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OUR SISTER ASSOCIATION.—The second annual meeting of the Newsdealers' and Stationers' National Association of the United States was held in Philadelphia on the 13th and 14th July.

In fighting the American News Co. for that now is the great object of their being, they have a most formidable foe; a company that has been victorious in every fight with its rivals, and is to-day a solid corporation holding in its hands the keystone of the trade.

Still the promoters of the Association are full of hope and vigour, and claim that they are already making inroads on the monopolist.

The officers for the ensuing year are President, C. W. Zeiber; first Vice-president, C. M. Drake; second Vice-president, W. B. Seeger; Recording Secretary, C. B. Swift; Financial Secretary, W. C. Edwards; Treasurer, G. W. Bell.

The late President, Stephen Richardson, of New York, is President of the new News Co. in connection with the Association.

We notice with pleasure the reappearance of H. K. Cockin's verses in *The Week*. Missed for some time until the last couple of numbers, his versatile pen again charms and brightens the page of our con-

temporary. "The Tramp," in last number, has a merry jingle.

THE BOOKSELLERS' AND STATIONERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO.—Such is the new and more comprehensive name adopted at the meeting of Booksellers in Toronto on the 4th and 5th. The addition of the word Stationers is a just recognition of a rapidly growing class of dealers, particularly in our cities—men who sell only stationery for the counting house and the boudoir.

The meeting of the Association was but poorly attended by those outside of Toronto, but though the attendance was small, the actual work was well done.

For the first time a constitution was adopted, which in very simple terms, presents the claims of the Association to the Booksellers and Stationers.

Resolutions were passed affecting the welfare of the trade, which must have, if loyally adhered to, beneficial effects, and measures were taken to present to the Postmaster General grievances as to postage on periodicals, in comparison with United States dealers.

A LARGE NUMBER of those who expected to be at the meeting, were unavoidably absent. On the first day of the meeting, letters and telegrams were received from no less than ten of those, while we know of at least as many more who were likewise disappointed. Unfortunately, seemingly the worst week in the year was selected. Merchants or their assistants were, in many cases, away for the holidays.

THE ANNUAL MEETING for the future, has been fixed for the third week in October, and as it would be too long to wait until October, 1886, in all likelihood a meeting will be held in two months from now. Please make a note of this, as sometimes during the Fall, many wish to visit Toronto, and this will be a good opportunity.

THE SECRETARY reported the membership at 89. After the report was made a number joined, so that now it is a little over 100, and as from conversing with those present at the meeting, and a large number of others in the Western part of the Province, we are convinced that fully three-fourths of the trade are in sympathy with the aims of the Association, the increase during the coming year should be considerable. An erroneous impression regarding the number of Booksellers in Ontario is, that there are some 700. The actual number is about 350. The others who signed the petition to the Minister of Education in January were general store-keepers who dealt in school books.