From our Special Correspondent.

CHICAGO NOTES.

BY CHRIS. PETERSON.

The third regular meeting of Branch No. 1, of the P. S. of A., was held on the evening of February 5th, at J. A. Pierce's rooms, 191 Clark February 5th, at 3, A. Fierce's rooms, IM Chark St. The following officers were elected for the year of 1894: the Chicago favorite and phila-telic writer, C. E. Severn, was elected presi-dent: Frank J. L. Fever, for vice-president; and Chris. Peterson, for secretary and treasurer. Next meeting was called for the first Wednes-day in March. Several new items are to be brought up at next meeting to make it interesting for the members. Meeting adjourned at 10.20 p.m.

A PHILATELIC SWINDLE.

In last week's notes collectors were warned against a Chicago party offering Columbian stamps at very low prices. We have in our possession letters written by the party, and other possession reterrs written by the party, and evidence to bring the party to justice. Following is a duplicate copy of a letter sent to F. N. Massoth, Hanover Centre, Ind:

CHICAGO, Jan. 27th, '94.

Disas Sig.:

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GEO, J. BYRNE, 269 W. Kin. ie St., CHICAGO I.L.

Mr. Massoth, who has been swindled out of a small sum by Byrne, came to Chicago on Feb. 8th and brought this letter with him, after furnishing us with a duplicate copy. Mr. Frank J. Le Fever of the U. S. S. S., and Mr. Massoth went to post office inspector Fleming and entered complaint. Mr. Hoyt, another victim, had also sent in a complaint, and all mail to Geo. J. Byrne will be stopped, and next Monday he will be taken before the post-office authorities to open his mail. It is also under-stood that Byrne receives consignments of stamps which he sells at any price he can get stamps which he sells at any price he can get all other information concerning said parry will other information concerning said parry will other information concerning as appearance of the property of the property of the Peterson, 193 Clark Study and I raud debts, and also collects bad debts. Mr. Massoth, who has been swindled out of

The Res. Vice-Presidency, of Ill., for the S. of P., is wanted very badly by G. E. Bryant, of 709 Maplewood Ave., Chicago. Mr. Bryant has sent out letters to all Chicago members for has sent our retters to an chiego memoers no them to send his name in for the position. Chris. Peterson, of this city received the appointment some time ago, but owing to his large trade and lack of time, was unable to accept it.

Join the Philatelic Sons of America. More benefits can be derived from this than any other benefits can be derived from this usual may other society. It is a society for young honest col-lectors, lady collectors especially invited to join. Application blanks can be had from Ralph N. Ascroft, 120 No. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa., or Chris. Peterson, 193 Clark St., Chicago, Ill.

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