

Letter from Mr. Poole.

A COMMUNICATION from Mr. E. Poole, Secretary of the Photographer's Association of Canada, states that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association will shortly be held—and they would be pleased to receive a letter or post card from all who have any suggestions to make as to the next annual meeting. As there are prizes to be awarded, some whose voices may not have been heretofore heard might give the Executive the benefit of their counsel. Communications may be sent to C. S. Cochrane, 124 King Street East, Hamilton, or to E. Poole, P.O. Box 770, St. Catharines.

In reference to the above notice, it is to be hoped that the photographers will comply with the wishes of the Executive Committee; they are anxious to do anything that will be of benefit to the members, and any suggestion that you may make, will receive their careful attention.

In our next issue, we will place before you several reasons why you ought to belong to, and support the Photographers Association of our own country. We read the most favorable reports of similiar organizations in other countries, and there is no apparent reason why our Association should not be as prosperous as others. You have the knowledge and the energy to make it a success; add to these your determination and the benefit will soon be felt.

The columns of this journal are always open for letters on this subject. If you are a member of the Association, your experience will be of value to those who are not members. If you are not a member, dear reader, our advice is, become one at the first opportunity.

Baby's Picture.



BABIES, the little rogues, how they gladden the gallery with their bright little faces, bringing sunshine with them in their smiles and in their hearts. A few moments in winning baby's confidence, how amply repaid when little one is finally under the skylight. Get out your fast plate, put babykins in the large chair, whose back and arm will help keep her in focus. Don't worry the freshness and sunlight from the little face trying to squeeze every limb into position. Simply, quickly arrange draperies, a pleasant word with every movement, then grasp the bulb, and wait a moment for the natural, graceful pose that will almost surely come, causing a bright expression on wee one's face; meanwhile, by telling of the little bird, which most of us have looked for but never seen, then quick, you've got it, and you hardly need use another plate, but to please mamma you will after a few moments rest for baby. By this mode of taking baby's picture you will not only be surprised how easy and gratified at results, but the easy, graceful, natural picture will win mother, and call a word of praise for you every time the image of baby's sweet face is shown.

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During a recent visit to Montreal the writer had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Geo. Knowlton, the genial representative of the Stanley D. P. Co., who very kindly showed his factory from front door to rear entrance, expounding learnedly all the while on dry plates. He is most certainly a progressive and pushing gentleman who conscientiously believes his plates the best on earth. We are glad to see the several Canadian-plates attaining the high standard they now are. There is certainly now no reason why they should not rank among the best of any country.

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