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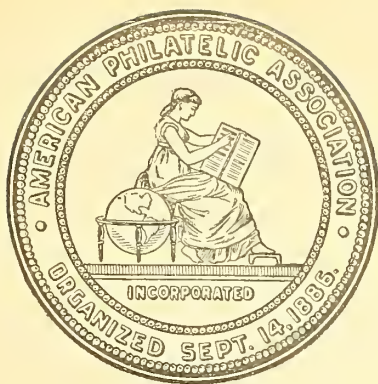
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves according to the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled, "An Act relating to Corporations other than those for pecuniary profit," approved March 3rd, 1870, under the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. The name of the corporation shall be The American Philatelic Society. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is established is to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries, and, in furtherance of these objects, to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of stamps of various kinds through its several departments.

III. Any person may become a member of the society by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members and accompanied by one dollar for a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the proper fulfilment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the society, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references and guarantor to be published in the next number of the Official Circular sent to members, and, if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case any objection is filed with the Board of Vice-Presidents, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof and proceed to investigate the case and accept or reject the applicant in their discretion.

IV. The capital stock shall consist of ten thousand shares of a par value of one dollar each. No member shall be allowed to purchase or hold more than one share of said stock. The annual dues shall be two dollars, or such sum as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

V. The corporation shall be managed by and under the care of the Board of Directors, to be elected at such times and in such manner as the By-Laws shall prescribe. The first Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices until the first day of September, 1897, and shall consist of the following: F. F. Olney of Providence, R. I.; W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon and Geo. L. Toppan of Boston, Mass; Joe F. Beard of Muscatine, Iowa; H. B. Phillips of San Francisco, Cal.; E. Doebelin of Allegheny, Pa.; N. W. Chandler of Collinsville, Ill.; and G. D. Mekeel of St. Louis, Mo.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1897.

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,
E. M. CARPENTER,

Witnesses as to

W. C. VAN DERLIP, J. L. KILBON,
AND GEO. L. TOPPAN.

MAXIL D. ROBB,
SAM E. ROBB,

Witnesses as to

E. S. STEBBINS, W. R. YOUNG,
AND GEO. W. ACHARD.

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Minneapolis, Minn.

GEO. W. ACHARD, [SEAL]
Minneapolis, Minn.

State of Massachusetts, }
County of Suffolk. } ss.

On this 5th day of May A. D. 1897, personally appeared W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and Geo. L. Toppan, to me known to be the signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

JAMES A. LOWELL,

[Notarial Seal]

Notary Public, Suffolk County, Mass.

State of Minnesota, }
County of Hennepin. } ss.

On this third day of April, A. D. 1897, personally appeared E. S. Stebbins, W. R. Young, and George W. Achard, to me known to be the persons who executed and signed and sealed the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

MAXIL D. ROBB,

[Notarial Seal]

Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

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OFFICE OF FRANK C. METCALF, Register of Deeds,
County of Hennepin, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 29th day of June A. D. 1897, at 1:45 o'clock P. M. and was duly recorded in Book 72, of miscellaneous, pages 478, 479, 480.

FRANK C. METCALF,

By Frank J. Peterson, *Deputy*.

Register of Deeds.

Filed for record in this office June 30, A. D. 1897 at 11 o'clock A. M.

ALBERT BERG, *Secretary of State.*

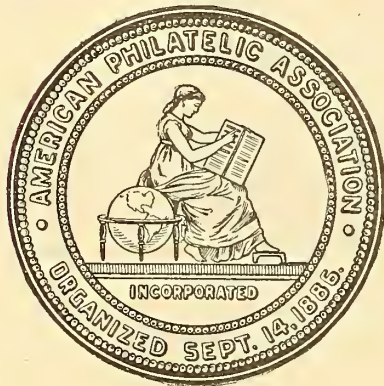
*Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation
of the*

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this society, held in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, on the 24th, 25th and 26th days of August, 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of this Corporation shall be The American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1897.



FRANK F. OLNEY,
President.

JOE F. BEARD,
Secretary.

Filed for record in this office Dec. 31st, A. D. 1897, at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

ALBERT BERG,
Secretary of State.

BY-LAWS

OF THE

American Philatelic Association

As adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention, August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and Amended at the Sixteenth Annual Convention, August 20-22, 1901.

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 cancelled 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. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

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 if the applicant is a resident of any locality where there is a resident Vice-President, his application must be approved by said officer, whose signature shall be in addition to those of the two references. Said application must be 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.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the Official Journal, and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

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 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 Board of Directors, 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 the 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 the 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 all meetings of the Association, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

SEC. 9. At the annual convention of the Association the President shall appoint the following 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,
- Committee on Resolutions, 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 and Standing Committees.
7. Communications.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New Business.
10. Reports of Committees.
11. Adjournment.

SEC. 10. 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 allowed 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 Board of Directors, 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, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the By-Laws to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

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 Board of Directors 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 ex-

pression 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 Board of Directors 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 1. *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 the 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, shall appoint a Committee of five members on Credentials, and 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 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, and they shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections.

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 be paid from the general fund.

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, membership cards 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 Board of Directors. 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., Sections 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 Board of Directors, 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 applicants, 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. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, and publish it in the Official Journal. 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 Board of Directors, 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 Board of Directors.

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

SEC. 4. The special elections to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the statutes of the State of Minnesota, in 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 and Standing Committees.*

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

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

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

SEC. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Standing Committees:

An Obituary Committee,
 A Committee on Philatelic Literature, and
 A Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances.

SEC. 3. All of the officers and standing committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Association, when called upon to do so. 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 Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute to act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. *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 hereinafter provided. He shall be allowed a commission of ten per centum 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 ten thousand dollars, to be approved by the Board of Directors. 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.

SEC. 5. *Assistant Librarian.* It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve and properly care for the records of the Association as received from retiring Officers or Boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Association of printed matter, and attend to binding the same,

and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

SEC. 6. *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 them to purchase for their account.

SEC. 7. *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 members, 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. 8. *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. 9. *Librarian.*—The Librarian shall keep a list of all works, etc., in his possession, and a record of the same.

SEC. 10. *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 Board of Directors 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.

ARTICLE VIII.—*Sales Department.*

SECTION 1. A report shall be rendered to all members whose books are not returned and settled for within three months from date of receipt.

SEC. 2. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days and will be held responsible for them until the next member receives them. 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. 3. Members removing a stamp must put in its place a control stamp, which the Superintendent will furnish to participants in this Department for 5 cents per 100 stamps. Members must cancel the control stamp by marking upon it the price of the stamp removed, or if they prefer they can:

1st: Sign their names in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed.

2nd: Sign a *nom de plume* which shall first have been registered with the Superintendent.

3rd: Use a rubber stamp which shall have some secret mark, with which the Superintendent shall have been made acquainted.

Should any blank space be found it is the member's duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

When books are forwarded to next on circuit list a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps taken from *each book* must be sent to the Exchange Superintendent.

A remittance for the amount of stamps taken must accompany each report, no matter whether the party has stamps circulating in the department or not, as this department is run on a strictly cash basis.

SEC. 4. An insurance fund shall be maintained by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, who shall collect a premium of one-half of one per cent. of the value of all stamps sent in for circulation. This fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep a special account of it, and the amounts collected for it shall be remitted to him monthly by the Superintendent, who, whenever he wishes to pay any claims from it, shall submit the facts of the case to the Board of Vice-Presidents. If they approve the

claim they shall certify the same to the Secretary, with all the papers in the case, and he shall draw a warrant for the amount in the regular manner.

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

ARTICLE IX.—*Official Journal.*

SECTION 1.—The Official Journal of the Association for the ensuing year shall be selected at each annual convention of the Association.

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.

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 Assistant 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. All copies on hand after one year from date of issue shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian. 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 Board of Directors 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 Board of Directors, the 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 Board of Directors, 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 in-

structed, 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 Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Assistant 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 Assistant 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 amendments 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.



Sixteenth Annual Convention

OF THE

American Philatelic Association.

Pursuant to the following notice, the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held at the Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 20, 21 and 22, 1901.

RACINE, WIS., June 7, 1901.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association :

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of this Association, for the election of officers and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be convened in the city of Buffalo, State of New York, upon Tuesday, the twentieth day of August, 1901, and upon the succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee upon Credentials: W. C. Stone, of Springfield, Mass., (Chairman); A. G. Burgoyne, of Verona, Pa.; W. F. Gregory, of New York, N. Y.; D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Iowa; and E. R. Aldrich, of Benson, Minnesota.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen as the Committee of Arrangements: Raynor Hubbell, (Chairman); A. L. Becker and E. E. Elster, all residents of Buffalo, N. Y.

Due notice will be given as to the location of the Convention Hall and of the hour of the assembling of the Convention.

GEO. L. TOPPAN, President.

The following stockholders were present:

Ernest R. Aldrich,	Benson, Minn.
Edward C. Althen,	Elgin, Ill.
Herbert Armstrong,	Iron Mountain, Mich.
J. Adenaw,	New York, N. Y.
J. Delano Bartlett,	Springfield, Mass.
Frank H. Burt,	Boston, Mass.
Alfred L. Becker,	Buffalo, N. Y.
Clark W. Brown,	Syracuse, N. Y.
J. M. Bartels,	Boston, Mass.
Howard C. Beck,	Detroit, Mich.
W. H. Barnum,	Cleveland, O.
H. C. Barr,	Davenport, Ia.
Frank J. Bescher,	Kansas City, Mo.

D. H. Bacon,	Derby, Conn.
L. T. Brodstone,	Superior, Neb.
Wm. H. Beck,	Detroit, Mich.
Nathan Cobe,	Waltham, Mass.
W. H. Colson,	Salem, Mass.
W. S. Coe,	Pittsburg, Pa.
E. M. Carpenter,	Boston, Mass.
Alvah Davison,	New York, N. Y.
H. E. Deats,	Flemington, N. J.
E. Doeblin,	• Pittsburg, Pa.
B. L. Drew,	Cambridge, Mass.
D. T. Eaton,	Muscataine, Ia.
T. H. Gafford,	Church Hill, Maryland.
Frank K. Hills,	Fort Wayne, Ind.
George Hetrich, M. D.,	Birdsboro, Pa.
T. Russell Hungerford,	Washington, D. C.
Raynor Hubbell,	Buffalo, N. Y.
T. L. Hazzard, M. D.,	Allegheny, Pa.
Otto E. Heineman,	Allegheny, Pa.
Thos. R. Johnston,	Saltsburg, Pa.
C. C. Johnson,	Milwaukee, Wis.
J. F. Johnson,	Auburndale, Mass.
Emil N. Kiefer,	Allegheny, Pa.
Clifford W. Kissinger,	Reading, Pa.
A. Krassa,	New York, N. Y.
Geo. F. Loomis,	Attica, N. Y.
J. H. Leippe,	Reading, Pa.
Ab. Leve,	Oswego, N. Y.
J. C. Miller,	Coal Valley, Pa.
A. F. Merell,	Chicago, Ill.
Eben S. Martin,	Minneapolis, Minn.
A. Platz,	Pittsburg, Pa.
C. Wesley Price,	Detroit, Mich.
Edward Y. Parker,	Toronto, Can.
E. T. Parker,	Bethlehem, Pa.
C. B. Rice,	Oswego, N. Y.
Isaiah Rudy,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Geo. W. Rode,	Pittsburg, Pa.
H. G. Smith,	Winona, Minn.
Albert C. Stewart,	Toledo, Ohio.
Ignaz Stauffer,	Carnegie, Pa.
Charles Steigerwalt,	Lancaster, Pa.
Wm. C. Stone,	Springfield, Mass.
Geo. L. Toppan,	Racine, Wis.
Fred H. Williams,	Parnassus, Pa.
P. M. Wolsieffer,	Chicago, Ill.

There were also present the following applicants for membership, all of whom have since become stockholders:

Chas. C. DeSelms,	Richmond, Ind.
Erwin L. Fischer,	Cincinnati, Ohio.
F. P. Gibbs,	Olean, N. Y.
T. Merritt Gifford,	New Bedford, Mass.

A. Herbst,	New York, N. Y.
A. Jungmann,	Milwaukee, Wis.
S. E. Moisant,	Kankakee, Ill.
E. Marks,	Toronto, Ontario.
Wm. A. McDonnell,	New York, N. Y.
Chas. A. Reber,	Allentown, Pa.
Chas. H. Stone,	Cambridgeport, Mass.
Willard O. Wylie,	Beverly, Mass.
Wm. H. Zuehlke,	Appleton, Wis.

There were also in attendance the following visitors:

Mrs. Lillian C. Aldrich,	Benson, Mich.
F. Allen Burt,	Newton, Mass.
Philip H. Burt,	Newton, Mass.
P. E. Bridge,	Columbus, O.
Dr. Warren L. Babcock,	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
Chas. A. Bornn,	Havana, Cuba.
Frank H. Coffran,	Buffalo, N. Y.
Mrs. W. S. Coe,	Pittsburg, Pa.
W. S. Coe, Jr.,	Pittsburg, Pa.
Frank E. Culp,	Bethalto, Ill.
J. F. Dodge,	Abbottstown, Pa.
Mrs. E. Doebelin,	Pittsburg, Pa.
B. H. Dayton,	Albany, N. Y.
F. A. W. Dean,	Niagara Falls, N. Y.
Mrs. Alvah Davison,	New York, N. Y.
Mrs. D. T. Eaton,	Muscatine, Iowa.
George Glies,	Allegheny, Pa.
L. S. Graham,	Merritton, Ont.
F. L. Huntington,	Meriden, Conn.
Mrs. Otto E. Heineman,	Bellevue, Pa.
Leo Kahn,	Indianapolis, Ind.
Mrs. C. W. Kissinger,	Reading, Pa.
F. N. Massoth,	Chicago, Ill.
A. B. McBride,	Waterloo, Ont.
Raymond C. Potteiger,	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Mrs. E. T. Parker,	Bethlehem, Pa.
Mrs. Albert C. Stewart,	Toledo, Ohio.
Wm. F. Schad,	Milwaukee, Wis.
Mrs. Wm. F. Schad,	Milwaukee, Wis.
C. S. Stiles,	Warren, Ohio.
M. T. Hunter,	Toronto, Ontario.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST SESSION: Tuesday, August 20th, 1901.

The Convention met in the Niagara Hotel, Buffalo, and was called to order at 10.30 A. M. by the President, Mr. George L. Toppan.

The President: Gentlemen, if you will please come to order I will declare the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association open for the transaction of business.

I will first announce that, owing to the inability of Messrs. Gregory and Burgoyne to be present, I have appointed Dr. Hazzard and Mr. C. C. Johnson on the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Stone, will you please take the chair?

Mr. Stone in the chair.

The Chairman: Gentlemen, you will listen to the address of the president.

The President read the following address:

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: Another year, the closing one of the nineteenth century, has become enrolled upon the archives of the past and it again becomes my pleasant duty to bid you a most cordial welcome to this, our Sixteenth Annual Convention.

Viewed from a philatelic standpoint the past year has been quite an eventful one and, as patriotic Americans, it is but natural for us to turn first to the events which have transpired at home; this being so, then, our thoughts turn involuntarily to the special series of postage stamps issued in commemoration of the great exposition which is now being held in this fair city of Buffalo.

You are all familiar with the designs of the stamps and will, I feel sure, agree with me that, in artistic conception, beauty, fineness and delicacy of execution, they are surpassed by but few, if any, which the world has ever known.

It is, of course, to be regretted that "mistakes will occur" and that "inverts" have escaped the vigilance of the many employees of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and gotten into circulation, but, and in this, too, I think that you will agree with me, such being the case I feel assured that those of us who possess examples of these errors have every reason to consider themselves extremely fortunate, while those who do not possess them look on with envy and almost despair of ever being able to obtain them.

Probably the greatest surprise which United States specialists have experienced for many years is the discovery that the stamps printed by the National Bank Note Company were not, as has been generally supposed, the only ones to receive the grille, but that the Continental Bank Note Company also applied it to a limited number of each variety in circulation in the year 1876.

It is to that indefatigable philatelic student, Mr. John N. Luff, that we owe this discovery and his article upon the subject in the current number of *The American Journal of Philately* teems with interesting facts and statistics relative thereto.

