

THE CIVIL SERVICE SAVINGS AND LOAN SOCIETY.

Business Statement for the Three Months ending January 31, 1912.

Receipts—

Shares paid for	\$ 345 00
Deposits made	1,510 10
Loans and interest repaid	2,256 79
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	\$4,111 89

Disbursements—

Shares withdrawn	\$ 105 55
Deposits withdrawn	312 49
Loans made	2,899 74
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	\$3,317 78

At the last meeting of the Board of Administration eight new members were admitted. This is gratifying and in view of the salutary uses to which the society can put the funds placed at its disposal, it is hoped that others will become partners in this beneficial service movement. The society offers a sure and profitable investment, and the investor at the same time provides financial assistance on convenient terms to other members of the service who may be in need of temporary aid.

Applications for membership should be made to the manager, Mr. F. S. James, room 107, Harris-Campbell building.

THE MERIT SYSTEM.

Resolution of the C. S. Reform League of United States:—

The league repeats and again emphasizes its declaration that the public interest imperatively requires the choice as civil service commissioners, whether Federal, State or Municipal, of men in hearty sympathy with civil service reform, of unimpeachable integrity and sincerity of purpose, and of strength and independence of character, such as will insure a fearless discharge

of their vitally important duties. To this must be added that such commissioners should in all cases be provided with sufficient funds and with a sufficient force of skilled employes to enable them to do their work properly.

President Charles W. Eliot of the C. S. Reform League of the United States, in his annual address to the league at Milwaukee early in December, said that:—"Postmasters ought to be promoted, as a rule, from the assistant postmasters, as the postmaster of New York has already been. So long as the highest posts in the civil service are inaccessible from below to persons of proved merit, so long competent young men will not care to enter the lower grades, or if they enter them for temporary purposes, they will soon quite the service."

On account of the increased cost of living, the National Federation of P. O. Clerks of the United States have petitioned the Postmaster for an increase of the initial salary at entrance from \$600 to \$800. The petitioners express appreciation for the new "eight hour law," and ask for uniformity in promotion where the clerk has an average efficiency record.

FIRST AID CLASSES.

The attention of the service is called to the classes of instruction in First Aid to the Injured now organising under the auspices of the St. John Ambulance Association. Classes for ladies will start Tuesday, February 25th at the Y.W.C.A., and a class for men starts at the Y. M. C. A. on Tuesday, the 4th prox., instructed by Dr. Fenton Argue. Large numbers of Civil Servants have attended these classes during the past two winters and several are entered this season also. There are still a few vacancies. Full particulars on application to R. Patching, the local Hon. Sec., Dept. of the Interior. Phone Queen 2163 or Queen 3747.

Personal.

O'CONNOR—At 45 Stratheona Ave., Ottawa, on February 12th, 1913, to the wife of J. C. O'Connor, Post Office Department, a son.