

treasures. How tantalizing, when turning over letters that we know are old, to find the word "Paid" in all varieties of writing and printing, instead of the stamp for which we are so anxiously looking. Another tantalizing thing which occurred to me was, that when I found my B.C. stamps were so scarce, I wrote to a relative who I knew must have as many almost as I of those precious letters, I was told that they had all been burnt a short time previously.

Of two stamps in my collection, I have made several futile attempts to find the value, and if any reader of this article can help me in this matter I shall be greatly obliged. They are New Zealand 2d. and 6d., and were obtained from a friend some time between '62 and '65, and by catalogue may be worth \$2 and \$10 respectively, or 5 cts. and 8 cts. When Scott's new catalogue arrived, I thought the matter was settled by the number of perforations, but I am as much in the dark as ever, as, though not heavily blurred by ink, they have the appearance common to much-travelled stamps of having been carried in the pocket for days, and watermarks, if present, are not visible. This 52nd catalogue raises one of my stamps very much in value; the 3d. beaver, fourteen perforations, is now valued at \$25 by a bound; and this stamp, which I obtained I know not how—perhaps from my quondam legal friend—is now on that page the cynosure of all admiring philatelic eyes.

OUR SISTER SOCIETIES.

[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.]

The Algona City Philatelic Society is one of the leading local societies in the United States, its headquarters being at San Antonio, Texas. Meetings are held every Friday. Secretary, Ed. W. Hensinger.

The stamp collectors of Michigan have just formed an active organization under the name of the Michigan Philatelic Society. If they have *The Philatelic Hustler* (?) as their official organ, their progress will not be great, as the paper would be a disgrace to the worst society in existence.

The A. P. A.—Eight more resignations for December! This is a miserable showing for an organization which claims to be the leading in America. If the members do not bestir themselves at once they will find their

large society dwindling down to a mere nothing. The incorporation papers of this society are being rapidly carried through, and will be completed before many days. We sincerely hope to see our big sister society take a turn for the better ere many months elapse.

The Sons of Philatelia is progressing finely. They have already over 100 members, and have only been organized 10 months. Our second annual election will be held on January 1st, 1892. All officers are elective, and every member is entitled to vote. Any honest philatelist, in the United States, Canada or Mexico, can join. Initiation fee, 5c. Dues only 25c. per year, including a year's subscription to our official organ. If you wish to join send your initiation fee to R. M. Miller, Secretary, New Chester, Adams Co., Pa., U. S. A., and receive an application blank, etc., by return mail.

The *United Philatelic Association* has just been organized. Object:—Advancement of a mutual correspondence between Philatelists, and to aid the increase of their respective collections. Any dealer or collector may become a member of the association by applying to the Secretary, who will first require of him (or her) his initiation fee of ten cents, and at least two references signed in their own hand writing. Dues 50 cents per year. Arrangements are now being made for an official organ. Samuel S. Atwood, 35 N. 9th-st., Philadelphia, Pa., is the Secretary, to whom all communications in regard to the above should be addressed.

The 125th regular meeting of the Chicago Philatelic Society was called to order on Nov. 19th, by Pres. Wolsieffer, 13 members present. A report from ex-auctioneer Bradt, covering the entire period of his services as auctioneer was submitted; also a list of debtors to the Chicago Philatelic Society Ex. Department, with amounts of indebtedness. Librarian A. S. Pierce reported a bulky donation to the library by Mr. Bradt, for which the Society's thanks were tendered. Mr. A. S. Pierce was instructed to make an offer, approved by the Society, to the publishers of the St. Louis, Mo., *Stamp Collectors' Companion* for same to become Society's official organ. Mr. Homer spoke of matters in connection with the auction department. Mr. C. I. Sturgis, of Chicago, was elected to active membership. Adjournment at 10.25 p.m.

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Secretary.