Passing now to our Colonial Possessions we are confronted with two very different conditions: First, the abolition of surcharges for the Island of Guam, which was a step in the right direction and gave rise to the hope that the Government had seen the error of its ways and had decided to put a stop to the flood of surcharges, many of which were of a purely speculative character, as instanced by the higher values and special delivery stamps for Guam and many of the envelopes for Cuba. But, to turn to the second instance,

hardly had the decision in the Guam case been rendered when our hopes were shattered by the announcement that a new lot, including all of the dollar values and a large number of the little used 3c unpaid letter stamp, had been ordered surcharged for use in the Philippines. We are, of course, all free to draw our own inference regarding these decisions but it seems to me that, allowing that certain conditions made it advisable for the stamps used in the Philippines to be surcharged for a while longer, as is claimed, there is nothing but speculation pure and simple in the surcharging of the values above alluded to.

We now come to the revenue stamps: The values from \$1.00 to \$50.00, including the new \$2.00 denomination, have, as you all know, been issued in a so-called "soluble ink" of a grayish tint which is overprinted with large outlined figures of value in black upon the face. This ink, however, has not proven sufficiently soluble to prevent the washing and re-use of the stamps and I understand that the Government officials are again at work experimenting with other devices which, it is to be hoped, will prove to be more efficacious and will accomplish the end in view.

Regarding the partial abolition of the stamp taxes upon July 1st, it is a noteworthy fact that the method pursued in this instance is exactly the opposite of that followed in repealing the taxes of the civil war period.

In the present instance the masses of the people are the first to be relieved of the burden by the abolition of the tax upon bank checks, proprietary medicines, etc., while, in the earlier one, these taxes were not repealed until nearly eleven years after all other stamp taxes had been removed. This action has, of course, rendered all of the Proprietary stamps, both general and private, with the exception of the 1c and 2c general, obsolete, and will undoubtedly render several values of the Documentary series nearly so.

Doubtless the most important event of the year has been the death of Queen Victoria. It is a well-known fact that postage stamps were first generally adopted in England in the year 1840, and, since that time, the great majority of all the stamps of the British Empire have portrayed the features of Her gracious and well-beloved Majesty. It may, then, well be said her death closes the "Victorian Era" so far as philately is concerned.

As a natural consequence, the accession of Edward VII to the throne will cause a wholesale change in the stamps of the British Empire and, I think that I may be permitted to add, a wholesale exchange of change from the pockets of the many collectors of these fascinating stamps to those of the dealers.

I have seen it stated somewhere that the features of the late Queen were reproduced, in some form or other, upon no less than nine hundred and forty-four postage stamps. I presume that this is exclusive of stamped envelopes and wrappers, and I think that I am perfectly safe in stating that this number exceeds the sum total of the portraits of all of the other crowned heads, presidents, notable personages, etc., as depicted upon the stamps of the world.

France, which poses as the artistic centre of the world, has lately introduced us to a new set of stamps which reflect, in point of conception and execution, anything but the artistic spirit and keen sense of the beautiful with which her people are supposed to be imbued.

Switzerland seems to be even worse off; for, notwithstanding her offers of liberal cash prizes for the best and most appropriate designs, she seems to be unable to find anything at all acceptable.

The usual crop of South and Central Americans, including surcharges and errors (?) galore, has made its appearance and is closely followed by the surcharged colonials of both France and Germany, both of which seem to be making a hard run for a place.

In a society way the interest during the past year seems to have centered, in this country at least, at Boston and Chicago, the local societies of both cities having held frequent exhibitions of stamps and awarded numerous medals to the successful exhibitors. In both instances this has resulted in a material increase in their membership as well as in the attendance at their regular meetings and it is greatly to be regretted that, being a national organization, we are unable to profit by the lesson which the public spiritedness of the members of these two societies has taught us.

And now a few words as to our own affairs: If I am not mistaken it will well repay you to consider most carefully the report of your Committee upon By-Laws and the changes which they will recommend. The experience of the past year has shown that, in many respects, they were woefully deficient or ambiguous and that reform, especially in the line of more clearly defining the correct interpretation of several of them, is much to be desired.

I desire, also, to bespeak your earnest attention to the report of your Board of Vice-Presidents for the year, as, although I have not seen the report, I feel sure that it will instance several cases where the Board has been greatly handicapped by the ambiguity of some sections of the By-Laws.

I desire, furthermore, to call your attention to the good work of our Committee upon Membership, and to thank them for the zeal and devotion which they have shown in the

cause. If the results of their labors have not been quite as satisfactory as they could have wished them to have been, I can assure you from personal observation that it has been due to no lack of effort upon their part. It should, also, be remembered that their work has cost the Association nothing; that, with the aid of several members who have the interests of our Association at heart, they have paid all of their expenses out of their own pockets.

All of the various departments of the Association are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, in the very best of condition and are working to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned.

In conclusion I desire to thank you all for the many courtesies which I have received at your hands; for the support which you have always extended to me in my official capacity; for the kindly attentions with which you have favored me this morning, and, last, but not least, to express the hope that the coming year may be replete with success and prosperity both to our Association as a whole and to each individual member thereof.

GEORGE L. TOPPAN, *President.*

The Chairman: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the president; what action will you take?

On motion, the report was accepted.

The President in the chair:

The President: The next in order will be the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Stone read the following report:

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON ELECTION.

The committee beg leave to report that they have carefully counted the ballots received and that they are as follows:

Whole number of ballots,	- - - - -	253
Rejected,	- - - - -	9
Approved,	- - - - -	244
Geo. L. Toppan	} Elected.	244
H. E. Deats		243
P. M. Wolseifer		242
E. Doebelin		241
S. Leland		240
C. L. Annan		240
H. B. Phillips		239
M. H. Lombard		238
C. E. Severn		234
S. T. S. Doncyson		5
D. T. Eaton	4	
W. F. Gregory	4	
Wm. C. Stone	3	
E. R. Aldrich	2	
H. G. Smith	2	
A. G. Burgoyne	2	
C. W. Kissinger	1	
Geo. W. Rode	1	
John N. Luff	1	
John Kay	1	
E. H. Anderson	1	
J. W. Scott	1	
A. W. Batchelder	1	
E. M. Carpenter	1	
A. Holland	1	

Of the rejected ballots one was from a person not yet entitled to vote, two were not signed, two signed but not filled out, one entirely blank and three were duplicates.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE ON PROXIES.

The following proxies have been received.

A. F. Merell	- - - - -	83
E. R. Aldrich	- - - - -	40
D. T. Eaton	- - - - -	20
Geo. W. Rode	- - - - -	16
Wm. C. Stone	- - - - -	14
E. M. Carpenter	- - - - -	11
Nathan Cobe	- - - - -	5
W. H. Barnum	- - - - -	2
J. F. Johnson	- - - - -	1
Crawford Capen	- - - - -	1
Frank K. Hills	- - - - -	1
L. T. Brodstone	- - - - -	1
A. G. Burgoyne	- - - - -	1
Raynor Hubbell	- - - - -	1
F. J. Bescher	- - - - -	1
C. C. Johnson	- - - - -	3

There were three proxies from persons not members, and four were revoked by proxies of later date.

WM. C. STONE *Chairman.*

Mr. Stone: The Committee on Credentials have had several proxies handed in to them since their report was made up, which will be acted on and reported to-morrow morning. If any of you have proxies, please hand them in to me or some other member of the Committee today, so that we can have them ready for tomorrow morning's session. In addition, there were seven ballots received in Buffalo thirty minutes after the polls closed yesterday, which could not be counted.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials. It will be considered merely as a report of progress, as they will report every day.

The next in order will be the roll-call.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I move that the roll-call be dispensed with.

Mr. Doebelin: I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

The President: Next in order is the appointment of Committees. The Chair will appoint as a—

COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES—Messrs. Eaton, Althen and Barnum.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Messrs. Carpenter, Merrill and Rode.

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY—Messrs. Stone, Deats and Aldrich.

COMMITTEE ON SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT—Messrs. C. C. Johnson, Platz and Bartels.

COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES—Messrs. J. F. Johnson, Doebelin and Krassa.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS—Mr. Burt, Dr. Hazzard and Mr. Rice.

COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JOURNAL—Messrs. Bartlett, H. C. Beck and Colson.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS—Messrs. Smith, Wolsieffer, Deats and Stone, and the President *ex-officio*.

MINUTES OF LAST CONVENTION.

The President: The next in order will be the reading of the minutes of the last convention.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move that the minutes as published in the year-book be approved.

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

The President: The next in order is the report of officers and standing committees.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The Secretary, Mr. Deats, read the following report:

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BUFFALO, N. Y., August 20, 1901.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN:—It gives me pleasure to present in person my second annual report as Secretary. While we have had a successful and uneventful year, we again have a decrease in membership of thirty-three.

During the year we have gained fifty-one new stockholders, and sixty-four members, previously dropped for non-payment of dues, have been re-instated. In December last, one hundred and thirty-nine were dropped for non-payment of dues, two have died, and seven have resigned, leaving a membership to-day of five hundred and thirty-two, all of which is more clearly set forth in the following statement:

Membership at last Convention,	565	
New Stockholders,	51	
Reinstated,	64	
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		680
Dropped for Non-payment of Dues,	139	
Died,	2	
Resigned,	7	
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		532

During the year it has been my duty to chronicle the death of three members, as follows:

No. 37. CHARLES BERGHOLZ.

No. 199. F. NEWELL CHAPIN.

No. 5. JOSEPH RECHERT.

I have referred these to the Obituary Committee as required by the By-Laws.

Mr. Bergholz was reported as dropped for non-payment of dues last December, but I learned later that he had died while in good standing.

The card catalogue which was transferred to my care by order of the last Convention, has been brought up to date and cards of many members who dropped out long ago have also been written up. To do this it was necessary to go back to 1892 and verify by the reports each week in the Official Journal all the entries made on the cards. This work consumed about twelve days time. The expenditure of \$20.00, authorized by the Board of Directors, more than covered the expense of cabinet, new cards, etc.

All the officers of the Association have been exceedingly prompt in answering letters, and the business of my office has been greatly facilitated thereby.

The plan I suggested in my last report of treating applications for reinstatement in the same manner as an application for admission to membership, has, in my opinion, proven itself to be just what was needed. It is unnecessary to enter into details, but one result alone, will justify the increased labor on the part of the Secretary; members will be more careful hereafter in paying dues promptly, because to be suspended certainly shows a carelessness that can be easily avoided.

RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Resident Vice-Presidents have attended to their duties as outlined in the By-Laws and have frequently been of service to me in furnishing information regarding matters within their territory. I have no suggestions to make, unless it be that Resident Vice-Presidents be also appointed for towns in which the membership is not at present very large, with a view of increasing the membership of the association.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The New York, Pittsburg, Chicago and St. Paul Branches are still in existence. I have received communications during the year only from the Chicago Branch. The minutes of their meetings have also been published in the Official Journal.

From Aug. 1st, 1900, to Aug. 1st, 1901, I have received cash as follows:

Stock,	\$58.00	
Dues, New Members,	30.20	
Dues,	82.50	
Year Books,	.75	
	<hr/>	\$171.45

I have remitted to the Treasurer as follows:

Sept. 15, 1900, Cash to Treasurer,	\$19.20	
Oct. 8, " " " "	8.70	
Nov. 5, " " " "	8.20	
Dec. 5, " " " "	4.10	
Dec. 21, " " " "	12.00	
Jan. 2, 1901, " " " "	24.00	
Feb. 4, " " " "	21.35	
Mar. 7, " " " "	19.55	
April 2, " " " "	13.75	
May 3, " " " "	13.80	
July 29, " " " "	13.50	
Aug. 2, " " " "	13.30	
	<hr/>	\$171.45

The following is a statement of the expenses of my office for the year, amounting to \$143.30.

Vouchers for all items accompany the report.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, TO H. E. DEATS, Secretary,

DR.

1900.		
Aug. 1.	Postage for July,	\$ 2.46
Sept. 1.	Postage for August,	1.93
11.	Rubber Stamp,	.15
25.	Box Gold Seals for Stock,	.35
Oct. 1.	Postage for September,	1.42
13.	Express on Year Book Copy to G. L. Toppan,	.36
Nov. 1.	Postage for October,	2.84
10.	Express on By-Laws,	.30
10.	Express on Copy to Printer,	.31
10.	Express on Old Records from Treasurer, Four Sets Index Cards and 300 Plain Cards,	.25 1 50
Dec. 1.	Postage for November,	2.16
6.	Express on Philatelic Literature Report, Express on Vice-President's Report to C. E. Severn,	.40 .81
9.	Index Cards for Catalogue,	3.00
24.	Postage on 441 Membership Cards, @ 2c, Additional Postage on 24 Foreign, @ 3c,	8.82 .72
24.	Postage on 441 Year Books to Members, @ 4c,	17.64
31.	Postage for December,	6.18
	<hr/>	\$51.60

1901.	3.	Express to D. H. Bacon (Envelopes for Year Book),	.76	
		Express from C. H. Fox (Membership Lists),	.25	
Jan.	2.	Telegram to D. H. Bacon,	.41	
	81.	Postage for January,	2.29	
		Stamped Envelopes for Mail Vote,	16.20	
Feb.	12.	Express to C. E. Severn,	.26	
	25.	Express, J. J. Oesch,	.43	
	28.	Postage for February,	1.16	
Mar.	21.	Printing for Mail Vote,	9.25	
	30.	Postage for March,	1.87	
April	2.	Telegram to W. W. Jewett,	.41	
		Adams Express, Package from J. A. Wainwright,	.25	
		Cabinet for Card Catalogue,	10.00	
	10.	Bill, J. A. Wainwright, Expenses,	.51	
	30.	Postage for April,	2.35	
				\$46.40
May	31.	Postage for May,	1.98	
June	15.	Envelopes (1c), for Mailing Ballots,	6.72	
	24.	A. Killgore, Printing,	19.75	
	29.	Postage for June,	2.04	
July	11.	Cards for Catalogue,	3.75	
	29.	A. Killgore, Printing,	7.75	
	31.	Postage for July,	3.31	\$ 45.30
				\$143.30

During the year I have drawn twenty-three orders on the Treasurer, amounting to \$783.66, as follows:

LIST OF ORDERS DRAWN, 1900-1901.

DATE.	No.	NAME AND PURPOSE.	AMOUNT.
1900.			
Sept.	10	27. Geo. A. Burton, Stenographer, Convention Report,	\$ 45.00
	10	28. Kihn & Hall, Membership Cards,	12.00
	10	29. H. E. Deats, Secretary, Expenses to Convention,	73.61
Oct.	10	30. H. G. Smith, Treasurer, Expenses,	18.15
	10	31. Jones & Kroeger, Treasurer's Stationery,	21.50
	15	32. A. Killgore, Secretary's Stationery,	18.00
Nov.	12	33. H. G. Smith, Treas., Dues, E. H. Anderson, Librarian,	1.20
	12	34. E. Doeblin, Int. Secretary, Sub. to Vertrauliches Kor. Blatt,	5.65
	26	35. H. E. Deats, Sec'y, return of W. H. Bodine's Dues (paid twice in error),	1.20
	6	36. Geo. L. Toppan, President, Expenses,	6.49
	6	37. D. H. Bacon & Co., Philatelic Literature Report,	12.05
	26	38. P. F. Bruner, Expenses, Board Vice-Pres.,	6.38
Dec.	13	39. W. M. Carson, Treasurer's Bond,	20.00
	7	40. W. W. Jewett, account Official Journal,	100.00
	15	41. D. H. Bacon & Co., By-Laws and Envelopes for Year Book,	20.00
	26	42. D. H. Bacon & Co., Year Book,	204.68
1901.			
Jan.	8	43. George Gregory, Printing for Board of Vice-Presidents,	6.25
	2	44. H. N. Peters & Co., Treasurer's Stationery,	4.50
	2	45. H. E. Deats, Secretary's Expenses to Dec. 31,	51.60
June	1	46. H. E. Deats, Secretary's Expenses to May 31,	46.40
	19	47. W. W. Jewett, Official Journal,	60.45
Aug.	1	48. H. E. Deats, Secretary's Expenses to Aug. 1,	45.30
	7	49. Arkansas Democrat Co., Treas. Printing,	3.25
			\$783.66

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,

Secretary.

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

Mr. Stone: I move that it be accepted and placed on file, and portions referred to the proper committees.

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

Mr. Doebelin, the International Secretary, was called upon for his report.

Mr. Doebelin: I am prepared. You must excuse me, gentlemen; I have a cold in the throat. I brought my physician along, but he didn't help me much; he was in the midway. (Laughter)

Mr. Doebelin read the following report:

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: Our By-Laws require that I, as an officer of our association, shall make a report, and although materials are scarce, I now submit the same.

