

these contentions and difficulties. Although the P. S. of C. was organized with a thought of rivalry to the C.P.A., it now has a different scope of existence, and the feeling which formerly characterized the two societies has about completely vanished by this time, and for the simple reasons that the P. S. of C., with a much larger membership than its sister society, considered itself above such feeling, while the C. P. A., with a much more perfect material, lost all such thoughts. So that now each works independently and for its own welfare *only*. The second difficulty, again, which accosted our American cousins cannot approach the Canadian organizations, as, fortunately, there are only two societies, and the officers, although of the very first class, are completely outnumbered by large membership rolls, in which we have an advantage.

With these two hardships out of the way, why *cannot* the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. be united under one banner and constitution, and why *should* they not? In union there is strength, and united only we can stand. The C. P. A. is now enjoying many benefits and distinctions which the P. S. of C. cannot lay claim to, and the P. S. of C. can pride itself on privileges which none but it can wield. The P. S. of C. has might; the C. P. A. has right; and why should might contend with right? A leading American poet truly said:—

“All are needed by each one;
Nothing is fair or good alone.”

Exemplify it by this case:—The C. P. A. has material, the P. S. of C. has numbers; the C. P. A. has an active exchange department, the P. S. of C. has an excellent library; the P. S. of C. is incorporated, the C. P. A. is not; the C. P. A. is well established, the P. S. of C. is not. What, then, could be of more benefit to each than a consummation of all the virtues contained in, and all the privileges and distinctions enjoyed by each? Neither the P. S. of C. nor C. P. A. can lose anything by

union, while both have much to gain.

Amalgamation must come, and the sooner the better. The tide of Canadian Philatelic opinion is fast flowing in its direction, and thought, words and opinions must eventually culminate into action. How many would favor the union? It seems to us that every sensible collector would. Already dozens have expressed their opinions personally to the writer, and *all favor the course*. Already the editors of the *International Philatelist*, *Canadian Philatelist* and PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA have expressed themselves in accord with such a move, and already Mr. John R. Hooper, President of the P. S. of C., says that it is not a bad idea, while Mr. Ernest F. Würtele, President of the C. P. A., says that he will consider it! What, now, is to hinder action? The conventions of the C. P. A. and P. S. of C. are soon to be in session, and why should this not be the all-absorbing topic of discussion and the issue of the day?

The one serious difficulty seems to be a plan of action and a basis of union, and we may suggest the means to master it. Why not air the subject out and out and consider public opinion? Why not meet and agree upon convenient terms? Why not refer to the Canadian Philatelic press, or why not call for a popular vote? These would be some of the means that would lead to thought, voice, action and lastly success. In the next number we shall have more to say on a specific plan of agreement, and in the meantime will trust that this will be the means of awakening our Canadian collectors to their surroundings.

In conclusion, the writer begs to thank the kind editor for his interest in the matter and the valuable space so willingly granted.

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