

mon ground as philatelists. As such we extend to them a most hearty and cordial and brotherly greeting.

I have summoned this Convention thus early because I believed that it would best serve the convenience of the majority to meet for the purpose of discussing the various topics that are of interest to our Association during the pleasant summer holidays than later on when business engagements will recall them to their regular avocations, and when it will be more difficult to get away.

This is, in a certain sense, a new association and we have, as was natural, met with difficulties and disappointments, but, I am happy to say, with none that have not been surmounted with more or less ease.

We have suffered the loss of some of our most valued members during the past year by their transferring their residences. In this connection I may be permitted specially to name Mr. Walker, who made himself such a favorite with all the members who had the privilege of attending last year's Convention. Though absent he will never be forgotten by those who came in contact with him.

The reports of the Secretary, Treasurer and other officers will be duly submitted, and I am glad to be able to assert that all these officers have very efficiently performed the duties devolving upon them and have materially aided me in the efforts that I have made to cause the Canadian Philatelic Association a success.

During the short period in which I have had the honor to fill the highest office in the gift of this Association, I have experienced that, through the want of sufficient inducement to members, some of them have dropped out of our ranks. I cannot too strongly impress upon the proper committee the advisability of revising the statutes and regulations so that members of this Association, whether they are also members of their respective provincial branches or not, shall have equal access to the Exchange Sheets. At present they do not enjoy this privilege.

My chief object when accepting the office was to extend the influence of this Association by insisting affiliations with sister societies. I have not, as yet, been able to accomplish

much of a definite nature in this direction, but I hope that during my projected tour in Europe I shall have an opportunity to close the several negotiations now pending.

The success of all societies, as of this, depends upon all the members working harmoniously together for the common good.

In closing I gratefully acknowledge the uniform courtesy extended to me by all the members while I have held office.

I assure you that I shall always, whether I hold office or not, endeavor to render my best services to the advancement of the objects of this Association—the science of Philately.

Moved by Stone, seconded by Emory,—That a vote of thanks be tendered the President for his address.—Carried unanimously.

Secretary's report was then read.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

We have now in our Association nominally 173 paying members, but there should be deducted from these 32 members, who have never paid their dues, some only their deposit fees, others nothing at all. This leaves us, in reality, only 141 actual paying members, and we have five applications on hand, which will be elected, bringing the total up to 146. Now this is not enough, and I would like to respectfully impress on every member the necessity of getting more to join. In Canada, where there are so many collectors, 146 members, (and not all Canadians), is a very poor showing. If every member would get at least one new member before the end of the year, we would soon be much stronger. As it is now there are only a few who interest themselves to get new men. At the end of the half year I sent to all members owing, a card notifying them of their dues. Those have been fairly well responded to, but not as much as they ought to be. I have received 44 remittances, out of 173, up to this date, 30th July. I sent cards to all of the 32 names before mentioned, and as none have responded, I intend to send their names in a list to the Executive Committee for their action. Mr. McMinn's (the former Secretary), accounts have been audited to the end of April by Mr. Hooper, and found correct. Attached will be found mine to this date:—