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President's Message.

Gentlemen and Fellow members, —

You have deemed it wise to confer on me the highest honour in the gift of the association. While such a distinction was never sought by me but one which I have frequently refused to contest yet I am not insensible to the dignity of the same and the duties and responsibilities connected therewith. I desire therefore, gentlemen, to thank you for the honour and I assure you of my greater pleasure in acceptance since my election by acclamation leaves no defeated candidate.

As the official report of the annual convention is not yet published it will of course be premature for me to offer any suggestions or critical remarks for the benefit of the association. I may venture to say however that the election campaign through which we have just passed has in some respects been the most closely contested in Canadian philately. And indeed such a contest may not be without advantage to our society. But when the results have been finally declared let all election tactics cease, every difference be forgotten and let one and all close up the D. P. A. ranks and march onward for another successful year. We Canadian stamp collectors are not banded together merely for the running of elections, the holding of office

and the making of a few dollars on the part of some. We have a higher, a nobler aim than that. If I may quote from the Constitution we rather seek "to acquire a knowledge of philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists and to give the members an opportunity to buy sell and exchange stamps." However valuable all other auxiliaries may be, if we have not among us true philatelic friendship, our association is in vain. I therefore bespeak on the part of the members a continuance of the old D. P. A. spirit and even a larger measure of that charity and free masonry so generally connected with our beloved pursuit. Let it be borne in mind that we all seek not our own personal advancement but the promotion and firm establishment of a philatelic society in this Dominion.

It has always appeared to me that there should be but one national philatelic organization in Canada and that the D. P. A. had the right to fill this position. But however that may be, can we not by so augmenting our membership to actually realize this ideal? We have already a proud record, an enviable reputation; let us see to it that there is not only a continuance of the same but also an increase of dignity and honour. Before we meet in Toronto convention let us aim for the thousand mark. I want every member to add two new names to the regular roll during the coming year. Will you do it? Remember two new members each before we meet again and thus the thousand strong. Let it be done carefully, with due regard to quality rather than quantity but let it nevertheless be accomplished. Yours fraternally,

Raymond S. Baker, President.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERS.

- 629. Chas. E. Derby, Elmira, N. Y.
- 630. C. H. Alley, Box 275, Petrolia, Ont.
- 631. Chas. Steinhilpert, Chicago, Ill.
- 632. Joseph F. Kraus, Auburn, N. Y.
- 633. Scott Bannister, Wilsonville, Neb.
- 634. A. Smitz, Thz., The Hague-Holland.

The above will receive their membership card and Handbook on receipt of dues to Jan. 1st 1902 amounting to 25c.