Without making any effort to be complimented by the convention, I can state that I have done my duty during the past year to the very best of my humble ability. I have reported promptly all new members to the "Vertrauliches-Korrespondenz Blatt." I have answered every letter from foreign lands. I have sent many application blanks to my correspondents, but had little success in gaining foreign members.

No new philatelic journals of any importance have appeared in foreign countries, but some old publications have been laid to rest. It is especially to be regretted that Moen's paper, the oldest and best philatelic periodical, has been discontinued. "Der Baierische Philatelist," an excellent paper, has also given up the ghost. The editor, Herr Brummer, died, and his journal went with him. Heitmann's "Illustrierte Briefmarken Zeitung" went under January 1, 1901. I did not shed any tears, because for the last few years the paper was, as they in Chicago, "on the hog."

New issues of stamps were plentiful abroad. I do not know of any country, large or small, that has failed to supply us with philatelic novelties. The European countries, in particular, had a deluge of new and beautiful things in the stamp line. Each one of them did its level best to beat the others. Every government had, of course, a special reason for its enterprise. Greece did a land-office business in surcharges, and followed this month with a fine new set. France, being a land of huge ideas, enlarged her postal labels to correspond with the ideas. Spain took her place in the procession and Finland fell in behind. Bosnia needed a few stamps of higher values and she got them. Italy followed suit. So did Austria, Hungary, Montenegro and Russia. Crete treated herself to stamps with red and black surcharges, and others without surcharges. Uncle Sam wanted \$95,000 from the Turk. The Turk, having no money, fell back on the usual stand-by and issued five sets of stamps. Two of these sets ran up to fifty piastres, whereas previously the highest value was twenty-five piastres. This was hard on collectors, but it is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and Abdul Hamid succeeded in paying Uncle Sam. Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany wanted a great navy, but the Reichstag was very slow about allowing him the money to build it. The Kaiser, however, met the difficulty by one of those strokes of genius for which he is famous. He set the imperial printer to work and issued 117 different colonial stamps, with a battleship on each stamp, and now he has his great navy—on paper.

The management of the Vertrauliches-Korrespondenz Blatt passed into the hands of the Kiel Society, under the editorship of Dr. A. Kuenkler, and is still doing its good work. I would again ask this Association to retain our connection with the publication and give it material aid to help to continue its life and usefulness for the collectors of all countries. We need contact with our foreign brothers to widen our Association and to extend its fields and influence until collectors of the whole world shall stand together in defence of their common interests.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DOEBLIN,

International Secretary.

On motion, the report was accepted and ordered placed on file, and the recommendations therein referred to appropriate committees.

The President: Next in order will be the report of the Treasurer.

The report of the Treasurer, Mr. Annan, was read by the Secretary, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., August 13, 1901.

To the President and Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Association :

I submit herewith Treasurer's Report for the year ending August 31st, 1901:

Statement of H. G. Smith, Treasurer, from August 31st, 1900, to December 1st, 1900:

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand August 31st, 1900,	\$111.55
September dues collected,	68.40
October dues collected,	342.90
November dues collected,	98.60
	\$621.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

1900.			
Sept. 17.	Geo. A. Burton,	Voucher No. 27,	\$45.00
	Kiln & Hall,	" " 28,	12.00
	H. E. Deats, Secretary,	" " 29,	73.61
Oct. 18.	H. G. Smith, Treasurer,	" " 30,	18.15
	Jones & Kroeger,	" " 31,	21.50
	Anthony Kilgore,	" " 32,	18.00
Nov. 12.	H. G. Smith,	" " 33,	1.20
	E. Doeblin,	" " 34,	5.65
	H. E. Deats, Secretary,	" " 35,	1.20
	Geo. L. Toppan, President,	" " 36,	6.49
	D. H. Bacon & Co.,	" " 37,	12.05
	P. F. Bruner, Vice-President,	" " 38,	6.38
		\$221.23	
	Balance on hand, December 1st, 1900,		\$400.22

STOCK FUND.

Amount at credit August 31st, 1900,	\$1,629.00
Received during October,	9.00
Received during November,	2.00
	\$1,640.00

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

Amount on hand August 31st, 1900, last report,	\$ 125.89
Total amount cash on hand, December 1st, 1900,	\$2,166.11

From December 1st, 1900, to August 31st, 1901:

GENERAL FUND—RECEIPTS.

From H. G. Smith, Treasurer,	\$400.22
December dues collected,	33.30
1901.	
January dues collected,	28.80
February dues collected,	21.90

March dues collected,	18.10	
April dues collected,	8.50	
May dues collected,	5.80	
June dues collected,	2.50	
July dues collected,	2.30	
Interest on certificate of deposit,	40.92	
Year books sold,	.75	
		563.09

DISBURSEMENTS.

1900.			
Dec.	13.	W. M. Carson,	Voucher 39, Treasurer's Bond, \$ 20.00
	15.	W. W. Jewett,	" 40, Official Journal, 100.00
	15.	D. H. Bacon & Co.,	" 41, Printing and Stationery, 20.00
1901.			
Jan.	5.	D. H. Bacon & Co.,	" 41, Printing Year Book, 204.68
	8.	Geo. Gregory,	" 43, Stationery, Board Vice-Pres., 6.25
	9.	Herman N. Peters,	" 44, Stationery for Treasurer, 4.50
	11.	H. E. Deats,	" 45, Sec'y exp. to Dec. 31, 1900, 51.60
June	13.	H. E. Deats,	" 46, Sec'y exp. to May 31, 1901, 46.40
July	29.	W. W. Jewett,	" 47, Official Journal, 60.45
Aug.	12.	H. E. Deats,	" 48, Sec'y exp. to Aug. 1, 1901, 45.30
			\$559.18
		Cash on hand August 31, 1901,	3.91
			\$563.09

STOCK FUND.

From H. G. Smith, Treasurer,	\$1,640.00	
Received during the year,	47.00	
		\$1,687.00

ENTERTAINMENT FUND.

From H. G. Smith, Treasurer,	\$125.89	\$125.89
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Respectfully submitted,

C. L. ANNAN, Treasurer.

The Secretary: This report is accompanied by the vouchers for the year, a certificate of deposit of \$1200 for the stock fund, and a certificate from the bank of the balance of the funds on hand. I move that the report be received and referred to the Finance Committee.

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

The report of the Board of Vice-Presidents was read by the Secretary, as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The Board of Vice-Presidents, 1900-1901, perfected its organization upon the receipt of the effects of the office of its predecessors. The Board's first meeting was held in November, 1900, and since then sessions were held usually weekly or bi-weekly; the frequency of the meetings was the result of the Board's wish to prevent the undue accumulation of business of a special nature and to transact routine business with despatch.

The Board came to the conclusion early in its career that the delicate character of much of its work would not allow of publicity in the Official Organ, as only fragmentary and incomplete information could be incorporated in these reports, in justice to those concerned. Merely the requirements of the By-Laws as to the number of reports were complied with in this regard.

The routine business of the Board needs no especial comment, but reference may be made to the following cases, important in themselves or by suggestion.

The Amendment of Article VIII, Section 3, of the By-Laws carried through a mail vote, counted March 16th, as follows: By substituting the words "one-half of one per cent." for the words "one per cent." in the fourth line of said Section, and further by striking out the words "except those arising from substitutions" and inserting the words "including those arising from substitutions which may be proved to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Purchasing and Sales Department and the Board of Vice-Presidents."

The Board agreed upon the wisdom of adopting these amendments through its experience derived from considering cases that under these amendments would have been affected.

The official reports submitted to the Board were carefully scrutinized. The quarterly statements sent by H. G. Smith, Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, were accepted in turn. The report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department appointed at the 1900 convention was received on February 15, 1900. The Board asked that the report be amplified and the levies on the insurance fund be detailed in a more comprehensive manner. A correspondence covering the period of some months ensued, and finally the report of the Committee was accepted, and the balance of the insurance fund, \$639.97, turned over to the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department. The correspondence on the subject of the reports rendered by the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department in the accompanying port-folio will explain the points that were discussed. While this report was accepted, the Board felt strong reasons for objecting to the way in which the insurance fund was handled. Here the Board takes the opportunity to offer the following recommendations, having for their intent a stricter accounting for the insurance fund than the provisions of the By Laws at present demand.

First: The insurance fund should be a special fund to remain in the hands of the Treasurer.

Second: All losses should be paid by the Treasurer from this fund on an order drawn by the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department, and approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents.

Third: As the last sentence of Section 4, Article VII of the By-Laws conflicts with Section 3, Article VIII, we advise that the first-named be continued in force, and that Section 3, Article VIII be amended. Losses chargeable to the insurance fund should not consist of bad debts due to the Department or losses with which members of the Association may reasonably be charged.

In the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents, published in the Official Journal dated June 15, 1901, the following paragraph appeared:

"At a meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, held June 8th, the Board of Vice-Presidents unanimously voted that R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wisconsin, be suspended from the American Philatelic Association pending the settlement of charges against him received by the Board of Vice-Presidents. This suspension will be followed by expulsion if suitable adjustment is not made."

Since this report, Mr. Thiele has not convinced the Board that he has made due effort to settle the charges against him.

The Board proceeded in its investigation of the charges against Mr. Thiele with the delicacy that may be observed in the consideration of a case of this character, and with an appreciation of Mr. Thiele's past services in behalf of the Association. The correspondence that passed between Mr. Thiele and the Board will show that no precipitate action was taken by the Board in ordering his suspension. The Board as a body, and its members individually, wrote Mr. Thiele with the view of urging him to clear his name. As Mr. Thiele did not keep promises made to the Board when his case was considered at first it did not attach sufficient weight to his subsequent promises to stay its proceedings. The specific charge of which the Board has taken cognizance is that of W. Sellschopp & Co., San Francisco, who accuse Mr. Thiele of making no returns for sheets of stamps sent him on approval, Mr. Thiele having admitted the receipt of the sheets. The Board is not unmindful of the other complaints made against Mr. Thiele nor of his expulsion from a number of societies. The Board of Vice-Presidents has been asked to present a demand for Mr. Thiele's expulsion at this convention.

SAMUEL LELAND,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
C. E. SEVERN,

Board of Vice-Presidents.

On motion of Mr. Aldrich, the report was accepted and referred to the proper committees.

The report of the Librarian was read by the Secretary, as follows:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Mr. H. E. Deats, Secretary American Philatelic Association,
Flemington, New Jersey.

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the library of the American Philatelic Association.

Since my last report the entire library has been classified, and a catalogue printed which is now ready for distribution among the members of the Association.

The total number of volumes in the library is 242, and the number of titles 97.

Now that a catalogue has been provided, it is confidently expected that the books will be used much more frequently than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN H. ANDERSON,
Librarian.

On motion of Mr. Deats, the report was received and referred to the Committee on Library.

The report of the Assistant Librarian was read by the Secretary, as follows:

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

During the year I have again gone over all the property of the Association in my hands, employing a young man to assist, who spent about four days on the work. The stock of back numbers of the American Philatelist has been carefully counted, wrapped, and tied, and a detailed list is submitted herewith.

The letters, copy books, etc., of the four years during which Mr. Walton was Secretary, as mentioned in my report last year, I have finally learned were destroyed by him by order of Mr. Tiffany.

Early in the year the New York Board of Vice-Presidents shipped to me all the property in their possession. I went over it carefully and forwarded such as I thought would be of use to the new Board of Vice Presidents at Chicago. The balance has been filed.

Ten bound volumes have been donated to the Library during the year as reported in the official journal. Everything on hand, bound, has been forwarded to Pittsburg.

Statement of receipts and expenditures for the year is submitted herewith, accompanied by vouchers, showing a balance on hand of \$55.77, which is deposited to my credit as Assistant Librarian of the American Philatelic Association, in the Flemington National Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. DEATS,
Assistant Librarian.

H. E. DEATS, Assistant Librarian,

Dr.

Aug. 28, 1900.	Cash on hand,	\$59.92
Sept. 17, 1900.	Three Year Books sold	75
Jan. 29, 1901.	Four " " "	1.00
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		\$61.67

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Sept. 17, 1900.	Express on old records from W. C. Stone,	\$.50
Nov. 24, 1900.	" " " " Board of Vice-Presidents at New York,	1.80
Dec. 5, 1900.	Binding,	1.20
July 27, 1901.	Express on books to Pittsburg,60
Aug. 1, 1901.	Paper and twine,	1.80
Aug. 20, 1901.	Balance on hand,	55.77
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		\$61.67

On motion of Mr. Carpenter the report was accepted and referred to the proper committees.

The report of the collecting agent was read, as follows:

REPORT OF COLLECTING AGENT.

H. E. Deats, Secretary,

DEAR SIR: As collecting agent of the American Philatelic Association I respectfully submit my report of the business done in the department for the year 1900-1901.

Claims received, eleven, amount,	\$247.60
Collected in cash, four, amount,	96.00
Collected by returns, etc., three, amount	53.00
In process of collection, three.	
Uncollectable, one.	

The above I consider a good showing and as I stated last year shows, or at any rate indicates, that the stamp collecting fraternity are honest folk.

H. D. WATSON,
Collecting Agent.

The President: Gentlemen, if there is no objection the report will be received as read and placed on file.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The reports of the resident vice presidents for Chicago and San Francisco, were read as follows, and referred to the Committee on Branch Societies:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR CHICAGO.

Chicago has manifested that marked degree of interest in the American Philatelic Association that it first manifested previous to the convention of last year. The activity of the local branch and the appointing of a "recruiting committee" by President Toppan, consisting of J. J. Oesch, S. T. S. Doncyson and A. F. Merell, all of Chicago, naturally directed continuous attention to association affairs here.

Reference to the list of applications for membership published during the year shows that this district has not failed of full representation. The "recruiting committee" after its appointment outlined a plan of campaign which it has pressed with ardor. The good results of its exploitation of the association by booklet and general advertising have been apparent during the past months; and it is fair to assume from the character of the work performed that evidence of it will continue to be seen in the shape of applications for months to come.

All applications of persons residing in this vicinity have been passed upon as carefully as possible with the information at hand and that which was obtainable.

As the Chicago branch will submit a detailed report of its actions, it is unnecessary for me to say more.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY W. WOLSELEY,

Chicago, August 10, 1901.

Resident Vice-President.

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT FOR SAN FRANCISCO AND VICINITY.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 8, 1901.

Mr. H. E. Deats, Secretary American Philatelic Association,

Buffalo, New York.

DEAR SIR: My report as Resident Vice-President must of necessity be very brief. I have not kept a record of new members added to the society under the jurisdiction of San Francisco, but I feel sure there has been a slight increase. Neither has there been

held a meeting of the members resident here, for the reason that nearly all of them are members either of the San Francisco or Berkeley clubs, and I have thus come in frequent communication with them.

There is a probability that a branch society will soon be organized in Berkeley, which is a suburb of this city, and several members reside there who do business in San Francisco. The matter has been discussed in the Berkeley Club, and will no doubt come up for action at an early day.

I can safely report a keen interest in philately among the collectors resident about the bay of San Francisco, and dealers all report good local business, which is further evidence of the growing popularity of stamp collecting. The Berkeley society has a membership of fully twenty, three fourths of whom are now members of the American Philatelic Association, so a respectable branch can easily be organized.

Hoping this meager report will be acceptable, and with my good wishes for the success of the Convention, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM. E. LOY,

Resident Vice-President.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS.

The President: The Chair owes an apology to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements for not allowing him to make his announcement earlier on the program. Mr. Hubbell.

Mr. Hubbell: Mr. President, I have a report to make. As Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, I would like to say that we propose to take a trip to Niagara Falls this afternoon, leaving here at 2 o'clock. We can have an hour or two at the Falls and have dinner there; then take what is known as the Gorge Route from the Falls along the bank of the Niagara River to Lewiston—which is a very delightful trip indeed—and then directly back from Lewiston here. I find that that trip will cost us \$1.25 each, and I can thoroughly recommend it as a very fine trip and something that you will remember. But I have not felt authorized to go ahead and arrange for the trip until I could get some idea as to whether the members would like to have me do so. I do not know whether it is in order or not now, but if it is, I would like to have an expression on that point so that I can go ahead and make arrangements, if your organization desires me to do so.

The President: Gentlemen, will all those in favor of the trip please rise, so that we can get an idea of your wishes. (Nearly all the members rose.) It seems to be pretty nearly unanimous.

