

future to produce enamel bands in three different colors, so as to prevent the largest size band being used on a medium sized bird. As it is, we know of a Dragoon 3 years old wearing an 1894 band which was intended for a Pouter or Trumpeter. The color on the band could be used to denote the variety which it was intended for.

The Mid-Continental Poultry and Pet Stock Association prize list came to hand the other day. The show is to be held in Kansas City, Mo., and opens on 18th Dec. and closes on 26th. The classification is good and covers nearly every variety of pigeons; \$1 for first and 50c. for second. It looks very encouraging to breeders generally until they read the clause averting first prize money and awarding second to the first winner in case there were not more than three entries in a class. This clause spoils many a good show; it prevents many exhibitors from clearing their expenses. If poultry and pigeon associations cannot afford to pay the prize money in full, why don't they make fewer classes and make it worth while for breeders at a distance to show their stock?

The *American Fancier* has just issued a revised and extended edition of Mr. F. M. Gilbert's handy little work, "Pigeon Keeping, Hints to beginners." As the price is but 50 cents no one need be without it.

Dr. Wesley Mills, Montreal, was asked to judge pigeons at Ottawa, but has been obliged to decline doing so.

Mr. I. B. Johnson, Toronto, will judge pigeons at Port Hope at their show in January.

Mr. John H. Kuhn is certainly the Santa Claus of the pigeon fancy in the United States. From a copy of the Boston list kindly sent us by the Secretary we find that he offers no less than \$250 in cash as specials, divided over the principal varieties.

The English fanciers decided recently through the Marking Conference to use numbered rings instead of those bear-used the year, only as heretofore. These rings will be made in different sizes and colors, and as well as the year will be numbered in lots of from 1 to 144.

#### MASSACHUSETTS COLUMBARIAN ASSOCIATION.

*Editor Pigeon Fancier* :—

THE first semi-monthly meeting of the above association was held at Union Hall, 133 Blackstone Street, Boston, Friday evening, Oct. 26, with president Gavin in the chair. This being first show night brought together a large attendance, some 37 members being present. About 20 Tumblers were exhibited by Messrs. Connors, Whitely, Horsman, Willets and Vanwart. Among them were some very good specimens, notably Mr. Connors' red badge hen, about as perfect as can be got, and a young silver the property of Mr. Willets. Mr. Whitely also showed a nicely badged blue, but a little off on the wing butts.

Mr. A. T. Davis made the following awards in the Badge classes: 1 black cock, 1 black hen, 1 blue cock, 1 blue hen, T. Willets; 2 black cock, C. E. Vanwart; 2 blue cock, 2 blue hen, F. W. Whitely; 1 red cock, 1 red hen, T. Connors, (also 1 on red hen '94 hatch); 2 Horsman.

Mr. John C. Billings made the following awards on solid muffed Tumblers:

First blue hen, Horseman; 1 silver cock, 1 silver hen, '94 hatch, T. Willets.

The classification as laid down by Mr. Harris for Homers was accepted. Mr. Middleton's arrangement of dates for the different varieties to be shown was also accepted.

The question as to what shall be printed on the prize cards, etc., was left entirely in the hands of the printing committee.

On behalf of the association and through President Gavin, I have to thank Mr. Geo. Ewald, Secretary of the Cincinnati show, for a communication received wherein he extends a cordial invitation to all members of our club, and also other New England fanciers, to send exhibits and in that way help support the show. It is a well-known fact Bro. Ewald is a genuine hustler and it is hoped the fanciers in this section will give Mr. Ewald and the Cincinnati management the encouragement they so richly deserve. I am given to understand the birds will be given the very best of care and will be promptly returned at the close of the show.

Have also to thank Mr. Ehinger, president of the American Magpie Club for receipt of two very neat and attractively gotten up standards for the above club. They contain a very appropriate letter from Mr. C. Burton Barnes, England. A list of members and officers etc. The centre of the card contains a cut of the Magpie as adopted as a