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THE portrait of Alvah Davison in Mekeels "Stamp Collectors Souvenir" looks as though he were hiding behind a screen whilst the photograph from which the cut was made was being taken.

THE *Weekly Philatelist* has completed its first year of continuous publication. It has never missed a number and its regularity has been exceptional.

WHAT has become of the P. S. of C. is one of the many things we don't know. Perhaps the cold weather has killed it, or if it wasn't killed it must have died.

THE *Philatelic Era*, supposedly devoted to stamps, gives particulars of the trial of John R. Hooper, of Ottawa, for murder. Turn it over as we may, we cannot see how the space thus employed was devoted to philately.

WE notice that the "Stamp Collector's Souvenir" states that the A. P. A. is the largest stamp society in America. This is clearly wrong, as the S. of P. enjoys that honour, and if the A. P. A. wants to be in it, it will have to wake up. We were surprised to see no mention made of the S. of P. in the Souvenir. Perhaps Bro. Miller you had better send Mekeels a sample copy of the "Collector" and let him see the lists of new members and applications.

WE are evidently going to have a choice in the catalogue line this year, as Scott, Mekeel and a syndicate will publish catalogues. The two former will be issued in two sizes. We would prefer the syndicate catalogue as it would be more nearer the mark as to relative value of stamps, but Scott's is likely to be the favourite as it has been established so long.

WE have received a periodical called *El Monitor Philatelica*, which, no doubt, is an excellent paper. How excellent we cannot tell, being totally ignorant of Spanish.

WE are desirous of putting your name on our subscription books, because we think we are worth the price asked and because you will materially help us by subscribing. Remember we advance our price on the first of January next.

A recent number of *Current Literature* states that in New York City alone there are 500,000 collectors. Some dealer has gone into the wholesale leg-pulling business. We will venture the assertion that there is not 100,000 stamp collectors on the continent, Halifax included.

THIS paper is not of mammoth size we acknowledge, but we hope we will be excused for our lack of immensity. The contents we shall endeavor to make as fresh as possible. We do not believe in articles on the stamps of Timbuctoo or any other country as interesting.