board to take no cognizance of any claims from members resident in this country against other members, until the same have been referred to the Collecting Agent without success. We congratulate the Association upon the result of our year's work, and rejoice that we can turn over to our successors a docket clear of any matters of importance, the only important case now pending being the matter of the circuits lost in the hands of John K. Tiffany and E. H. Remington, which has been referred to the Collecting Agent, who now has the papers in his possession.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. VAN DERLIP,
JOHN LUTHER KILBON,
GEO. L. TOPPAN.

On motion of Mr. Holland, duly seconded, the report was accepted, after which the Vice-President resumed the chair.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, not more than one-third of the members present have signed this register. There are two persons present who are not members and who have also signed it.

Mr. Scott: I move that the roll-call be read and those who have signed be checked off, and the others be requested to sign immediately.

The Vice-President: As I understand it, Mr. Scott, you mean by the roll-call, that book?

Mr. Scott: Yes, I mean that book; not the regular roll-call.

The Vice-President: Is there any second to that motion?

There was no response.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, we will take a recess for about ten minutes, and I request every member present who has not already done so to step forward and sign the roll.

A recess was thereupon taken.

The Convention was again called to order at 11.40 A. M.

The Vice-President: I would request that the Secretary read the roll as it is signed now, and if any member has not already signed, he will please come forward and sign it without any further delay.

The list of members present was read by the Secretary.

The Secretary: If there is any member who has not signed, will he kindly do so?

Mr. Scott: Somebody remarked that there were two parties who had signed who were not members. Do you know who they are?

The Secretary: Yes, I noticed them as I ran the list through.

Mr. Scott: They had better be chalked off.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, I will now call for the report of the Librarian, Mr. Deats. Please be as quiet as you can, gentlemen, and let the stamp bartering go until the business is over.

Mr. Deats read the following report, which was referred to the Committee on the Library:

Librarian's Report.

To the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I regret to report that during the past year there has been practically no use made of the Library. I have recorded only eight donations during the year. It has been found impossible to complete the transfer of the Library to Pittsburg on account of the absence of Mr. Anderson, the Librarian of the Carnegie Library, but it is expected that it will be transferred before the end of the present year.

We are now anxious to obtain as many bound volumes as possible, in order that we may make a good start in our new quarters and those who have bound volumes of philatelic or other literature to give to the Library, should send them in before the first of October.

There are on hand complete volumes and files of journals that should be bound before the Library is established in Pittsburg, and at least one hundred dollars should be appropriated for this purpose, to be used as called for by the Librarian.

H. E. DEATS,

Librarian.

August 23, 1898.

H. E. DEATS, Librarian,

In account with the AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

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Aug. 24, 1896—Back Nos. <i>American Philatelist</i> sold	-	-	-	\$2.75
Nov. 18, 1897— “ “ “ “ Worcester Public Library	-	-	-	3.50
Apr. 26, 1898—2 filing boxes sold	-	-	-	0.24

\$6.49

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Nov. 12, 1896—2 filing boxes	-	-	-	\$0.24
Feb. 6, 1897—Freight on papers from Chandler, Treasurer	-	-	-	4.45
Sept. 15, 1897—Express on Cft. collection to C. P. Krauth	-	-	-	0.50
Feb. 23, 1898—50 shelf boxes	-	-	-	6.00
Mar. 18, 1898—Express on old Treasurers' records from Chandler	-	-	-	1.00
Apr. 23, 1898—Binding file, 5 Vols. <i>American Philatelist</i>	-	-	-	6.25
June 28, 1898—Express on papers from Linden, Md.	-	-	-	0.70

\$19.14

Balance due Librarian	-	-	-	-	\$12.65
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The Vice-President: I will now call for the report of the Committee on the Permanent Location of the Library. Mr. Deats.

Mr. Deats read the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Library:

Report of Committee on Permanent Location of Library.

PITTSBURGH, PA., August 15th, 1898.

To the President and Members American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on the Permanent Location of the Library beg to report the progress made since the Twelfth Convention accepted our report and suggestions. We have carried out nearly to a close all of the suggestions contained in our last report. In May, 1898, an agreement was drawn up covering the following points:

The American Philatelic Association agrees to donate in trust, in perpetuity, to Carnegie Institute, of Pittsburgh, all books, publications and periodicals now constituting the library of the American Philatelic Association.

To turn over, on the same terms, all future books, publications and periodicals of which it becomes possessed.

To donate to the Library two copies of each official publication of the Association.

To elect to membership in the Association such Librarian or Assistant Librarian

as may be designated by the Carnegie Institute and to remit for such Librarian or Assistant Librarian the customary fees and dues of the Association.

To maintain a committee of members of the Association in Pittsburgh who shall receive and forward books requested by non-resident members of the Association, and shall return the same to the Library, complying with its reasonable and usual regulations.

The Association agrees to be responsible to the Institute for the value of books so withdrawn by the committee, and for all charges for forwarding and returning them.

The Carnegie Institute agrees to receive the library of the American Philatelic Association on the above named conditions, to properly index, house and care for the library thus given; to add to it, from time to time, as its means allow, in such just proportion as the importance of the subject bears to the total additions made to the Library of the Institute.

To permit members of the American Philatelic Association to have access to the books at all proper times, under the regulations of the Library.

To allow the standing committee of the Association to withdraw books from the Library for the use of non-resident members, under proper regulations.

To recognize the name of the American Philatelic Association, in connection with this department of the Library, in its official records.

This agreement was duly signed, in duplicate, by the officers of the Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Library and by the President and Secretary of the Association. The sad death of Mr. Beard delayed signature somewhat, but the formal exchange of the signed agreements was effected June 11th, 1898. A meeting of the Committee was held at Flemington July 1st, 1898, at which Mr. Deats and Mr. Krauth were present, and it was decided to dispose of a lot of duplicate material and devote the proceeds to completing and binding some of the papers before turning them over to the Carnegie Library. The deep personal interest taken by Mr. E. H. Anderson, the Librarian of Carnegie Library, has made it seem advisable to the Committee not to effect the actual transfer of the books to Pittsburgh until Mr. Anderson's return from Europe in October, at which time the Committee hopes to be able to meet Mr. Anderson in Pittsburgh and to discuss and settle the questions of detail which will naturally arise. The Societies in Pittsburgh still maintain their Joint Committee on Library and the Chairman of that Committee is also a member of our Committee, so that complete harmony of action has obtained. The Twin City Philatelic Society of Pittsburgh has turned over its library to the Carnegie Library where it will be incorporated with the Association Library.

Your Committee would urge upon all the members of the Association to contribute as fully as possible to the Library of their surplus of philatelic literature. The Counterfeit Album has been placed in charge of Mr. Krauth by Mr. Anderson as Special Assistant, and all contributions of counterfeit stamps will be gladly received by Mr. Krauth for the Album. The acceptance of this report in conjunction with our report of last year will require the Association to elect E. H. Anderson, of Pittsburgh, Pa., a member of this Association, to instruct the Secretary and Treasurer to issue a certificate of stock to Mr. Anderson and to disburse the cost of subscription and annual dues from the Treasury, to authorize the President and Secretary to enter into an agreement with the permanent Joint Committee of the Pittsburgh Branch No. 5, American Philatelic Association, the Twin City Philatelic Society, and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club, to carry out the 5th suggestion of our report to the 12th Convention, which reads:

"5th. That the Association shall guarantee to this Joint Committee any expense for lost books or papers, fines for undue detentions and express or postage charges which the Committee may not be able to collect from the member in whose behalf the expense was incurred."

We are happy to say that the legal expenses, which we thought might be necessary, were not incurred. We recommend that this Committee, or another, be continued in charge of this subject for another year.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS, Chairman,
C. P. KRAUTH,
C. E. SEVERN.

The Vice-President: The only other report that I am aware of is the report of the committee appointed at the last convention of the Association on Sales and Purchasing Department. That report, with your consent, will lie over until a later session; the committee are not ready to report at present.

Mr. Scott: The report of the Counterfeit Detector is ready.

The Vice-President: I beg pardon; Mr. Scott has the report of the Counterfeit Detector. We will listen to that.

Mr. Scott, Counterfeit Detector, read the following report, which, on motion of Mr. Holland, was accepted.

Report of Counterfeit Detector.

Counterfeit Detector J. W. Scott respectfully reports that the work of his department has entirely changed during the past year. Seventy per cent. of the stamps submitted are sent to be identified with some particular number in a stamp catalogue, the remaining stamps being mostly very common counterfeits or else grills or surcharges, very few fine imitations having been sent in for examination.

Number of stamps received	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1143
These were divided as follows :									
Sent to determine catalogue number	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	792
Imitation grills	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
Number of counterfeits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	229
Reprints	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59
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Communications.

The Vice-President: I will now call for communications. I believe the Secretary has some few that it will be necessary to refer to committees.

The Secretary read the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on By-Laws :

DENVER, COLORADO, August 20, 1898.

Secretary A. P. A., New York City.

DEAR SIR: Last spring I called Mr. Beard's attention to a discrepancy in certain laws of the Association, and he in turn referred my letter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who reported back that the same could only be acted on in annual convention, so I take this opportunity of again bringing the matter before the Board and convention assembled.

Section 1 of Article VIII. reads: "This Association cannot and does not guarantee any member from loss sustained in the usual and customary manner, IN EXCHANGE OF STAMPS among members through the department 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 in the Association for the amount of the loss, neither does the Association guarantee its members against such losses as are commonly incident to the business of buying, selling and exchanging stamps. Any loss accruing to members from unavoidable accidents or the dishonesty of a fellow member, 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."

Then in Article VIII., Section 4, we read: "From this fund (the insurance fund) ALL LOSSES shall be paid of WHATEVER NATURE, except those arising from substitution."

The first ten lines of Section 1 seem to me to apply to a department of the society that I have never been aware of before—a department for the *exchange* of stamps.

Then further in the same section is a sentence which says: "Neither does the Association guarantee its members against such losses as are commonly incident to the business of buying, selling and exchanging stamps." Does this mean that if such losses occur the Association does not replace the value of the stamps lost from the insurance fund?

Then in the latter part of Section 1, it seems that losses of stamps occasioned from unavoidable accidents and dishonesty of members do not constitute a claim against the Association. *Section 4 tells us particularly that our stamps are insured from all losses except substitution.*

Trusting the above is clearly set forth and understood, and that it will receive the attention of the convention, I am,

Yours truly,

JOSEPH S. DAVIS.

The Vice-President: Mr. Stone, I have to apologize to you for forgetting your report as Superintendent of Literary Exchange.

Mr. Stone read the following report :

Report of Superintendent of Literary Exchange.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., August 22, 1898.

Members of the American Philatelic Association :

In submitting herewith my report as Superintendent of Literary Exchange for the year just closing I desire to extend my thanks to those few who have tried to make its operations a success. Less than half a dozen lists were sent in from those who desired to dispose of their papers and all answers were sent to the respective parties advertising. But unless much more interest is manifested in the Department I should strongly advocate its abolition or transfer its duties to the Librarian in place of appointing an officer whose position is so largely a sinecure. I would most respectfully ask that the Committee on the By-Laws take this matter into their careful consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. STONE.

The Vice President : If there is no objection that report will be referred to the Committee on By-Laws to consider Mr. Stone's proposition.

Are there any other communications, Mr. Secretary?

Communications.

The Secretary read the following telegram :

BOSTON, MASS., August 23, 1898.

Secretary American Philatelic Association, Collectors Club, New York :

Unavoidably delayed; with you in the morning.

E. R. ALDRICH.

The Vice-President : Mr. Krauth, I believe, has a communication

Mr. Krauth : Gentlemen, I have a letter here which our presiding officer thinks had better be read. It is from Mr. Talbot, a member of the Long Island Philatelic Society of Brooklyn, in reference to the recent action taken by the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. It is a matter which is of general interest to philately, although not of special interest to the American Philatelic Association.

Mr. Krauth read the following letter :

NEW YORK, August 16, 1898.

Mr. C. P. Krauth, Pittsburgh :

DEAR SIR: You will no doubt remember the writer, to whom you spoke on the subject of stamps when in New York recently. Since your visit the society to which I belong has made overtures to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences to the effect that the Institute admit them in a body, and establish a department for the study and growth of Philately. You of course know the position the Institute holds, both in this country and in Europe, as regards the advancement of everything pertaining to the arts and sciences, and I am now pleased to say that the Institute, at a meeting of the Board of Trustees, has accepted us in a body, and has granted that we form a section, to be known as the "Section of Philately." This being an accomplished fact, commencing on the 1st of October next, we have decided to merge our organization, the Long Island Philatelic Society, with the Brooklyn Institute for the purpose of further study of our pursuit and, as we think, for the great good of philately the world over. I might add that such leading lights as Andreini, Rich, Capen and Bogert have spoken with enthusiasm as to the step and have given their support by joining us in the Section.

It has occurred to me that at the coming meeting of the American Philatelic Association it would be a good time to bring the subject to the attention of other well-known philatelists and ask for their support. By this latter word I do not mean new members, although we would welcome any such. but in an institution of this kind we feel it our duty to make our entrance a great success, and this will come from the interesting papers, lectures, exhibitions, etc. Our former President, Dr. Hyatt, will give the first lecture in October next, and in November I believe Crawford Capen will speak. . . .

I know you will pardon this long letter when you feel, as I do, that it is written in the cause of philately, and trusting that I may have the pleasure of hearing from you, believe me,

Yours very truly,

H. A. TALBOT.

Accompanying the above letter was a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the Long Island Philatelic Society relative to the merging of its organization with the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences, including a letter from Prof. Franklin W. Hooper, Director of the Institute, setting out the terms on which the Institute would admit the Society as a Section, and the resolution of the Society agreeing to the same. The terms of consolidation were substantially as follows: That the members of the Long Island Philatelic Society who should become members of the Institute prior to October 1, 1898, should be privileged to form a Section on Philately, which should ultimately become part of a Department of History to be organized in the Institute, or of such other department as might be agreed upon; such Section to have power to frame its own by-laws, not inconsistent with the charter, constitution and by-laws of the Institute, to elect its own officers and to plan its own work, such plan to be subject to approval of the officers of the Institute; all members joining the Institute to pay the annual dues of five dollars on or before October 1, 1898, but to be exempt from the initiation fee of five dollars; that the Institute agrees to the best of its ability to encourage the work of the Section; and further, that should any number of members of the Long Island Philatelic Society decline to join the Institute and undertake to continue the existence of the Society, the Institute would be unwilling to establish the Section proposed, "for the reason that it is the judgment of the Institute that two organizations in the Borough of Brooklyn interested in promoting philately would be unfortunate and lead to a division of interest where there should be union and co-operation."

Mr. Krauth: There is probably no action that we can take on this, unless the members wish to express their sympathy with the Brooklyn Society in this movement, which, to my mind, undoubtedly will tend to raise the status of philately throughout the country, to have it recognized as a department of the Brooklyn Institute, which is well known in other branches of science, if we may call philately a science, and probably the chair would rule that such a resolution would be in order—a resolution of sympathy.

Mr. Alvah Davison: I move, Mr. President, that the Secretary acknowledge this communication as read by Mr. Krauth, and offer the congratulations of the members of the American Philatelic Association on the distinct advantage of having the Long Island Philatelic Society incorporated as a Section of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

The motion, having been duly seconded, was put to vote and declared carried unanimously.

Report of Committee on Standing Rules.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, the Committee on Standing Rules for the government of this convention are ready to report. We would at this time recommend the adoption of the standing rules governing the last convention. We would suggest that if any one has any suggestions of new standing rules, they would submit them to this committee, and we may have a report later to make.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Batchelder's proposition. If any of you have any recommendations I certainly hope you will give him the benefit thereof.

Official Journal.

The Vice-President: Are there any propositions for official journal? If so, they should go to the chairman of the committee thereon as soon as possible.

Mr. Scott: I have a proposition to make in that regard and shall be pleased to send it to the committee.

The Vice-President: I have no doubt they will be pleased to receive it,—the sooner the better.

