

Society Items.

[We desire the Secretaries of all Societies to send us *brief* reports of their meetings each month, and such will be published free, and we trust that Societies will not be slow in taking advantage of this privilege.]

Now we have talk of forming a new Canadian Society. We are not at all in sympathy with the movement. Better support the two we have.

"A certain Canadian paper which failed to secure the Official Organship of the P. S. of C. is now venting its spite against the Society. The Society would be better rid of such valued (?) additions to their ranks.

The fourth annual convention of "Germanic", New York, the German-American Philatelic Association will be held in their club room in the City of New York, on Jan. 15, 1893. Canadian, Mexican and U. S. members who are unable to attend may send their proxies to any New York member. Our other foreign members have been notified by circular. Fr. Phillips, International Secretary.

THE A. P. A.—The report of the Secretary for December shows 22 new members and 9 applications. Mr. H. E. Deats, of Flemington, N. J., has been appointed Librarian. He is undoubtedly the right man in the right place. The Society's collecting department, in charge of J. Arthur Wainwright, promises to be more than ordinary. Geo. N. Campbell, M. D., who has charge of the Library Exchange, is endeavoring to form circuits. By the way, the American Philatelist is more interesting than usual, and Editor Stone proposes to devote the whole January issue to the stamps of Canada, which should make it unusually interesting. Up to date five cities have claimed a *resident* Vice-President: Chicago, Ill.; Allegheny, Pa.; San Francisco, Cal.; St. Louis, Mo.; and New York City. Still there's more to follow.

THE GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB.—The 24th meeting was held October 19, with President Schneider in the chair, the following members being present: Bailey, Brodie, Wilcox, MacLaren, Crowell, Putz, and C. N. and N. P. Stockwell and two visitors. The resignation of Mr. McLaren as Exchange Superintendent was received with much regret. The Chair appointed Mr. Brodie to fill the vacant office during the term. Our Exchange Superintendent's report shows that the club has a first-class and growing exchange department. The applications of Messrs C. B. Duffy, of Columbus, Secretary of the Ohio Philatelic Association, and Geo. T. Street and J. J. Overton, of this city, were referred to the Committee on Membership, and the rules being suspended, they were elected members No. 28, 29 and 30 of the club. As a meeting of the A. P. A. members of Cleveland and vicinity had also been called for this evening, nominations were in order for a *resident* Vice-President of the A. P. A. The Chair nominated Mr. G. J. Bailey, and he was unanimously elected, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees. An informal auction, sale was held, as usual, after which the meeting adjourned. The 25th meeting was held November 16, with President Schneider in the chair, the following members being present: Bailey, McLaren, Putz, Wilcox, Overton, Street, Kress and C. N. and N. P. Stockwell. A letter from the Exchange Superintendent was read, stating that he had already started two

new exchange books and asked all members to furnish more filled sheets at once. A membership card was talked of, having a specimen of the 5c blue (Garfield) in one corner, and a 90c. carmine (Perry) in the other. There being no special business to come before club, after transacting some minor business, the usual recess was taken and the auction held. After which the members present examined Mr. MacLaren's collection before adjourning.

LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.

A meeting of the stamp collectors of London, for the purpose of organizing a society, was held on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 8 p.m., in the Y. W. C. T. U. parlors, the best fitted and most centrally situated rooms in the city. Quite a large number of collectors were present, including Messrs. Liddicoatt, Staebler, Bernstein, Dickson, Bartram, Bailey, Stockwell, Benson, Colgrove, L. B. and W. Boyd, McMartin and others. Sharp at 8 p.m. Mr. W. H. Liddicoatt and Mr. H. S. Dickson were unanimously elected chairman and secretary *pro tem* respectively. After a few remarks on the necessity of organizing a club, by the Chairman, Mr. Dickson, Mr. Staebler and Mr. Bernstein, the business was proceeded with. The name was next chosen to be the "London Philatelic Club." The election of officers was then proceeded with, with the following results:—President, W. H. Liddicoatt; Vice-President, L. M. Staebler; Secretary-Treasurer, H. S. Dickson; Exchange and Auction Manager, J. Bernstein, jr.; Librarian, W. H. Stockwell; and an Executive composed of all the officers. After minor discussions, taken part chiefly by Messrs. Bernstein and Staebler, it was agreed to hold meetings semi-monthly, 1st and 3rd Wednesday evenings. The dues were fixed at \$1.20 per year and an initiation fee. A committee comprising the Executive were appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws before the next meeting. Messrs. Bailey, Staebler and Bernstein were appointed a committee to arrange for some subject for discussion for the next meeting. The Secretary was instructed to send notes of meetings to all the leading journals. A resolution was then moved by Mr. Bernstein, seconded by Mr. Dickson, that the Club extend their heartfelt sympathy with the members, Messrs. L. B. and W. Boyd, on their late affliction in the death of their father, the Rev. Mr. Geo. Boyd. This was unanimously carried. Before the close a vote of thanks was extended to President Liddicoatt and the other officers. The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1893, and a rousing meeting is expected. All are welcome.

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STATEN ISLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

(BRANCH OF THE A. P. A.)

Meetings held the *third Friday* of each month, at 8 o'clock, p.m., at Loesch's Hotel, No. 136 Canal street, Stapleton, S. I., N. Y. President, August Dejonge; Secretary, F. C. Vehslage. For information, address the Secretary, box 86, Tompkinsville, N. Y. Communications relating to exchange department, address R. F. Albrecht, box 245 Tompkinsville, N. Y. Communications relating to examination of stamps department, address Henry Clot, P. O. box 3489, New York City.