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clearly and distinctly its aims and aspirations, rules and regulations in its first number so that our philatelic brethren will understand exactly what may be expected from us. We have several other reasons but will content ourselves with one more, which is that this is our first grasp of the editorial quill, we feel like writing and see no reason why we should not. All friends and acquaintances most confidently assured us upon solicitation to give us their advertisements that in starting a stamp paper we were very foolish. Some used the noun instead of the adjective, and others prefixed the noun by very expressive adjectives. If we are going to sink about \$30 a month on this venture without any financial returns surely no one can blame us if we endeavour to "even up" by indulging in a little practise in composition.

But to return to earth again, it is intended to have some of the best philatelic authors of the day, as regular contributors to our columns. We invite all those who can write as well as those who think they can, to send us some MSS. with terms and enclosing stamp for reply, and if you think YOU can write a readable article send us some copy. It does not matter if you have never written anything before, as this may be the beginning of a successful literary career. We are not in need of catalogues, quotations from advance sheets, philatelic novelettes, Rip Van Winkle dreams, or "Looking Backward" forecasts.

A FEW NOTES.

By A. WOOD B. CRITIC.

It is now mooted in some quarters that an Ontario Philatelic Society is about to be organized. It would almost appear as though some unkind fate were retarding the advance of Philately in Canada. It seems too bad that just at the moment when there is good ground for the belief that a union

of Canada's two national societies will speedily be an accomplished fact, that some ambitious spirits should promulgate the scheme of a Provincial Association. Surely there are but few collectors in Ontario who will fail to see that such an organization offers no further advantages than those now obtainable in either of our national associations. Instead of the philatelists of Canada dividing up into small disordered rabbels and clans fighting among themselves like so many school boys, not as to who will be foremost in accomplishing the work to be done, but as to who will be the leader of "de gang," would it not be more seemly if every Canadian was to put his shoulder to the wheel and strain every muscle in navigating the ship of philately safe into port. But as long as men are men quite a large proportion of them will continue to be boys. The only consolation is that these puerile adults are in the minority, and unless their actions are countenanced by gentlemen who should have maturer judgement the efforts to further disunite the philatelists of Canada will result in naught.

I must congratulate The Pritchard Publishing Company of London, on being the means of turning out the neatest philatelic journal which ever honored Canada as its home. Stamp Lore with a nameless editor, but alleged to be owned and controlled by the above named Company is certainly a credit to philately. It bears a strong resemblance both in typographical appearance and in its literary composition to the "Canadian Philatelist" formerly published by Mr. L. M. Staebler.

One of our contemporaries recently announced that a "find" had been made of a number of Canadian pence issues. We do not believe that such is the case and think publishers should be more careful not to allow any unfounded rumors like the above, to have a place in their columns.