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BY A. M. MUIRHEAD.

IN the semi defunct *International Philatelist*, Mr. O. K. Carstarphen slobbers over a page with a heart-rending tale of woe. Somebody attacked him as President of the P. S. of A. (*ex officio*, you know) and he fears that august body will kick the bucket. It is a fearful thing to attack a society officer, and we side with Mr. C. Mr. Dodge, "*Veritas*," *et al.*, should pause in their insane career, lest they bring down the auburn tresses of the Denver man in sorrow to the grave.

It is a sad thing to confess, but the fair reviewer of the *Home Worker* makes us sick. It is a very mild and very reverent review, composed, we imagine, with the New Testament in one hand and Pilgrim's Progress in the other. But this could scarcely be so, as Miss Swift would need one hand to write with.

WHERE is the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News*? Can it be that it crumbled to dust, and was wafted away by the sportive wind? It was dry enough, we wot.

THE *Columbian Philatelist* informs us that New Oxford, Pa., is becoming quite a summer resort. The guests of

honor last month were Chapman, of Hartford, and Gestampelt, of Hades, who partook of Horlick's Malted Milk, with the fearless and independent man, and went home happy.

THE Toronto Philatelic Club is making claim to the honor of first proposing the Jubilee Issue, but that organization can't pull *our* foot. What the T. P. C. proposed was a Cabot series, that is, a series with whiskers. The portrait of the Queen has no whiskers, and thus their claim is demolished.

OUR friend Baker, of Sackville, New Brunswick, writes a very readable article in the June *Eastern*, entitled, "The Ideal Philatelic Magazine." Mr. Baker's ideas are large; in fact, nothing less than a subscription price of \$3 per annum will suit him. We would that our friend's ideas could be realized. We frankly acknowledge our inability to scute the inscrutable future; perhaps in the mirage-lifted ultimate we shall fondly clasp the \$100,000 stamp paper to our throbbing breast, and perhaps—nit.

It is our happy privilege to inform our readers that the *Perforator* is still perforating. The July number makes a grand showing.

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EDITORIAL.

WE have made it a point to present to our readers the truth in a nude state respecting all matters we touch on editorially. We have, therefore, very little hesitation in stating that during two days in the early part of the present month the fate of our paper hung in the balance. It was touch and go, gentlemen, as to whether the July number would see the light of day. But we took a "fresh holt," and now are as lively as before. Hereafter, the paper will be issued under the sole proprietorship of A. M. Muirhead, who will immediately proceed to scatter the fur, and to paint the azure tinted realm of stamp journalism a bright red color. Hold in your subs. boys, and watch the H. P. M. hum.

THE announcement of the organization of the Philatelic Assoc'n of Canada,

marks the beginning of better things for organized philately in Canada. If our old love the D. P. A. goes under, we are sorry; we have no quarrel with that singularly unfortunate Society. A certain body of men liked good government, and desired a first-class philatelic society. They were balked by certain *gentlemen* of Toronto. Seeing that common honesty was a sentiment foreign to these Toronto *gentlemen*, we decided to let them to their own devices and withdrew. Desiring an organization wherein the interests of *stamp collectors* might be furthered, we have founded the P. A. C. We don't want politics, we merely want to buy, sell and exchange stamps and philatelic literature for our mutual advantage. An application for membership in the P. A. C. is an act for the welfare of Canadian Philately.

The Philatelic Association of Canada.

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We extend a cordial invitation to all who are sick of politics and disputes to join the new Association, in which there is no politics and no disagreement.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Editor, who will be glad to hear from anyone interested.

Next month, a full list of charter members will appear. Already some twenty collectors have pledged their support.

The initiation fee is 10 cents, and dues to the beginning of the new year, 15 cents.

Let us hear from everybody.

LITERARY NOTES.

WE are sorry that Mr. Mahon's *Philatelic Canadian* died, for we have now no one to love us. Of course, we can love ourselves, but that would be too commonplace. We shall appeal to the *Canadian Weekly Stamp News* to take the place in our affections lately occupied by the *P. C.*

THE *New York Philatelist* is not a brilliant effort; in fact, it seems to exist solely for the purpose of being a good advertising medium. We hope it will succeed in this philanthropic object. Its editors seem to have a horror of philatelic politics, and, no doubt, go to church every Sunday morning.

Philatelic Literature, of Taunton, Mass., is a good thing. The supplement to Mr. Jones's valuable Check List is now running therein, greatly adding to its interest. Our old friend Kirby does the revenue part, and "Uncle Samuel" Benton is editor. One thing we don't like is the fact that circulars advertising Richard K. Fox's Sunday School Series were enclosed with the *P. L.* Do you think that our love for literature embraces the pornographic.

THE *Philatelic Advocate* blossoms out with a special edition containing D. P. A. Reports, for the *Weekly* is dead, and all the bright hopes we had entertained for our Toronto contemporary are rudely shattered. We have ordered a full dress suit of sackcloth and ashes, and have tied a black band around the tail of our office cat.

Newfoundland Cabot Issue.

The new stamps issued by Newfoundland to celebrate the discovery of America by Cabot, have been in use for some weeks past. The face value of the set is about \$2.50. We have only seen the 1 cent and 3 cent denominations, and must acknowledge to a feeling of disappointment. The 1 cent is the craziest stamp we have ever seen, containing a portrait of the Queen in widow's apparel with the *dates 1497-1897 beneath*. The 3 cent is not so bad, having a view of Cape Bonavista. The inscription, "American Bank Note Co., N. Y.," appears on every stamp, for which advertisement, no doubt, the Newfoundland Government got a little reduction.

Some Canadian Stamp Papers.

In the Supplement to Mr. Jones' Check List, now running in *Philatelic Literature*, mention is made of *The Canada Stamp Journal*. Can any of our readers enlighten us in respect to this, as this is the first intimation we had that such a paper was ever issued from Halifax?

The editor would also like to obtain Nos. 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, and 11 of the *Canada Stamp and Coin Journal*, issued 1888-9. If any of our readers, who have the above papers, will communicate with us, we would feel obliged.

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