

that it will not be necessary to draw attention to this again. It is surely not a matter which we should require reminding about. Christmas cards have been despatched to all our absent members which we trust they will receive safely.

Regina.

The annual general meeting of Regina branch was held on Sunday, Nov. 12th, and the attendance while fairly large was not what it should have been. The most important business of the meeting was the election of officers and the following were elected: President, C. Gardner; Vice-President, W. Usher; Secretary, R. Beauchamp; Treasurer, J. Colhoun. Executive members: Messrs. J. T. Smith, C. Cunningham, J. Parker, A. E. Smith and F. Lee.

This makes Mr. Gardner's third term of office. His election at the convention to the office of President of the association was a signal honour and his re-election as President of our branch is the branch's expression of confidence in his ability as a leader.

A great deal of the success of this branch is to be traced to the untiring efforts of its retiring officers, and while of course new blood is to be welcomed into any executive, yet it seems a pity that some of these officers have been dropped, and tribute should be paid to them. Mr. Harry Selby, as "Wizard of Finance," has done much good work for this branch, and his ability was recognized in the branch's choice of him as a delegate to the late convention. If the pendulum of the vote did not swing in your direction this time, Harry, do not think at all that it is because your past efforts go unrecognized. Mr. Arthur Child, past Vice-President, has worked zealously, and although at times he could kick like a mule, he has worked hard, especially during the week of convention. Mr. Colhoun (Joe), who has taken on the treasurer's job, is beginning a course in high finance.

During the meeting the high cost of living was discussed, and each and every member seemed to have the same difficulty in making both ends meet. A resolution was passed, approving of the action of the association in petitioning the Department for a war bonus. The evening classes at the Strathcona school for those members who wish to study for their Preliminary and Qualifying, continue to retain their interest. The average class attendance is around fifteen, and the subjects get more interesting as we know more about them. Any sacrifice of time for study will be amply repaid when the results of the exams. of next spring are known. If you intend taking the exam. think it over and join the classes.

Any coward can get married, but it may take a hero to stay married.

LISTEN TO THE ORGANIZING SEC'Y.

Anyone, with the average intelligence, knows the value of organizing. Many a good purpose has failed to fully materialize through lack of concentrated thought, effort and action. There are individuals who, though appreciating the value of organized effort, do not think it incumbent upon them to assist in attaining the purpose of an organization, though the organization may have been inaugurated for their material benefit as well as for the material benefit of others. The D.P.C.A. has already accomplished a two-fold purpose. The association has succeeded in protecting the interests of the postal clerk to an appreciable degree, and has helped the Postmaster General and his Department to understand the requirements of the postal clerk. The association will attain more as its numerical strength increases. It is too often noticed that the inception and perpetuation of an organization are due to the efforts of a few, and yet the benefits that accrue are usually distributed amongst the many. Unfortunately, there are a number of civil servants who fondly imagine that they are too "respectable" to become connected with a Civil Service organization, and that it is far more dignified to approach papa, or somebody else's papa, to pull the colored strings at Ottawa when occasion needs. The human animal necessarily takes advantage of opportunities, but what will happen to the individuals indicated when the system of patronage is abolished by the spirit of the times? (it is an open secret that cabinet minister and private members are getting tired of the baleful system). Naturally, they will seek other means by which their interests can be protected and perpetuated. Civil Service laws affect every clerk in the Service, and those clerks who are indifferent to the efforts of others to bring about improved conditions under which they may labor are shirking a moral obligation in not joining an association suited to their interests. Postal clerks should join the nearest branch of the Dominion Postal Clerks' Association. A participation in the business before a branch meeting is necessary from every member. The ladies can aid in this work. Social gatherings are important adjuncts to an organization, since their purpose is good fellowship.

L. P.

A letter from Lady Drummond says that the newspaper department is not receiving anything like a large enough number of Canadian newspapers to supply the demands of the Canadian wounded in the hospitals.