

vided no objection is filed with the secretary previous to that date.

Upon the resignation of Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Chas. Bailey, Toronto, has been appointed exchange supt. Mr. Bailey is anxious to make his department a success. I trust the members will give him their aid. Each member has been mailed a card notifying him to the effect that the dues for '97 are now due. The large number of members who have already responded is indeed encouraging. If you have not already done so, send in your dues now, as it will certainly be to your advantage and to the welfare of the society.

#### OBITUARY

Members will be grieved to learn of the death of Bro. F. N. Ward of Barrie (Ont.), which occurred December 21, resulting from congestion of the lungs. In February, 1896, he suffered from his first attack, and from that time till the day of his death he gradually faded away.

Fred N. Ward was born in November, 1880, being the youngest of a family of six. For the last five years he has been interested in stamp collecting. Until the last he was cheerful, patient and unselfish, and although he lost interest in nearly all outside matters, his love for his stamps grew stronger, and anything in connection with them never failed to interest him. He was on the lookout for every opportunity to promote the interest of Philately, and had the welfare of the D. P. A. at heart. He leaves his parents, a brother and three sisters to mourn for him.

A. H. ADAMS,

Secy. Treas.

#### REPORT OF AMALGAMATION MEETING

The amalgamation meeting of the Dominion Philatelic Association was called to order by the president at 4 o'clock, Jan. 28, 1896, in the office of Mr. Walter McMahon, Toronto.

All members present expressed their opinion on the question. Communications were read from the following members who were unable to attend: R. S. Baker, D. B. Crockett, Bertram J. Bishop, R. G. Widdicombe, W. A. Lydiatt, B. R. Morris, John S. Ross, J. A. Wainwright, Mrs. A. H. Hall and Findley Weaver. It was found that with one exception all members were in favor of amalgamation, but on condition that the dues should be placed within reach of all the members of the society, namely, initiation fee of 15 cts. and yearly dues of 30 cts.

It was therefore moved by M. C. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Adams: That the convention recommended amalgamation with the Canadian Philatelic Association, on condition that the annual dues shall not exceed 30 cts., with an initiation fee of 15 cts.; that the president be instructed to negotiate with Capt. Ernest L. Wurtele to that effect.

Moved by W.G. Humphreys, seconded by W. R. Adams: That as there is no immediate prospect of amalgamation, nominations now be received for a permanent official organ of the society, the appointment of same to be decided by a mail vote of the members. The following papers were then nominated: Ontario Philatelist, Philatelic Canadian, Stamp Lore, Canadian Philatelic Magazine and Halifax Philatelic Magazine. The polls to close Feb. 25th, 1897.

Members will kindly communicate with the secretary without delay the paper that they wish appointed as official organ.

A. H. ADAMS,

Secretary.