

LITERARY NOTES.

The following publications have been received with thanks:—*Eastern Philatelist*, *One Dime*, *Philatelic Record*, *Stamp News*, *Spy Glass*, *Stamp World*, *Philatelic Tribune*, *Philatelic World*, *New Hampshire Philatelist*, *The Collector*, *Philatelic Monthly*, *Chicago Stamp News*, *American Philatelist and Collector*, *Skandinavisk Frimærke Tidend*, *The Worcester County Philatelist*, *Philatelic Fraud Reporter*, *Philatelic Era*, *Collectors' Stamp Journal*, *Philatelic Hustler*, *Ohio Philatelist*, *Empire State Exchange*, *The Monitor*.

We have received October number of the *Ohio Philatelist*. First time it has visited our sanctum, but we shall be pleased to see it often.

We regret to announce that the *North American Philatelist* has succumbed. Cause of death not at present known; probably starvation is the cause.

We have received the auction catalogues of the S. B. Bradt Co., of Chicago, Messrs R. R. Bogert Co., and Duncan S. Wylie Co., both of New York. Accept thanks for the same.

Among our new exchanges are the *Empire State Exchange* in its third volume, and published by Perrin Bros., Eden Valley, N. Y. Also *The Monitor*, hailing from Cincinnati, and contains a little philatelic matter.

The *New Hampshire Philatelist* still continues to come to hand as regular as clockwork, but is still very small. However we are led to believe, according to the last number, that we may expect an enlargement at an early date.

The *Philatelic Fraud Reporter* for October has been received. This paper is just what is needed, but it is the general opinion that if Bro. Green would expend a little more cash, and have better paper used, he would be amply repaid.

The little *Philatelic World* still appears each month to comfort the waiting philatelic public with its Chronicle, editorial in abundance (?), and a few prices. It is among the oldest of our contemporaries, now being in its ninth volume. It is published by Messrs. R. R. Bogert and Co., New York. Subscription 25 cents per year.

The Collector for December has just been received, full of *Sons of Philately* matter, in fact nothing else of interest is contained. We are pleased to see our small contemporary's recent enlargement and determination to push ahead. Success Bro. Miller.

The *Philatelic Tribune* for December has just come to hand. One of its special features is being "best advertising medium in the world," which fact the publisher takes a most liberal advantage of. This paper is now in its eleventh volume, and is published by Mr. F. J. Stanton, of Smyrna, N. Y.

We have just received a copy of *The Philatelic Hustler*, published by C. J. Van Valkensburg, of Manchester, Mich. It is poor in every respect—poor paper, poor style, poor matter. We had often heard of American slang, but we never knew the meaning of the word before we received this nonsensical sheet. Unless the publisher can improve, he should by all means retire.

Our very esteemed contemporary the *Brooklyn Philatelist* is of the opinion that there are two *Canadian Philatelists* at present published in Canada. First we heard of it! There is, as we believe, a *Dominion Philatelist* published in Canada, but its publisher has not favored us with a copy for some time; if he has not ceased its publication, he must be ashamed of his paper, or he would have paid some attention to our exchanges. Can't you exchange, Bro. Ketcheson?

The *Philatelic Era* for November is of unusual interest, consisting of a well conducted Chronicle, an article on "The Artistic Side of Philately" has some literary merit; but we hardly agree with the author in his suggestion to let "Seebeck control the world of stamp issues." A little article on "What They are Doing" gives an interesting account of the various vocations of our leading philatelists. We are also pleased to see Bro. Jewett intends increasing his subscription. All publishers should follow. The prices of the leading Philatelic papers are far below what they should be, and we strongly advocate a union of the principal publishers to make a general increase in their subscription rates. We should be more than pleased to receive communications from our brother publishers in regard to the establishment of such a union.