

city and yet from an imperfect method fail to do justice.

In breeds in which color and station are matters of prime importance, this sort of careful comparison in the best, light and with all the circumstances favorable to show every bird at its best is most desirable. Often the owner would see for himself which was the better specimen and certainly the judge would have a chance to do himself, as well as the stock and the exhibitors, justice. Only comparatively few birds need be thus closely compared and the additional time consumed would not be great and would be well spent.

We do not think a judge should be expected to *defend* his decisions; but if he is wise he will endeavour to explain his awards to all who approach him *courteously*. Those acting in a contrary spirit should not only receive no explanation but be ejected from the show and forfeit all prizes won. The bullying of judges must be stopped promptly if the dignity of the breeders' calling is to be maintained.

Would it not be well for the judge to announce a time after his awards are made, when he will be prepared to go through all the classes and act the teacher or demonstrator to those who care to accompany him? How knowledge and good-feeling would abound in the land! Though the grumbler must needs be, his comments would receive few listeners, and he would perish as a public nuisance at all events.

Truly yours,  
MOUNT ROYAL.

#### AMERICAN POULTRY AND PIGEON JUDGES ASSOCIATION.

*Editor Review,*—

**B**Y an unanimous vote of the Executive Committee the American Poultry and Pigeon Judges Association will hold its First Annual Meeting since its organization in the city of Charleston, S.C. Our President has named January 14th at 8 o'clock p.m. as the time. This meeting will be a very important one, many interesting questions will be discussed and many important points regarding judging, we hope, satisfactorily disposed of. It will also be our aim at this meeting to harmonize as far as pos-

sible all differences of opinion now existing among our poultry and pigeon judges. Our membership now numbers twenty-eight and among them are to be found our most prominent judges. We hope for, and look forward, to a full attendance at this meeting. Please find appended a list of members to date.

Respectfully yours,  
J. Y. BICKNELL,  
President.  
H. A. BRIDGE,  
Secretary.

#### LIST OF MEMBERS.

J. Y. Bicknell, Buffalo, N.Y., B. N. Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind., G. O. Brown, Baltimore, Md., H. S. Ball, Shrewsbury, Mass., Sharp Butterfield, Windsor, Canada, J. D. Nevius, Swarthmore, Pa., Chas. McClave, New London, Ohio, F. L. Sewell, Evanston, Ill., F. W. Gaylor, Quoque, L.I., J. H. Drevestadt, Jamesburg, N. J., C. J. Ward, Jacksonville, Florida, E. P. Cloud, Kennett Square, Chester Co., Pa., A. F. Cooper, Homer City, Pa., F. H. Shellabarger, Letts, Iowa, Geo. E. Peer, Rochester, N.Y., F. M. Hitchcock, Greenleaf, Kansas, P. H. Scudder, Glen Head, L. I., Wm. T. Fonda, Rochester, N.Y., J. C. Long, Jr., 90 Broad St., New York City, J. E. Diehl, Beverly, N.J., Morgan Bates, 113 Adams St., Chicago, Ill., W. J. Stanton, 29 Church St., N.Y., A. F. Peirce, Winchester, N.H., P. J. Keller, Tiffin, Ohio, G. T. Gast, Prospect, Ohio, A. E. Shaw, Box 1658, New Orleans, La., Abel F. Stevens, Wellesley, Mass., H. A. Bridge, Box 404, Columbus, Ohio.

#### MILTON POULTRY AND PET STOCK SOCIETY.

**A**NNUAL Meeting of the above Society was held at the Wallace House, on 13th inst. The President took the chair at 8 p.m. and called to order a large number of fanciers and friends. The first business was receiving the auditors report, it showed liabilities of \$28.00 and assets \$125.00. This good showing was proudly commented on, and reflected considerable tact with good management on the part of its officers. The election of officers was then taken up and resulted as follows:—D. W.

Campbell, Esq., Treasurer, Co. Halton, Hon.-President; Con. Hoff, re-elected President; Justus Roedler, Vice-President; M. E. Mitchell, Sec. and Treas.; Chas. Jones, Asst. Secretary; Board of Directors, James Main, J. Butterfield, A. Henderson, E. F. Earl, Chas. Johnson, W. Clements, Alf Waldie, J. G. Ford, Jas. Haine, Geo. Laing and Jno. Bradley; Wallace Dent, Superintendent of show.

The Secretary was instructed to engage Mr. S. Butterfield as one of the judges.

A committee was appointed to revise the prize list, being instructed to add a number of varieties to last year's list, and if possible to give prizes for pigeons. The Society much regret the loss of their able and obliging Secretary, Mr. John Dewar. Mr. Dewar has taken up his *roost* in Toronto. Mr. Mitchell, his partner in the poultry business, succeeds him in the office.

#### LONDON POULTRY AND PET STOCK ASSOCIATION.

**L**AST regular meeting of the London Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in their rooms, on the evening of November 20th. President McNeil in the chair, with the largest attendance of members present since the formation of the Association. The minutes of the last regular and special meetings were confirmed. I might here state that a special meeting was called for the evening of October 30th, for the purpose of ascertaining the amount to be donated to the special prize list of the coming Ontario Poultry Exhibition, to be held in the town of Bowmanville, the second week in January next. It was decided to offer twenty-two cash prizes of \$2.00 each, and the members donated sixteen settings of eggs, valued at \$3.00 per setting, in all to the value of \$92.00, and the Secretary was ordered to forward a list of the same to the Secretary of the exhibition.

At our meeting on Thursday evening four new members were enrolled. The Association was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present time. A short debate was indulged in with reference to judging by comparison and scoring, the members taking