

Friday. In the absence of those higher in authority, Mr. G. L. Toppan presided in a masterly manner, and was ably assisted by the secretary, Mr. W. N. Howe, a worthy successor to the lamented Joe Beard. Mr. Howe is a jolly, painstaking official, who demoralised at least four collars daily, in his efforts to look neat. During the meet probably eighty members were present, and as during the different entertainments the wives, daughters and sweethearts of the members were on hand, the gatherings numbered often over a hundred. On Tuesday afternoon, the greater part went in carriages to Grant's tomb, going, through Central Park, by one route and returning by another; visiting a restaurant at one point and an art gallery at another. In the evening a vaudeville performance was given at the club house, which was much enjoyed. Wednesday afternoon a large party went to Coney island, a private car gaily decorated leaving the Brooklyn side of the great suspension bridge. At the island many witnessed sights they never saw before, and perhaps would not care to witness daily. Thursday was given up to a river and bay trip on the steamer William Fletcher, which took in both sides of the city, and made the circuit of the warships in the bay; landing finally at Staten Island, a business session being held en route. The whole trip was an enjoyable one. The programme projected an afternoon on the island, with an entertainment in the evening; under the auspices of the Staten

Island Philatelic Society, who also gave a banquet to their visitors. On the landing of the steamer, the members and their friends scattered in different directions. Some visited the warships. A party of ten, including the writer, chartered a steamer, and proceeded to visit Admiral Schley's cruiser, the Brooklyn. The party were taken aboard from the launch in a row-boat, two trips being necessary. The first delegation of five shook hands with Admiral Schley, but the second boat-load missed seeing him. In our party there were two ladies and eight gentlemen. The landing was attended with some excitement, owing to the somewhat "wavy" conditions, and three of the party looked very pale during the going and coming. Ensign Avery kindly piloted us over the cruiser, showing us where Spanish ammunition had performed deadly work. The entertainment in the evening consisted of music, vocal and instrumental, speech making and a very substantial banquet. The party returned to the city late at night on the ferry boat. The final session was held Friday morning. The entertainments were all furnished by resident members, visitors not being allowed to pay. The thirteenth annual convention of the A. P. A. will never be forgotten by those present. Members were present from Minnesota and Iowa in the west, and from Portland, Me. At least ten states were represented beside the District of Columbia. The local reception and entertainment committees were untiring in their efforts to