Mr. Scott: I will write it out and send it in, Mr. President.

Adjournment.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, I think we have reached such a stage that we can take an adjournment till afternoon to give these committees a chance.

Mr. Gregory: I move we adjourn to half-past two. Or do you want it earlier? (Conferring with Mr. Davison.) I move we adjourn till two o'clock.

The Vice-President: Is that motion seconded?

The motion was seconded and, being put to vote, was declared carried.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the carriage ride will start from here at two o'clock. All those that wish to avail themselves of it should be here promptly.

The Convention thereupon, at 12.13 P. M., was declared adjourned till two o'clock.

SECOND SESSION.—Tuesday Afternoon, August 23.

The convention met at the rooms of the Collectors Club at 2.05 P. M., Vice-President Toppan in the chair.

The Vice-President: Is there any unfinished business? Has any one any new business to present? Are any of the committees ready to report this afternoon?

Mr. Jewett: If there is no committee ready to report, why not dispose of the question of place of the next convention?

The Vice-President: That should come up under new business.

Mr. Howe: I do not think we had better bring that up until to-morrow.

The Vice-President: Well, gentlemen, as there is no new business, no unfinished business, and none of the committees are ready to report, I think a motion to adjourn till to-morrow morning would be in order.

On motion, duly seconded, the convention adjourned to meet at the same place on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

THIRD SESSION.—Wednesday Morning, August 24.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention met at the Collectors Club, and was called to order by Vice-President Toppan at 10.22 A. M.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, please come to order. Has the Committee on Credentials any supplementary report? Gentlemen, if you are not interested yourselves the talking troubles those that are, so please keep quiet.

Mr. Deats, for the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

Second Report of Committee on Credentials.

The Credentials Committee report the following additional proxies passed on, August 24 (morning session):

W. F. Gregory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
H. E. Deats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
J. W. Scott	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
C. W. Kissinger	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
A. Holland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
J. A. Wainwright	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
W. C. Stone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
G. Ireland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

Previously reported	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
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Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	160
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H. E. DEATS, Chairman.

Mr. Deats: The members who are not named in this report hold the same number of proxies as read yesterday.

The Vice-President: Is the Committee on Standing Rules ready to report?

Mr. Batchelder: It reported yesterday.

The Vice-President: I understood that was just to report progress

Mr. Batchelder: Nothing has been submitted to us. We have no further report to make.

The Vice-President: I will call for the report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department; that is, the old committee that held over from the last convention Mr. Scott, I believe, has that report.

Mr. Scott read the following report:

Report of Special Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.

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

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee upon Sales and Purchasing Department beg to report that they organized immediately after the last convention and sent out a circular, a copy of which we annex hereto, to every member of the Association, to which several hundred replies were received, many of them presenting claims for various amounts due them by the Department. These were duly forwarded to Mr. G. D. Mekeel and a prompt settlement demanded. Mr. Mekeel, however, did not consider it worth his while to reply in any way to our various communications, and finally, in a personal letter to Mr. Toppan, intimated that, as he had received no official information of the appointment of any committee he should refuse to recognize it. Nevertheless, we found that settlements of various kinds were being made with the different claimants.

Claims of members in out-of-the-way corners of the world continued to come in until late in the spring, and thus we were compelled to delay our final report until this time. We were particularly impressed with the fact that all claims of prominent or near-by members were promptly settled, while correspondence was necessary to induce settlement in most of the other cases.

We are now, however, enabled to report that, with one exception, every case brought before us has been satisfactorily settled; the exception was the case of E. Georgieff, of Sophia, Bulgaria, which is fully treated of in the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
JOHN W. SCOTT.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, I suggest that some means be provided by which those in the back of the room may hear something. There is great confusion back here, and I have been adding to it myself.

The Vice-President: The chair would suggest that if the members in the back of the room would keep a little more quiet the members forward could hear something. (Applause.) Unless there is more quiet we might just as well adjourn; there is no use going on when there is such a noise that nothing can be heard. All those not interested in the proceedings should withdraw.

Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department appointed at the last convention; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I stood here and I could not hear the report very well, and I suggest that a reading clerk be appointed to read these communications who has sufficient volume of tone to be heard whether the members want to hear or not.

Mr. Jewett: I suggest Mr. Wainwright.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion that a reading clerk be appointed.

The question was put to vote and the motion was declared carried.

The Vice-President: The chair appoints Mr. Wainwright reading clerk.

Gentlemen, you will attend to the reading of the report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department. This is rather an important report, and one over which we had a great deal of work. It lay over from last year, and it was the hardest thing

we ever had anything to do with, and we want to wind it up and we want it understood so please to be attentive.

The report was re-read by Mr. Wainwright as Reading Clerk, and the members applauded at the conclusion.

Mr. Deats: That applause is for the Reading Clerk.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what action will you take upon it?

Mr. Rice: Mr. President, are we to understand by the report of the Committee that all the outstanding claims have been settled?

The Vice-President: So far as claims have been presented to the committee, every claim, with the one exception noted, has been settled; not only presented, but settled.

Mr. Rice: This claim, I understand from recent information that I have had, has been settled also. Is that correct?

The Vice-President: It was settled in a—well, a tricky fashion. It was transferred to the C. H. Mekeel Stamp and Publishing Company through ignorance of the law on the part of the claimant.

Mr. Rice: I have nothing to say. I simply asked for information; that is all.

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I had a little contested claim against Mr. G. D. Mekeel for services rendered to him—

The Vice-President: Mr. Wainwright, just a moment. There should be action taken on the report.

Mr. Howe: I move the report be adopted.

The motion, being seconded by Mr. Stone, was put to vote and declared carried.

The Vice-President: I will now call for the report of the Committee on Library. The following report was read by the Reading Clerk:

Report of Committee on Library.

NEW YORK, August 23, 1898.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

The Committee on the Library have carefully considered the reports referred to them and would recommend to the Association that the sum of one hundred dollars be appropriated for binding, to be expended at the discretion of the Librarian

Also that the report of the Committee on Permanent Location of the Library be accepted and adopted, and that the same committee be continued in power for another year.

The financial accounts of the Librarian seem to be correct, and we recommend that the balance due the Librarian (\$12.65) be paid him from the treasury

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. HOLLAND, Chairman,
WM. C. STONE,
ALBERT PERRIN.

On motion of Mr. Howe, duly seconded, it was voted that the report of the committee be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

The Vice-President: Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department?

Mr. Scott: The books of the Sales Superintendent are not here, and therefore we shall have to have a meeting in his office, and I shall be able to report to-morrow on the boat at the final session.

The Vice-President: Committee on Official Journal?

The following report was read by the Reading Clerk:

Report of Committee on Official Journal.

The official journal is a topic more largely discussed among the members than any other, save one.

In view of this fact, the views and conclusions of your committee have been considered and are here presented without personal prejudice.

We have received three propositions, as follows:

1. From Mr. W. W. Jewett, offering the *Era* on the same terms as were made for the year past.
2. From Mr. J. W. Scott, offering the *Metropolitan Philatelist* weekly at 25 cents per year and postage added where it is necessary to prepay postage with stamps.
3. From Mr. H. C. Beardsley, offering the *International Philatelist*, a monthly. Your committee at once decline the third offer, of a monthly.

As between the *Era* and the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, the latter is favored by your committee if the offer of Mr. Scott can be so modified that the cost to the Association shall not be greater than the terms named by Mr. Jewett.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. GREGORY, Chairman,
H. E. DEATS,
LEWIS ROBIE.

The Vice-President: You hear the report of the Committee on Official Journal. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Scott: I should like to say a few words on that matter. As it is suggested that I alter my terms, I will make them the same as Mr. Jewett's; that is to say, the difference, as I understand it, being that I pay the postage on the New York City members, which will be a cost of about \$50 or \$60 to me.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the report. That, of course, does not adopt the recommendations.

Mr. Deats: I move the report be received and considered.

The Vice-President: Is there any second to either of those motions?

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I move the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded

Mr. Rice: Mr. President, does the chair rule that the acceptance of that report does not carry with it the acceptance of the *Metropolitan* as the official organ?

The Vice-President: Decidedly. The report can be accepted and the recommendations considered afterwards in open convention.

Mr. Howe: I would like to amend that motion so that it shall read: That the report be accepted, the recommendations to be considered by the convention.

The motion to amend was seconded.

The Vice-President: Mr. Wainwright, do you accept the amendment?

Mr. Wainwright: I accept that.

The Vice-President: It has been moved and seconded that the report be accepted and the recommendations be considered apart in open convention. Are there any remarks?

There being no remarks, the question was put to vote and the motion was carried unanimously.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, it is the opinion of the chair that now will be as good a time as any to consider this question and dispose of it, as there is quite a large membership present. We want to get through with our business, this hot weather, as fast as we can.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, we have two offers before us; one of these from the gentleman who has been the publisher of the official organ the last year, and the other from a new candidate. The new candidate, as I understand it, offers to do as well as the old. He offers no new advantage, however, and it seems to me that there is no reason for a change. Both of these men are my friends, and I really cannot see any reason why there should be a change at all.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. There is no question before the house.

The Vice-President: The point is well taken.

Mr. Batchelder: I would move, Mr. President, then, that we adopt for the ensuing year the *Philatelic Era* as the official journal.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, I rise to a point of order. Only reports of committees are in order.

The Vice-President: Mr. Gregory, so far as the chair has any knowledge, the reports of committees are done with, so far as they are ready to report. The Committee on By-Laws have not been able to get together.

Mr. Gregory: Then other business naturally would be in order.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I see no reason for any change, and I hope there will not be any.

Mr. Batchelder's motion was seconded.

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I think it would be better if we proceeded to take a vote on the official journal, and I move that an informal vote be taken.

Voices: Formal!

Mr. Wainwright: Well, formal; one as well as the other.

Mr. Howe: Mr. President, if I may be permitted to make a motion—I do not think there is any motion before the house, is there?

The Vice-President: Mr. Batchelder's motion is before the house. Mr. Stenographer, will you please read it?

The stenographer read the motion, viz.: "That we adopt for the ensuing year the *Philatelic Era* as the official journal.

The Vice-President: That motion has been duly made and seconded; that is the question and the only question before the house. Are there any remarks?

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, in reply to Mr. Batchelder's remark that there is nothing in the *Metropolitan's* favor over the *Era*, I will say that there is one thing in favor of the *Metropolitan*, and that is, the matter of the shape of the paper, which, being as it is in library form, is much more convenient for binding and keeping than the *Era*. Outside of that, I have no objection to the *Era*.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I have had a little experience in the Secretary's work, and I found how inconvenient it was for the Secretary to be separated by quite a distance from the official organ. Reports are stale when they reach the members. It will be a great advantage, it seems to me, now that our Secretary is located right in the same city as the *Era*, to have that paper continued as the official journal another year. Furthermore, I think it belittles the society to keep shifting from this paper to that paper, keeping one paper a little while and then dropping it for another. It does not look as though the Association was on a stable basis; it looks as though it was run by whatever clique could get hold of it for the benefit of their particular friends. I have nothing against either of the claimants, but it does look to the outside public as if we were always squabbling and trying to get something for our own benefit. I agree with Mr. Davison that the *Metropolitan* has the best shape for binding, but there are comparatively few of us, I imagine, that collect philatelic literature for binding. I most sincerely hope that the *Era* will be continued another year at least.

Mr. Richardson: I hope Mr. Jewett will be heard from on this question.

Mr. Jewett: Mr. President, I can talk better from a pencil point than from the tongue. As to the size of the paper, I think the larger page is preferable for newspapers. It is not necessary, in that case, to cut up the report and give it on the instalment plan, scattering it through a dozen pages, and if anyone wishes to cut it out for scrap-book purposes he finds it all bunched on one page, which is simply impossible in a smaller page. If you put the list of officers on one page and the reports on another page it is very inconvenient, and I think it is better to have the matter all on one page. It is much more advantageous in making ready in an office to have a large page. For that purpose I should prefer a larger page still, but I think mine is very convenient as to size; for binding I prefer it to a larger size, and it is nearly as convenient as the smaller—there is not very much difference. I do not know as I can say much more; I am not accustomed to speaking, as I say.

Mr. Scott: I may say that I have not sought to have the *Metropolitan* made the official organ, except upon the request of a very large number of members of this Association. When the *Metropolitan* was started in weekly form we had not the faintest

idea of its ever becoming the organ of this society, but I have heard so many requests that I concluded it was my duty to enter the lists. I had flattered myself that at least ninety-five per cent. of the members would prefer the change, and it is for that reason we have made that offer. I was very much surprised to hear objection to it at all; in fact, I did not think there would be any objection except from the publisher of the *Era*, but as there is I should be pleased to have a vote. I have nothing to say on the subject; the members have all had the paper before them and they can judge which they like best. As to the matter of changing, I do not think that amounts to anything at all. The paper is engaged for one year, and that is all it is entitled to. You might just as well say that it is a reflection on the officers because they are not re-elected. They are elected for one year, and that is all they have a right to expect.

Mr. Nathan Cobe: Mr. President, I think the *Era* could be made in the same form as the *Metropolitan* if the convention so desired.

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I went into a store this morning; I wanted to get another shirt. They did not have the kind of a shirt I wanted. They said that the style that I wanted was not the style of New York City, and consequently I was not able to purchase a shirt. Now it is not the form of the paper that I want; it is the substance. I am happy to say I receive both papers with equal joy. I am very glad to get the *Metropolitan Philatelist* with the letter from the Father of Philately in it; I read that with a great deal of pleasure. I like to get the *Weekly Philatelic Era*; it gives me lots of news about stamps and stampmen. Now, in view of the fact that the offers are the same and there is no special advantage in changing, I have never seen the reason for a change. When I get an advantage from a change I make it; when I cannot, I don't. I have already subscribed for the *Metropolitan Philatelist* for a year, and I should have two copies sent me, probably, or my subscription extended so much beyond the time for which it is already paid at the expiration of the time when Brother Scott got through publishing the official journal of the society.

A Voice: He hasn't got it yet.

Mr. Wainwright: That is, supposing he gets it; so I would get no personal advantage that way. As it is now, I get the *Metropolitan Philatelist* and I get the *Philatelic Era*, and I file them both on the same hook. I am sorry I have not sufficient credit with my binder to get them bound as I want to have them, because I want them bound in the best style, to suit the quality of both papers. Now I am in favor of continuing the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, not because I do not like my brother on the right (Mr. Scott), but I have got so used to my brother on the left (Mr. Jewett) that I want to have him come right along, and I don't want to have to pay him. (Laughter.)

Dr. William H. Mitchell: On the subject of the official organ of the Association, I don't care a straw who gets it. I felt very sorry when the *American Philatelist* suspended. If the Association published its own paper it would be a great deal better and would obviate all such discussion as this. Probably every man in the room has his mind made up as to his vote. We have come here, many of us, from a great distance, and at great expense, and we want to hear something of interest that we can take home and think of during the year and apply to practical philately. The sooner we come to a vote the better. I do not think all the talk and argument will change a single vote. I would like to see the Association publish its own journal, and then we would never have this trouble come up between our friends, when we have to choose between two friends that we like equally. I would rather see the old *American Philatelist* revived. I do not like Brother Scott's form half so well as when he first took charge of the *Metropolitan*. My personal feelings are for the Association to publish its own paper, and I think that the sooner we can get to a vote so that we can attend to something else, the sooner we can begin to make some philatelic progress.

Mr. Gregory: Perhaps a word from the committee as to the reasons which induced their recommendation may be proper. I have met a great many of the members of the Association about New York and have heard their expressions in reference

to the official journal a great many times. From those out of town I have had very few expressions. Mr. Stone's reference to the convenience of having the Secretary and journal in the same town is a very strong argument; still, by mail, the Secretary and the *Metropolitan* are but twenty-four hours apart, while, when the *Era* was selected as the organ, the Secretary was some three days distant. Mr. Davison's reference to the size relates to a mere matter of convenience. A great many complaints have been made because of the tardiness or lack of punctuality in the appearance of the *Era*. Many complaints have come to me personally and have been expressed within my hearing of personal controversies which have been carried on in the columns of the *Era*, which space might very much better have been taken up by reprinted matter or almost anything which would have been of philatelic value. These are some of the expressions of feeling gathered by association with the members in New York which have led the committee to conclude in favor of the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, but without any personal prejudice whatever. We disclaimed that in our report, in order that there might not be any ground of personal feeling in the matter whatever.