Mr. Hubbell: Mr. President, the number is sufficient to insure our getting a rate of \$1.25.

The President: Mr. Johnson wants to be specially counted as two.

Mr. Hubbell: Now, Mr. President, one thing more. As I take it, it has been decided to go to Niagara Falls. That being so, I think we had better arrange for a dinner this evening at one of the hotels at Niagara Falls. Of course I have not arranged for that, because until this minute we have not known whether we should go.

The President: I suppose, with one exception, we shall all have to eat. The exception can answer for himself.

Dr. Hazzard: He takes his out in drinking.

Mr. Hubbell: That being so, Mr. President, I will make arrangements for some special trolley cars.

Mr. Doebelin: We will have a special car?

Mr. Hubbell: Special cars. Would you like to hear anything from the committee as to these arrangements?

Mr. Doebelin: Yes.

Mr. Hubbell: Mr. President, this is the representative of the trolley company. (Introducing a gentleman). And he has something to say in regard to the proposed trip which I would like to have him state.

Mr. Lewis: (The representative of the Electric Railway Co.) If any of you have ever been to the Falls you will know what the trip is without my telling you. It covers absolutely everything there is to be seen there, and the American side of the trip will take you from Niagara Falls down past the Whirlpool and the Rapids, which are just as important as the Falls themselves, and it will take you down to Lewiston, where you can get a view out over Lake Ontario. You have the privilege of stopping over anywhere you like along the route from the Falls to Lewiston and return.

Mr. Hubbell: How long does it take?

Mr. Lewis: Actual running time, an hour and a half.

Mr. Hubbell: How long a time will you spend there?

Mr. Lewis: That depends upon how interested you become.

Mr. Hubbell: My idea was to have special cars. Can we leave from right here?

Mr. Lewis: I think so. I could not say definitely until I have been to the office.

Mr. Hubbell: At two o'clock?

Mr. Lewis: Yes, sir.

Mr. Hubbell: Then we will go to Niagara Falls and will have a couple of hours to look around the Falls. I will make arrangements for dinner at one of the hotels. After dinner we want to have the cars again to take us down the Gorge route.

Mr. Lewis: It would not be the same cars; it is another company.

Mr. Hubbell: Did I state the rate correctly?

Mr. Lewis: The rate for the entire trip is \$1.25. It will be better to have the trip down the Gorge route first, and return to Niagara before dinner.

REPORTS OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENTS.

Mr. Doebelin, Resident Vice-President for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and Mr. J. F. Johnson, Resident Vice-President for Boston, read their respective reports, as follows, the same being referred to the Committee on Branch Societies:

REPORT OF RESIDENT VICE-PRESIDENT, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I beg leave to submit my report as the resident Vice-President of Allegheny County, Pa. I am sorry to report that the Pittsburg Branch, No. 5, A. P. A., was not flourishing during the last year. The meetings, four in number, were not well attended and very little interest was shown by the members. At the last meeting new officers were elected and I hope that new life will come to the branch.

The local Society, the Twin City Philatelic Society, is in better shape. The meetings are well attended; good papers are read during the winter meetings. The financial condition of the Society is in extremely good shape. The Pittsburg Philatelic Club holds ten meetings during the year and each of the meetings is a swell affair, not a dry one. The Twin City Society seems to flourish; it is the Society for the younger collectors. Allegheny County has about twenty A. P. A. members.

Yours very respectfully,

E. DOEBLIN.

REPORT OF THE RESIDENT VICE PRESIDENT, BOSTON MASS.

MR. PRESIDENT AND GENTLEMEN: I am very sorry to be obliged to say that my report is very short, for the very good reason that I have nothing to report. The Boston branch of the society seems to be a thing of the dim past, but I wish it could be revived and do more good work for the Association. Personally I have sent in two or three applications during the past year, and if each member would do half as well it would place the Association where it was a few years ago.

I think the future for the society looks very bright, both for new members, and for the general good the society can do for the benefit of our hobby, and I wish that the

Boston Society could show as much activity and hustle as the Chicago one has during the last year.

If we had half a dozen branch societies like the Chicago in different parts of the country, it would not be a great while before we would become the largest and most influential society in the world, and I am willing to do all I can to boom the Boston branch.

I am sorry that I cannot present a better report to the Convention, but as I cannot I will cut it short or I will make it worse, and trust that the report for next year will be a decided improvement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JOHNSON,

Resident Vice-President,

Boston, Mass.

REPORT OF AUCTION PURCHASING AGENTS.

The following reports of the Auction Purchasing Agents for Chicago and Boston were read, the same being severally accepted and placed on file:

CHICAGO AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT.

CHICAGO, August 17, 1901.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: During the year just closed I have had the pleasure of executing a number of commissions for various members. While I was successful in giving satisfaction to the great majority of members who entrusted me with their business, yet there were several instances where unreasonable demands were insisted upon, and which caused me personal loss.

I find that most of the misunderstandings of auction differences are caused by the too hasty perusal of the catalogues, as well as a difference of opinion as to the description given by the cataloguer. An average specimen, a good specimen, or a fair specimen, does not mean *fine* by any means, yet members do send in bids on such lots and find fault because they do not turn out to be fine.

One other matter which causes the Auction Purchasing Agent considerable embarrassment is the fact that so many members neglect to remit promptly for lots purchased, as the Agent is obliged to pay for them at once. Auction purchases are invariably spot cash, and the members should remit by return of mail in all cases. Remittances should also be made by post office or express orders. The small checks cost, at least, 15c. exchange, and the unused postage stamps means a loss of from 3% to 7% in having them converted into cash. These are small matters individually but they mean much to the Agent collectively.

Trusting for the continued success of the Association, I remain,

Yours very truly,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER.

BOSTON AUCTION PURCHASING AGENT.

H. E. Deats, Secretary American Philatelic Association,

Flemington, New Jersey.

SIR: As Auction Purchasing Agent of the American Philatelic Association, I have had an increased number of calls for my services and have attended to the same faithfully, and I believe to the entire satisfaction of the members who have had occasion to call upon this department.

Respectfully yours,

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER.

The Secretary: Mr. President, I wrote to all the officers asking for their reports. Mr. Scott, Mr. Smith and Mr. Gregory replied that they would be here and report in person.

The following report of the Chicago Branch was read, accepted and placed on file:

REPORT OF CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15, 1901.

To the Officers and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: Since the last Annual Convention Branch No. 1 has held twelve regular monthly meetings. All of the meetings were fairly well attended, and the Branch seems to be enjoying some of the prosperity manifested by the Association at large.

The Branch has done all in its power to advance the interest in this section and advertise the advantages of the Association to non-members, and to influence the return of former members.

It is very gratifying to me to place on record the fact that we have had considerable success, as shown by the reports in our Official Journal during the year just closed.

The Branch renominated its ticket of last year, which seemed to have given general satisfaction to all concerned. As, up to this date, there has no opposing ticket appeared we feel that our choice for Directors was approved everywhere. At the last meeting of Branch No. 1, the following Officers were elected for the coming year, beginning Sept. 1st. S. T. C. Doncyson, President; P. J. Flanders, Secretary; Fred Michael, Treasurer.

It was also unanimously voted to recommend for the Office of Resident Vice-President Mr. A. F. Merell. The Branch also instructed its Delegates to the Convention to propose and advocate certain changes in the By-Laws, which are for the best interests of all concerned.

The members of Branch No. 1 have also taken a lively interest in the work of the Membership Committee, which President Toppan appointed from members of this Branch.

Very respectfully,

P. J. FLANDERS.

Mr. Stone read the report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature. (Printed elsewhere. See index.)

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Aldrich: I move it be received, accepted and placed on file.

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

The President: Committee on Philatelic Aids and Appliances. As none of the members of that Committee are here, that report will have to be passed.

The Chair will suggest that as all the reports are in, now will be a good time to take adjournment, and would suggest that a meeting be set for 9.30 tomorrow morning. We want to get through with this work as quickly as we can. I would also ask the various committees to get their reports ready as quickly as possible, so that they may all be acted on at once. I believe Mr. Deats has a few words to say.

The Secretary: Mr. President I want all visitors and members to register on these little slips, and hand them to me, "in order that we may keep track of the members present and may from these slips prepare a roll-call for any vote which may be taken which necessitates a roll-call. The Treasurer has requested me to receive the dues of any members who prefer to pay in cash rather than remit to him. I have a supply of cards for that purpose.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move we adjourn to half-past nine tomorrow morning.

The motion, being seconded, was put to vote and carried, and an adjournment was accordingly declared at 11.38 A. M.

SECOND SESSION.—Wednesday Morning, August 21, 1901.

The Convention met in the Niagara Hotel at 10:15, the President in the chair.

The President: The first thing this morning, gentlemen, is the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Mr. Stone read the following report :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

August 21, 1901.

The following additional proxies have been approved :

H. C. Beck,	1
A. F. Merell,	5
A. Krassa,	7
H. G. Smith,	55

One proxy given to A. F. Merell has been revoked by one of a later date.

The President: The next in order is the report of the Obituary Committee, Mr. Burt, Chairman.

Mr. Burt read the following report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

The Committee on Obituaries have been advised of the deaths of three members: Charles Bergholz of Onalaska, Arkansas, Joseph Rechert of Hoboken, N. J., and Frederick Newell Chapin of Springfield, Mass.

CHARLES BERGHOLZ.

We regret to say that we have not been able to obtain any authentic information regarding Mr. Bergholz.

JOSEPH RECHERT.

Died April 11th, 1901.

Few men interested in stamps have left a name so widely known or a record of so much work done for philately as Joseph Rechert, of Hoboken. A native of Germany, he was already interested in stamps before he came to this country, thirty years ago. United States envelopes were his specialty, of which he left a beautiful collection, as well as a fine general collection of stamps. With the late Mr. John K. Tiffany, the first president of the American Philatelic Association, and Mr. Bogert, of the Bogert-Durbin Co., he was associated in the preparation of the well-known standard catalogue of the stamped envelopes and wrappers of the United States, which was published in 1892 by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., and is considered the best guide for collectors of United States envelopes up to the present time. Through this invaluable work his name became known to collectors not only in all parts of the United States but also all over Europe. He was for many years International Secretary of the American Philatelic Association, and was a member of the National Philatelic Society and the Staten Island Philatelic Association, besides many stamp societies in Europe. His health began to fail about two years ago. He visited Carlsbad several seasons, going the last time in August, 1900, but on his return he seemed no better, and left shortly afterwards for the South. He returned the

middle of March a very sick man, and succumbed on April 11th. His widow and four grown-up children,—two sons and two daughters,—and a host of friends mourn his loss. He was a successful business man, and although his duties were of an exacting nature he always found time for his hobby, the collecting of stamps.

FREDERICK NEWELL CHAPIN.

Died April 13th, 1901.

Frederick Newell Chapin was born March 9th, 1853, in Collinsville, Conn., and died April 13th, 1901, at Springfield, Mass. His early business life was spent in Hartford, but he removed many years ago to Springfield, where he conducted dry goods stores for some years. He afterwards engaged in the real estate business but returned in later years to the dry goods business, with which he was identified for over thirty years. He was in the stamp business while in Hartford, and during his residence in Springfield he continued the business under the name of the Massasoit Stamp Co. Mr. Chapin died of pneumonia after an illness of only a few days. He was unmarried, but left several relatives in New York. A genial, unassuming man, he had a wide circle of warm friends.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK H. BURT,

Chairman.

The report was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The President: The next matter is the report of the Sales Superintendent, Mr. Smith.

The following report was read, and was referred to the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SALES AND PURCHASING DEPT.

WINONA, MINN., Aug. 1st, 1901.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: I herewith submit my first annual report.

Members were slow in sending in their books for the Department and on the first day of March, 1901, I only had books valued at \$8,580.59, net.

Since then, however, the members are responding liberally and I now have Books valued at \$14,770.38, net.

The sales during the time the Department has been in working order have amounted to \$3,000.54.

I have retired 145 Books, valued at \$4,970.93, net. The amount of the Insurance Fund turned over to me from the former Sales Superintendent was \$639.97, and the amount collected during the past year is \$151.12, making a total of \$791.09 which amount is herewith attached in checks.

In this connection I would recommend that the Sales Superintendent should at time of retiring from his office turn over all moneys belonging to their fund to the Associated Treasurer, and that all claims on the Department of whatsoever nature should be paid by the Treasurer on voucher.

The changes made in the By-Laws regarding the use of control stamps, also the reduction of the insurance fee, have met with general approval, and I am pleased to state that during the year, there has not been a single claim on the insurance fund for substitution.

The Department is now in fine working order and I trust the report for next year will be the banner one.

Very respectfully submitted,

H. G. SMITH,

Superintendent of Sales.

The President: The next is the report of the Counterfeit Detector.

In the absence of Mr. Scott, the Counterfeit Detector, Mr. Stone read the following report:

REPORT OF COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

August 19, 1901.

Mr. President and Directors, American Philatelic Association:

I beg to report the business of my department for the past year as follows: Nine hundred and sixty-four stamps have been received for examination from the members of the Association, of which 716 proved to be counterfeit in whole or in part, and were duly returned to the owners with the desired information.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SCOTT,
Counterfeit Detector, A. P. A.

The President: If there are no objections the report will be received, accepted and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communication was read:

OFFICIAL JOURNAL PROPOSITION.

PORTLAND, MAINE, August 17, 1901.

Mr. H. E. Deats, Secretary American Philatelic Association:

DEAR SIR: I wish to tender to the Association through you the services of the "Weekly Philatelic Era" as the official journal for another year on same terms and conditions as past.

Deeply regretting inability of attending myself, I wish to thank the Association and all its officers for the general courtesies and favors received from all, and remain, with best wishes,

Respectfully yours,

W. W. JEWETT.

On motion of Mr. Deats, seconded by Mr. Stone, the communication was received and referred to the Committee on Official Journal.

The following telegram was read:

PITTSBURG, PA., August 19, 1901.

George L. Toppan, Hotel Niagara:

Ill health compels absence. Success to the Convention.

A. G. BURGOYNE.

Mr. President: Gentlemen, you have heard the communication; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Aldrich: I move that the telegram be received and filed, and that our Secretary be instructed to telegraph our regrets that Mr. Burgoyne is not here. I understand he is lying ill, which is the reason for his absence. I am sure the members all desire to express their regrets at his absence.

Mr. H. C. Beck: With best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Mr. Aldrich: Certainly.

The motion, being seconded, was carried unanimously.

The following communication was read:

George L. Toppan, Esq., President A. P. A.:

DEAR SIR: I herewith empower you to offer \$20, as a prize to be given to the member of the Association reading his own paper on the stamps of any one country. The details I leave in your hands.

Yours very truly,

New York Athletic Club, Aug. 17, 1901.

ALEXANDER HOLLAND.

The President: Gentlemen, what is your pleasure on that communication?

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I move it be received with thanks and referred to the Board of Directors for action.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: The next thing in order will be the report of the Committee on Standing Rules. Mr. Eaton,

Mr. Eaton read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STANDING RULES.

August 21, 1901.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: We, the undersigned committee on Standing Rules, beg leave to report, that we would recommend former rules governing the Association, as there seems to be no reason for any changes.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON,
W. H. BARNUM,
EDWARD C. ALTHEN.

On motion of Mr. Doebelin the report was accepted.

GREETING TO MR. IGNAZ STAUFFER.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I would like to introduce to you—

Mr. Stone: Put on your coat.

Mr. Doebelin: I am a shirt-sleeves man. (Laughter.) I want to introduce to you a collector, an old collector, a man that collected longer stamps, I think, than any one of us in the room; a man who is a faithful collector and is known to all of the Association, but none of you have seen him: A man that has sent us every time during the last ten or twelve years a telegram to every convention we have held; a man that is an earnest collector, who has done more for philately than you ever thought of; a man who has a choice collection, and who is living back in the little city of Carnegie, near Pittsburg. We all in Pittsburg and Allegheny love him; we admire him. He is the Treasurer of the Twin City Philatelic Society since the start. He is a member that we all admire, but he never before was in a convention. I want to introduce to you a real collector; that is Mr. Ignaz Stauffer. (Long applause.)

Mr. Stauffer rose.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. Ignaz Stauffer. (Renewed applause.)

Mr. Stauffer: Mr. President, gentlemen and Mr. Doebelin, I thank you very much for your kind words, but I think you speak a little too strongly about me and my collection.

Mr. Doebelin : That is all right.

