

assumed the position of Sec'y-Treas of D. P. A., only one member in Toronto, Mr. W. R. Adams, had paid his dues, and at the time of holding the convention not over six out of over forty Toronto members had paid their dues. Mr. Weldon's name had to be black-listed before he would pay his. The interest the Toronto members took in the D. P. A was truly marvelous. After six months of hard work upon society affairs, in which Messrs. Adams and Bailey afforded me a little assistance, the society was on its feet, and then these guardian angels were willing to condescend to take the whole management of the Association into their own hands and receive the credit of building up the society. They are quite willing to pose as public benefactors.

In closing his article, Mr. Weldon asks pardon of the editor and readers for giving so much of his time to the attacks of a disgruntled politician, but he would like to set these much abused Toronto tin-gods right in the eyes of the philatelic world. There we have the key-note of the whole thing. The Toronto members want to look right in the eyes of the public. They wish others to do the work while they obtain the credit. This reminds me of Burns' quotation.

"O wad some power the giftie gie us
To see ourselves as ither see us!
It wad frae monie a blunders free us
And foolish notions."

Also of the later addition.

"But, oh! how pleasing to these selfish elves
If other see them as they see themselves."

IRVING E. PATTERSON.

LITERARY NOTES.

• BY A M. MUIRHEAD.

Just three years ago, there came a little crudely gotten up paper that none thought would live six months. The

larger papers, faultless themselves, hastened to ridicule the little stranger, and went for it with a will. Yet it lived and prospered until few would recognize in the *Evergreen State Philatelist* of to-day, the result of so humble a beginning. Fine to its name, its cover is ever of that color so dear to the Irishman's heart, and our hope is that it shall meet no obstacles in its onward march, and that every year shall bring twelve numbers of the popular E. S. P.

AND NOW we come to *Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News*. Surely in no country under the sun with the exception of the United States, could such a publication pass through the mails as second-class matter. It is all Mekeel, the grand, the mighty, the omniscient Mekeel. We might almost look through the paper upon which it is printed and expect to find it watermarked Mekeel. Literary giants, writing from all the principal centers of philately, contribute each week their soul stirring notes, and each burns incense to the name of the only Mekeel. The mighty firm of Mekeel gets out the "Postage Stamp Album of the World," and invite all to compete for a prize of \$50 in gold, as to who shall write the best essay on its virtues. No less a person than C. E. Severn of Cook County, wins the prize, after prostrating himself body and bones, and all the literary talents he might possess before the Album and the name of Mekeel. And thus the good work goes on.

THE *American Collector* is one of our best papers—a "bird," as Mr. Page, of Muscatine, Iowa, would say. Mr. Miller, I am sure, has no dearth of well-wishers, and doesn't need any praise I could give him, but I can't refrain from adding my voice to the rest in expressing the hope that his paper shall see many noons, and that Seebeck shall get out many more of his yearly sets before the *American Collector* is numbered with the departed.

THE *Philatelic Advocate*, published by Starnaman Brothers, at Berlin, Ont., has turned out a most enterprising sheet. The January number has a cover printed in red, blue and gold, and begins a new volume. We extend congratulations.