Mr. Jewett: I should like to say a word, Mr. President, about tardiness. If I mistake not, there have been several instances in my own experience showing either that the *Metropolitan* is mailed irregularly, or that the post office department does the same with it as it does with the *Era*. Even if we get our paper into the mail on a certain day it is not always started from the post office on that day. Of course, possibly, that will account for the whole difficulty. In fact, it does not account for the whole of the difference in the case of the *Era*. As I look at the matter, twenty-four hours makes very little difference sometimes in the mailing of a paper in which there is no particular difference in the value of the matter in it in that twenty-four hours. My publication day coming on Saturday, if we are delayed at all by an over-rush of matter or ads coming in at a late moment, it has to lie over till Monday or we must work on the Sabbath, and I prefer to let it lie over till Monday. That makes quite a difference, and if it is delayed in the mail after that, it sometimes makes a great deal of irregularity in the receipt of the paper. But there has been very little trouble in that direction in starting the paper beyond Monday—Monday night at the latest, and very few issues of the year. My office has been considerably increased, and I have further improvements that will be made shortly, so that I think that most of that trouble will be done away with in the course of two or three months. I have an office crew large enough to handle the paper in twenty-four hours, the whole business, so that there will not be that objection. As I said in the first place, the post office department are to blame; they do not have the respect for a second-class publication, especially for us light-weight ones, that they do for other matter. We cannot depend on regularity. Mr. Scott, I think, will corroborate me in saying that his experience is something in the same line, from what I have heard him say. About these controversies: the *Era* is published as a collectors' paper, pure and simple. Any man who has any standing or has not been black-listed is free to express his views in its columns. No blue pencil is used. If the views do not jibe with mine, that is none of my business; I believe he has a right to express his own opinions, because I have not conceit enough to think that I am the great I Am and know the best about everything. I prefer to have every man express his own views if he will take interest enough to do so, and I think the rest are glad to read what he has to say on any subject of importance. We occasionally have to return a communication, but whenever we receive one which has any point in it worthy of giving space, it gets it. I do not turn any one down. If they do not agree with me and I think they are away off, I sometimes make a note to that effect, to show that it is not my view. I think such a paper ought to be more acceptable to a collectors' association than a paper conducted on any other line.

Mr. Joseph Holmes: Mr. President, as the printer of the *Metropolitan Philatelist* I would say that every one of the twenty-three weekly numbers that have been issued so far has been printed between twelve o'clock Friday night and six o'clock

Saturday morning, delivered to the bindery at seven o'clock and delivered to the publisher at nine o'clock, and as I have not received the copy sometimes until Friday, I think that is a pretty fair record. Should the paper be of forty-eight pages, and should I not get the copy till Friday night, it would be delivered just the same. Our facilities for turning out the paper are unsurpassed.

The Vice-President: Are you ready for the question?

Voices: Question!

Mr. Gregory: What is the motion?

The Vice-President: The question is on the adoption of Mr. Batchelder's motion for the retention of the *Era* as the official journal of the Association for another year. All those in favor of —

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, should not this be taken by a yea and nay vote?

Mr. Gregory: It must be taken by a roll-call.

The Vice-President: The roll-call will have to be taken, according to rule. The vote of course, will be "yes" or "no," "yes" being a vote for the *Era*.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. Jewett, when his name was called, said: I understand I have eight proxies, and in accordance with instructions I vote them all "yes"; they were sent to me for that express purpose.

The Secretary: And your own makes nine?

Mr. Jewett: My own I do not care to vote; I let that go.

The result of the roll-call was as follows:

Yes — Batchelder, 15; Jewett, 8; Johnson, 4; Stone, 7; Wainwright, 2; Eaton, 3; Ireland, 2; Deats, 5; Robie, Howe, Richardson, Chapman, Gouch, Toelke, Gurdji, Woodin, Sterling, Burt, Bogert, Sebbens, Gregory, Cobe, Richards, Schachne, Mitchell, Rothfuchs, Bartels, Miller, 1 each; total, 66.

No — Holland, 2; Krauth, 26; Scott, 10; Gregory, 39; Deats, 18; Bruner, Perrin, Doebelin, Davison, Rothfuchs, Lawrence, Holmes, 1 each; total, 102.

The Secretary having announced the result of the vote, as above,

The Vice-President said: The motion is lost.

Mr. Holland: Does that carry with it the *Metropolitan*?

The Vice-President: No.

Mr. Holmes: I move that the *Metropolitan Philatelist* be the official organ of the American Philatelic Association for the ensuing year.

The Vice-President: Do I hear any second?

Mr. Deats: I second the motion

The Vice-President: It is moved and seconded that the *Metropolitan Philatelist* be appointed the official journal for the ensuing year. All in favor, signify in the usual manner. Those opposed; it is a vote.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, is not a roll-call necessary on such an important question?

The Vice-President: I think if any of the opposition should call for a roll-call they might have it; otherwise it would not be necessary. The question is between the two papers.

Mr. Gregory: I am aware of that; the vote has practically been taken.

The Vice-President: It is only a formal way.

Mr. Gregory: It is only a question of propriety on an important question.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, as that motion is lost and there is only one more candidate for official journal in the field, I move that the —

Mr. Gregory: You are a little late; it has been done.

Mr. Doebelin: What?

Mr. Gregory: We have adopted an official organ.

Mr. Doebelin: No, sir, the motion was that the *Era* should be the official organ, and that motion was lost. We have got to vote for official organ.

Voices: We have.

Mr. Doeblin: We have not. The motion was that the *Era* should be elected official organ; that motion was lost

A Voice: There was another motion made.

Mr. Burt: Mr. President, I would like to borrow the reading clerk's voice for a moment. I wish to ask for information as to how the vote to make the *Metropolitan* the official journal can be made effective. (Passing a copy of the by-laws to Mr. Wainwright.)

Mr. Wainwright: Gentlemen, listen to the reading of Article IX., Section 1, of the By-Laws of the American Philatelic Association:

"The *Weekly Philatelic Era* shall be known as the Official Journal of the Association.

"This paper will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers twenty-five cents per year from the general fund for each member.

"The publishers to pay postage on all copies mailed to members in the United States, Canada, and Mexico."

Listen to the reading of Article XIII., regarding amendments:

"Section 1. The By-Laws of this Association may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendment and providing that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Association entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, any special meeting, or by a general vote."

Mr. Davison: I move the matter be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The Vice-President: The chair would like to make a little statement in that connection. This year, unfortunately, we are unable to change the by-laws or amend in any way. The necessary one-third of the total membership is not represented, either by proxy or in person. Unfortunately, that is a problem that we have got to wrestle with in some way. The Committee on By-Laws can go ahead, but nothing can be acted on.

Mr. Davison: I was aware of that, Mr. President, when I made the motion. That motion is equivalent to laying on the table; the matter will go to the committee and will not be heard from.

Mr. Gregory: This matter of constituting the *Era* the official journal appears to be a portion of the by-laws. I apprehend that it has been carried into the by-laws by error. I doubt whether the action of the Committee on By-Laws last year recommended this as an amendment to the by-laws proper. It is more probably a construction of the by-laws.

Mr. Deats: No, it was passed on.

Mr. Gregory: I stand corrected.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, the by-laws last year provided that *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News* should be the official journal of the Association, and when we took the customary vote on the selection of official journal and decided in favor of the *Era*, somebody called attention to the fact that the by-laws would need amending, and a motion was made to amend this article so as to read that "*The Philatelic Era*" should be the official journal, and some one said the proper name was "*The Weekly Philatelic Era*." I think that Mr. Deats was the person who made the suggestion.

Mr. Deats: That is correct.

The Vice-President: I hear no motion before the house.

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, the by-laws have always stated the name of the official journal. That matter arose from the fact of our having our own official organ, the *American Philatelist*.

The motion to refer the matter to the Committee on By-Laws was seconded by Mr. Wainwright, and being put to vote, was declared carried.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, in view of this fact and this state of affairs, it becomes advisable to expunge from the records the previous action, either by vote of

the society or by order of the presiding officer. I don't know — Some of the others might give expression — I move that it be expunged from the records.

The motion was seconded and the question was stated by the chair and declared open for discussion.

Mr. Scott: In regard to that, I think that the putting of the name of any paper in the by-laws is entirely out of place; I think it was done unintentionally.

Mr. Gregory: No.

Mr. Scott: Well, it ought not to be there. It would be just as appropriate to give the name of the President as to give the name of the paper which is to be the official organ. It is entirely out of place in that connection. I think it should be left to the Committee on By-Laws to construe that sentence in the correct way, according to their judgment. I am quite willing to leave it in their hands or anybody's else. But certainly the by-laws should be amended so as to strike out the name of any paper. It cannot be done now, probably, but it certainly must be done at the next convention, for it is out of place there. It should never have been put in, and in my judgment was put in unintentionally, anyway.

Mr. Batchelder: If this action that we have taken is illegal it is not necessary for us to vote on it; it is only necessary for the President to say so, and we need not vote on it.

Mr. Gregory: I made that motion to bring up the question — whether it was necessary to have a vote, or whether it was within the jurisdiction of the presiding officer to order it out of the records.

Mr. Wainwright: If unanimous consent is given it may be stricken out. I ask that unanimous consent be given to strike it from the records.

Mr. Henry L. Calman: Mr President, even though the proceedings may have been illegal I think it would be advisable to leave them in the records, so that the members who are not present may know what the arguments are that have been advanced in favor of supplanting the *Era*. It is left to the Committee on By-Laws and will have to be referred to the members to vote upon, and the discussion should be left in the records for their information. I think it would be decidedly unwise for us to expunge this portion of the records as officially published.

Mr. Rice: I concur with Mr. Calman in that part of his remarks wherein he objects to the expunging of the proceeding that we have just passed through. I remember on another occasion, "in the interest of peace and harmony," we expunged from the records certain things that it probably would have been better to have printed. I do not believe in expunging from the records anything that has transpired at any convention; it should be preserved as a matter of record for the future.

Mr. Calman: If I may rise again on the same subject, Mr. President, I did not hear the discussion which inaugurated the subject and I do not know whether there was anything in it which might interfere with peace and harmony in the Association. I did not suppose the subject was one which would lead to such discussion, and my assumption was that there would be no ill feeling as a result of what transpired here.

Mr. Batchelder: I think the idea of having this matter in the record is an excellent one, but, unfortunately, this whole business is illegal. Are we going to put it in the record? We have no right to.

Mr. Davison: There is a reason why the discussion and the vote should appear in the record, namely, that the vote just taken shows that the will of the members present and represented through their proxies would have changed one of our laws, but they are prevented from so doing through non-attendance of enough members to make a change in the laws. Owing to that fact it is well to have it in the records for the next year, showing that this year the official organ would have been changed had it not been that the by-laws blocked it. Therefore, it should go in.

A Voice: Could not that be stated without three or four pages of discussion?

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, for the purpose of relieving Mr. Batchelder of the

question of the legality of this action, or rather, the recording of an illegal action, I would say that, in my opinion, the record should stand which discloses the fact that it is an illegal action; that the action of the convention was supposed to be legal, and upon the ascertaining of the point that it was not legal, that point should then be so stated as an explanation of the non-completion of the action which had been inaugurated. My motion was duly made and seconded, and —

Mr. Calman: I move to lay on the table the motion to expunge from the record. The motion was seconded.

Mr. Rice: It requires unanimous consent to expunge from the record. I object, and call for the regular order.

The Vice-President: That settles the question, gentlemen.

A Voice: Right; next order of business.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the regular order of business has been followed so far as we are able to follow it this morning. There are still some reports of committees to be received, but those committees are not ready to report. If any one has any special or particular business to bring up we might take it now as well as any other time.

Mr. Calman: I would like to know the status of this question of official journal. Is it referred to the Committee on By-Laws, and what action is the Committee on By-Laws to take? As I understand the position of these committees, their functions cease after the convention, and if you wish this committee to make any recommendation it will have to be continued as a hold-over committee, or else we should have to make some provision for reference to some body that has the power to submit it to the Association through the regular channel. Some action should be taken to submit it to the members through the regular channel.

The Vice-President: The chair would say that the Committee on By-Laws have not been able to get together and have a meeting, and therefore have not been able to make a report. When their report comes in the convention will probably act on it as a whole, or in regard to the different parts of it.

Membership Cards.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, on behalf of a proxy I have a motion to provide for the use of a membership card for the members of the Association. The matter comes in the form of a letter and a motion combined, and I will ask the Reading Clerk to read it.

Mr. Wainwright: Gentlemen, attend to the reading of the following motion made by George T. Bush and seconded by Brother Deats:

To the Convention of the American Philatelic Association assembled:

I would like to offer a suggestion to the Association which I hope will be adopted. We need a membership ticket or card in this Association, which could be carried in the pocket easily by a member when traveling or otherwise as he wishes, to answer as a sort of introduction card among members and act as a voucher for membership; the card to contain name, address and number written on by the Secretary when the yearly dues have been paid and sent to the member, the same to be a nicely lithographed card containing the year overprinted, so as to show when it is void.

We all know the mere fact of being "stamp cranks" initiates between ourselves a bond of fellow-feeling of itself, but how much more so would a card of this nature be between the members, acting as an introduction card, as well as an easily seen certificate of membership in good standing.

The advantages are many, some of which I will name. The member always has before him when he sees his cardcase a constant reminder of his membership, and when it ceases, if he has any pride at all in his Association, he will the more quickly remit without duns, as he would not want to carry an expired card around with him without the new one. Being properly numbered, he would soon begin to have a pride in a low number and wish to keep it and have it to show to fellow-members, and therefore would be more inclined to keep the membership up.

I submit along with this proposition a design which I feel inclined to say is neat

but not gaudy, and contains all the essentials as will do for a design year after year by the over-printing of the year as I have it roughly sketched in lead pencil on the design submitted. The rest of the design in lead pencil is the part to be filled in in ink by the Secretary or Treasurer. The design is very much in the rough, gotten up and drawn off in a hurry, and if the suggestion meets with the approval of the Association the lithographer will redraw the design so as to make a more regular appearance, and, in fact, greatly improve on it.

I have looked into the cost of the thing, having had the same work to do for another society. The cost of re-drawing and making stones will be \$7.50, and we can get them printed by the same parties for \$7.50 per thousand. The cost is low and the benefit very large, and possibly in New York it can be done even a little less. I would suggest, possibly, printing in different colors each year and over-printing the year in black, or innumerable ideas of a similar nature could be used, whichever the Association or a committee thinks in the matter. I think the more the members think of it the more logical they will find it and be willing to adopt it.

In order to bring it up for discussion at once on its merits, I therefore move that a committee of three be appointed to look over suggestions for a design for a permanent membership card to be issued every year, and that they be empowered to select design and have it carried out, and contract for and have same printed and turned over to the Secretary for issue to the members for the immediate ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE T. BUSH,
Bellefonte, Pa.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, what is the matter with this as a membership card? (Holding up card bearing the Treasurer's receipt for annual dues.)

A Voice: Too large.

Mr. Stone: Well, have it cut down, then.

Mr. Deats: That is simply printed. We want something lithographed, something like the L. A. W.

Mr. Stone: It is a very good idea, but I think the card should come from the Treasurer.

Mr. Calman: We should waste a great deal of time in discussing styles and samples of cards. I think the appointment of a committee is the best way to dispose of it in the best manner.

Mr. Rice: It is a very good scheme. I am glad something is being evolved which will hasten the payment of dues. If the gentleman who is the author of that resolution will only figure up some scheme for use in my line of business that will make people pay their bills, I will pay him a good price for it.