Mr. Stauffer : I am an old-time collector, and I shall stick to stamp collecting as long as I live. I am not able to make a speech, Mr. President, and you will kindly excuse me. I thank Mr. Doebelin for his kind words; I think he has said a little too much. (Applause.)

The President : Report of the Committee on Finance.

The following report was read :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

August 20, 1901.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association :

GENTLEMEN : Your committee would respectfully report that they have attended to attended to their duties, examined the reports, papers and vouchers of the Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Librarian and find the same to be correct.

It is impossible to check exactly the receipts of the Treasurer, but the amounts received for dues agree approximately with the membership as reported by the Secretary.

E. M. CARPENTER,
GEORGE W. RODE,
A. F. MERELL,

Finance Committee.

On motion, the report of the Committee was received and accepted.

The Membership Committee submitted the following report :

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen and Stockholders of the American Philatelic Association :

Your committee on membership in rendering its yearly report regrets that it will have to appear in the nature of an unfinished report. The committee was appointed by the President January 29th of this year, and by the time the plan of campaign was perfected and the advertising matter prepared for distribution another month and a half had elapsed, making the actual beginning of the work of this committee about March 15th.

Our plan of campaign has been to advertise liberally in the Philatelic Press, and to distribute circulars and booklets detailing the advantages accruing from membership in the Association. The circulars were widely distributed through the coöperation of many of our members, and resulted in securing names of collectors who might be induced to join the Association. To such collectors the booklet and application blanks were sent with varying success.

As there were no funds set aside for the use of the committee to defray the expenses of printing, postage, etc., some of the members stepped in and by the donation of cash and stamps have helped to meet these necessary expenses. The stamps donated are to be sold at public auction, free of charge, by a member, and as this sale will not take place until after the convention it leaves our report in an incomplete condition, as we will not be ready to report on the finance question until after the sale. We feel certain, however, that the result of the sale will clear up all expenses, and possibly will leave a small cash balance on hand. The space used in the various newspapers for advertising was kindly donated by the publishers in most cases.

Those members who have not seen a copy of our "booklet" may have one sent them upon application, which, if put to use, might result in one or more applications for membership. Approximately 600 copies of this "booklet" have been sent to collectors in this country and elsewhere.

In closing we beg to call your attention to the following figures :

Membership February 1st (when committee was appointed)	464
Membership to-day	531
Applications posted	14

The Committee extends thanks to those who have assisted by action or suggestion in promoting this publicity.

Respectfully submitted,
 JOHN J. OESCH, *Chairman*,
 S. T. S. DONCYSON,
 A. F. MERELL.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Deats: I move the report be received and the Committee continued.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stone and carried.

The following report of the Committee on Library was read by Mr. Stone:

REPORT OF LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The committee desire to commend the work of the Librarian in classifying the contents of the library and issuing a catalogue of the same, and would recommend the acceptance of his report and that of the Assistant Librarian. Members are urged to carefully look over their literature and donate to the library such volumes as they have which it does not contain.

We recommend the usual appropriation for the V. K. B.

W. C. STONE,
 H. E. DEATS,
 E. R. ALDRICH,
Committee.

The President: You have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Carpenter: I move that it be accepted, Mr. President, and the recommendation adopted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: Report of the Committee on Official Journal:

Mr. H. C. Beck: Mr. President, I was unable to see Mr. Bartlett, the Chairman of the Committee, this morning, and inasmuch as I was the second member I took the liberty of preparing the report.

Mr. Beck read the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

August, 21, 1901.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee on Official Journal would respectfully report as follows: The only proposition received for the Official Journal was from Mr. W. W. Jewett, publisher of the "Weekly Philatelic Era," to continue the Era as the Official Journal on the same terms and conditions as heretofore.

We believe that it is not feasible for the Association to publish its own journal at the present time, and as the services rendered by Mr. Jewett have been satisfactory, we would respectfully recommend that the "Weekly Philatelic Era" be continued as the Official Journal for the ensuing year upon the same terms and conditions as for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
 HOWARD C. BECK,
 W. H. COLSON,
 J. DELANO BARTLETT.

The President: You have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

It was moved by Mr. E. Y. Parker and seconded that the report be received and the recommendations carried out.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, for several years past the publisher of the Official Journal has furnished to the Secretary a galley-proof of the mailing list for the use of the Committee on Credentials, which saved several hours' time in the preparation of their report. He has also furnished a copy of the mailing list printed on gummed paper for the use of the Secretary in sending out the membership cards and the Year Book, and once a year for the Treasurer in sending out the annual statement of dues. There are four times in the year, therefore, when this copy of the mailing list as printed is of material use to the officers of the Association, and therefore, indirectly, to the members. In some way during the past few months Mr. Jewett has seen fit to revise his mailing list, making it up entirely by states, instead of by societies, as he had heretofore done. I did not know, until a few days before I came to the convention, that I could not have this list of members in this very convenient form for the use of the Credential Committee, so I had to make up something else and have it answer. I would like to see it made a part of the contract with the publisher of the Official Journal that he keep the mailing list of the members of the Association in such form that he can furnish a copy of it to any officer of the Association who may need it in the discharge of his official duties. I therefore move, Mr. President, an amendment, that it be made a part of the contract that the publisher shall furnish a copy of the mailing list to any officer of the Association who may need it in the discharge of his official duties.

The motion was seconded, and the amendment was accepted by Mr. E. Y. Parker, the mover of the original motion.

Mr. Doebelin: I think that the Official Journal of this Association ought to publish the nominations for a longer time. I noticed that they were only published once this year, and it was hard for some of the members to know who was nominated. I think the Official Journal ought to have at least four weeks before the convention the ticket that is nominated at the head of the column of the official page. I think that Mr. Jewett has taken very little interest in the Association. He did not say a word about this Association during the whole year in his editorial columns. I am perfectly satisfied with the "Era" being the official paper, but when it comes to the time of the convention he ought to say in his editorials a little more about our Association and the nominations that are made. I see by the report of the committee that some of the members sent in blank ballots, and I think they did not know who was nominated. If it was not for the Chicago Society I think half the members would not know who was nominated. The Official Journal ought to publish for at least four weeks before the convention the names of the nominees. That is my opinion.

The President: Any further remarks, gentlemen?

Mr. Bartels: Gentlemen, in case there are various nominees, each list should be given, no matter who has nominated them.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, it seems to me that the publisher of the Official Journal has nothing to do with what is put in that department. The editor of that department is the man to say what shall go in and how long it shall stay. It seems to me the Secretary should be the one who should instruct him to continue the list of nominations. If he simply sends him a list of names they are inserted once, and unless he is told to insert them more than once it is not his fault.

The President: Gentlemen, the question recurs to the recommendation of the Committee "that the Weekly Philatelic Era be continued as the Official Journal for the ensuing year on the same terms and conditions as for the past year," to which Mr. Deats moves an amendment. Will the stenographer please read the amendment?

(The stenographer read the amendment, viz):

"That it be made a part of the contract that the publisher shall furnish a copy of the mailing list to any officer of the Association who may need it in the discharge of his official duties."

Mr. Aldrich: As I understand it, if Mr. Jewett refuses to comply or is unable to comply with that request, the contract is not to be made?

The President: If that becomes part of the contract, most decidedly, if he fails to comply, it will not be made; but I think there is no danger but that he will be ready to comply.

Mr. Aldrich: I rather question whether he would wish to do so. The Post Office Department has been insisting lately on publications making their classifications by states. That is undoubtedly the reason why Mr. Jewett has gone to the work of revising his classification as he has, and putting it in to state order.

The President: Are there any further remarks on the amendment?

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I am well aware of the fact which Mr. Aldrich has stated, of the recent ruling of the Post Office Department; but I find that other publishers whose papers are the Official Journal of some organization keep the mailing list of each organization separate, although by states, and if Mr. Jewett can do that, that will answer the purpose. It will make a little more work for the Secretary in rearranging that list for the Committee on Credentials. It will not make any difference in his using them for the mailing of membership cards and Year Books, or with the Treasurer's using them in sending out his annual statements.

The President: Any further remarks, gentlemen? The question is on the amendment.

The question was put on the amendment, and it was carried.

The President: The question now recurs to the original motion accepting the recommendation of the Official Journal Committee. Are there any remarks upon that?

Mr. Doebelin: I wish it would be included in the contract that the nominees must be published four weeks before the convention in the Official Journal.

The President: Mr. Doebelin, the Chair would say that that is hardly a question that lies with Mr. Jewett. If he is furnished with the nominations by the Secretary he is obliged to print them. It has been an oversight this year that it was not done—no fault of Mr. Jewett's.

Mr. Aldrich: Mr. President, may I ask for information, whether Mr. Doebelin ran behind the ticket? (Laughter).

Mr. Doebelin: I ran three behind the President.

Mr. Deats: It is the business of the Secretary to furnish that list of nominations to the publisher of the Official Journal and direct him how long to keep it standing. There was but one set of nominations this year, and according to my instructions the Secretary of the Chicago branch sent his reports each time to the publisher of the Official Journal because I knew they would be correct; it was not necessary for me to approve them; and if any mistake has been made it is my fault. Last year there were a number of nominations, all of which were published, and they were kept there by the publisher of the Official Journal himself. If Mr. Doebelin is nominated next year the Secretary will see that his name is published as long as it can be.

The President: Gentlemen, are there any more remarks? If not, we will put the question on the original motion, which was the acceptance of the recommendation of the Committee on Official Journal.

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

The President: The Committee on Branch Societies.

Mr. J. F. Johnson read the report of the Committee on Branch Societies, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

August 21, 1901.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

We, the Committee on Branch Societies, find it impossible, for various reasons, for us to dictate to the different branches how to increase the interest in same.

One of the most attractive things for a meeting of any stamp society is the exhibition of the collection or parts of collections of the various members, and offering suitable

prizes for same. It is of much interest to the members at large, as well as for any visitors, and tends to bring in new members. The committee think that if they were given more time, that they would be able to offer a number of suggestions of value.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. JOHNSON,
E. DOEBLIN,
A. KRASSA.

Mr. Eben S. Martin: Mr. President, I think that at one time the Association was greatly benefitted by a number of branch societies, and it seems to me that it would be wise if the idea of the branch society was fostered a little more. I wish to state to the Association that I would very gladly stand personally any expense that any group of people in any city may go to in organizing a branch of this Association.

The President: Gentlemen, the action should first come on the report. What is your pleasure?

On motion, the report of the Committee was accepted.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the remarks of Mr. Martin. What is your pleasure? There certainly should be some action. Gentlemen, it certainly seems to me that some motion is in order on the remarks of Mr. Martin. A generous offer like that should be recognized in some way.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, I move that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Martin for his offer and be published in the "Philatelic Era." It will no doubt be a stimulus to have branch organizations formed in various cities if it is known that there will be no expense connected with it.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, Mr. Martin's generosity in his offer is certainly something of which we ought to take notice, because it is a fact that if you get a society together, or a few members, the interest increases, not only double, but ten-fold, for the reason that it gets so many people interested who would otherwise never think of such a thing as joining a society or an association. The membership committee would be largely benefitted by branches. The Sales Superintendent would be largely benefitted by branches, because in a city where there is a branch he would have no trouble about arranging his circuits. As Mr. Martin says, the branches have been rather neglected, but I think we have many public-spirited members like Mr. Martin who will not only bear the expense but do the work. I do not think it is the intent of any member to burden any expense on any other member; but it is the personal work and interest that we require in building up the Association and its membership. Mr. Martin has certainly struck the key-note when he speaks in this manner in regard to branches. It is a fact that when we come together we not only learn more and benefit ourselves, but we benefit other collectors. I may know a little something that somebody else does not know anything about, and I give him that information, and in return he gives me information that I know nothing about, I find in my business that I frequently learn little points about new stamps that come out from the mere boy who buys a few stamps over the counter. He comes in and shows me a new stamp that I did not know anything about—did not know it was coming out; he probably got it from his father's office. If we can get together we are bound to help stamp collectors at large and the American Philatelic Association in particular.

There being no further remarks, the motion for a vote of thanks to Mr. Martin was put to vote and carried unanimously.

The Secretary: Mr. President, there are three or four members and visitors present who have not yet registered. I would also repeat my statement of yesterday that if any members desire to pay their dues to me now, they may do so, and so be sure that they are paid, and the Treasurer will send them a receipt direct.

A short recess was thereupon taken.

The President : Gentlemen, Mr. Deats did not intend to stampede the convention; we are not quite ready for adjournment yet.

The next thing in order is unfinished business. Is there any unfinished business, Mr. Secretary?

The Secretary : No.

The President : Then we have new business. Has any gentleman anything to introduce in the way of new business? The Chair would suggest that this would be as good a time as any to settle the place for holding next year's convention. As there seems to be nothing else, we might as well take that up and dispose of it. Are there any nominations?

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION.

Mr. Bartlett : Mr. President, I wish to nominate a place for our next convention which is situated in the eastern part of the United States, upon the Connecticut River; a small city, a city which is known as the "City of Homes," and a city which will appreciate the gathering of any convention which may select that as their meeting-place. Of course we have not the attractions to present to the members which the larger cities have, but undoubtedly the collectors of Springfield, Mass., will give the members of the American Philatelic Association a good time if they select Springfield as their place of meeting in 1902.

The President : Is there any second to the nomination?

Mr. Aldrich : Mr. President, I second the nomination.

Mr. Barnum : Mr. President, on behalf of the mayor, the Chamber of Commerce and the collectors of Denver, Colorado, I nominate Denver. I had letters from these organizations and the Mayor of Denver, asking me to place Denver in nomination, and also giving us a very cordial invitation and assuring us a very good time in case we came to Denver.

The nomination was seconded.

Mr. Rice : Mr. President, I would like to nominate Oswego, New York, situated on Lake Ontario very close to the Thousand Islands. We have hotel accommodations on the Lake, which will assure the Association of all being together in one hotel, about two miles and a half from the city. We have very fine steamer service. We can take a trip to the Thousand Islands, taking up one day. I can assure the Association of a good time. We have three or four members of the American Philatelic Association there, and I would like to have the Association come if possible.

The President : Is the nomination seconded?

Mr. Kissinger : Mr. President, I second the nomination of Oswego.

Mr. Stone : I want to back up what Mr. Bartlett says about Springfield. We have now, I believe, seven members of the Association in the city, and by the time the Association meets there next year, if they so decide, I think I can safely guarantee it will be doubled. We have a large number of enthusiastic collectors there. There are not any Thorne collections there, to be sure, but we have a great many medium collections. Our collectors are thoroughly in earnest. Our local society has held its meetings every two weeks right straight through, summer and winter; and on behalf of the society I extend you a most cordial invitation to visit the "City of Homes." The gentleman from Oswego said yesterday that we had in Springfield the best trolley system he had ever seen. We have some beautiful rides; we have a beautiful river. We can take you to the top of Mount Tom, where you can get one of the most beautiful views to be found in the country. Come to Springfield in 1902.

Mr. Carpenter : I would like to back up what has been said as to Springfield, although not residing in that city. I have met the members living there and know them to be enthusiastic collectors. I have no doubt if the convention goes there they will do everything in their power to make it pleasant.

Mr. Barnum: Inasmuch as I nominated Denver, I wish to say that while we have very few members in the West, we have a great many in the East. As you undoubtedly are aware, we have many collectors in the West who are not associated with the American Philatelic Association. I think by going West we may be able to increase our membership a great deal.

The President: Are there any further remarks or nominations?

Mr. Martin: There are many considerations why I should like to go to Springfield. One of them is that my best girl lives there; but—

Mr. Stone: Name, please? (Laughter).

Mr. Martin: I think it is only just to the western section of the country that our next convention goes there. We cannot expect a representative membership from that section of the country unless occasionally we favor them in the matter of the annual convention. So it seems to me wise, and I sure it will prove so, to hold our next meeting in Denver, Colorado.

Mr. Bescher: We can secure very reasonable fares to Colorado. This year the rate from Cleveland was only \$25 for the round trip; from Chicago \$20, and from Kansas City \$15 to Colorado Springs, including the ticket to Denver and beyond into the mountains. We shall have the cheapest rates we ever have had yet if we meet at Denver.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, I was appointed to nominate Pittsburg, but as Springfield wants it very bad we give it to Springfield. (Laughter).

Mr. Stone: Doebelin has heard we have a brewery trust there.

Mr. Doebelin: Never mind the brewery as long as they have Scotch 'igh balls there.

Dr. Hazzard: Mr. President, in regard to Pittsburg, I would like to say the members need not have any fear about coming, because our breweries run both day and night.

