

standard to breed up to, the whole being a credit to the above club.

There is also a very neat sample of what I presume is one of their prize cards, which to my mind, might be made a trifle smaller to advantage. This also contains the same cut in the centre with spaces to the left denoting the amount of premium, number of class, band No., year, at what exhibition, where held and date, places for signatures of president, superintendent, judge, secretary and treasurer; the whole thing being a great credit to the members of this lively club. A long life and lasting prosperity to the Magpie Club are the wishes of the members of the Massachusetts Columbarian Association.

The next meeting will be held Friday evening, Nov. 9, the varieties to be exhibited are black and blue-pied Pouter cocks, same in hens; black, red, yellow and white English Owl cocks, same in hens; blue and silver English Owls same in hens; almond Tumblers, kite and agate cocks, same in hens and same in young birds. Members please take notice.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the above association was held at the usual place, 133 Blackstone street, Boston, on Friday evening, Nov. 9, President Gavin in the chair, calling the meeting to order at 8.15; and although a very stormy and disagreeable night, some 35 members were in attendance.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and accepted. Mr. Albee's report on behalf of the printing committee re prize cards, index sheets and an official seal was also accepted.

Mr. Geo. Pendexter, of Waltham and Mr. Geo. Carpenter of Everett were balloted for and unanimously accepted as members of the association.

Over 20 English Owls were exhibited by Messrs. Stowell, Albee and Feather, and some very good birds were among them. Mr. A. T. Davis made the following awards in both old and young birds:

First blue cock and hen, silver cock and hen, 1 Feather; silver cock and hen, yellow hen '94 hatch, 1 Feather; black cock and hen, white cock and hen, red cock and hen, yellow cock, 1 and blue cock 2 Stowell; white cock and hen, black hen 1, and silver cock '94 hatch 2, Stowell; white cock and hen 2, Albee.

The next meeting takes place Friday evening, Nov. 23, the varieties to be exhibited are blue, long and medium faced baldhead Tumblers, cocks and hens; black and red Swallows, cocks and hens; white Fantails, smooth headed,

booted cocks and hens; Nuns any color except black, cocks and hens; and all the above in young birds '94 hatch. Motion to adjourn at 10.30 p.m.

GEORGE FEATHER, Sec'y.

DISAPPOINTMENTS AND SURPRISES IN PIGEON BREEDING.

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Editor Pigeon Fancier:—

I have a pair of Rollers which have bred together for five consecutive seasons. I paired them together at first to get me good flying and rolling qualities, I had no thought of any head marking whatever. Both are bald headed with white face, cheek and throat. They bred some good birds the first year of breeding. On this account I paired them together the second season. Though I have noticed a cheek marking in one or two of their young, it was not till I bred a grandchild, nearly a red saddle with head and cheek marking so conspicuous that I was attracted; I began to be interested in these markings. Though I had noticed a similar marking on the great grandfather's head it was merely a passing notice. A further research resulted that the cock of the fourth generation had the same head and cheek markings. The third season together gave me a muffed hen as near to my ideal as possible of this class of badge marking for long rollers. There is no attempt on my part to lay claim to these badge markings as superior to the Tumbler standard now in vogue. I merely make my ideal my property and to perfect this ideal on my own lines, others are at liberty to accept or reject my ideal. If I breed a superior strain of Rollers for flying and rolling in addition to marking, color and formation, well of course, this is a matter of consideration for Roller fanciers. But if I am left alone to my hobby, let it be so, for I have no particular right to complain.

In addition to this hen which I sold to Mr. Gill, of Baltimore, I bred a bona fide type of a long face Roller in this season. This is not the medium face type, with a short face's head that Mr. Walton has outlined, but a genuine long face with a body formation compactly strong for the work he is able to do. Broad and robust in front with an honest face, and great wing power, and a backward formation of strength without being clumsy.

The fourth season they bred two with head markings which unfortunately went too high when young and got lost. I lost four of this season's birds by them taking to