Mr. Davison: Would it not be just as well to have a card printed in two colors as to have a card lithographed at a cost of \$15? We can get out a card printed in two colors for five dollars, which would be exactly as useful, and we can let the Secretary attend to it without a committee. I make the motion as an amendment that the Secretary be directed to procure and issue membership cards printed in two colors.

Mr. Deats: I object to that, because the motion provides that the committee discuss the card we shall have. The committee will report to the convention, when it can be discussed.

The Vice-President: The chair will rule all further discussion out of order on the motion to appoint a committee.

The motion was put to vote and declared carried.

The Vice-President: The chair will appoint Mr. Stone, Mr. Bruner and Mr. Johnson that committee.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I should like to be excused from serving on that committee.

The Vice-President: As Mr. Stone wishes to be excused the chair will appoint Mr. Deats in his place.

Mr. Deats: I have another motion from the same member who made this one; I would like to have the reading clerk read it.

The Reading Clerk read the following communication:

Membership Numbers.

To the Convention assembled of the American Philatelic Association:

I wish to address you on one more subject, pertaining somewhat to the membership card also; it is regarding the numbering. Members in Associations where numbering is in vogue take great pride in their numbers, and especially in having low numbers when they have been equitably given according to the age of the membership in the Association. A number should be given now, thereafter to remain the number of the member in the Association, and it should be given the member according to the time he joined the Association, not as it now is, of which I will give you a few funny examples to ponder over

The original numbers were given according as the member joined the Association, and were therefore equitable and just, but afterwards, by some mistake, blunder, or whatever you may call it, the numbers were all badly jumbled up, as per the few illustrations which I now give you, viz:

E. B. Sterling, former number, 12—very properly, as he was one of the founders of the Association, I believe Present number, 86—a couple of years later, that would make his joining. An illustration the other way: Albert Steves, 305, old number, three or four years after Mr. Sterling joined, yet he now has 40, being 46 numbers ahead of him

A few more brief illustrations: P. M. Wolsieffer, old number, 5; new, 38. H. L. Calman, 19; now, 146—one of the founders, too. Chambers, old, 218; now, 16—rated with the founders, and joined three years afterward. A Davison, 3; new, 31. Deats, old, 30; new, 36—not much, but some. And so many other illustrations can be picked out, but this is enough to show the wrong part of it and show the members the fairness of giving proper numbers to members at once. Surely the Secretary has a record of when everybody joined. Let him start with the present membership of that and renumber justly all the way down, and when the membership ticket is sent, if need be, send them a circular to change the number on the certificate of stock so as to correspond with the new ticket number. The old numbers should be given to the organizers, No. 1 to the oldest original officer and so on down. A courtesy to the dead would be to still give Mr. Tiffany's name number and keep his name on the new rolls. The date of the certificate must not be taken, but the date of the member's application to the Association. That would make a member prize his membership and keep it, and having the card, would always have a reminder of it in his pocket or desk, and he is much more likely to keep it up than if he has a postal card or paper receipt.

Bear in mind, low numbers and the ticket will keep up much flagging interest and hold the old members together. And I therefore move, Mr. President, to bring up the same for discussion, that the Secretary be instructed to gather together the names of the present members in the exact order of their joining, and then renumber the same all through, and that number be kept ever hereafter, whether the member joins or falls out, opposite the former or present member's name; that is, it is never to be given to any other new member.

I hope this motion will pass, and thanking the Association for its consideration in listening to my long harangue, over which I have put much time and study, I remain,

Yours fraternally,

GEORGE T. BUSH.

Mr. Scott: I move that communication be laid on the table.

The motion was seconded.

The Vice-President: If there is no second to the original motion no action is necessary on it.

Mr. Deats: I seconded it.

The Vice-President: I did not understand it. It is moved that it be laid on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was put to vote and declared carried.

Philatelic Appliances Shown by Mr. Krauth.

The Vice-President: Mr. Krauth has two little appliances that he wishes to exhibit to the members, if you will give your attention.

Mr. Krauth: Gentlemen, it is too hot to talk long. I do not know whether I am better known as a philatelic mechanic or a mechanical philatelist. I have here a little device for the examination of stamps, which will almost explain itself. It consists of a small steel square, graduated on the upright arm to half-millimeters, and with a guide

line across the lower arm on a line with the edge of the upper arm; further, of a straight-edge similarly graduated. The method of using is to place the square on a stamp so that the inner edges of the arms coincide with the bottom and side of the stamp to be examined. The straight rule is then brought against the square so that the zero mark coincides with the line ruled across the lower arm of the square. It is evident that the scale on the square will give all vertical measurements of the stamp, while moving the square along the rule will give all horizontal measurements at the same time, thus furnishing a ready means of referring the position of any dot or line on the stamp to two planes of measurement. By the use of quadrilled paper enlargements of any stamp can readily be drawn and comparisons made between stamps suspected of being counterfeits and known originals. Two collectors at a distance can also compare stamps to the minutest details. I have found it a very useful tool in repairing stamps.

Should any of the members desire to purchase this apparatus I should be pleased to receive their names, as the Brown & Sharpe Company will make a dozen sets of this apparatus at a very much lower figure than I was obliged to pay for this one, probably not exceeding \$2.50 per set.

Another piece of apparatus, which is an improvement over the perforation gauge which I showed at Clayton, consists, as you see, of a perforation gauge in which the dots are bisected by a black line and the space below this line is blackened out, so that when a stamp is fitted to its proper gauge it presents the appearance of an unsevered pair. I think this is less hard on the eyes and am sure that with a little practice stamps may be gauged much more rapidly than by the ordinary methods. The printed gauge which I use in making this is published by Hugo Kroetzch of Leipsic.

Dr. Mitchell: Mr. President, I think that any one in this Association who makes any improvement in philately and can bring anything like this before us is rendering a great service. It is a great deal better than all our discussion and all our red tape and loading down the Association with a multiplicity of rules and regulations; and I think that something is due to this gentlemen — I do not know his name just at present —

Mr. Krauth: C. P. Krauth.

Dr. Mitchell: Mr. Krauth. I think a vote of thanks is due to him for this, which is the only practical thing that has come before this convention

The Vice-President: Do I understand you to make that motion?

Dr. Mitchell: I make a motion of thanks to this gentleman for evolving this idea that can be used by any philatelist who has brains enough to listen to a description of it and then use it when he goes home

The motion, being seconded, was put to vote and carried unanimously.

Suggestions as to the Widening of the Scope of the Work of the Association.

Dr. Mitchell: Mr. President, I have been trying to get the floor here for some time, though I did not want to intrude. The motion I want to make here is with a view to making the results of our convention more interesting and of practical benefit. Gentlemen come from cities at a distance, and they want to get something that they can take home with them. There is no place, I think, like a convention of this kind, where men working with the same mind can meet and exchange ideas, take them home and apply them. I know I get good ideas in other conventions, and I do not see why I should not get them in the stamp line, just the same as in dental, medical and other conventions. I want to make a motion that a number of committees be appointed, their reports to be submitted yearly; one committee to be a committee to make a report on the stamps of Europe, another on the stamps of Asia, and others on the stamps of Africa, Australia, Oceanica, North America, South America, United States postage, United States revenue, and United States private issues, or locals; a Committee on General Philately; a Committee on Etiology and Nomenclature — by that I mean that

I want stamps correctly defined; for example, I do not want a stamp defined as a special delivery stamp when it is really a special carrier stamp. If we can do this we are getting down to practical work. The committee should prepare a nomenclature which can be used by all philatelic writers, so that we can have a uniformity of meaning.

I would also recommend a Committee on Original Research. I would recommend that this committee award every year a diploma to the man who, during that year, has done the greatest service to philately,—whose original paper, published anywhere, whether in America or abroad, has given the greatest information to the philatelists of the world.

Let these committees attend faithfully to their duties and have their reports ready, and then when we come to our convention we can get right down to practical work. The trouble is, there is too much by-law and too much regulation. The sooner we get free from it the sooner we shall begin to make progress and accomplish something for philately. I would like to see this Association a court of last resort, where, for instance, if I believe in a certain stamp and another gentleman does not, we can each go before a committee, which will investigate all the pros and cons. I can go to that committee and tell them what I know about it, the other gentleman can go and tell what he knows against it, and then when the committee makes its report we shall have it as a finality and abide by it.

I would like to make a motion that these committees be appointed, or else that it be referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents; I do not care where it goes, so long as it is put into the hands of some one whose duty it will be to get the system into working order.

Mr. Gregory: I move that these suggestions of Dr. Mitchell be referred to the committee who have in charge the suggestions of Mr. Bush on the subject of cards. We must get these matters out of the way, as we have only ten minutes left for our session to-day.

The motion to refer was seconded by Mr. Wainwright, and being put to vote, was declared carried.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, as we have so little time left I think it would be a good time for us to decide on the place of meeting next year. I move that we proceed to settle the place of holding the next convention, and that members be allowed to present nominations, and when nominations have been presented that we take a vote.

Mr. Scott: Mr. President, that is a very good idea, but I do not think it could possibly be gotten through with under half an hour, and probably an hour and a half. It is the only matter of contention which remains to be disposed of.

Mr. Davison: The trolley party will leave here to-day at half past one. We have got to get our dinner in the meantime, and there is very little time left. I move we adjourn.

Mr. Calman: If there is a strong movement in favor of any particular place to be selected for the convention next year I should think we could dispose of the matter in a few minutes, and it might save a great deal of time. Of course, if the place is entirely open and there is no current in favor of any particular place, it would be wise to postpone the discussion.

The Secretary: I will say that it will take nearly ten minutes to read the invitations and letters.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, I will say that this is all out of order; there is no motion before the house.

Mr. Deats: I second Mr. Davison's motion to adjourn.

The Vice-President: To what time?

Mr. Davison: To-morrow morning, on the boat.

The motion was put to vote and declared carried, and the convention accordingly adjourned to meet on Thursday morning on board the steamboat "William Fletcher," during the excursion to be taken by the Association.

FOURTH SESSION.—Thursday, August 25.

Pursuant to adjournment, the convention met on board the steamboat "William Fletcher" on the North River, within the limits of the City of New York, and was called to order by Vice-President Toppan at one o'clock P. M.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, now if you will give me attention just for a moment. At the time we adjourned yesterday a meeting was called for to-day on the boat. We have since ascertained that the excursion was not open to all members. The result would be that any action we should take at any meeting where a session was not fully open to every member of the Association would be illegal. Therefore, a motion for adjournment is in order.

A motion to adjourn was made.

Mr. Batchelder: Just a moment, please. Why is not this excursion open to all members?

The Vice-President: It has been stated that only the New York members that have subscribed could partake of the hospitality.

Mr. Batchelder: Well, Mr. President, but if you adjourn this meeting until to-morrow you are going to bar out a great many out-of-town members who are going home to-night.

A Voice: They are at liberty to stay here.

The Vice-President: Mr. Batchelder has the floor.

Mr. Batchelder: It has been the custom in all our conventions to adjourn Thursday night. A great many of our members have come here expecting that we are to be through to-night. Now I am not going home, but I have made business arrangements which would prevent my giving another day to the convention, and I know that quite a number are going home to-night. It seems to me it is six of one and half a dozen of the other.

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, you have made the statement that there has been some hearsay statement that some members are barred out. I would like to ask, what evidence is there that any member has been barred out? If there is not any evidence to that effect we can go ahead and hold our meeting.

The Vice-President: That statement was made to me by—I forgot whom; two or three of the New York men.

Mr. Davison: In answer to that I will say that the only ones who could object to holding a meeting here or who could state that the meeting is held illegally are persons who are barred out. There are none of them here present, so we can go ahead and hold the meeting.

The Vice-President: If it could be proved that a session was held that was not open to everybody—every member—they could annul the whole thing.

Mr. Davison: We have no evidence of any such state of things.

Mr. Stone: The records will show.

Mr. Wainwright: When this convention met yesterday it adjourned to this boat. If there was anybody present at the convention who could not come and who was barred out by anything that the New York members had done, it was not the fault of the Association at all and they could come under that vote. So this meeting is perfectly legal, and is by our adjournment yesterday, and should be held at this time and place.

Mr. Batchelder: No protest was made there, either.

Mr. Wainwright: No protest was made there, and I do not think anything that any member could bring up at this time that was given to him ultra-officially by some over-zealous member of the Association could be of any effect here.

The Vice-President: Well, gentlemen, we are proceeding somewhat irregularly. Will somebody make a motion?

Mr. Davison: I do not think any motion is necessary; we are simply waiting

for the President to call the meeting to order. The meeting ought to be called to order by you.

The Vice-President: I have called the meeting to order.

Mr. Davison: Then if anybody wants to bring evidence that it is illegal and to move to adjourn, that will bring it before us.

Mr. Gregory: I call for the regular order of business.

The Vice-President: There is no motion before the house.

Mr. Wainwright: I move that we proceed to select a place for our next annual convention.

The motion was duly seconded, and being put to vote, was carried with only one dissenting voice.

The Vice-President: Are there any propositions?

Mr. Deats: It seems to me that this convention was called to meet in New York City; we are now in New Jersey.

Mr. Albrecht: We are not.

Mr. Doebelin: We are on the boat.

Mr. Stone: The boundary line is the western shore of the Hudson River.

Mr. Holland: I move to adjourn.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Scott.

Mr. Stone: To when and where?

Mr. Holland: To-morrow morning, at the Club.

The Vice-President: To-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, at the Club house.

Mr. Scott: Better make it nine, so that we can get through earlier. I make that amendment, if there is no objection.

Mr. Holland: All right.

The question was put to vote, and the result appeared doubtful.

The Vice-President: I think we shall have to have a counted vote.

Mr. Scott: I would like to say something in the matter. I think we should all like to get through to-day, but it is no use having —

The Vice-President: Mr. Scott, I beg your pardon; a motion to adjourn is not debatable.

Mr. Scott: Excuse me, you are right.

The Vice-President: All those in favor will step to the left side of the boat; those against —

Mr. Scott: Mr. President, that would not do, for our proxies would vote on the subject —

The Vice-President: That is so.

Mr. Stone: We can soon tell without calling the roll.

The Vice-President: We shall have to have a roll-call.

The Secretary: I will call the roll, and if I miss any I will afterwards call the names and they can vote.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll.

At the conclusion of the roll-call Mr. Gregory, who had cast forty votes "yes," changed them to "no."

Mr. Batchelder: Before the vote is declared I want to ask one or two questions. If we adjourn until to-morrow, and to-morrow you find you have not a quorum, what are you going to do? Another question is this: We have a record of a certain number being present to-day. If those gentlemen whose names are on the record as being present are not present to-morrow, are they to be counted as present?

The Vice-President: Not unless their proxies are voted.

Mr. Batchelder: In other words, in order to accomplish any business you have got to have a vote of one-third of the entire society?

The Vice-President: No; in order to amend the by-laws we have got to have

one-third of the society present and voting, and two-thirds of them have got to be affirmative to amend the by-laws.

Mr. Batchelder: I understand, then, that one-third of the total membership must vote in order to change a by-law?

The Vice-President: Most decidedly.

Gentlemen, the Secretary will now announce the vote.

The Secretary: The vote stands 84 yes, 126 no; a total of 210 votes.

The Vice-President: The meeting will have to go on.

The detailed vote was as follows:

Yes — Scott, 10; Krauth, 25 (voted by Deats); Holland, 19; Deats, 23; Bruner, Berlepsch, Kirtland, Gurdji, Holmes, Steigerwalt and Parker, 1 each; total, 84.

No — Gregory, 40; Burt, 3; Eaton, 2; Kissinger, 9; Johnson, 4; Wainwright, 2; Stone, 7; Jewett, 11; Batchelder, 15; Aldrich, 12; Krassa, 2; Ireland, 2; Bartels, Rothfuchs, Albrecht, Davison, Duhamel, Cobe, Witherby, Doeblin, Sebbens, Bogert, Sterling, Lehmann, Woodin, Chapman, Vincent, Leippe and Robie, 1 each; total, 126.

