

A. P. A. Branch No. 1 held a meeting August 25, and though not largely attended was an important one. Resolutions were adopted and signatures appended, requesting the appointment of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer as resident Vice-President. The S. B. Bradt & Co. have kindly offered their spacious quarters at 132 Wabash Avenue for meeting purposes, twice a month.

STRAY HUMOR.

We would like to give General Hazen a few ideas for the subject of the issue of stamps in connection with the discovery of this country by the immortal Columbus. Having had access to the MSS. of the family, we are enabled to give incidents in his life that the ordinary voyagers through this vale of tears wot not of.

We would suggest the following designs for the World's Fair Issue, and that the face value of the stamp tally with the corresponding year in the life of our hero, when the different events transpired.

The public will please observe that no mention is made in the MSS. of a ha chet or a cherry tree, so that in all probability he did not discover what Mr. Chadhaud calls the "Light of Terewth."

- 1c. 1st year—Columbus discovers himself considerably astonished.
- 2c. 2nd year—Practises gum chewing and thereby discovers molars.
- 3c. 3rd year—Columbus begins life as a traveller by discovering the cellar (head first), is brought up in the same position and liberally interviewed by Mrs. Columbus, senior.
- 4c. 4th year—Upsets the parental banana-stand. More trouble.
- 5c. 5th year—Columbus explores the sensational with his first cigarette, subsequent sensations varied, and therefore left to the fancy of the purchaser.
- 6c. 6th year—Explores the alphabet of sunny Italy—*with clouds*.
- 10c. 10th year—Explores the domain of love. Casts sheep's eyes at a small Genoese maiden. Is delivered from making an avowal of his passion by the size of the foot of the father of his immorata.
- 15c. 15th year—Columbus discovers he can lick the son-of-a-gun across the fence next door. Discovers new bumps in his cranium produced in the process.
- 30c. 30th year—Starts on his voyages, and by *whirling the sphere*, so to speak, foreshadows the national pastime.
- 90c. 90th year—Can find no mention in the MSS. Spends his time now chiefly on a *bus*. Subject for stamp—*Saint Columbus and Saint Patrick*, as the two benefactors of the Irish.—*Phil. Monthly*.

The distinguishable difference between a postage stamp and a donkey—one gets licked with a stick, and the other gets sticked with a lick.

Baby Alfonso is on the Spanish new postage stamps. He'll now get licked even oftener than he deserves.—*New York Recorder*.

Enter an old lady from the grand, accompanied by a little miss, evidently her grand-daughter:—

Old Lady—"Is this where I get the stamps?"

Fair Stamp Distributor—"Yes, how many?"

O. L.—"How much have I got to pay for a three cent stamp?"

Collapse of F. S. D. and by-standers.

Correspondents' Column.

[This column is open to all, and we hope you will take the opportunity to express yourself on any Philatelic question. Those who want any information should send in their queries, which will be published in the following number.]

F. H. POUNT, South Lyne, Ct.—Your stamp is a common German Local of little or no value.

E. W., Tadalía, Miss.—You have been credited with a six months' subscription for amount sent, your subscription came to hand after rates were raised.

A. R. HEINZER, Toronto.—You can obtain sample copy by addressing 11 Queen Victoria Street, London, E. C., England.

PERSONALS.

Mr. J. S. Robertson, of St. Thomas, Ontario, the exchange superintendent of the Philatelic Society of Canada, is a leading barrister of that city. Mr. Robertson possesses one of the finest known collections of British North American stamps, it being valued at upwards of four thousand dollars.

Mr. A. H. Milligan, who for some time past has been engaged in stamp dealing, has decided to devote his entire attention to the business, and has opened an office in the western part of this city.

Mr. Walter McMahon, one of the leading Toronto collectors, called on us recently. Mr. McMahon is engaged in the furnishing business, in connection with his father.

Mr. C. H. Holden, of Port Dover, whose monthly auction sales were so successful a venture, has removed to Muskegon, Mich., where he will continue his sales.

Mr. A. R. Rogers of New York is connected with and interested in the Rogers Carbon Co. of that city. Mr. Rogers is one of the strongest props of the A. P. A.

Mr. C. D. Reimers, late of Iowa City, Iowa, has removed to Chicago, and will continue the publication of the *Western Philatelist* from that place.

The editor and publisher of the *Detroit Philatelist* is engaged as book-keeper in the Western Union Telegraph Co. of Detroit.

The annual address of Jno. K. Tiffany, the President of the A. P. A., at the convention of the American Philatelic Association was a fine piece of composition, showing much underlying thought. Mr. Tiffany is a leading light among St. Louis barristers.

Mr. G. B. McLelland, of the City of Mexico, is attending school in this city.

Mr. H. W. Liddicoat, who possesses one of the finest collections in London, is head master in the London West School. His collection contains between six and seven thousand varieties.