Mr. Bartels: The accessibility of a place to a majority of members should be considered. The centre of interest in our Association should be called the East or the Middle states. If we went to Denver I am afraid the attendance would be pretty small, considering that it is half way between the Middle West and the West, as we say in the East. I would therefore suggest Springfield as the most suitable place, and the place where we would get the larger attendance, which would certainly be in the interest of the Association.

Mr. Barnum: In reply to Mr. Bartels I think I might say that very few of us have been to Denver. We all like to see new places, and inasmuch as Mr. Bescher has said we have very cheap rates there in the summer time, which I can back up, I wish to reiterate that Denver is the place for the next convention.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I have a few figures here that I have made up from the attendance at the various conventions for the last ten years. I have divided the country at the western boundary of New York State into West and East. The average attendance for the ten years from the New England states was 13 at the Eastern conventions and 6 at the Western. From the Middle states it was 25 at Eastern conventions and 9 at Western. The attendance from the Central states—around Chicago and that vicinity—has been 6 at the Eastern conventions and 22 at the Western. From west of the Mississippi the average attendance has been 2 at the Eastern conventions and 4 at the Western. It has been very small. Our Western conventions have been: Chicago, 1893, which was exceptional, we had 50 members present; of those, 20 came from east of Buffalo, 30 from west. Considering the distance they had to travel, the East showed up full as well as the West. At Minnetonka, there were 37 in attendance; of those, 30 were from the West, 7 from the East. At Detroit there were 27 members present; of those, 12 came from the East and 15 from the West. But now look at the Eastern conventions. New York, in 1891, 49; 5 of them from the West. * Niagara Falls, 1892, 23; 6 only from the West. Niagara Falls, 1894, 29; 17 from the East and 12 from the West. That was the first year, I think, after the incorporation, and we had a very small membership. Clayton, 1895, 43; only 11 from the West. Boston, 1897, 84 in attendance, the largest yet; 71 from the East, 13 from the West. New York, 1898, 63; 60 from the East and 3

from the West. Milwaukee, 1900, is the record for the West—51 members; 14 of them came from the East and 37 from the West. I wish to add one thing: that Massachusetts has from 12 to 14 members present at this convention. I have here a record showing the attendance from each state at each of the last 10 conventions. If any of the members wish to consult it I shall be very glad to show it to them after the meeting. It shows that the Eastern members turn out in larger numbers on an average than the Western.

Mr. Smith: Mr. President, in that connection I would like to say that in the West our business season starts up the first day of August. The consequence is that all the clerks, cashiers of banks, and professional men are busy. If our conventions were held in June you would see a much larger attendance. It is almost impossible for me to get away after the first day of August, and I know that that is so with many others. I know quite a number of my friends have intended to come and found at the last minute that business was holding them and they could not get away. Now in the East you tell me this is your holiday time, and I think that accounts, in a great measure, for the difference of attendance.

Mr. Eaton: I think, from Mr. Stone's figures that he read, that the percentage was pretty good in favor of the West. We must remember that the Middle West has few members, while there are many in the East. To come from the West to New York, you must remember, there is about 4,000 miles to travel. The way I am situated,—I think Mr. Stone has rather a precedent in attending all the different conventions—very likely more than almost anybody else—I should like to go to Springfield; in fact, I have been figuring on going there for some time. At the same time, I do not know just how I stand.

Mr. Barnum: Mr. President, I would like to take exceptions to Mr. Stone's remarks to this extent, that I do not personally consider that we have had more than one convention in the real West; therefore I do not think we can really judge.

Mr. Aldrich: Mr. President, I likewise want to take exceptions to Mr. Stone's percentages. I think he will find, if he will eliminate the home attendance from his New York, Boston and Milwaukee conventions, that the western conventions had the largest attendance.

Mr. Brodstone: Speaking about membership, the largest meeting I have ever seen was held in Denver, over a hundred collectors being present there,* and more new members being secured than at any other time, over 100 applications being received. There is one thing we should figure on in going to Springfield, and that is that we cannot get rates.

Mr. Stone: You can get a reduced rate to New York.

Mr. Brodstone: Not from West of Chicago, I think. The meeting we held at Denver was one of the largest I ever attended, and the city does more for visiting conventions than any other city.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I have the figures here showing the local attendance and visitors. At Detroit, in 1899, there were 12 local—that is, from Detroit and very near—and there were 14 visitors. At Boston in 1897, the banner convention, there were 49 local, counting everybody in Massachusetts; there were 33 visitors, coming pretty well up to the local attendance.

Mr. Barnum: Mr. President, I would like to draw to the notice of members present the fact that in what Mr. Stone calls the West, and which I will on this occasion, the officials of the city have always welcomed us most cordially. When we come to the East we do not seem to find that welcome.

Mr. Eaton: We know we will get it from Stone.

Mr. Burt: Mr. President, I desire to say a few words in favor of Springfield, a city in which I have more than ordinary interest—the place which was my early home, and where I graduated from the High School in the same class with Mr. Stone. It has been

* This refers to the Convention of the Philatelic Sons of America.

well said that it is a beautiful city. To my mind it is the gem city of the East. It is beautifully situated on the banks of the broad Connecticut, in a region abounding in historical associations. Here was made, in 1636, the first settlement in this portion of the Connecticut Valley, under William Pynchon, the first Treasurer of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, a man of marked enterprise and business ability, as well as intellectual culture. In common with its sister settlements in the Connecticut Valley, Springfield suffered the hardships of frontier life and Indian conflicts, and its early history is of great interest. Coming down to the Springfield of today, it has an admirable trolley system and is the centre of lines radiating in all directions. There will be trolley connection with New York and Boston, I think, by the time we meet there.

Mr. Stone: The first of October to Boston

Mr. Burt: The United States Armory is one of the most interesting local objects of interest. From the tower of the Arsenal, the view of the city, the wide river and the encircling hills make a picture rarely equalled. It was of this building that Longfellow wrote his famous poem, "The Arsenal at Springfield." There are many delightful excursions, but of these the star trip of all is the one which has been alluded to, the trolley ride to Mount Tom. You look down upon the same beautiful Connecticut, flowing through the broad Northampton meadows, while the hills of Hampshire and Berkshire Counties stretch away for many miles, overtopped by the distant peaks of Monadnock and Greylock. It is but a short trip from Mount Tom to Northampton, where you will see the beautifully situated Smith College—unfortunately the girls will not be there—

Mr. Aldrich: But Wainwright will be there.

Mr. Burt: Yes, you can stand on Mount Tom and hear his melodious voice from his office on Main Street. You can also while in Northampton visit a fine institution which has often been pronounced a fit place for stamp collectors—the State Lunatic Asylum. (Laughter).

Few places are so convenient of access as Springfield. It is about equally distant from New York, Boston and Albany, with frequent express trains to all three points. It is also on the Connecticut River Line between New York and the White Mountains, being only about six hours journey from the principal mountain resorts. Visitors coming from the West can readily arrange interesting circuit trips, taking in Montreal, the White Mountains and Boston on the outward journey, and returning through Springfield to New York, or can take in Lake George and Champlain in going or coming.

Mr. Doebelin: Will you have a midway? (Laughter).

Mr. Burt: I have no doubt that Mr. Stone will see that everything is provided for your entertainment. I will simply add that the Springfield hotels are excellent, the city officials will give you a cordial welcome, and there will be a fine place for your meetings. You will make no mistake if you hold your convention in Springfield, the most beautiful city in the East.

Mr. Rice: The gentleman who has just spoken, and also Mr. Stone, have made mention of the scenery about Springfield. I think, when you come to scenery, Oswego has much greater attractions. We have the Thousand Islands within easy reach, and when it comes to scenery we can knock out Springfield.

Mr. Price: I have been to Denver and should much enjoy going there again. The fastest trolley ride I ever took in the United States was in Denver. Certainly the scenery about Denver and in that part of the country is most beautiful and would be something we should all enjoy and remember as long as we live. However, I am afraid that the attendance at Denver would be small. In settling this question I think the best interests of the Association are what we are after, and because I think it would be small out there I should be in favor of Springfield.

Mr. Drew: I would say, perhaps for many others, who, like myself, listen and decide, I came in here somewhat inclined toward Denver. But I have been decidedly swayed by Mr. Burt's oratory and his beautiful powers of narration, and in order to vote intelligently I would like to ask if it is possible for somebody to give us a historical

sketch of Denver and the scraps they had with the Indians—I don't know but they may have had some. Really, I shall have to vote for Springfield unless we hear something equally historical, geographical and biographical about Denver and the attractions of that city. Unless they satisfy me on that point I shall either vote for Springfield or else suggest Waltham. (Laughter).

Mr. Bacon: Mr. President, I am a thoroughly Eastern man, and dear old Connecticut, with its suburb of Springfield, is a spot I dearly love; but I would like to say just a few words for our western friends. As I look at these conventions, we come as much for social enjoyment as we do to transact what little business we have to do, and to meet one another and swap stamps and, incidentally, sell one if we have the opportunity. That was the reason I came here—to meet my friends, not to sell stamps,—not so much for the convention. But I was listening to my friend on the right—what he said about Springfield. It is all true, and I do not doubt it. But how many of us have been to Denver? How many of us have been out there and seen the scenery and taken the trolley rides, and the railroad rides to Georgetown and the Loop, and to Colorado Springs? About 15 years ago I was not very well and went to see a brother of mine in Kansas City. When I got there he said, “Dan, don't you want to go out to Colorado Springs?” I said, “Certainly.” He said, “All right, I will give you a letter to some people who are camping out in Cheyenne Canyon.” I went out there and stayed two or three weeks. I took the trips around Denver, and I almost think if these gentlemen here knew what we could see and what we could do, and the health and strength and everything we could get from the trip, we would commence now to lay aside a little money for that convention if it should be held in Denver. I do not want my eastern friends to think I have gone back on them, for personally I should prefer to go to Springfield; but in the matter of scenery I am afraid that Springfield, with all its ancient stories and lore and all that, would have to take a back seat. I shall vote for Springfield, but after all, I think very highly of Denver.

Mr. Barnum: While I cannot say from personal experience that Denver has no asylums, which Mr. Burt mentioned as one of the attractions of Springfield, I would ask the Chair the privilege of asking Mr. Stone a personal question. I would like to ask Mr. Stone if he did not say that Springfield wanted the convention in 1903.

Mr. Stone: Yes, Mr. President, we had no intention of asking for next year. We came here, and I inquired around, “Where are we going to meet next year?” Nobody wanted it; Pittsburg did not want it; Chicago did not want it. Until yesterday afternoon, after we had talked Springfield considerable, here, I did not know that any place wanted it. Then Mr. Rice broached the subject of Oswego. That was the first opposition to Springfield that we had heard. We are in the fight and we propose to stay.

Mr. Barnum: Mr. President, while I have no personal feelings against Springfield, and I am personally as liable to attend at Springfield as at Denver, I would simply like to say that I nominated Denver on behalf of the mayor and the organizations already mentioned; but inasmuch as I represent certain Denver members, I would like to repeat that I hope that Denver will be selected.

Mr. Stone: I would like to state for Mr. Barnum's benefit that if we had come prepared to ask for the convention next year we should have had documents from the mayor and the Board of Trade and so on. (Cries of “question!”)

Mr. Wylie: Only just a word, Mr. President. We ought to consult what will be for the greatest interests of the Association, and if the larger number will be benefited by meeting in one city rather than in another, it seems to me as if that ought to help us in reaching a decision. Another thing: wouldn't it be a good plan for us to go to a place where we are wanted?

Mr. Barnum: Mr. President, I consider myself from the East, although Mr. Stone includes me in the West. I would like to say something—

Mr. Cobe: Well, say it. (Laughter).

Mr. Barnum : It is gone from me. (Pausing a moment). Denver has officially invited us; therefore I think, as Mr. Wylie implies that we have an invitation from Springfield, while we only have two members from Denver, they have both invited us.

Mr. Wylie : Just to make plain what I meant by that, my idea is this: From Springfield we get an invitation from a local organization that is strong in numbers and strong in the representation that it has in our own Association, and for that reason it seems to me it would be more fitting for us to recognize a body made up as this is than to go to a place where we have possibly recognition from the chief official of the city, but practically a very small representation of the members of our Association. (Applause and cries of "question.")

Mr. Aldrich : Mr. President, I move that we take a recess of five minutes. I know that there are several, like myself, who have a number of proxies. I wish to represent those proxies fairly, and I wish to have a chance to go over the list and find where they are situated and vote them the way that I think they would wish to be voted. I think there are several gentlemen who hold proxies in the same way. (Applause).

The President : Is the motion seconded?

Mr. Kissinger : I second the motion, Mr. President.

The motion was put to vote, and the Chair being in doubt as to the result, called for a rising vote; and the vote appearing to be carried the Chair declared the recess at 11.27. The convention was again called to order at 11.32.

The President : Gentlemen if there are no further remarks we will proceed with the roll call. The Secretary will call the roll.

The Secretary : Mr. President, when the name is called the member will announce for which place, Springfield, Denver or Oswego, he casts his vote, and if he has proxies, how many proxies he casts for each. If any are in any doubt as to how many proxies they hold, Mr. Stone will inform them.

The President : If any gentleman's name is not called he will please announce the fact.

The Secretary : Mr. President, if any member's name is not called it is because he has failed to register.

Mr. Stone, at the Secretary's request, called the roll, and the members responded as follows:

	Springfield	Denver	Oswego
Althen,		1	
Aldrich,	9	22	8
Beck, Wm. H.,		1	
Brodstone,		2	
Bacon,	1		
Bescher,		2	
Barr,		1	
Barnum,		2	1
Beck, Howard C.,		2	
Bartels,	1		
Burt,	1		
Bartlett,	1		
Carpenter,	11		
Colson,	1		
Coe,		1	
Cobe,	6		
Davison,	"Not voting."		
Deats,	1		
Doebelin,	1		
Drew,	1		
Eaton,	5	16	

	Springfield	Denver	Oswego
Hills,		2	
Hetrich,		1	
Heineman,		1	
Johnson, J. F.,	2		
Kissinger,			1
Krassa,	8		
Miller,	1		
Merell,	45	44	
Martin,		1	
Platz,	1		
Price,	1		
Parker, E. Y.,	1		
Parker, E. T.,		1	
Rice,		1	
Rudy,		1	
Rode,	13		
Smith,	28	28	
Stewart,		1	
Stone,	15		
Toppan,	1		
Wylie,	1		
Wolsieffer,	1		
	157	131	10

The President: Gentlemen, hear the result of the vote.

The Secretary: Mr. President, Springfield has received 157 votes, Denver, 131; Oswego, 10. (Applause).

The President: Springfield is selected as the place of the next convention. (Renewed applause).

Mr. Barnum: Mr. President, I move that the selection of Springfield be made unanimous.

Mr. Kissinger: Mr. President, I second the motion.

The motion was put to vote and carried unanimously.

TIME OF NEXT CONVENTION.

The President: The next question will be the selection of the date for the convention.

Mr. Martin: Mr. President, may I make a suggestion in regard to having the convention as near the middle of the month as possible? There are a great many people holding clerical positions who find it almost impossible to get away towards the early half of the month or towards the end—as late as the 23d or the 24th.

The President: Why not make that in the form of a motion, Mr. Martin, and get it before the convention? I presume you mean of August?

Mr. Martin: I move that the convention be held at Springfield, Mass., the 3d Tuesday in August, 1902.

Mr. Doebelin: I second the motion.

The President: It is moved and seconded, gentlemen, that the convention be convened on the third Tuesday in August.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, before that motion is put would not the third Tuesday in August be the 21st, one day later than this year?

Mr. Martin: If that is the case I would like to have the privilege of changing it to the 2nd Tuesday. I was instructed to offer this motion.

Mr. Carpenter: I think that would come nearer the idea.

The President: Will the gentleman who seconded the motion accept the amendment.

Mr. Doebelin: I accept it.

The President: It is moved and seconded that the Convention be assembled the second Tuesday in August instead of the third. Are there any remarks? If no remarks I will put the question.

The question being put to vote the motion was carried.

The President: The convention will convene in Springfield, Mass., on the second Tuesday in August, 1902.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President and gentlemen of the convention: On behalf of our local society we thank you for honoring us, and we hope you will all come to Springfield. We shall do our best to entertain you, and I know you will have a good time. (Applause).

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I would like to present to Mr. Stone, as the representative of the Springfield society, a package of blank applications. (Applause).

