

NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE.

At the convention of the D.P.A. a letter was read from Capt. Wurtele, president of the Canadian Philatelic Association, regarding the advisability of amalgamating the two societies.

It was resolved that no steps should be taken in the matter, the chief reasons being, I believe, that the C.P.A. was a society, the members of which are, as a rule, considerably older than those of the D.P.A., and the former could, consequently, pay higher dues than the younger members of the latter society.

That "Union is Strength" is true the world over, and if it is possible to effect an amalgamation of Canada's national societies, Philately would boom in Canada as it has never done before.

A philatelic association is not a benevolent or insurance society, and all the money that is required is just enough to cover actual expenses. It has been shown over and over again that from thirty to fifty cents a year is sufficient to conduct a philatelic society well. In verification of this it is only necessary to point to several prominent American societies which are in a flourishing condition at the present time.

If, then, the amalgamation of both these societies could be operated by levying the low dues referred to above, why not amalgamate? Then in the words of that good old hymn we could sing: "We are not divided, all one body we," and Canada would be the home of one of the strongest and most influential philatelic societies to be found in the world. Let us hear more about the subject. A few remarks from the respective presidents of the two societies would not be out of place.

What is the matter with the Toronto Philatelic Club? It seems as though its days of usefulness had long expired,

that is, if one may judge by interest evinced in it by the members. Last year two or three meetings were held, and thus interest in the Club languished and gradually it seems to have died out altogether. In some quarters it is rumored that a new local club will shortly be organized. It is to be hoped that the matter will be proceeded with at once, as a local organization is a tower of strength to any town.

Just about two years ago the International Stamp Exchange was started in Toronto. While in operation it was as nicely a conducted social society as could be found anywhere. Upon the birth of the D.P.A. this society passed out of existence. Why not revive it again as a local branch of the D.P.A.?

And now comes the season of the year "when the leaves begin to turn and the summer flowers are gone," when the mind of many an ambitious youth of philatelic tastes turns and gazes upwards towards those realms of bliss, undoubtedly those ethereal beings known as philatelic editors. The bold youth would be one of those creatures whose name rebounds around the philatelic world. In short, he needs must be the editor of a stamp journal. True he well knows that the ascent of those high plains of successful journalism are steep. He has seen numerous friends and acquaintances try to climb this crooked and thorny path, only to fall back; but he thinks he can see where they made their mistakes, and so departs on his torturous course with hope in his eye and confidence in his step.

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UNITED STATES REVENUES.

DURING the past year the revenues of this country have gone to the front. The demand for them has been a steadily increasing one, and conse-