Mr. Wainwright: I move that we proceed to select the place of our convention next year.

The Vice-President: Mr. Wainwright, just a moment; I think it would be preferable to go somewhere in the stern of the boat where there is not so much wind and we could hear better. There are more seats there.

The members accordingly withdrew from the forward deck, where the convention had been in session, and reassembled in the after cabin, where the Vice-President took the chair and again called the convention to order.

Place of Convention in 1899.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the first business is the motion to take up the question and decide on the place of the next convention. I believe there are several communications.

The Secretary read the following letter:

THE CITIZENS BUSINESS LEAGUE OF MILWAUKEE, WIS.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 11, 1898.

To the American Philatelic Association in convention assembled.

GREETING: This Association, composed of the business, commercial and patriotic citizens of Milwaukee, herewith presents a most cordial invitation to your honorable body to hold its annual gathering of 1899 on the western banks of Lake Michigan in the city known as Milwaukee.

Should you honor us with a visit next year I can assure your members and their friends that every possible effort will be made to prove that Milwaukee appreciates the honor. Subject to the approval of your officials, during out-of-convention hours we will have prepared a number of pleasant excursions to the beauty spots around the Cream City. A suitable meeting place will be provided and we will also join hands in working with your executive officers to make the attendance as large as possible.

Milwaukee is noted for the hospitable receptions she gives to convention visitors, and during next year a special effort will be made to welcome all such visitors.

We truly hope that your body will honor Milwaukee and Wisconsin.

Very respectfully,

CITIZENS BUSINESS LEAGUE,
MILTON CARMICHAEL, Sec'y.

Mr. Scott: Mr. President, are all the invitations to be read? I move that no communications be read except from authorized stamp societies or collectors.

The Vice-President: Well, here is one from the Governor of the State of Michigan.

Mr. Gregory: By all means read them all.

The Secretary: Here is an autograph letter from Governor Pingree.

Voices: Read it; read it.

The Secretary read the following letter :

COMMONWEALTH OF MICHIGAN,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

LANSING, July 13, 1898.

American Philatelic Society.

GENTLEMEN: It affords me pleasure, as Michigan's Chief Executive, to extend to you a cordial invitation to hold your next convention in Detroit.

The natural advantages of Detroit as a convention city are excelled by none other. Its location commends itself favorably to all who attend conventions on account of its accessibility by railway and steamship lines. The climate, especially in the summer, is all that could be desired, and the beautiful Detroit River affords the finest harbor in the world.

It can be truthfully said that no other city in the country has the convention facilities of the beautiful City of the Straits. In the past half a dozen years Detroit has unconsciously made for herself the name of "Convention City," until to-day that title is applied to her by national bodies as they seek out available places for holding coming meetings.

Her advantages are too numerous to mention in a letter, but among them are the excellent facilities for visiting the beautiful parks and Belle Isle; numerous water ways; rapid railway service and splendidly paved streets for carriage drives, etc., etc.

The citizens of Detroit and Michigan take especial pains to make visitors welcome and I trust you will select Detroit as your next convention city.

Very respectfully,

H. S. PINGREE, *Governor.*

The Secretary: Here is a letter from the Mayor of Detroit, a short one :

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,
DETROIT, MICH.
WILLIAM C. MAYBURY, MAYOR.

August 8, 1898.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Society.

GENTLEMEN: I desire to extend to you a most cordial greeting and an invitation to meet in the city of Detroit at your next annual session.

You may be assured of a hearty welcome to our city and your stay here will be made as pleasant as possible. Not only will you be welcomed by those directly interested in your deliberations, but our citizens generally will be pleased to have in their midst a convention of so much dignity.

Hoping this invitation may be unanimously accepted, I am,

Cordially yours,

WM. C. MAYBURY, *Mayor.*

Here is a letter to Mr. Olney, as follows :

DETROIT, August 20, 1898.

Mr. Frank F. Olney, New York City.

DEAR SIR: At the last regular meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Association I was elected delegate to the annual convention for the purpose of extending an invitation to the members to hold the next annual convention in our city. On account of business engagements I find it will be impossible for me to be present. I regret this very much indeed. During the past two months I have looked forward with great pleasure to the prospect of meeting the noted members of this organization. Had it been my pleasure to meet you it was my intention not only to suggest Detroit as the next meeting place of the Association, but also to make every effort to have the members vote for Detroit as the next rendezvous for the annual gathering.

On behalf of the members of the Detroit Philatelic Association I wish to extend to all a cordial invitation to hold the fourteenth annual convention in Detroit, and if our city is selected I can assure you the week spent with us will not be a source of regret.

Wishing you all a very pleasant time, I am,

Yours very truly,

JOHN KAY.

Here is a beautifully engrossed invitation from the Detroit Philatelic Association prepared expressly for us, and which you will all be glad to see:

DETROIT PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION
sends greeting and cordially invites the
AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION
to hold the Annual Convention for
1899
In the City of Detroit.

FREMONT WOODRUFF, *President.*

HOWARD C. BECK, *Secretary.*

Here is a telegram which has been received this morning from Mr. H. C. Beck:

DETROIT, MICH., August 22.

Mr. E. Doebelin, Sec'y American Philatelic Assn.,

37 West 26th street, New York.

Mr. Kay cannot come. I send by American Express tonight one hundred fifty views Detroit. Please distribute among convention.

H. C. BECK, Sec'y Detroit Phil. Assn.

Here is a letter from the Detroit Convention and Business Men's League, signed by O. A. Bierce, Secretary:

DETROIT, MICH., Aug. 8, 1898.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Society.

GENTLEMEN: On behalf of the business interests of Detroit we extend to you a most cordial invitation to hold the next meeting of your association in our midst.

You are probably aware of the convention advantages of Detroit, particularly her superb location, river attractions, fine climate, and general modern improvements, but the warm hospitality of our people to strangers you must witness to appreciate.

We can assure delegates, members, officers and their friends a pleasant visit if you will meet with us.

Yours very truly,

THE DETROIT CONVENTION AND BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE,

O. A. BIERCE, *Secretary.*

That, gentlemen, is all I can offer you at the present moment, except some personal letters from various members, which I will not read, but which are pertinent to the suggestions presented.

Mr. Aldrich: I move that our next convention be held in the City of Detroit within two weeks of the first day of September, at such date as may be decided by the Board of Directors.

Mr. Johnson: I second the motion.

The Secretary: I rise to a point of order. There has been no chance to nominate other cities.

The Vice-President: I was about to call for nominations of other places.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I think the best place we ever met at was Niagara Falls. At Niagara Falls there are no collectors, but we always have a good time there. We are near together and the members can meet on five minutes' notice. The ladies especially like to go there; it is a favorite place with them. We have never had so many ladies at a convention as at Niagara Falls. I move that the next convention be at Niagara Falls. (Applause.)

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, allow me to second the nomination of Niagara Falls for the place of the next convention, and to bolster up the remarks of our good friend I want to say that, as the history of this Association will show, when the convention is held west of Buffalo or Niagara Falls the attendance is very much smaller than when it is held in any city toward the East. It may be said that we have been to Niagara Falls twice. It is true we have, but I should say that Niagara Falls as a con-

vention seat for this Association is very like root beer,—the more they get of it the more they want of it. They can get it there; and as Mr. Doebelin says, Niagara Falls is a small place. I would not put even my native city of New York against Niagara Falls. When we are there you can go out on the street and put your hand on any member of the Association. You do not lose them; they do not get scattered about the streets, as they do in a great city. As you go to see the Falls and the other attractions the members are all there; the hotels are all together. Everything, I think, is in favor of Niagara Falls. From the fact that it is a great attraction and that the Falls are so great an attraction, the ladies will come there when they will not go to other places. Take our convention of last year; I think it was at Lake Minnetonka —

Mr. Doebelin: No, no.

Mr. Stone: Boston.

Mr. Davison: Two years ago, the western convention. Neither the President nor the Vice-President was there,—as the President and First Vice-President are not present to-day. I doubt if the attendance was over twenty-five or thirty. In order to have a good attendance at any convention of the American Philatelic Association it must be east of the city of Buffalo, and I would say that Niagara Falls by all means is the place.

Mr. Wainwright: I am in favor of the city of Detroit as the place of our next convention and second Mr. Aldrich's motion, for the following reasons: When we meet at any city where there is not a philatelic club you meet at the expense of the whole association. When you met at Lake Minnetonka appeals were made to all members to chip in to help those present have a good time and pay the expenses of the meeting. When you held your convention at Clayton you did the same thing. A great many of us were not able to attend. This is the second time I have been able to attend a convention of the American Philatelic Association. I heartily appreciate all the hospitality that has been tendered to us by the New York philatelists and I think we should receive just as good treatment in Detroit. I do not think that when we go to these Association meetings we should call on the whole Association to pay our bills. If we go to Detroit, with the invitation of the Governor, the Mayor and the Philatelists of Detroit we shall have an elegant time and we shall see a historic city. If we go to Niagara Falls we shall see the Falls in all their grandeur, to be sure, but outside of that we shall see only hack drivers and curiosity sellers. Now when we go to Detroit we see a city that has a national importance, other than its interest as a place for sight-seeing,—a historic city, and a city that would show us every courtesy and where we should get more benefit than we should by going to Niagara Falls; because, Mr. President, it is a fact that when we can go to a city and be received by the officials of that city on their invitation, our beloved pursuit and our beloved enjoyment of stamp-collecting receives a new impetus, and we do a greater good to stamp-collecting by meeting in a city like Detroit, which gives us an invitation, than we can by going off to Niagara Falls to have a great big good time and not advance the interests of stamp-collecting a bit. What Niagara Falls newspapers are read by anybody except the people in Niagara Falls? Whereas, meeting in New York as we do, the daily papers have sent far and wide the reports of the sessions of the thirteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association. In Detroit we shall find papers that circulate far and wide, and we shall have the same advertisement through their reports, and I think we shall have a very much better time than we should at Niagara Falls.

Mr. Batchelder: I favor Detroit, and for this reason: We should, I think, distribute these conventions so far as we can and get a fair attendance, so that the people and the members in different localities will have a chance to attend. Last year we met in the extreme East; this year in the extreme East. Detroit, so far as the whole country is concerned, is in the East, certainly; we would not say the extreme East. We have been told that the attendance at Lake Minnetonka was less than thirty or less than twenty-five. Now I was present at Minnetonka, and I say the attendance was

about one hundred. Now look up the record; the attendance at Minnetonka was as great as it was at Clayton, as great as it was at Boston, as great as it is here in New York. It is an easy matter to look it up and see how near I am correct.

Mr. Deats: You are a little off.

Mr. Batchelder: Let me continue. If you leave out of this convention the people of New York City and Brooklyn, if you leave out of the Boston convention the people of Boston and immediate vicinity, you will find that at Minnetonka, leaving out the people from Minneapolis and St. Paul, there were more members of this Association present at that meeting than there are here to-day. That is a fact.

Now if we go to Detroit we will all of us take in Niagara Falls. There are a good many of us, probably, that have been there, but nine out of ten of those who go to Detroit will stop, one way or the other, at Niagara Falls, so you will get that attraction. There are here to-day perhaps eight or ten who were at Minnetonka, and consequently the rest of the attendance there was made up largely of people from the West. Now give them another chance.

A Voice: That is right.

Mr. Robie: Mr. President, I endorse Mr. Batchelder's remarks, or his suggestion as to Detroit. I was at Minnetonka; I don't know as there were a hundred there, but the attendance was certainly nearer one hundred than twenty-five. To my recollection there were fully as many as were in attendance at the convention here or in Boston. But I think the West deserves a convention next year. It has twice been held here in the East, and Detroit is far better situated than any Western city could be. It is near enough to the East so that the expense of travel for Eastern members would not be so great as to Chicago or to Omaha, which was suggested for this year. I can vouch for the entertainment by the philatelic society in Detroit. Those who have invited the Association there will take care of us fully as well as any other place that could be selected by the Association. I am personally acquainted with Mr. Beck and I know the resources of the city, so far as its location is concerned, and its many attractions for visitors. I can vouch for a thoroughly delightful time if we select that as the place of our next convention.

Mr. Albrecht: Gentlemen, I wish to say a few words in favor of Detroit. It never has happened before in the history of our Association that the Governor of a state, the Mayor of a city and a Business Men's League have invited us. We are always proud and appreciate it, and in fact we cannot appreciate it too highly, when outside circles, knowing nothing of philately, invite us. I think it will be the most appropriate town that we can find for our next convention. To those members favoring Niagara Falls I beg to say that Detroit is only six hours distant from Niagara Falls, and the members living in the East can very well afford to make a stop there for a day or so if they never before have seen the wonderful cataract. I am fully of the opinion that we ought to unanimously select Detroit for the next meeting. Our large number of members living in Chicago, I think, will join hands with the Detroit members and accord us a reception there that will fully equal the reception we found in Boston. Furthermore, Detroit is so centrally located, equally distant from East and West—in fact, it is just at the point of change between eastern time and central time—that we can hope for an attendance larger than we ever have had before, and I earnestly request you gentlemen, to cast your votes for Detroit.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, I just wish to say a word. Some ten days ago I received one of these little booklets illustrating the city of Detroit, not then knowing that any invitation was to be extended. I looked the book over and was, I must say, surprised at the beauty of architecture displayed therein and the wonderful beauties that were to be seen in such a city, comparatively new. Perhaps its newness is the reason for it. In writing my notes to *Mekel's Weekly* at that time I said: "I shall certainly vote for Detroit for the convention seat if an invitation is extended." I think that if the rest of you could get those little books which Mr. Beck says he has sent and should look

them over, there would not be one that would vote for any other place when you consider the attractions of Detroit.

The Vice-President: Are there any other nominations?

Mr. Deats: On behalf of Mr. Krauth, whose proxy I hold for the day, I nominate Clayton. I regret that I cannot make any remarks such as Mr. Krauth could in favor of Clayton, but many of you attended the convention there three years ago and know that we had a good time. It is true that if we go there we have to entertain ourselves; but if we do entertain ourselves we certainly can get what we want, and it seems to me it is as advantageous as going to some other place and being the guests of some who, perhaps, invite us because they feel that they ought to do so.

Mr. Doeblin: Mr. Krauth has the proxies of the Pittsburgh Branch. I will say that the Pittsburgh Branch voted to nominate Niagara Falls.

Mr. Duhamel moved that the nominations be closed. The motion, being seconded by Mr. Holland, was put to vote and declared carried.

The Vice-President: I presume that the first point will be to consider the motion to accept Detroit.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the way this question has been disposed of has been for the roll to be called and each man say that he votes ten for Detroit and three for New York, etc., and then, with two persons checking off —

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, if you will please give attention, we will get through with this at once and take a yea and nay vote. All those voting will signify what place they vote for. The Secretary will call the roll.

The roll was called, with the following result:

For Detroit — Rothfuchs, 2; Gregory, 40; Scott, 11; Ireland, 2; Krauth (voted by Deats), 25; Burt, 3; Holland, 19; Eaton, 2; Kissinger, 9; Wainwright, 2; Stone, 7; Johnson, 4; Jewett, 11; Batchelder, 15; Deats, 23; Bartels, Albrecht, Duhamel, Cobe, Witherby, Sebbens, Bogert, Sterling, Bruner, Berlepsch, Lehmann, Kirtland, Woodin, Chapman, Vincent, Richardson, Robie and Parker, 1 each; total, 200.

For Niagara Falls — Krassa, 2; Davison and Doeblin, 1 each; total, 4.

For Clayton — Krauth, 1.

For Milwaukee — Aldrich, 12.

The result of the vote having been declared, —

Mr. Wainwright said: Mr. President, I move that the Secretary inform the Governor of Michigan, the Mayor of Detroit, the Business Men's League and the Detroit Philatelic Association that at our thirteenth annual convention we accept their most hospitable offer and will meet with them in 1899.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, I think that will be putting needless labor upon the Secretary. I think if we notify the Detroit Philatelic Association, that will be sufficient.

