

**MY ALBUM.**

BY POETICUS.

Evenings shadows slowly creeping,  
Chasing Sols bright beams away,  
Found me sitting in my arm-chair  
At the close of one long day.

Found me turning o'er the pages  
Of my treasured album there,  
Of all my friends, the truest  
Of all earth's goods most dear.

What joy with me can be compared?  
As at the close of weary day  
I sit, my album on my knees  
And while the hours away.

[EDITOR'S NOTE.—There was about a yard and-a-half more of the blamed stuff, but in the interest of philately it was thought best to suppress it.]

**CONCERNING OUR CONTEMPORARIES.**

THE latest number of the "Canadian Philatelist" we have received is dated September, and begins volume three. Some improvements have been introduced.

THE Philatelic Era comes regularly to hand and is always good. It is a great improvement to see it every two weeks.

THE Hoosier Stamp is regular, but that prize contest occupies a heap of space.

TO SAY that the Eastern Philatelist was excellent, would but be echoing the words of every one who saw it.

SEVERAL papers evidently thought they were not worth renewing, or, were too modest to exchange with us, thinking, no doubt, that we would not desire. Not so, our friends, we will exchange with *all*.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

Whereas the publisher is of the opinion that ten cents is too low for this paper, we have decided that, on and after the 1st of January ult., the subscription price will be advanced to twenty cents, and those who send ten cents after that date will be credited for a six months subscription only. Please note.

**VARIOUS MATTERS.**

MR. Thomas A. Wilson of Belleville, Ont., is our authority for stating that the Columbian 2c. is being chemically changed to blue. He also informed us that T. S. Clark has disposed of a 12d. Canada—for a good figure although, somewhat heavily cancelled.

THE Editor of the "Washington Philatelist" undoubtedly is an adept at handling the "two-edged sword of criticism" and performs some very pretty feats with the weapon aforesaid. This magazine is a model of faultless make-up, and its regularity is unimpeachable. We can only echo the words of a contemporary and wish there was more of it.

THE "North West," now strictly philatelic, is a very bright paper. Its pages are embellished with the writing of one "Truthful James," whose writings are very spicy.

WE wonder what has become of the C. P. A.? The Canadian Journal of Philately was made official organ whereupon it straight-way expired. A reorganization is necessary we fear to put this society right.