

As we go to press the following item is received from our Boston correspondent:

The November meeting of the Boston P. S. was marked by a large attendance and a great deal of business. Vice President Woodward presided. Two new members were elected, Frank Tent, Newton Centre, and M. H. Lombard, Winchester. Report of committee on revenues was one of unusual interest and showed marked progress. A second appropriation of \$100 was voted the committee. Committee on anniversary was appointed. Rev. J. L. Kilbon read a paper 'A philatelic dream,' and an auction sale of Blots closed the evening's entertainment.

We shall be glad to receive contributions for our Holiday Number. Manuscripts should be sent in by Dec. 15th and prices stated plainly. Rejected manuscripts will not be returned unless stamp is enclosed.

Mr. Maury's journal last received contains a very interesting account of his experiences during the preparation of his first catalogue and album.

Letters from Boston, Detroit, Toronto and Halifax will be a regular feature of the *Messenger*. The letters this month are newsy and genial as letters should be. Our correspondents are gentlemen, not snarling critics and mud-throwers. We do not want our paper to contain an unjust or ungenerous word.

### An International Parade

If all the philatelists of the world could be brought together somewhere and called upon to elect someone as their patron saint, I suppose that the good Queen Victoria, of Great Britain and of countless colonies, would easily be elected by a large majority. If I were present I would, as an American, move to make the vote unanimous, and I am confident that the veteran stamp collectors of Germany, and France, and other countries would heartily support the motion. Our Washington, and Franklin, and General Bolivar of South America, would,

it seems to me, be her only possible rivals, and neither of these distinguished gentlemen, whom you and I know so well, ever saw a postage stamp. There are other great rulers, princes, presidents and statesmen, with whose faces or profiles we are all somewhat acquainted, and whom we respect, but to the stamp collectors of every land Queen Victoria is an old and familiar friend. What a multitude of portraits of her they have seen and handled! How many have been bought and sold by them; sometimes at a great price, especially some of the poorest and more ancient, such as that of Mauritius, 1847, for instance. Who would attempt to count the number and variety of these postal portraits, or imaginary portraits of England's Queen, that we have seen, or wished in vain to see? Some of them very beautiful indeed, others not so. It would be strange if, to those of us who have been collectors from boyhood—looking so often upon that changing face, which has grown older as we have grown older—it were not dear. She has been, perhaps, without knowing it, a philatelic mother to us all. I wish that I had time to-day to talk about some of those many portraits of her that are in all our collections, beginning with the penny black of 1840, and coming down to the recent portrait, on the stamps of Newfoundland, the Niger Coast Protectorate and India, and the latest of all, facing one of the earliest, on the beautiful jubilee issue of Canada; but I must not do so. I was simply reminded of them by a recent event of which we have all read a great deal in the newspapers and elsewhere; that is, the celebration of the completion of the sixtieth year of the good Queen's reign, in which celebration not only all the British colonies, but all the nations of the earth have taken part. It was, as we have learned, an international event of its kind unparalleled in the world's history.—Eastern Philatelist.