The Vice-President: Are there any more remarks?

Mr. Wainwright: I make this motion, Mr. President, simply because it is common courtesy to the Governor to notify him that we have accepted his invitation. The question being put to vote, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Aldrich: I move that the date be placed at the third Tuesday in August.

Mr. Howe: Make it later.

The Vice-President: The vote, as already passed —

Mr. Aldrich: There was no date.

The Vice-President: The motion was within two weeks of the first day of September, at the option of the Official Board. That was the motion that we acted on.

Mr. Aldrich: That motion was declared out of order.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move that we make the vote unanimous for Detroit, and so record it.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Lehmann.

The Vice-President: If there is no objection that vote will stand. There is no objection, and it is a vote.

Telegram.

The Secretary read the following telegram:

PETERBORO, ONT., August 24.

Chairman American Philatelic Association, Collectors Club, 351 Fourth Ave.:

Greetings. Absent in body but present in spirit.

W. KELSEY HALL.

Official Journal.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, is there any other business you have to bring up?

Mr. Holmes: I move that the Directors be instructed to take a mail vote on the question of substituting the words "*Metropolitan Philatelist*" for "*Weekly Philatelic Era*" in Article IX., Section 1, of the By-Laws, in order that the will of the Association, as expressed by the ballot taken yesterday, be carried out, and that the Directors be instructed to make no new contract or renewal of any old contract for official organ until the result of such vote be announced.

The Vice-President: You have heard the motion; is there any second to that motion?

Mr. Doebelin: I second the motion.

Mr. Howe: I rise to a point of order, Mr. President. You cannot do it under your by-laws.

The Vice-President: The chair sustains the point of order.

Mr. Holmes: But you have got to take a mail vote on the call of one hundred members. We have one hundred members represented here. This is a question of calling a mail vote on a —

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, that question, under the by-laws, can only be acted upon at the written request of one hundred members, sent to the Secretary. The whole question is out of order, and the chair refuses to consider it.

Mr. Batchelder: Furthermore, it seems to me that while we can by the petition of one hundred members change our by-laws, we cannot change our by-laws and vote to do something else at the same time.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the subject is settled; there is no more discussion on that point.

Mr. Holland: I move we adjourn till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

The motion was seconded

The Vice-President: It is moved that we adjourn till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock — at the Club house, I presume?

Mr. Holland: Yes.

The question being put to vote, the motion was declared carried.

The Vice-President: The convention stands adjourned till to-morrow morning at nine o'clock at the Club house.

Mr. Burt: I doubt the vote, Mr. President.

The Vice-President: The Secretary will call the roll.

Mr. Kissinger: I would like to know the reason for a session to-morrow morning.

The Vice-President: There are a good many reports that have not been presented.

Mr. Kissinger: I would like to say, if I may be allowed, that it was the intention of the P. S. of A. to hold their convention to-day, but on account of the members wishing to participate in this trip, it was postponed until to-morrow, and if this convention is going to continue to-morrow there will be no opportunity for the convention of the P. S. of A. to meet.

Mr. Cobe: We can be through by half past ten to-morrow.

The Vice-President: We shall get through in short order.

Mr. Kissinger: Shall you meet at the Collectors Club?

The Vice-President: Yes.

Mr. Kissinger: Do we have the use of those rooms for our convention?

The Vice-President: That I don't know anything about.

The Secretary will call the roll.

Mr. Burt: I withdraw the doubt, Mr. President.

The Vice-President: The doubt is withdrawn. Unless there is a new one the convention stands adjourned. The convention is adjourned, gentlemen, until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock, at the Club house.

The convention accordingly, at two o'clock P. M., adjourned.

FIFTH SESSION.—Friday Morning, August 26.

The convention met at the Collectors Club at 9.45 A. M., Vice-President Toppa in the chair.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, as usual, we will open the proceedings by calling for the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Final Report of Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, the number of proxies held this morning is as follows:

Mr. Luff,	-	-	-	-	19	Mr. Burt,	-	-	-	-	2
" Deats,	-	-	-	-	23	" Eaton,	-	-	-	-	1
" Gregory,	-	-	-	-	40	" Ireland,	-	-	-	-	1
" Scott,	-	-	-	-	26	" Wainwright,	-	-	-	-	1
" Krauth,	-	-	-	-	25	" Bowen,	-	-	-	-	1
" Jewett,	-	-	-	-	10	" Wolsieffer,	-	-	-	-	1
" Kissinger,	-	-	-	-	8	" Olney,	-	-	-	-	1
" Batchelder,	-	-	-	-	22	" Rothfuchs,	-	-	-	-	1
" Aldrich,	-	-	-	-	11	" Johnson,	-	-	-	-	3
" Holland,	-	-	-	-	6						
" Stone,	-	-	-	-	6	Total,	-	-	-	-	208

Convention of 1899.

Mr. Albrecht moved that certain remarks made during yesterday's debate upon the place of the convention of next year be stricken from the record. Seconded by Mr. Gregory, and by unanimous consent it was so ordered.

Mr. Albrecht: Now I would like to move that a transcript of the proceedings selecting Detroit as the convention place be forwarded to the Governor of Michigan, to the Mayor of Detroit, to the Detroit Convention and Business Men's League, and to the Detroit Philatelic Association, informing them that we have selected Detroit as the convention place according to their invitation.

The Vice-President: Is that motion seconded?

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I would rise to remark that we passed a substantially similar vote yesterday, directing notices to be sent to each of these gentlemen and organizations that Detroit had been selected as the convention seat, and I do not think it is necessary to send a transcript of the record. Notice can simply be sent that we have selected Detroit as the place of the next annual convention.

The Vice-President: Is that motion seconded? In future, gentlemen, I will say, to expedite matters, we will not listen to any debate on any motion until it is seconded. The motion has not been seconded, therefore it is not before the house.

Mr. Gregory: I second the motion.

The question being put to vote, the motion was declared carried.

Question of Privilege.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I rise to a question of privilege. Yesterday we voted to adjourn to to-day, in spite of a vigorous protest by quite a number who could not be present. One gentleman in particular had ten votes; he gave a proxy to one who is present. The Committee on Credentials have decided that he only gave his personal proxy, so there are ten votes out. We have not a quorum here; the by-laws cannot be changed, I judge. I represent some twenty odd votes. I have a business engagement at half past eleven, a very serious one to me, and I shall have to leave shortly before eleven. I hope no attempt will be made to bring up anything we cannot settle.

The Vice-President: We will proceed with the regular order.

I now call for the report of the Committee on Membership Cards, appointed the other day.

Mr. Deats, Chairman of the special Committee on Membership Cards, read the following report:

Report of Committee on Membership Cards.

Your Committee on Membership Card approve the plan as outlined by Mr. Bush and recommend that the Secretary be instructed to have a sufficient number printed to last for one year, the details to be left to the discretion of the Secretary.

H. E. DEATS, Chairman,
P. F. BRUNER.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you hear the report of the committee; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move it be accepted and adopted.

The motion, being duly seconded, was put to vote and carried.

The Vice-President: I will now call for the report of the Committee on Branch Societies. Mr. Gurdji — who is absent. Mr. Johnson?

Mr. Stone: Absent.

The Vice-President: Mr. Eaton is the only member present.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, I don't know whether I can read it or not.

The Vice-President: Perhaps Mr. Deats can.

Mr. Deats read the following report:

Report of Committee on Branch Societies.

The Committee on Local Branches have talked the matter over and find, while there is very little interest shown in them, that, in their judgment, they are a benefit to the organization and should be encouraged, and some method be devised to revive the interest and form new branches where there are enough members to form one.

Respectfully submitted,

V. GURDJL,
J. F. JOHNSON,
D. T. EATON.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you hear the report; what is your pleasure?

It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, a little explanation in regard to that. We did not have reference to the New York branch society nor to one or two others; we know they take quite an interest, but there are some outside of those which we find do not.

Mr. Deats: The New York and Pittsburgh Branches are the only ones that own a share or more of stock in the Association, and the remarks of the committee, of course, could not apply to those two branches.

Mr. Albrecht: I must object to Mr. Deats's remark. The Staten Island Society own a share; we have the certificate framed in our room.

Mr. Deats: The dues on that share of stock for this year have not been paid, so the society is not entitled to vote at this convention.

There being no further remarks, the question was put to vote and the report accepted.

The Vice-President called for the report of the Committee on Sales and Exchange Department.

Mr. Scott: Mr. President, I regret to say that we have not had an opportunity to properly make a report. It is useless making a cursory examination and saying that the Superintendent's report is correct when we know nothing about it. I have not the slightest doubt everything has been carried out in the best possible manner, but it is idle for us to say so when we have not made the examination. It is a work of about half a day. With your permission I will report in writing some time within a week.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you hear the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Stone: I move that the committee have leave to report in the official journal. The motion, being seconded, was put to vote and carried.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The report of the Treasurer has been examined by the Finance Committee and approved. Their report is signed by F. P. Richardson, R. R. Bogert and P. F. Bruner.

Appointment of Committees Prior to Convention.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, would a suggestion be in order that in future the President shall appoint an auditing committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and the Sales and Exchange Superintendent in advance of the convention, so that their work may be finished at the convention? This same thing has occurred before and always will occur unless it is anticipated.

The Vice-President: That would apply, Mr. Deats, would it not, equally to the Treasurer?

Mr. Deats: Yes.

Mr. Stone: The Finance Committee does the auditing.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, I rise for a question of information. Will it require a change of the By-Laws to the effect that the Committees on Finance and on the Purchasing and Sales Department shall be appointed by the President in advance of the convention, in order that this may be done?

The Vice-President: I think it would, unless adopted by unanimous consent, or something of that sort. It might go through on a resolution.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, it certainly would be a very simple thing for the President in advance to designate Smith, Jones and Brown as that committee, and for Smith, Jones and Brown to do the work before the convention, and then at the convention the committee could be formally appointed.

Mr. Howe: Mr. President, that is done in all organizations that I know of. We notify three members in advance that they will constitute the Committee on Finance, and have them ready to report at the meeting. I think it can be done without reference to the By-Laws. The President simply appoints them and they attend to their duties, and when the convention meets he announces their appointment. I do not think it requires any action, only that the President sees fit to do it. I think he would do it without any action on the part of the Association.

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, the section of the By-Laws referring to committees provides:

"At the annual convention of the Association the President shall appoint the following standing committees."

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, it is the opinion of the chair that no action will be necessary on that; the President can simply go ahead if he sees fit and select such a committee and notify them that he will appoint them at the convention. There is nothing to prevent their going ahead and getting their data so as to be ready to report.

Mr. Davison: Unless the officers should refuse to show their books, on the ground that they were not appointed.

Mr. Stone: It would be for the President to see to that.

Report of Committee on By-Laws.

The Vice-President: We will now call for the report of the Committee on By-Laws.

Mr. Davison: With reference to the recommendation contained in the report of the Superintendent of Literary Exchange, your Committee recommend the following action:

In Article VII. of the By-Laws, Section 1, strike out the words: "A Superintendent of Literary Exchange."

Same article, section 4, "Superintendent of Literary Exchange," strike out entire section.

Same article, section 8, "Librarian." Amend by adding to the section as it now stands the duties prescribed in section 4 for the Superintendent of Literary Exchange, so that the section as amended will read as follows:

"Sec. 8. *Librarian.*—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

"He shall receive lists of such philatelic books and publications as may be desired by members of the Association. He shall also receive lists of such philatelic books and publications belonging to members as they may send him from time to time for sale at fixed prices, and he shall notify any member desiring such publication from whom it can be obtained.

"Members making use of this department must defray all incidental expenses,"—making a combination of the two sections, "Superintendent of Literary Exchange," and "Librarian."

Mr. Deats: Is that seconded yet?

Mr. Scott: I second it.

The Vice-President: Is that the full report, Mr. Davison?

Mr. Davison: That is the only report on this one section.

Mr. Howe: I move the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, that is all right in theory, but poor in practice, because we have just transferred our library to the Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh, and we certainly cannot expect the librarian of that institution, who gets a salary of \$10,000 a year or so, to receive these want lists of philatelic papers. The plan I had was to have a member like Mr. Stone, who has the time, to continue the system of literary exchange, and I had a scheme which I thought would be a success, and I am certainly opposed to abolishing the office of Superintendent of Literary Exchange.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I had an idea that we were to maintain a Librarian to whom donations were to be sent and who was to put them in suitable shape before turning them over to the Carnegie Library. Was not that so, Mr. Deats?

Mr. Deats: That was the idea at the time.

Mr. Stone: My idea was that the Librarian would have comparatively little to do with the care of the library, and he would have more time to devote to the care of this department; perhaps the two together might make the department amount to something.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, would it not be fairer to those who must leave here at a certain hour to let this committee report in the official journal any change which they recommend in the By-Laws? We have not enough members represented here to amend the By-Laws.

The Vice-President: Mr. Batchelder, we have no evidence that there is not a sufficient number here to change the By-Laws.

Mr. Batchelder: Well, your records are evidence.

The Vice-President: Our records simply show the proxies, not the votes.

Gentlemen, you hear the motion; what is your pleasure? Are there any further remarks?

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, I think, according to the report of Mr. Stone, there is so little interest manifested in literary exchange that we had better let this thing stand another year—stand as we recommended it.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, do I understand from the remarks of Mr. Stone and Mr. Deats that we are to have a Librarian in the Association, independent of the Librarian of the Carnegie Library?

The Vice-President: That was my understanding.

Mr. Deats: The idea was that some member of the Association should be called a recorder, or—

Mr. Stone: Keeper of the Archives.

Mr. Deats: Keeper of the Archives, or whatever you please to call him, who should keep the official records of the Association—reports of Secretaries and Treasurers, etc.—where the members could have access to them, when the officers had no further use for them. That was what Mr. Stone was thinking of. That idea was never taken up or particularly mentioned in the convention.

Mr. Davison: The By-Laws must stand that we shall have a Librarian; we cannot change that. Whether he is a figure-head or what he is, whether we transfer the library or not, we still must have a Librarian and he must be appointed by the Official Board.

A Voice: That settles it.

The question was put to vote and declared carried, whereupon the vote was doubted.

The Vice-President: The vote has been questioned, gentlemen; we will have to proceed with the roll-call.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, in order to leave this matter as it stands at present and allow the By-Laws to be unchanged, I move that this amendment be laid on the table. As there seems to be some doubt as to the practicability or advisability of doing it, suppose we lay it on the table. It is of no great consequence, anyway; let the Official Board appoint a Superintendent of Literary Exchange, if they desire, for the ensuing year.

Mr. Davison: I second that motion, Mr. President.

The motion to lay on the table was put to vote and declared carried.

Mr. Davison: The next recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws is in reference to the letter of Joseph S. Davis of Denver, Colo., who brings to the attention of the convention an apparent mixing of the provisions in regard to the insurance fund, where, in the first section of Article VIII., it is stated that the Association will not be responsible, and yet the fourth section states that we are responsible for losses. The Committee therefore recommends the elimination entirely of section 1 of Article VIII., that being entirely superseded by section 4 of the same article. The sections of that article, which now number four, will then only number three. We simply move them up one, making section 2 section 1, section 3 section 2, and section 4 section 3. The recommendation is simply to eliminate the first section, which states that the Association "does not guarantee any member from loss sustained in the customary and usual manner in exchange of stamps among members through the department of the Association." That is superseded by the last section of the same article.

It was moved that these changes be referred to the Official Board for consideration and action at another convention.

The Vice-President: The chair refuses to entertain the motion.

Gentlemen, you have heard that report; what is your pleasure on it?

Mr. Scott: I move it be accepted.

The motion was seconded, and was stated by the chair.

Mr. Wainwright: That is simply the acceptance of the report, and does not carry the adoption of it along with it, I understand?

The Vice-President: No, it cannot without the adoption being specified in the motion.

Mr. Wainwright: I did not hear any "adopt." I make no further objection.

