

make a successful meet. To Mr. P. F. Brunar the credit of raising nearly \$500 for the purpose is chiefly due. Mr. Alvah Davison was everywhere in his efforts to carry out the programme, and at the banquet he made the speech of the evening, while Messrs. Luff and Gregory did their part nobly. There were others who no doubt did their full share. The Collectors' Club deserved thanks for furnishing the place of meeting, and kept open house throughout. The official proceedings will be found in the *Weekly Philatelic Era*, which is still the organ of the association. The meet next year will be held at Detroit, Mich.

The Philatelic Sons of America held their convention at the Grand Union Hotel, on Friday, Aug. 26, President Aldrich being there to take charge. The gathering was small but enthusiastic, and was the only one which was distinguished by having lady members present, viz.: Mrs. C. W. Kissinger and Mrs. E. R. Aldrich. At the final session in the afternoon, every member present was called on to make a speech, and responded briefly. The convention next year will be held at Detroit.

The Sons of Philatelia held a three days' convention at Miller's Hotel, Aug. 29, 30 and 31. E. L. Shove presided except at the final session, when A. Herbst took his place. Secretary Dodge, the ruling spirit, was present, and took down the proceedings with his type-writer, in a business-like manner; and he exercised his powers of fascination in such a way as to gather in several brand

new members. This society will also meet next year at Detroit.

The Empire State Philatelic Society also met at Miller's Hotel, Aug. 29 and 30; the final session being held at Terrace Garden, on the evening of the latter date, where a substantial banquet was furnished by the society. The convention was opened by President Herbst, and throughout was a very lively one, at times the proceedings being somewhat heated, but no very hard feelings were engendered. The scheme to change the official organ failed. The society will meet again next year in New York City. On the evening of August 29 every member present was called on to speak, and did so. The peroration of Mr. J. F. Farrell, a rising young lawyer, while somewhat high-flown in language, was, nevertheless, a masterly effort, and he is liable to be heard from hereafter.

Notwithstanding the intense heat, I spent nine days in the city in an enjoyable manner. Six days I stopped at Miller's Hotel, 39 West 26th street, a very home-like place; and for three days was the guest of Leopold Beringer, at 2964 Third avenue. Mr. Beringer is a member of three of the societies named, a dealer in stamps, and an insurance and advertising agent, etc.

One day I devoted to visiting stamp dealers and collectors, receiving the utmost courtesy in every instance. I believe that during the different meets I was introduced to every gentleman and lady present. The gentlemen were all affable and the ladies charming without exception. May I live to go again.

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