Mr. Stone: Thank you.

Mr. Wolsieffer: I have some more in my grip that I can add to that bunch.

INVITATION TO ST. LOUIS, 1903.

The President: Is there any further business, Mr. Secretary?

The Secretary: Mr. President, I have received from the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company of St. Louis an invitation to consider the holding of our convention in 1903 in St. Louis at the time of the Exposition they expect to hold there at that time.

Mr. Doebelin: I move that we adjourn until tomorrow morning.

The motion was seconded.

The President: It is moved and seconded that an adjournment be taken until tomorrow morning.

A Voice: At what hour?

The President: At 9.30, Mr. Doebelin?

Mr. Doebelin: At any time you say.

The President: At 9.30 tomorrow morning.

The motion was put to vote and carried, and the Chair declared an adjournment accordingly at two minutes of twelve.

THIRD SESSION.—Thursday, August 22, 1901.

The Convention met in the Niagara Hotel at 11 A. M., the President in the chair.

The President: The first thing in order this morning will be the final report of the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President and Gentlemen: Two additional proxies have been approved:

A. F. Merell,	1
H. G. Smith,	1

The Committee would report that there are 69 members registered in person—members or applicants—and that there are 29 visitors registered. If there are any who have not registered we would like to have them do so, so that we can revise these figures before publication.

The Committee on Credentials would like to suggest one or two little changes. You know that our members do not all write very legible hands when we are in a hurry, and there is a good deal of difficulty experienced in the Credentials Committee sometimes in deciphering the signatures on the proxies and ballot blanks. We would like to recommend that the blanks be furnished with a place for writing the residences as well as the names—both the proxy blanks and the ballot blanks—so that the member's name, number and residence shall appear. That will be of considerable aid to us in locating a person.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of the Credentials Committee. This being the final report, some action should be taken on it.

Mr. Carpenter: I move it be accepted, Mr. President, and the recommendation adopted.

Mr. Aldrich: Mr. President, I think that the difficulty could be remedied in still a better manner, as far as the ballots are concerned.

The President: Just a minute, Mr. Aldrich; there is no second to that motion yet.

Mr. Doebelin: I second the motion.

The President: All right.

Mr. Aldrich: In reference to the recommendation, I think it would be much better if the Secretary, in sending the ballots out, would place the official number of each member on the ballot and have members compelled to cast the official ballot.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, could a member be compelled to cast an official ballot? In my opinion, any ballot sent out in the same form and sent in would be obliged to be counted by the Committee on Credentials.

The President: It would, most decidedly.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President, I do not think that would be a proper thing to do, for the reason that so many people lose their ballots. We send out ballots, and then they write us, "Please send me another; I have lost my ballot." It would be an endless work for the Secretary, or for any branch society in the Association, or any lot of members that had a particular reason for wanting to get up their own ballot; and it would be unfair to make it arbitrary on the part of the Secretary and give him power to throw out the ballots that people got up themselves and used, and which could be thrown out under such a state of things.

The President: Well, gentlemen, this talk is really all out of order, as there is no motion made to that effect. The motion simply was to accept the report with the recommendations. If there are any remarks upon the motion the Chair is ready to listen to them; if not, he will put the question.

The motion was put to vote and carried.

The President: The Chair would announce that owing to there not being a quorum present of the Board of Directors, the officers and different appointees cannot be elected or appointed until a mail vote has been taken. There are only four out of the nine directors present. Five is necessary for a quorum.

The next thing in order will be the report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.

Mr. Bartels: Mr. President, I am not the Chairman of the committee, but as Mr. Platz is not here I suppose it is for me to make a report.

The President: We will pass that report for the present, and take up the report of Committee on By-Laws.

Mr. Stone read the report of the Committee on By-Laws, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

August, 22, 1901.

Amend Article VII, Section 4, to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. 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 hereinafter provided."

And omit the last sentence.

In line 14 strike out the word "twenty" and insert "ten" in its place.

Amend Article VIII, Section 2, to read as follows:

"Sec. 2. Members are allowed to keep Sales Circuits three days and will be held responsible for them until the next member receives them. 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."

Insert a new section, to be known as Section 3, as follows:

"Sec. 3. Members removing a stamp must put in its place a control stamp, which the Superintendent will furnish to participants in this Department for five cents per 100 stamps. Members must cancel the control stamp by marking upon it the price of the stamp removed, or if they prefer they can: "1st, Sign their names in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed.

"2nd, Sign a nom de plume which shall first have been registered with the Superintendent.

"3rd, Use a rubber stamp which shall have some secret mark with which the Superintendent shall have been made acquainted.

"Should any blank space be found, it is the member's duty to notify the one preceding him and adjust the matter with him. Failure to do this will render the last member responsible for the amount.

"When books are forwarded to next on circuit list a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps taken from *each book* must be sent to the Exchange Superintendent.

"A remittance for the amount of stamps taken must accompany each report, no matter whether the party has stamps circulating in the department or not, as this department is run on a strictly cash basis."

Renumber Section 3 and amend to read as follows:

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

This fund shall be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep a special account of it, and the amounts collected for it shall be remitted to him monthly by the Superintendent, who, whenever he wishes to pay any claim from it, shall submit the facts of the case to the Board of Vice-Presidents. If they approve the claim they shall certify the same to the Secretary, with all the papers in the case, and he shall draw a warrant for the amount in the regular manner.

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

GEO. L. TOPPAN,
WM. C. STONE,
H. E. DEATS,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
H. G. SMITH,

Committee.

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I move that the report be considered seriatim.

The President: Mr. Stone, will you read the first section?

Mr. Stone read the proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 4.

The President: The Chair would say in reference to the first amendment, that it simply alters and inserts the rules, marking them a part of the By-Laws, instead of reading as it does now: "Under such rules and regulations as may be approved by the Board of Directors, the same to be announced by him in the Official Journal." It simply makes the rules a part of the By-Laws themselves. Are there any remarks upon that?

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I move that this section be adopted as read by the Committee.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: The second recommendation there is reducing the bond of the Superintendent from \$20,000 to \$10,000. The reason that this is proposed is, at the time it was raised to \$20,000 Mekeel was Superintendent of the department; the amount of books running through his hands, most of which were the property of his own firm, was in the neighborhood of \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year. You all know from the report of the Sales Superintendent what the present amount is, and the larger part of that is out on circuit all the while; it is not directly in the hands of the Superintendent, and it seems to be an excessive bond. The Chair simply makes this in the nature of an explanation. Is there any motion on that question?

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, was not that accepted? I made the motion that that section be accepted.

Mr. President: The Chair understood the report was taken up seriatim, and that a separate vote would be taken on every item; but if the motion was to adopt the section it will so stand.

Mr. Stone: He said the whole section.

The President: It ought to be a little better explained. What is the next, Mr. Stone?

Mr. Stone read the amendment to Article VIII, Section 2, as follows:

"*Sec. 2.* Members are allowed to keep sales circuits three days, and will be held responsible for them until the next member receives them."

"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."

The President: Any motion upon that?

Mr. E. T. Parker: Mr. President, is the member held responsible for loss in transit?

The President: "And will be held responsible for them until the next member receives them."

Mr. E. T. Parker: Does the insurance fund cover loss in transit, then? It seems to me the member should not be held responsible for the—

The President: It is the opinion of the Chair that they most decidedly would be held responsible. That is simply inserted verbatim from the rules printed in the present exchange books. So long as the member can produce his express receipt or post office registry receipt there would be no question arising from that.

Gentlemen, some motion will be in order on that amendment.

Mr. Platz: I make the motion that this section be adopted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: The next section, Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone: (reading) "Insert a new section to be known as Section, 3, as follows." This is taken from the rules and regulations of the department and put in the By-Laws. (Reading the proposed draft of the new Section 3, as heretofore printed).

The President: Gentlemen, what is your pleasure with that section?

Mr. Wylie: Mr. President, I move it be adopted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The President: The next section.

Mr. Stone read the proposed new draft of Section 3, renumbered as Section 4, as printed above.

Mr. Aldrich moved the adoption of the amendment.

Mr. Martin: Mr. President, as I understand it, this will cut out the payment of any losses arising from substitution? Am I correct?

The President: No, not at all. The article as it stands now simply includes losses of any kind, but leaves it not alone to the Superintendent, but to the Board of Vice-Presidents to decide as to the validity or the legality of the claims. It includes losses of all kinds; there is nothing exempt. Are there any further remarks, gentlemen? If not, we will put the question.

The question was put and carried.

The President: That completes the report. We will proceed with the report of the Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department.

The report of Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department was read, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SALES AND PURCHASING DEPARTMENT.

August 21, 1901.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Association:

GENTLEMEN: The Committee on Sales and Purchasing Department have examined the reports of the Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department and recommend

their acceptance. We have no further recommendation to offer other than stated in their reports which would benefit the different departments, all of which show a healthy condition.

Respectfully yours,

C. C. JOHNSON,
A. PLATZ,
J. M. BARTELS.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the report; what is your pleasure?

Mr. Aldrich: I move the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Aldrich: I would like to ask for information, if that covers simply the work of the present Exchange Superintendent, or also the work of the late Superintendent?

The President: The report just read refers solely to the present Superintendent. Are there any further questions or remarks?

There being no further remarks, the motion was put and carried.

The President: Is there any new business?

Mr. Aldrich: I would like to ask at this time if the past Superintendent's work has been entirely closed up?

The President: The Chair will call upon Mr. Wolsieffer, the only member of the Board of Vice-Presidents here, to answer that question.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Mr. President and fellow members: In regard to the report of the last exchange Superintendent, the Board of Vice-Presidents, under the strict construction of the law and constitution, were obliged to accept the report of the late Superintendent as rendered. The Committee on Exchange Department in New York had full power to act, and as you have noticed by the tone of the report that the Board of Vice-Presidents rendered, we were not quite satisfied with the report. But the gentlemen in New York were very busy, and they evidently had a difficult matter in arriving at a conclusion as to some of the accounts; and inasmuch as they were given full power to act, the Board of Vice-Presidents had no other course than to accept the report. The report, I understand, was, for various reasons, not satisfactory to some of the members, and is open to discussion among the members here, if they so desire, as to the propriety of paying some of the claims that were paid out of the insurance fund. I am told that that is the only reason that is advanced against the accepting of that report. But it was simply impossible for the Board of Vice-Presidents to do otherwise than as we did. We took every precaution that we could before accepting the report and we understand we have been censured quite severely, as the correspondence in hand will show, because we did not accept the report much sooner than we did. It was only to prevent any ill feeling that we accepted the report, and we concluded that our report to the Convention would be of such a nature that we should be called upon to explain matters such as the members present thought would be necessary. I have all the correspondence with the committee in relation to the Sales and Exchange Department, including copies of our own letters. I do not know whether any of these accounts charged to the insurance fund can be collected or not. One member present has given information that one or two of the accounts can be collected; they are against reputable collectors, collectors of means, and who should pay. If such accounts as that have been included in this \$400 or more that have been paid out of the insurance fund, I should think they ought to be collected. That is all the explanation I can make.

Mr. Carpenter: I have been told by the Board of Vice-Presidents the names of one or two members who were said to owe the Sales Department, and for whose accounts Mr. Tuttle has been paid money from the insurance fund in settlement. Now, I think that these collectors are perfectly good for the amounts, and I would make a motion that Mr.

Tuttle be requested to give the names of all persons whose accounts have been paid from the insurance fund, and that such accounts be placed in the hands of the Collecting Agent.

The motion was seconded.

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the motion; are there any remarks? The Chair might suggest in reference thereto that some of the items spoken of were in direct contradiction of the rules of the department. There was one case in particular where one of the members had an understanding with the former Superintendent that he was to receive nothing but new books that nobody else should have gone over, and at the same time he was to have six months credit. As the rules provide that the department shall be run on a strict cash basis, it hardly seems to the Chair that the Association should be responsible for a bad debt—which, I will further say, knowing the party, I do not consider a bad debt; I think the claim can be collected. But that is one point on which there has been a good deal of discussion between the Board and the New York Committee. The Committee seems to have gotten it into their heads that the Board of Vice-Presidents were objecting to the charges that were made—that they did not consider that the charges were on the books. That was not the point at issue at all; it was simply the legality of making the charges. We have no doubt it was charged and was paid; the fund shows that. There are several other instances of a like character, and in consideration of those, the Chair most decidedly thinks that it would be wise to adopt Mr. Carpenter's motion. If there is any further information wanted, Mr. Wolsieffer has the full correspondence, and can probably answer any questions that are put. Are there any further remarks? Are you ready for the question, gentlemen? It has been moved and seconded that Mr. Tuttle, the former Superintendent of Exchange, be asked for a complete list of the names of persons to whom moneys have been paid from the insurance fund, and for what reason, and that the same be turned over to the Collecting Agent for collection.

The motion was put and carried.

The President: Is there any other new business? If so, now is the time to bring it up. If not—

CASE OF R. R. THIELE.

Mr. Carpenter: Mr. President, I understand that the Board of Vice-Presidents made a recommendation that one of our members be expelled. Ought not that to come up now?

The President: Was that a recommendation of expulsion, Mr. Wolsieffer?

Mr. Wolsieffer: It seems to me it was in the nature of that. We told him that expulsion would follow suspension in case he did not make a proper reparation, which he has not done. I think that is the way it stands.

The President: The Chair would suggest that the Board of Vice-Presidents have full power to act in that case, unless you wish to make it a convention affair.

Mr. Wolsieffer: I might state for the information of the Chair that the Board of Vice-Presidents felt very diffident about taking such action, inasmuch as the gentleman is in a walk of life for which we have great respect, and as most of the charges preferred against him were not by members of the Association. When we noticed it, it was from a member of the Association, Mr. Sellschopp; that was a direct charge; but we had at least a dozen others from outside sources, including other societies which had already expelled him.

The President: Mr. Secretary, will you read that portion of the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents?

The Secretary read as follows:

"In the report of the Board of Vice-Presidents, published in the Official Journal dated June 15, 1901, the following paragraph appeared:

"'At a meeting of the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Association, held June 8, the Board of Vice-Presidents unanimously voted that R. R. Thiele, Manchester, Wisconsin, be suspended from the American Philatelic Association pending the settlement of charges against him received by the Board of Vice-Presidents. This suspension will be followed by expulsion if suitable adjustment is not made.'

"Since this report, Mr. Thiele has not convinced the Board that he has made due effort to settle the charges against him.

"The Board proceeded in its investigation of the charges against Mr. Thiele with the delicacy that may be observed in the consideration of a case of this character, and with the appreciation of Mr. Thiele's past services in behalf of the Association.

"The correspondence that passed between Mr. Thiele and the Board will show that no precipitate action was taken by the Board in ordering his suspension. The Board as a body, and its members individually, wrote Mr. Thiele with the view of urging him to clear his name. As Mr. Thiele did not keep promises made to the Board when his case was considered at first, it did not attach sufficient weight to his subsequent promises to stay its proceedings. The specific charge of which the Board has taken cognizance is that of W. Sellschopp & Co., San Francisco, who accuse Mr. Thiele of making no returns for sheets of stamps sent him on approval, Mr. Thiele having admitted the receipt of the sheets. The Board is not unmindful of other complaints made against Mr. Thiele, nor of his expulsion from a number of societies. The Board of Vice-Presidents has been asked to present a demand for Mr. Thiele's expulsion at this convention."

The President: Gentlemen, you have heard the section; what is your pleasure thereon? A motion of some kind will be in order.

Mr. E. T. Parker: I move that the matter be left in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, where it seems to me it properly belongs. It is a matter that should not come before the convention. They have authority to act in the matter; it is part of their duties.

The President: Is there any second to that motion?

Mr. Bartels seconded the motion.

Mr. Eaton: If the Board of Vice-Presidents do not see fit to shoulder it, I do not see why it is not proper for the Association to shoulder the duty. It is an unpleasant duty.

The President: The Chair will state for the benefit of the members present that the by-laws distinctly give the Board of Vice-Presidents the right to refer any case to the convention which they do not care to settle.

Mr. Wolsieffer: The reason we referred the matter to the convention is that precedent shows that the same thing has been done before, in the case of Georges Carion; and furthermore, the Board thought that possibly there might be some friend of Mr. Thiele's here who might intercede for him or make some explanation. We expected Mr. Thiele might send his defence to the convention. We wanted to give him every possible opportunity to defend himself. But if the convention do not see fit to take such action, naturally the Board of Vice Presidents will have to do so. We sent him notice, so as to give him every possible opportunity to clear his name. He has done a great deal of work for the Association. We have met him personally—a very genial man, agreeable to meet, and it is simply impossible for us to understand how he permits himself to get tied up in such matters. I do not think he is dishonest; I do not think anybody who has met him thinks he is dishonest. At the same time his action shows otherwise, and it was on this account that we thought it wise to bring the matter before the convention.

