

BARB AND CARRIER CLUB.

Editor Pigeon Fancier.

THE members of the Barb and Carrier Club have voted to hold their next annual meeting in New York at the time of the Poultry and Pigeon Show in Madison Square Garden. Six members voted for New York, two for Cincinnati, one for Boston, and one for Reading. Three members did not vote.

Now that the place of meeting is decided on, it is to be hoped that each member of the Club will arrange to attend, and also to send to the show as large a string of birds as he can. Although wishing and doing for Cincinnati, Boston and Reading whatever we can to make those shows a success, let us make every effort to make the exhibition of Barbs and Carriers at New York the largest and best ever seen on this side of the Atlantic.

J. S. RITTENHOUSE, Secretary.

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MASSACHUSETTS NOTES.

BY WREN.

IT is with pleasure I read of a great exclusive Pigeon show to be held in the city of Boston from Dec. 12th to the 14th. May the show be blessed with an unrivalled entry, which it so richly deserves. I can assure you it is no pleasant task to organize and get into commission a first annual show, one not familiar with such an undertaking can have no conception of its hardships! There are two kinds of fanciers attending such an exhibition, those who play the fiddle and those who do not. Let those whose burdensome lot it is to play not despair. If those who do not play respect, admire and encourage those who do, that perhaps is sufficient, for it requires an unlimited supply of patience, perseverance and prudence to accomplish a successful termination. No one will hereafter know the meaning of these three P's better than my friend the genial Secretary, C. E. Twombly, who's only desire is the determination to do well the thing to which he has put his hand. He will bestow his keenest attention, as his fondest hopes are for the success of the undertaking. No better fancier could have been chosen to fill the position; although not an old fancier he has learned more since he became absorbed in this innocent pursuit than most fanciers do in a life time. A share of any show's patronage depends a great deal upon who are the judges. I heartily co-operate with what it says in their premium list that all judges of this show

are known to be honest and competent gentlemen. Some of them I know personally, others only by reputation. First comes that king of pigeondom, John H. Kuhn, who perhaps is better known among fanciers than any man in America. He will judge the Carriers, Pouters, Pigmy Pouters, S. F. Tumblers, S. F. Bald Heads, English Owls, African Owls, Chinese Owls, Dark Tail Owls, Fantails, Archangels, Bremer Pouters, Ice Pigeons and the various class. I hardly think a more competent judge could be found for all these classes together—he will I am sure bestow honest admiration on all deserving victors. Next we have that keen fancier, clever breeder, and successful exhibitor, John Glasgow, who will award the prizes in the Barb class alone. He seems to be profoundly intimate with the habits, requirements and all pertaining to fancy pigeons. I only know of him through his writings, but think if he could have been induced, there are other classes he would have judged with credit. Then we have Mr. T. Willelle, who judges the long faced clean-legged Tumblers, inside Tumblers, muffed-leg Tumblers and the Oriental Frills. I am not personally acquainted with him but hear from friends that he will perform his duties affectionately, faithfully and honestly. Then there is my most ostentatious friend, Mr. A. M. Ingram, who will judge the Jacobins, Trumpeters, Turbits, Magpies and Swallows. Here again the faculty, if I may call them such, made a grand selection. Proverbially he is a long-headed fellow; the fancy has well agreed with him; his habits are conducive to longevity; he is an enthusiast, and enthusiasm has been the secret of his success. He will inspire awe and respect from all who come in contact with him. In his modest way he will bring peace and harmony to the society. Mr. T. Latimer, who will judge Priests, Antwerps, Runts and Show Homers, is a judge of no mean ability. With his keen, dark bown eyes he can size up the points of a bird very quickly; no one will prove more faithful to his vows. Mr. Fred. Hurtz, who will judge the Nuns, I have never had the pleasure of meeting, but hear he is a man of quiet, contemplative mind, and well knows the birds he is to pass judgment upon. Mr. Henry Wagner, who will do the Homers full justice, I am also unacquainted with, also Mr. Thomas Wright, who will judge the Hen pigeons, but without doubt they are artists in the fancy and will do credit both to themselves and the show.

Mr. Editor, God did intend man to be made happy, for since he created these fellows he has put them in paradise which is to them this garden of pleasure, they are a highly susceptible race of mortals, and may gentle thoughts, generous deeds and kind treatment be their reward.