A motion was made to adopt the recommendation of the committee.

Mr. Scott: I withdraw my original motion.

The Vice-President: Is there any second to the motion as amended?

Mr. Scott: I second it.

The Vice-President: It is moved and seconded that the report of the committee pertaining to Article VIII. be accepted and adopted. All in favor —

Mr. Wainwright: I would like to remark on that matter that I do not think there is any reason for dropping out this section 1, because, as the sections read, I do not see that there is any conflict, as Mr. Davis seems to imply. I think section 1 should be retained as a valuable adjunct to section 4, because section 4 limits the loss to the insurance fund alone. Now you take out section 1, which says the Association is not responsible, and then the Association is responsible, whether the insurance fund makes up the amount or whether it does not. Now it seems to me that we ought not to drop out section 1, because, as it reads, the plain implication and the necessary implication would be that the losses through the Sales Department were limited to the insurance fund.

The Vice-President: Mr. Wainwright, pardon me a moment; there is another article somewhere in the By-Laws—I cannot recall it—which provides in case the insurance fund is not sufficient to meet the liabilities the losses shall be a lien upon the general fund and shall be paid from the general fund.

Mr. Howe: Section 4.

The Vice-President: At the end of section 4, Article VIII.

Mr. Howe: It is in the last paragraph.

The Vice-President: Perhaps it would be as well if the Secretary would read that section.

The Secretary read the last paragraph of section 4 of Article VIII., as follows:

"Should losses occur greater than the amount of the insurance fund in hand they shall stand as a liability against the fund, to be paid when the amount of premiums collected will satisfy same."

Mr. Wainwright: That is just exactly my point,—that the insurance fund is to pay this. There isn't anything plainer. Now you drop out section 1, and the Association has got to stand it. It seems to me that we should retain section 1, otherwise we put upon the Association all the loss that occurs, regardless of the insurance fund. Now that is just exactly it. The insurance fund pays the losses as far as it can, and if it does not pay a loss now it waits until money is in the insurance fund, and then it pays that loss, but the Association does not pay it. Now you drop out section 1, and the Association will have to pay it.

Mr. Batchelder: We have not time to carefully consider what these changes would mean. Now I am going to oppose this amendment, for that reason. We can chew this thing over till night, and then we would all differ somewhat. Let us leave it with the Official Board to consider carefully and make recommendations.

The Vice-President: The motion is before the house and the chair wishes for a matter of record to get the vote.

Mr. Scott: It seems to me it is important that for a matter of plain reading that section should be dropped out. As a matter of fact, if the society is legally responsible it is so, and the fact of what we state in our By-Laws would make very little difference; but it seems to me to make very foolish reading to say in one part we are responsible

and in another part we are not; therefore I am in favor of having the section stricken out.

Mr. Holland: I move we have a roll-call, then we can find out whether we have sufficient members here to amend the By-Laws or not.

Mr. Davison: The very opening of section 1 says, "The Association does not and cannot guarantee," but the Association does guarantee to any man who pays one per cent. for the insurance of his stamps that he shall be reimbursed in case of loss, so there is a plain guarantee.

Mr. Wainwright: It guarantees he shall be reimbursed from one source only—from the insurance fund.

The Vice-President: Are there any further remarks?

Mr. Batchelder: I demand a roll-call.

The Vice-President: Well, the Secretary will proceed with a roll-call.

Mr. Stone: Please state the question.

The Vice-President: The question is as to the adoption of the recommendation of the committee pertaining to sections 1 and 4 of Art. VIII., the elimination of section 1 entirely and the renumbering of the other sections.

The roll-call resulted as follows:

Yes—Deats, 24; Stone, 7; Holland, 27; Burt, 3; Krauth, 16; Ireland, 2; Scott, 27; Rothfuchs, 2; Eaton, 2; Perrin, Witherby, Davison and Parker, 1 each; total, 124.

No—Batchelder, 23; Jewett, 11; Wainwright, 2; Gregory, 41; Sebbens, Albrecht and Woodin, 1 each; total, 80.

The Vice-President: The Secretary will announce the vote.

The Secretary: Total number of votes cast, 204; yes, 124; no, 80.

The Vice-President: The chair will announce that as the membership is 713, the one-third vote which must be cast in order to amend the By-Laws would be 238. We lack 34 votes of a quorum for that purpose, and the By-Laws cannot be amended.

Mr. Batchelder: I did not call for the roll-call to kill time, but to save time. We now see we have not a quorum. Now I hope nothing will be brought up here to prevent members who have to leave from remaining until the close of the session.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, that is the very point the chair has been aiming at all the morning, to get that roll-call.

The question now recurs to the balance of the report of the Committee on By-Laws. I presume the report can be accepted, if not adopted.

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I move the acceptance of the report.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Davison: I wish to make the statement that the report is not yet finished, except the report on this one article. I was just giving you one section at a time. There is one more recommendation.

Mr. Batchelder: I move that the report of this committee be referred to the Official Board. They can consider it carefully; we cannot. Then, if there are any recommendations there that they think should be adopted, they can adopt them. We cannot do a thing. Now I think there are some things to come before us that we can act on; let us have a chance, anyhow.

Mr. Scott: Mr. President, I would like to say a few words. We certainly are not able to attend to some business that cannot be done, but what on earth are these conventions for? Are they merely for summer recreation? Apparently that is what it turns out to be. If they are the conventions of the American Philatelic Association they should be for work first and play afterwards. We have been playing practically all the time we have been here. Now the gentlemen wish to get off before the business is through. Some come for a summer trip, some for business. Those who come for business cannot do it ———

Mr. Gregory: I rise to a point of order. The remarks are not pertinent to the question.

Mr. Scott : They are entirely pertinent to the question.

The Vice-President : The question is on the acceptance of the report. I shall have to uphold Mr. Gregory.

Gentlemen, what is your pleasure on the section of the report as read by the chairman of the Committee on By-Laws?

Mr. Stone : Mr. President, I move that that be referred to the Official Board.

Mr. Batchelder : There is a motion before the house.

The Vice-President : Is there any second to that motion?

The motion to refer to the Official Board was seconded.

The Vice-President : It is moved and seconded that the report of the Committee on By-Laws, so far as read, be referred to the Official Board.

Mr. Gregory : Is a motion to refer in order?

The Vice-President : Most decidedly.

Mr. Gregory : When there is another motion before the house?

The Vice-President : The motion is simply upon the adoption of the report.

Mr. Gregory : Anything to get it out of the way.

Mr. Davison : Is that going to bar out the balance of the report?

The Vice-President : Decidedly not; just this section.

Are you ready for the question, gentlemen? (Cries of "Question!")

The question was put to vote.

The Vice-President : It is a vote. Mr. Davison will proceed with the other section.

Mr. Davison : The next recommendation of the Committee on By-Laws relates to Art. IX., "Official Journal." The first paragraph of this section reads as follows :

"The *Weekly Philatelic Era* shall be known as the official journal of the Association."

The Committee on By-Laws recommends the changing of that first paragraph to read as follows :

"The official journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each annual convention of the Association."

The next paragraph of that article reads as follows :

"This paper will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers twenty-five cents per year from the general fund for each member."

We recommend that that paragraph be amended to read as follows :

"The official journal will be sent to all members regularly, and the Association shall pay the publishers such a sum for each member as may be agreed upon at each annual convention, this amount to come from the general fund."

Those two changes in the first and second paragraphs, the third paragraph to stand.

Mr. Stone : I move that this recommendation of the committee be also referred to the Board of Directors.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Batchelder : I only want to say this: I think it might be well for us to take the sense of this meeting upon this amendment. I believe it is the unanimous wish of every member of the Association to have that clause changed, but to have it changed right, and if the sense of the convention is taken upon the amendment and is given to the Official Board as the sense of the meeting, it will be considered carefully, and when changed, the change will be a permanent one.

Mr. Stone : Mr. President, I will add to my motion "with a recommendation that the amendment be adopted." I think the Board have power to make by-laws.

The Vice-President : It is moved and seconded that the recommendation be referred to the Official Board with a recommendation that it be adopted. Are there any further remarks?

Mr. Davison : That finishes, Mr. President, the report of the Committee on By-Laws.

The question being put, the motion to refer to the Official Board was carried unanimously.

Appointment of Committees.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, the only other business that I know of this morning is the appointment of the annual committee upon obituaries.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, in that connection I would like to make a few remarks. We all heard what our friend Dr. Mitchell had to say about the appointment of certain standing committees. I have talked with one or two of the members of the Association, and we agree with him that there is altogether too much politics to our meetings and not enough real work; and we thought that if the President or Board of Directors were given authority to appoint certain standing committees to serve during the year, who should investigate and report at the annual convention what has been accomplished in their particular lines, it would be a step in the right direction. Accordingly I would move that the chair be authorized to appoint the following standing committees, and that this vote be incorporated in the By-Laws by the Board of Directors:

An Obituary Committee;
Committee on Philatelic Literature;
Committee on Philatelic Appliances and Aids;

the Obituary Committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the official journal and bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Year Book; the Committee on Philatelic Literature to report on such new catalogues, hand books, manuals and papers as have been brought out during the year. The Committee on Philatelic Appliances and Aids needs no explanation whatever. The various devices that are being brought out now by our friend Krauth, Dr. Mitchell and various other manufacturers need to be more thoroughly advertised than they are. They are exceedingly useful. I think it is time that this Association took some stand with reference to bringing these inventions to the notice of the public. I move that the President be authorized to appoint these committees, to consist of three members each and to serve during the ensuing year, and that the Board of Directors amend the By-Laws so as to provide for their regular appointment hereafter.

Mr. Gregory: Mr. President, will Mr. Stone permit an amendment to his resolution including the Finance Committee and the Committee on Sales Department?

The Vice-President: As to the question raised by Mr. Gregory, that matter was simply left open, with a suggestion to the President that he appoint those committees in advance of the Convention. There seemed to be no reason why they could not be appointed. I do not think there was any absolute vote on the matter.

Mr. Gregory: My proposition is that the President be authorized and instructed to do so, which he is not now empowered to do until the meeting of the convention.

Mr. Stone: There will be a little difficulty in appointing these committees. The Finance Committee must look at the documents; they must be at the convention and look over the documents and vouchers. It would not be possible to appoint at this convention three members to serve on the Finance Committee who would be sure to be with us at Detroit. If we wait until the convention assembles, if the President ascertains in advance who are to be present he can appoint three members and tell them that they are to be the Committee on Finance. They would probably be there the day before and look over the papers. I have no objection to the amendment, but I do not think it is necessary.

Mr. Krauth: I rise to a point of order. There is a generic difference between the committees proposed in Mr. Stone's motion and those named in the amendment. The Committees on Finance and on Purchasing and Sales Department are already provided for by the By-Laws; we could not change their status without changing the By-Laws. The vote already taken shows that we cannot do that. The committees suggested by Mr. Stone are new committees, not provided for by the By-Laws; there-

fore we cannot vote on them in connection with a motion to amend the By-Laws. I think Mr. Gregory's motion is out of order, and I will ask the chair so to rule.

The Vice-President: The chair will sustain the objection. Are there any further remarks?

There being no further discussion, the question was put to vote and the motion was declared carried.

The Vice-President: The chair will appoint as the Committee on Obituaries Messrs. C. E. Severn, P. M. Wolsieffer and L. H. Miller, all of Chicago.

Mr. Holland: Without any disrespect to the Chairman, have you a right to appoint those committees?

The Vice-President: The Committee on Obituaries is always appointed to report at the next annual convention. I think under the vote as taken it was understood that those committees were to be appointed here — was it not, Mr. Stone?

Mr. Stone: Yes, sir.

Mr. Batchelder: I am aware that Mr. Olney had the committees all filled out to appoint on this occasion, had he been here.

The Vice-President: The chair will appoint as the Committee on Philatelic Literature Messrs. W. C. Stone, C. P. Krauth and H. E. Deats; as the Committee on Philatelic Appliances, Mr. C. P. Krauth, Dr. W. H. Mitchell and Mr. John N. Luff.

Gentlemen, is there any further business?

Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, I would like for a moment to refer to the letter read by Mr. Krauth from Mr. Talbot of the Long Island Philatelic Society, informing us of the incorporation of that society into the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. We have already passed a resolution authorizing the Secretary to send our congratulations to the Long Island Philatelic Society, but I think we should be recreant in our duty if we did not go a little farther, in view of the importance of this matter and the prestige which will come to philately from having that society incorporated with the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. I would like to move that the Secretary write to the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences thanking them for their action in opening a new department with the Long Island Philatelic Society. This action, on our part, I think, as coming from the national body of stamp collectors assembled at this place, will show that nothing can occur in the whole realm of philately in any of our branches without its being immediately taken notice of by the other sections of the science, as we call it.

Mr. Scott: I second the motion.

The motion, being put to vote, was carried unanimously.

The Vice-President: Is there any more business?

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. Krauth is engaged in a little occupation that will bear fruit in a moment or two.

The Vice-President: We will await Mr. Krauth's pleasure.

Geographical List of Members.

Mr. Gordon Ireland: Mr. President, if a suggestion is in order from a person as inexperienced as I am, I would like to suggest that the Secretary publish in the Year Book the geographical list of members and the other summaries of our membership as given in the Year Books before the last one. Mr. Beard omitted it in the last Year Book; the Association wished to have it done, but for some reason it did not appear.

The Vice-President: I think, Mr. Ireland, it would be well to put that in the form of a motion instead of a request.

Mr. Ireland: Then I move that the Secretary be instructed to publish in the Year Book the geographical list of members, together with the alphabetical list.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I most cordially second that motion.

Mr. Davison: Mr. President, that is reversing history. For the first seven or eight years of the Association the Year Book always contained geographical lists, and while I do not remember having been in attendance at the convention that changed it, the fact that it was changed, I think, indicates that there were good reasons advanced for it, and I imagine that one of the reasons advanced was the large amount of labor which is being placed on the Secretary, which is purely an office of honor. If we keep putting more and more work on the Secretary, adding new duties, I think the Association will have to come up and pay him a salary. That, I think, was one of the reasons why the Year Book was curtailed.

Mr. Deats: It is evident that Mr. Davison has not traveled around the country with a copy of the *American Philatelist* in his pocket in search for members of the Association and had to read that whole list of a thousand or more members through in every town he struck.

Mr. Stone: Amen!

Mr. Howe: I would say, Mr. President, that I had as many as twenty-five or thirty letters in the last month from members, dealers, collectors, and people who are not members, asking for a list of names of residents of various places who belong to this Association. I don't know how many evenings I have put in, but I am now at work and shall be during this fall, preparing a geographical list—I don't know when I shall complete it—so that I may be able to state at once who lives in various places. I think I have had three applications from Detroit asking for a list of residents of Detroit who were members of this Association, and I have been through fifteen hundred odd names and read them and re-read them and taken them down to the best of my ability in order to find who lived in these various places. I think it is a very good idea, to tell the truth, to have such a geographical list. If I get it once done that is the end of it for me, and I am going to do it for my own benefit, whether the rest of the society want it or not. I am going to do it because I cannot waste all my evenings looking up and finding who lives in Chicago or Cincinnati or Pittsburgh.

Mr. Jewett: If I remember right, there was no mention made of this last year at Boston, so I do not think it was done at the request of the members at large.

The Vice President: The chair will say that it was omitted upon Mr. Beard's own authority; it was not changed at any convention. There were several other things that Mr. Beard dropped out in the same way.

Mr. Scott: I think it is only a question of economy, and it is much better to leave it in.

Mr. Davison: I do not mean that I am opposed to that; I think it is an excellent thing to have it in. When I was Secretary it was a part of the Secretary's work. I do not know why it was discontinued, unless from a motive of economy or lessening the work of the Secretary. It is an excellent thing to have it there.

The question being put to vote, the motion was carried.

Resolution of Thanks for Hospitality.

