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EDITORIAL.

This number is somewhat crowded with official matter of the P. S. of C., which forces us to leave out a large quantity of interesting matter which we have on hand for publication. In future we will, however, have plenty of room, for the only Society matter that will be published are the brief reports of the officers. The roll is published this month for the last time.

Our February number will be crowded just as full of interesting matter as this number is with official matter. We shall endeavor to select only such matter as shall interest our readers and benefit all. We intend to start some new departments next month, and may be able to give the first of a series of Philatelic sketches and portraits.

The U. S. dealers have let their project to secure the restriction of duty on stamps fall through, and have refunded the subscriptions to the subscribers. We thought our American friends had a little more push and enterprise than to drop an important movement like this at the first little difficulty presented. That is not the way things are done in Canada. When we start a movement, we do so with the determination to succeed. Take the P. S. of C. for instance !

"No. 70" kindly sends the following item :—"A letter was posted in a village post office, it had no postage stamp attached, but in place thereof, the following note was written on one corner of the envelope :—"Mr. Postmaster, don't charge any postage on this ; the stamp would not stick, so I tore the thing up."

Mr. A. B. Merrill, of Everett, Mass., makes the following kind offer to the members of the P. S. of C. only :—"In order that every member of your esteemed society may have a copy of my *Fraud List* on their table, I will send it to all such who send 16 cents in silver, or unused 2 cent U. S. stamps in strips." We would urge all to take advantage of Mr. Merrill's liberal offer. We use the *Fraud List* and find it invaluable. See adv. elsewhere.

We circulate a little over 100 copies in foreign countries this month, but every month in future we shall circulate 200 copies on all five continents. Those desiring foreign correspondents can readily see the value of this, for this foreign circulation is not excelled, if equalled, by any contemporary on the continent. We guarantee above circulation. Try an advertisement for foreign correspondents. If you desire your advertisement in French, it will be translated free of charge.

The general business correspondence of our firm has been somewhat delayed in the past month or two. Our facilities have now, however, been increased, and in future our customers and correspondents in general will be subjected to no delay whatever in receiving answers to their communications. Letters of inquiry and enclosures of MSS. should contain a 3c. stamp for reply.

Our advertisers will no doubt be pleased to hear that we have received the long-looked-for *Mekeel's Address Book*, and that it is a great improvement on the previous edition. We notice quite a few errors therein ; also we note that we have on our *private* address book nearly 1000 names which are omitted by Mr. Mekeel, but, notwithstanding this, it is a neat, useful, and valuable work. All the *domestic* names in it will receive a sample copy of this paper during the next few months. To the shrewd advertiser a hint is sufficient.