Mr. Eaton: Mr. President, I will say that I have a proxy from a member of the American Philatelic Association who absolutely instructed me, in case it came before this convention, that his vote be cast for the expulsion of the Rev. Mr. Thiele. He said that he succeeded in beating him out of about \$20 a year and a half ago.

The President: Are you ready for the question, gentlemen? It has been moved and seconded that—the Chair has forgotten the exact words, but to the effect that the matter be left entirely in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The motion was put to vote, and the Chair declared the motion lost, a rising vote being taken.

Mr. Carpenter: Now, Mr. President, as the Vice-Presidents have requested us to act on the matter, I will make a motion that Mr. Thiele be expelled. I dislike very much to do this, because I have met him personally, and as a former speaker has said, he is a very genial man and has done much for the Association; but I think the Vice-Presidents should be backed up, and the other societies that have requested it.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Deats: Mr. President, I move to amend by giving Mr. Thiele until the first of October.

The motion was seconded by two voices.

The President: Gentlemen, are there any remarks upon that amendment? The question is on the amendment that Mr. Thiele be given until the first of October, and then summarily expelled.

The question being put, the motion as amended was carried, with one dissenting voice.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Aldrich: Inasmuch as the American Philatelic Association is a Minnesota corporation, I move that a set of the Year Books published since the date of its incorporation in Minnesota be donated to the Minnesota Historical Society, and that the publisher of our Official Journal be requested to mail a copy of the journal for filing purposes to the same association.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Stone.

The President: Gentlemen, you hear the motion; I presume there are no remarks on that.

The question being put, the motion was carried.

The President: Is there any further new business? The Chair will then call for the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Burt: Mr. President, the Committee on Resolutions submit the following resolutions, and instruct me to move their adoption:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are tendered to the President for his wise and judicious conduct of the affairs of the Association during the year just closed, as well as for his able, impartial and dignified discharge of the duties of presiding officer.

The resolution being seconded by many voices, the question was put by Mr. Stone, and the resolution was adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The President: Gentlemen, I thank you most kindly for the expression of good will you have just voiced through your committee, and I desire to express on my own part my sincere appreciation and thanks for the hearty co-operation which I have received, not only through the convention, but throughout the last fiscal year, and which I feel sure of receiving for the coming one.

Mr. Burt read the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Association tenders to the Secretary its thanks for his unremitting labor for the good of the organization, and desires to express its appreciation of the many new and useful methods originated by him for the furtherance and facilitation of its work.

The President: Gentlemen, there can be no question of the unanimity of that vote. We all know our worthy Secretary to be a hard worker, and speaking from personal experience, I cannot say too much. I will ask for a rising vote on that resolution.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the Association extends its thanks to all the other officers and the standing committees for their faithful and efficient performance of their duties.

Adopted by a unanimous vote.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That we personally and collectively return thanks to the Committee of Arrangements for their attention to our pleasure and comfort during our visit in this beautiful city.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to Mr. Eben S. Martin for his offer to pay expenses of organizing branch societies, and to Mr. Alexander Holland for his offer of a prize for an essay to be read at the next convention.

Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That we have welcomed with pleasure our valued fellow-member, the veteran collector, Mr. Ignaz Stauffer, and hereby place on record our appreciation of the good he has done for philately. (Applause.)

Unanimously adopted.

Mr. Doebelin: Mr. President, my friend, Mr. Ignaz Stauffer, is very bashful. In the afternoon, in the Midway, he will introduce to us his charming widow. (Laughter.)

The President: Mr. Stauffer's apology is accepted.

Mr. Burt: Just one more resolution, gentlemen:

Resolved, That Mr. E. Doebelin, in addition to his many other services for philately, is entitled to the gratitude of the Association for his researches into the relative size of postage stamps, and for discovering the man who "has collected longer stamps than any other member."

(Applause, and cries of "Speech!" and "Papa!").

Mr. Doebelin: I am sorry that it was a slip of the lips that I made yesterday. I didn't mean to say that he collects the longest stamps, because he don't collect tobacco and revenue stamps; he collects stamps for a longer time than anybody else in this convention. Now, Ignaz, get up and say something. Go on!

The President: Gentlemen, if there is no objection, the Chair will accept Mr. Doebelin's second apology.

The President: Is there anything further to come before the convention? If not—

Mr. Deats: Mr. President—

Mr. Doebelin: Don't adjourn yet.

Mr. Deats: I have a number of copies of the by-laws of last year, and also some copies of the catalogue of the library. I have also some application blanks and some registry slips for the use of those who have not used them.

The President: Gentlemen, before adjourning, the Chair would like to announce that we have with us to-day Mr. Bornn, of Havana, Cuba. Mr. Bornn is an active and enthusiastic philatelist, and has with him an exceptionally fine collection, which he will be glad to show to the members present. I have no doubt you will all be glad to look it over and appreciate his kindness. Is there anything further?

Mr. Aldrich: Mr. President, I came very near forgetting an instruction which a proxy gave me—

The President: That would be too bad.

Mr. Aldrich: It would be if you knew the nature of it, which is to the effect that the resolution passed by this Association at its convention in 1887 relative to the origin of the adhesive postage stamp be repealed.

The motion was seconded.

Mr. Stone: Mr. President, I would recommend Mr. Aldrich to read the proceedings of the convention two or three years later, when the whole matter was practically rescinded and so left that the Association did not recognize anybody, or that they did not acknowledge any one as the originator; that it was impossible to decide—something to that effect. There was a committee appointed—

Mr. Aldrich: Brother Stone will kindly remember that this is on behalf of somebody else.

Mr. Stone: That is all right.

Mr. Aldrich: I did not take the time to go through the files to find out what had been done.

The President: The Chair would like to ask if that is put in the form of a motion.

Mr. Aldrich: I put it in the form of a motion.

The motion was again seconded.

The President: Gentlemen, the motion has been made and seconded; are there any further remarks?

Mr. Stone: I move it be laid on the table.

Seconded and carried.

ADJOURNMENT.

The President: Gentlemen, the Chair will call upon Mr. Stone to fulfill his customary duty of moving the sixteenth annual convention into oblivion. We hope we shall have the honor of allowing him to participate in the opening of the next one.

Mr. Aldrich: Mr. President, before he does that I would suggest that in making the motion he make us a few more remarks on Springfield.

Mr. Wolsieffer: Have you a Midway there, Stone?

Mr. Stone: We will have one next year. Mr. President, in rising to perform my unconstitutional duty, I want to remind you that the next convention will be held in Springfield, Massachusetts, the second Tuesday in August, 1902.

Mr. Wolsieffer: How much will it cost to get there, Stone?

Mr. Stone: It will cost you \$20 from Chicago, the regular fare.

Mr. Doebelin: The round trip?

Mr. Stone: That will depend on how much discount you can get from the railroad. We know you will have a good time; people who come to Springfield always do. Mr. Mott has been there, and he can confirm me.

Mr. Doebelin: Are there any girls there?

Mr. Stone: Oh, yes, we have lots of nice girls there.

A Voice: Can I bring my wife with me?

Mr. Stone: Yes, it will be safe.

Now, Mr. President, I move that the Sixteenth Annual Convention adjourn sine die. The motion was seconded.

The President: Gentlemen, it has been moved and seconded that the Sixteenth Annual Convention adjourn sine die. (Putting the question.) It is a vote, and the Chair declares the convention adjourned.

Report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature.

Fellow Members of the American Philatelic Association:

In submitting the third annual report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature the chairman regrets that he must begin with an apology. Unforeseen circumstances having recently left the chairman the only remaining member of the committee and the time before the convention being so short that it was not practicable to fill the vacancies the work of preparing the report has devolved entirely upon the undersigned. Consequently any errors or omissions must be charitably dealt with and charged up to over-work.

Of the publications in the English language during the past year the Catalogue for Advanced Collectors takes first place. The recent receipt of the plates illustrating the section devoted to the issues of our own country brings to a close the publication of the most complete catalogue yet brought forth in our own tongue. With the proposed supplement which will be issued should sufficient subscriptions be received, it will comprise all the issues from the birth of the postage stamp in 1840 to the close of the nineteenth century. Those who do not own and use the book can have but little conception of its value to the student of philately. The plates in themselves are a perfect mine of information. The work will be an everlasting memorial to its authors, Messrs. Henry Calman and Henry Collin.

The Philatelic Society of India has issued the second volume of its work on the stamps of Jammu and Kashmir, by D. P. Masson. It is illustrated with eleven half tone plates and is gotten up in similar style to the first volume which was reported by us last year. Its cost is five shillings, and, like the other publications of the society, can be obtained of W. T. Wilson, 192 Birchfield Road, Birmingham. A handbook on the Telegraph stamps of British India by C. Stewart Wilson will be the next publication of the society.

The excellent and most thorough monograph on the Telegraph Companies of the United States and their stamps and franks, by Joseph S. Rich, which was published in the American Journal of Philately, has been reprinted in pamphlet form.

The sixtieth edition of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company appeared about Christmas time, and, being in the hands of most collectors, needs no mention here.

The fourth edition of the A. B. C. Descriptive Catalogue of the World's Postage Stamps was issued about the same time by Bright & Son, 164 Strand, London. It contains 820 pages and sells for 62 cents. It is printed on rather thin paper, which detracts from the good looks of the book, as the illustrations show through to a considerable extent. The illustrations, which are numerous, are half tones and are decidedly poor.

New editions of Stanley Gibbons' catalogues are promised shortly and an innovation is promised in that special editions for the American trade will be issued with the prices in United States money. A new handbook will shortly appear dealing with one of the West Indian colonies.

The above constitute the leading publications of the year in our own language. In addition mention should be made of the "British Stamp Directory," 1 shilling; Nunn's Directory, 12th edition, 5d.; Philatelic Almanac, 1901, 4d., and several quite bulky price lists issued by Butler Brothers, William Hadlow, A. H. Dingwall and Smith & Nicholle. Two editions of the latter work have been published during the year and to collectors of Australians it comes in very handy. A charge of 6d. is now made for it.

In periodical literature there is but little to report. In our last list we enumerated some 41 papers as being in existence at the date of compiling the list. At least 16 of these have suspended publication or been absorbed by other papers, but their place has

been filled by about an equal number of new journals. Of the old stand-bys the Philatelic Monthly alone seems to have retired, no number having been issued during the year.

Several new English journals have appeared but they are of minor importance. In the colonies we have to record the advent of the Philatelic Journal of Australia, a well gotten up journal and one which can be read with profit.

Of the publications in the German language I can say but little. A new edition of the Senf Catalogue has been brought out and there have been numerous year books and several works of minor note.

New catalogues in the French language have been issued by Messrs. Maury, Yvert & Tellier, and Belin and Gelli & Tani will soon get out a new edition.

The list of periodicals remains about the same as last year. One new publication, however, deserves especial notice in view of the interest now being aroused in fiscal stamps. *Le Collectionneur de Timbres Fiscaux* commenced publication in November, 1900, and, as its title indicates, is exclusively given up to fiscals. It deserves the support of all such collectors and should receive a hearty welcome, as it is the only special publication in that line.

A second edition of the catalogue of M. Galvez Jimenez, of Madrid, has appeared, and forms a 600-page volume, pocket size, with numerous illustrations. It includes both postage and telegraph stamps, and is arranged with colonies and dependencies following the mother country. It sells for 75 cents, post paid. As a supplement to Madrid Filatelico there is being published a history of the stamps of Spain, fully illustrated with official documents, etc., and separately paged so that it can be detached and bound up by itself when finished. The catalogue supplement of the Argentine fiscals is slowly appearing as a supplement to the *Revista* of the Argentine society. Walter Morley has been running a similar supplement to his Philatelic Journal and has completed the list of the federal stamps of the Argentine and commenced on the provincial and municipal. Other countries of South America are to be taken up in turn when these are completed.

Probably by far the leading publication of the year is one which, strange to relate, no one of our journals has yet been able to review thoroughly, as it is printed in the Danish language. It is entitled *Danske Postfrimaerker, 1851-1901*, by O Korford. From a review in the Monthly Journal, I learn that it is lavishly illustrated and contains a very complete history of the Danish postal issues and those of the colonies. It is evidently compiled from official resources and contains tables showing the exact quantities printed of each stamp, etc. The edition is said to be a very limited one and a few copies only can be secured of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, for 17s., 6d., post free in Great Britain.

The project of an index of philatelic literature has not been pushed during the year, mainly owing to the fact that the chairman of the committee has been too busily occupied with other matters to give it his attention. Mr. Stanton has combined his excellent index with the Philatelic Chronicle, in which it appears each month. It is a useful publication and should be encouraged.

Respectfully submitted,

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ADDENDA TO REPORT.

November 1, 1901.

As stated in the above report the chairman unexpectedly found himself saddled with the responsibility for the whole report. At the time of submitting it to the convention I expected to be able to find time to compile a revised list of current publications for insertion as an appendix. But the labor is considerable and entails much research among review columns of papers in many languages, and on account of pressure of personal business I have not been able to complete the list. Not wishing to submit a partial list I therefore omit it entirely. If circumstances permit, I shall issue it at some future time in the Official Journal.

WILLIAM C. STONE.

Addenda to Report of Obituary Committee.

Charles Bergholz, died 1900.

A life of strange vicissitudes and attended with deep mystery came to an end in the death of Charles Bergholz. Unknown personally to nearly all our members, it would seem that there was nothing but the fact of fellow-membership and devotion to our common hobby to interest us in his career; but the little we have been able to ascertain about him arouses our interest more from what is left untold than from the facts themselves.

He was born in Cassel, Germany, of prosperous parentage, his father being an officer in the Prussian army and serving in the war with France. The family removed while our late member was still young to Potsdam, where he graduated at the High School. Before coming of age he left the Fatherland to escape military service, engaging for a time in the stamp business in England, and afterward coming to America. To conceal his identity he thought it best to change his name, and lived in this country under the name of Bergholz, never disclosing his identity to his most intimate friend. His father died about nine years ago and his mother some time before. He visited Potsdam in 1898, and then learned for the first time of his father's death. Returning to America he lived in the South the rest of his life.

On first coming to the United States he was located in New York, going thence to Kentucky and carrying on the stamp trade successfully at Glasgow. He was afterward employed as a bridge carpenter on the Southern Pacific Railroad and the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad. For about three years before his death he was night watchman for the Onalaska Lumber Co. at Onalaska, Ark., although in 1899 he was in New Orleans for about five months, again dealing in stamps. He died in Memphis, Tenn., 1900.

His friend who furnishes the above information believes that he was connected with the German nobility, though he would never reveal the secret of his parentage, and he died without a known relative in this country. "He often told me," writes our informant, "that he had in his trunks \$1,500 worth of rare stamps, but this was denied by parties in Memphis, Tenn., where he died."

The Library.

The Joint Committee appointed by the American Philatelic Association, Branch 5, the Twin City Philatelic Society and the Pittsburgh Philatelic Club, after consultation with Mr. Anderson, Librarian of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, beg to announce the following rules to be observed by members of the American Philatelic Association desiring to draw books from the philatelic section of the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, Pa.

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All donations of literature should be sent to the Assistant Librarian, H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.

The value of books damaged or lost must be borne by the member to whom they are issued, or, in case of his failure to do so, by the Association at large.

It is hoped that a complete catalogue of the philatelic books in the Carnegie Library will soon be ready to issue to members, but further specific information in regard to this will be given through the Official Journal.

The Committee is endeavoring to obtain donations of philatelic works from a number of foreign authors and publishers, and would respectfully urge upon all collectors interested in having a great central library on philately, the propriety of forwarding to the Assistant Librarian any books or periodicals on the subject which they feel able to dispense with.

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The Superintendent of Sales will exercise his judgment in the acceptance of stamps for circulation, and will not circulate rubbish or stamps that are priced too high.

Members who have become specialists, devoting themselves to certain countries, have disposed of the other parts of their collection very profitably through this Department.

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With this fund members may feel greater security in sending stamps for circulation, as this will provide a guarantee against loss by theft, railroad accident, fire, or in fact almost any possible contingency.

See also, By-Laws, Article VII, Section 4, and Article VIII, Sections 1-3.

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