Mr. Krauth: Mr. President, I beg to present the following resolution:

Whereas, The American Philatelic Association assembled in its thirteenth annual convention has been the recipient of a most hearty welcome and a delightful entertainment by the members of the New York Branch, the Staten Island Philatelic Society and the Collectors Club,—

Be it Resolved, That the sincere thanks of the Association be and hereby are tendered to the members of the above named societies.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Jewett.

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution as moved. All those in favor signify—

Mr. Wainwright: I want to offer a suggestion that those members present who

are not members of those several societies signify their assent to this resolution by rising and saying "Yes" as loud as they can.

Mr. Davison: May I say a word on that? While I do not exactly like to add anything to that, being a New York member, yet it appears to me that, having had the sessions of the convention in the only club house devoted to philatelic purposes, it would be eminently proper and becoming if this Association should have this resolution engrossed in an inexpensive manner, so that it could be presented to the club and put upon the walls. It can be done, I think, for about ten dollars.

The Vice-President: (To Mr. Krauth) Do you wish to accept the amendment?

Mr. Krauth: Yes.

Mr. Wainwright: I cordially second the suggestion of Brother Davison.

Mr. Albrecht: Can we get such a copy too? We have a club house, too, in Staten Island?

The Vice-President: Gentlemen, you have heard the resolution as amended; are there any remarks?

Mr. Wainwright: I think the Staten Island Society ought not to be left out. We can have two copies made as well as one.

The Vice-President: Well, we will proceed to a vote if there are no further remarks.

The question was put upon the adoption of the resolution as amended by adding the provision for sending an engrossed copy to the Collectors Club, and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Scott: That includes the Staten Island, doesn't it?

The Vice-President: The Staten Island was not included.

Mr. Deats: This includes the Collectors Club.

Mr. Scott: I am a member of the Staten Island, but I think if some member here who is not a member of the Staten Island will make the motion, we shall all be glad to vote to send that society a copy of the resolution. I am a member in name only; I never attend a meeting, but I should prefer that some one else should make the motion. The entertainment is solely the result of Mr. Albrecht's work in every way. He has worked very hard for it and he has met with a great many difficulties, and I think the society which he has so much at heart should be recognized in that way, and if there is any gentleman here who is not a member of the Staten Island Society who will make that motion I am sure it will be carried.

Mr. Albrecht: I wish to make a remark, Mr. President. Let it be understood that quite a number of A. P. A. members are members of the Staten Island Society, but the majority of the Staten Island members are not A. P. A. members, but they spent their money for the benefit of the A. P. A. members, and therefore in justice to the members of the Staten Island Society who are not connected with this Association I hope this action will be taken.

Mr. Wainwright: Mr. President, I move that a similar engrossed copy be sent, with the hearty thanks of the Association, to the Staten Island Philatelic Society.

The motion, being duly seconded, was put to vote and carried.

Vote of Thanks to Vice-President.

The Vice-President: Is there any further business?

Mr. Holland: It seems to be the general order of business to give thanks to the different clubs and societies, etc. I move that the convention express its thanks to its presiding officer for the efficient manner in which he has conducted its deliberations, and I am sure that the motion will be adopted unanimously.

The motion was seconded simultaneously by Mr. Deats and Mr. Scott.

The Vice-President: The Secretary will take the chair.

The Secretary: (Taking the chair.) Gentlemen, you have heard the motion of Mr. Holland that the thanks of this convention be extended to our presiding officer for

the very able, impartial and efficient manner in which he has presided over the deliberations of this convention. Are you ready for the question? (Cries of "Question!")

Mr. Davison: I move that we add to that motion: "and that we hope to have his attendance at all coming conventions."

Mr. Holland: I accept the amendment.

The Secretary: Gentlemen, you have heard the amendment to the motion; do you accept the amendment?

Voices: We do!

The Secretary: Then we will come to the question as it now stands.

The question was put and the motion as amended was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Mr. Wainwright: I simply wish to remark that the presiding officer of this convention, while he does not come from the metropolis of the United States, hails from the Hub of the Universe.

Having resumed the chair,—

The Vice-President said: Gentlemen, I have exhausted my abilities as a speech-maker on short notice. I can only say that I have tried to do my best on being called as I was to fill the chair, and that I heartily appreciate the resolution which you have just tendered me. I certainly shall make it a point to attend all conventions, so far as lies in my power. (Applause.)

Is there any further business? If not, I think a motion for adjournment will be in order.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that the convention adjourn *sine die*.

The motion, being seconded, was put to vote and carried, and at five minutes before eleven o'clock the Vice-President accordingly declared the thirteenth annual convention of the American Philatelic Association adjourned without day.

Attest:

WILLIAM N. HOWE, *Secretary*.

In Memoriam.

Deceased.

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CURRENT PHILATELIC PERIODICALS.

A few days before the present Year Book went to press I was requested to prepare a list of the philatelic periodicals existing at the present time. Owing to the short time allowed to gather material, I can only give a partial list, which however will be found to contain all the leading publications. In nearly every case the papers have been before me while I write, or else I have certain proof of their having issued a number this year.

In the next Year Book I trust it will be possible to publish a list containing the names etc. of every existing philatelic periodical. Attention is called to the announcement by the Literature Committee on another page.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

February 1, 1899.

UNITED STATES.

- Allegheny Philatelist*, Keifer Pub. Co., 97 Liberty St., Allegheny, Penn. 25 cents.
American Journal of Philately, Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 18 E. 23rd St., New York, N. Y. 50 cents.
Eastern Philatelist, B. L. Drew & Co., 23 Court St., Boston, Mass. 25 cents.
Evergreen State Philatelist, R. W. French, Hartland, Wash. 20 cents.
Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, 118 Stockton St., San Francisco, Cal. 25 cents.
Herald Exchange, Herald Exchange Pub. Co., 9 E. 108th St., New York. 25 cents.
International Philatelist, H. C. Beardsley, Box 216, St. Joseph, Mo. 10 cents.
Lone Star State Philatelist, R. B. Bradley, Waco, Texas. 25 cents.
Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, I. A. Mekeel, Ninth and Locust Sts., St. Louis, Mo. 50 cents.
Metropolitan Philatelist, J. W. Scott, 40 John St., New York. 25 cents. Weekly.
New York Philatelist, A. Herbst, 106 E. 111th St., New York, N. Y. 25 cents.
Perforator, J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Md. 25 cents.
Philatelic Bulletin, Naumkeag Stamp Co., Box 99, Salem, Mass. 25 cents.
Philatelic Literature, A. J. Kirby, Box 105, Taunton, Mass. 25 cents for 12 numbers. Published irregularly.
Philatelic Monthly and Stamp World, Bogert & Durbin Co., Tribune Building, New York, N. Y. 25 cents.
Philatelic West and Camera News, Brodstone Pub. Co., Superior, Neb. 25 cents.
Post Office, J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., New York, N. Y. 25 cents.
Postal Card Bulletin, Postal Card Society of America, 384 Union St., Springfield, Mass. Free to members of Society.
Postal Card Reporter, A. Lohmeyer, 922 N. Gilmore St., Baltimore, Md. Published irregularly. Free on application.
Stamp Talk, Wm. B. Brown, Box 487, Kansas City, Mo. 25 cents.
Stampman, D. W. Osgood, Box 502, Pueblo, Colo. Sent on application.
Stamps, Stamps Publishing Co., 87 Nassau St., New York, N. Y. 50 cents.
Texan Philatelist, Walter C. Lowry, Abilene, Texas. 15 cents.
Tri-Monthly Collector, J. F. Dodge, New Oxford, Penn. 36 cents.
Virginia Philatelist, Virginia Philatelic Publishing Co., 13 N. 11th St., Richmond, Va. 30 cents.
Weekly Philatelic Era, W. W. Jewett, 502-506 Congress St., Portland, Me. 50 cents.

GREAT BRITAIN.

- The Advertiser*, Phil. Pub. Co., Fentham Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham, England. Semi-monthly. 1 shilling.
Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular, Alfred Smith & Son, 37 Essex St., Strand, London, W. C., England. 1 shilling.

Bric-a-Brac, J. W. Palmer, 7 Catherine St., Strand, London, England. 1 shilling 4 pence.

L'Estrange Ewen's Weekly Circular, H. L'Estrange Ewen, 32 Palace Square, Norwood, London, S. E., England. Sent on receipt of postage.

London Philatelist, London Philatelic Society, Effingham House, Arundel St., Strand, London, England. 6 shillings.

Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Rd., Handsworth, Birmingham, England. 1 shilling 6 pence.

Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, Wm. Brown, St. Thomas Square, Salisbury, England. 2 shillings 6 pence.

P. J. G. B. Advertiser, same address. 6 pence.

Philatelic Monthly Advertiser, Co-Operative Stamp Co., Sydenham, Eng. 6 pence.

Philatelic Record and Stamp News, Buhl & Co., 11 Queen Victoria St., London, E. C., England. 5 shillings.

Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly, Harry Hilckes & Co., 64 Cheapside, London, E. C., England. 3 shillings 3 pence.

Stamp Collectors' Journal, C. H. Nunn, Bury Saint Edmunds, England. 1 shilling 6 pence.

Stamps, F. L. Heygate, Rushden, England. 2 shillings.

Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal, Stanley Gibbons, Limited, 391 Strand, London, England. 2 shillings.

BRITISH COLONIES.

Australian Stamp News, J. E. Newell Bull, Kilkivan Junction, Queensland. 2 shillings.

Australian Philatelist, Oscar Schulze, 113 Pitt St., Sydney, N. S. W. 3 shillings.

Canadian Philatelic Review, F. I. Weaver, Berlin, Ontario. 10 cents.

Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Alfred Muscat, 270 Strada Reale, Valetta, Malta. 1 shilling 6 pence.

Montreal Philatelist, R. C. Bach, 451 Sanguinet St., Montreal, Can. 25 cents.

Philatelic Advocate, Starnaman Bros., Box 104, Berlin, Ont. 25 cents.

Philatelic Journal of India. Philatelic Society of India, Calcutta. Free to members.

Philatelic Messenger, Matthew R. Knight, Boiestown, N. B. 15 cents.

Stamp Reporter, Geo. Bradley, 13 Center St., St. Catharines, Ontario. 20 cents.

Stamps, B. Gordon Jones, Calcutta, India. I have never seen this paper and give it from report.

FRANCE, BELGIUM, SWITZERLAND, ETC.

Ami des Timbres, Chas. Roussin, Galerie d'Orleans, Paris, France. 3 francs.

Annonce Philateliqne, Henri Carteret, 31 Roseaie, Geneva, Switzerland. 60 centimes.

Annonce Timbrologique, Armand Dethier, 51 Rue Quinaux, Brussels, Belgium. 2 francs.

Collectionneur de Timbres Poste, Arthur Maury, 6 Boulevard Montmartre, Paris, France. 1 franc 50 centimes.

Courrier des Timbres Poste, S. Bossakiewicz, 9 Grande Rue des Creuses, Saint, Etienne, France. 2 francs.

Echo de la Timbrologie, Yvert & Tellier, Amiens, France. 2 francs 50 centimes.

Moniteur du Collectionneur, M. Goebel, Place d'Armes, Luxemburg. 2 francs.

Philateliiste Francais, Th. Lemaire, 16 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris, France. 1 franc 25 centimes.

Revue Philateliqne Belge, Maurice Belin, 52 Rue de la Madeleine, Brussels, Belgium. 2 francs.

Revue Philateliqne Francaise, Societe Franc. de Timbrologie, 19 Rue Blanche, Paris, France. 2 francs.

Revue Postale, Wm. Chenevard, 50 Rue du Rhone, Geneva, Switzerland. 5 francs.

Timbre Poste et Timbre Fiscal, J. B. Moens, 42 Rue de Florence, Brussels, Belgium. 6 francs.

Timbrophile Poitevin, Raoul Teteix, Villa des Rocs, Poitiers, France. 1 franc 50 centimes.

GERMAN LANGUAGE.

- Austria Philatelist*, Wenzelplatz, 45, Prague, Austria. 4 marks.
Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung, Robert Karst, Jerusalemstrasse 59, Berlin, S. W., Germany. 2½ marks.
Briefmarken Sammler, August Mabes, Bremen, Germany. 1 mark, 75 pfennig.
Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung, Hugo Krotzsch, Langstrasse 22, Leipzig, Germany. 5 marks.
Illustrierte Briefmarken Journal, Gebruder Senf, Leipzig, Germany. 4 marks.
Illustriertes Briefmarken Zeitung, E. Heitman, Leipzig, Germany. 4 marks.
Philatelist, Int. Philatelisten Verein, Dresden, Germany. Free to members.
Postwertzeichen Kunde, A. Larisch, Schwanthalerstrasse 48, Munich, Bavaria. 3 marks.
Post, Baumbach & Co., Leipzig, Germany. 4 marks.
Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt, Hannover, Germany. 3 marks.

BRAZIL.

- Colleccionador de Sellos*, Remijio de Bellido, Sorocaba, (Sao. Paulo) Brazil. 5000 reis.
Jornal Filatelico, M. Copenhagen, 18 Rua Marechal Deodoro, Sao. Paulo, Brazil. 3000 reis.
Revista Filatelica do Brazil, Alph. Bruk, Caixa do Correo 198, Rio Janeiro, Brazil. 1 dollar.

SOUTH AMERICA AND SPAIN.

- Anales de la Sociedad Filatelica Santiago*, Casilla 1124, Santiago, Chile. 60 cents.
Buenos Aires Filatelico, Buenos Aires, Argentine. (Price ?)
Filatelico Comercial, Cespedes & Co., Puerto Limon, Costa Rica. 50 cents.
Madrid Filatelico, M. Galvez Jimenez, Carrera de San Jeronimo 14, Madrid, Spain. 2½ pesetas.
Revista Postal, Achard & Co., Bolivar 256, Buenos Aires, Argentine. 50 cents.
Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina, Casilla de Correo 1103, Buenos Aires, Argentine. 1 dollar.
Timbrologia Espanola, Dr. Jose Alvarez Janariz, Val de San Domingo, (Province of Toledo) Spain. 2 pesetas.
Voz del Filatelista Americano, Rosario, Argentine. (Price ?)

MISCELLANEOUS.

- Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift*, F. W. Andreen, Stockholm, Sweden. 3 kroner.
Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde, 57 Balistraat, 's Gravenhage, Holland. 3 florins.
Polski Filatelista, Franciskanska 1, Krakow, Austria. 75 cents.
Franco bollo, Via Principe Umberto 5, Milan, Italy. 3 lire.

COMMITTEE ON PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

At the last convention the undersigned were appointed a special standing committee of the Association to report at the next convention upon the progress made in philatelic literature during the year. It was the intention of the resolution that a general survey of the field should be given, enumerating all the publications, giving a list of new periodicals that may have appeared and of old ones that have ceased publication, etc. The help of our members is most earnestly requested to make the report as accurate as possible. All publications should be included, albums, catalogues, handbooks, manuals, periodicals, etc.

Information concerning these should be sent to some one of the committee, on or before July 1, 1899, in order to give time for consultation and inclusion in the report.

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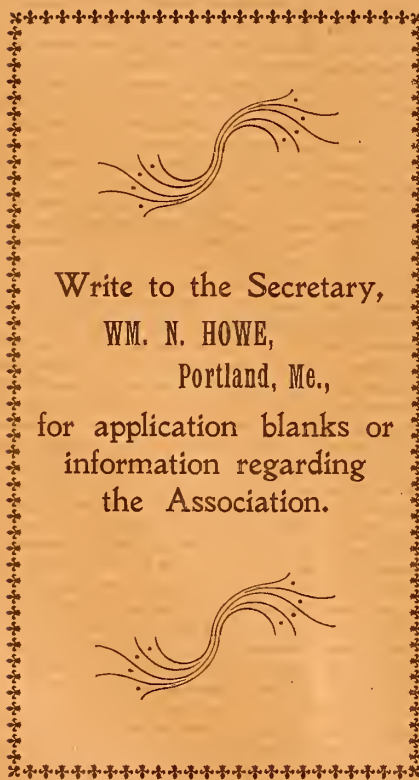
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