

Sanctum Sayings.

With this issue we begin volume two. We shall endeavor to make it better in every respect than our first volume. Our support has been none too liberal, but we suppose the majority of dealers did not expect it to last very long on account of its irregular appearance. To these we wish to say that that we have no intention of discontinuing and shall positively issue twelve numbers as promised in our initial number. We wish to thank our many friends and patrons who have stood by us in volume 1.

Several times we have been asked why we did not recognize exchanges received or review them. We saw no reason for so doing but promise that if a sufficient number of our subscribers request it a review department will be established.

Philatelic Press Association. We think that it would be very advisable for Canadian Philatelic writers and publishers to be represented by a national society and request correspondence in regard to the formation of The Canadian Philatelic Press Association. This society could be made very useful and we hope its organization will soon be consummated. The B. O. P. promises to help along the movement as much as possible.

About the D. P. A. We wish to call the attention of our readers to the Dominion Philatelic Association. This society is the only important stamp society in Canada and is worthy of the support of all stamp collectors. It

is one of the few live philatelic associations now in existence. Members are accepted from any part of the world. Members receive monthly the "Philatelic Advocate," which is the official organ of the Association. This paper is everywhere conceded to be Canada's representative stamp paper. This alone is worth the yearly dues. Then we have a good exchange department under the able management of E. L. Shove, of Unionville, N. Y., and a splendid Library. The auction department affords an excellent medium of disposing of your duplicates and there are also other useful departments. You get all this for 25c a year and 10c initiation fee. The publishers of the B.O.P. will be pleased to furnish you with application blanks.

We would urge our readers to be alive to the interests of our hobby. Every new adherent to philately is a step further in its advancement. Start your friends on the philatelic way by distributing your duplicates among them. Lend them your stamp papers. You will be surprised how quickly many of them will become interested in our pursuit.

Recent News. The Canadian Collector has made its appearance from this city and we are pleased to welcome it. As a typographical beauty we have yet to see its equal among stamp papers.—The Western Philatelist announced from Winnipeg has failed to materialize. There is certainly room for it as the representative of the Canadian West.—At the recent conventions of the A. P. A. and P. S. of A. Detroit was chosen as the 1899 Convention city by an overwhelming majority.