

the trustees of the various societies to which he belongs. If the evidence is substantial, a decision is rendered necessary suspending or expelling the guilty member, according to the seriousness of the trouble or crime. If EXPELLED he can never become a member of another society or of the same society again. If he applies for membership in another society, the members will file objections against his acceptance. All philatelists are continually on the lookout for such characters.

(To be continued.)

From Our Regular Correspondent.

### FROM THE LAND OF STEADY HABITS.

The writer of these notes has been quite ill the past month, but has managed to grind out the material required of him by his philatelic employers. If some of the articles furnished seem a little "sick," I trust the MESSENGER's readers will be charitable.

The first part of the month of October was marked by a few exceptionally warm days for the time of year, and, sudden changes of temperature setting in, I was "caught on the hip," to use a slang phrase. Although I have never met my eminent friend from Colorado, D. W. Osgood, he professes to know all about me, and tells his readers I know nothing about bucolics. To be sure, my ranch is not as large as his, which it takes a week's time to go around. Still I have a little land and try to do a little work at times. The junior was away at school, and, instead of waiting for his usual Saturday holiday and having assistance, I undertook to do a little heavy work single-handed. I acquired a good sweat, then came a chill, and in consequence I had a first-class sore throat, so bad that I could swallow

nothing, not even medicine, and (worst of all) couldn't lick stamps or hinges for a week.

I was informed some time ago that a new election was to take place for president and vice-president (for the United States) of the D. P. A., and was asked if I would not run for the latter position. I replied that I would if it was thought I could be of service in case of election. I did not seek the position, as the gentleman who asked me to run well knows. Therefor it was amusing to read in a Canadian letter to a United States journal that I was "battling for supremacy" with Mr. F. D. Sawyer for the position. Had I known in season that Mr. Sawyer was a candidate for the office, I should have declined, especially had I known that the official journal was to favour him or any one in preference to myself, for the said journal of late has things about its own way. Still I was only beaten by five votes, which was glory enough for yours truly against a seasoned philatelist. Mr. Sawyer has my best wishes. He is a worthy gentleman, I believe, and is a courteous correspondent. I cast my own vote and several proxies for him as exchange superintendent of the P. S. of A. at its recent election of officers. And I am not going to withdraw from the D. P. A. and join any new society because I didn't get elected. Not a bit of it!

I trust Mr. Sawyer will be able to add more members from the United States to the D. P. A. than I can. The D. P. A. is the second society I joined of those on my list, and I have always taken an interest in it. I have given its library more literature than all others put together, and shall do more in that line when I can. I do not believe this society is "going to die" because of differences among its members. The pres-

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