

others. Referring to the above comment, we can cite incidents where one holds an office in no less than three different societies, and how can he do justice to all?

Our course and duty is theref-  
clearly defined. We must not only wholly give our time and devotion to *one*, but it must also be the *old* and *national* one. So make your choice, brethren.

## New York Notes.

BY R. W. A.

I hear that excellent prices were realized for U. S. stamps at Roger's private sale. Bids at 25 % to 40 % above reserve price were away down.

A man was known to fiddle with a string and he received a shower bath. How does this apply with new Canadian papers? Success to *the PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF CANADA*.

R. M. Miller tried, rather unsuccessfully, to ingraft some of Gus. Luhn's natural and sparkling grammatical constructions into "Our Waslanton Trip," in the last number of the *Collector*. The general opinion is that Miller is too conscientious to be funny.

The Metropolitan Press Club was organized on the 29th day of October, in New York. Among the organizers were the following, whose names will be familiar to philatelists: R. Perkins Spooner, Beecher Ogden, C. Whittier Grevning, Ralph W. Ashcroft.

The post office department has experienced a great change lately. The result is that the *Florida Philatelist*, the *Pennsylvania Philatelist*, and the *Stamp*, have procured second class rates, while the *Long Island Philatelist*

will have them shortly. Had the *Malden Philatelist* issued another number, they would have procured them.

Scott's 53rd Standard Catalogue is out with a pink cover. Fifty cents is the price this time, postage free, and it is well worth it. Among the advances I note that the 6c. used U. S. present issue is priced at 5c. The stamp is unobtainable at several large post-offices already. The '69's' also show an advance, but, — wait.

The man who writes "Pokes" in the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* ought to have his head poked into a barrel of molasses. Such rhymes as the one he inserted in the October number of that journal are ignominious. New Yorkers who are acquainted with "Charlie Grevning" are indignant. By the way, Grevning is now employed by Henry Gremmel.

There is a great rush now to get into the ranks of the Sons of Philatelia. It is indisputed, here and elsewhere, that the S. of P. is *the* society of the future. I note that S. B. Bradt and P. M. Wolsieffer have both placed their youngsters among the list of applicants. Probably to find out what the real advantages are! The result will be that they will join themselves, sooner or later.

Quite an amusing incident occurred lately here. A philatelist called up one of his friends on the phone, and told him that Mr. C. H. Mekeel was at his side and would like to talk with him, as his train left in less than two hours. Quite an interesting conversation followed. The man who was called up still believes that he was speaking to the original Charles Haviland.

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