

After the members had indulged in a few remarks on various subjects the session adjourned to meet again at 8 p.m. on the following evening.

The third session was called to order to organize at 8:45 p. m. by Mr. L. Beringer, who officiated as chairman in the absence of Dr. Evans. Secretary Herbst read the report of the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, which showed that the society had 103 members in good standing. The secretary stated that he also had a list of 49 members who failed to pay their dues for the current year. Mr. Herbst said he had not as yet published these members as suspended in the official journal. After the names of the delinquents had been read it was moved and seconded that the parties be notified that the convention had taken action to suspend them from membership unless their dues were forthcoming within thirty days from date of notification. The motion was carried.

Mr. E. L. Shove read his report as librarian.

Mr. Coleman spoke on the Brooklyn branch and remarked that Brooklyn has no society that affords the average collector a means to exchange his duplicates. Mr. Coleman mailed 200 invitations among the collectors in his city, inviting them to attend the convention.

Mr. Herbst called for a few remarks concerning Brooklyn branch from Dr. Thaddeus P. Hyatt, president of the Section on Philately at the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Hyatt delivered a very interesting speech; he told of the workings of the "Brooklyn Section," what it has accomplished in the past and its objects in the future. The doctor finished his speech amid loud applause.

Mr. Herbst moved that a committee be appointed to make arrangements for a collection for the evening following.

As the official journal committee recommended that the *New York Philatelist* be continued as the official organ of the society, the motion was put to the members and was carried by acclamation and the publication was extended a vote of thanks for its prompt appearance and efficient service to the organization.

It was decided to have the constitution printed in pamphlet form and a copy mailed to every member. This was seconded by Mr. Coleman.

After the session had adjourned a number of stamps changed hands and rarities were shown.

The fourth session was called to order by Chairman Beringer at 8:45 p.m. Friday, August 25. Mr. S. Schachno recommended that the department now known as the "Exchange Department" be changed to read "Sales Department," unless said department is conducted by "exchange." He then requested the chairman to call for a few remarks from Mr. C. W. Brown, the newly elected exchange superintendent. Mr. Brown stated that he had a plan in mind to run the department purely on an "exchange" basis. Mr. Schachno again requested to be heard and advised that the exchange department be conducted on the same plan adopted by several private concerns, including "Meekel's Stamp Exchange." Mr. Brown then remarked that he had

at one time formed an "exchange" of this kind and had quite some experience in this line. He further stated that this was the idea he had in view if elected. Mr. Schachno said that Mr. Brown could conduct both an "exchange" and "sales" department, the former to be run on the plan suggested by Mr. Brown and the latter on the same system as adopted by the former superintendent.

It was moved and carried by Mr. Herbst to leave the matter in the hands of Mr. Brown and that he furnish the rules of his department before the 5th of September, in order to have the new rules appear in the next number of the official journal.

The chairman called for nominations for next convention seat. Mr. Shone nominated Niagara Falls. Mr. Goldsmith placed New York City in nomination and Mr. Herbst named Unionville, N. Y. A vote was then taken with the following result:

New York City.....	29
Niagara Falls.....	17
Unionville.....	10

The chairman then announced that the third annual convention would be held in New York City.

Mr. Wm. A. McDonnell distributed to every member present a one-cent 1856 on the entire original cover. It was moved that the session adjourn to the banquet hall, and Chairman Beringer then announced the second annual convention adjourned sine die.

At the Murray Hill assembly rooms a collation was served that was partaken of by every one of the attending members. Several photographs were taken by Mr. Coleman by flash light, after which the "boys" sought their homes, all satisfied that they had enjoyed themselves. Every one present agreed that it was one of the most enjoyable conventions they ever attended. Harmony prevailed throughout and they all promised to be on hand in 1900.—From Meekel's Weekly.

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