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THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

REPORTED BY C. E. HUTCHISON.

THE Third American Philatelic Association Convention opened at 10.35 A.M., August 13, at Elks Hall, Boston, with about fifty members present. A call of the roll found 327 members present or represented, twenty-three over a quorum. After appointing as Committee on Credentials, Messrs. Sterling, Clotz and Mekeel, President Tiffany formally opened the Third Annual Convention. It was voted to open the session of the Convention to the public, and to authorize the Literary Board, two of whom were present, to engage a stenographer for the official report. Messrs. Hobby and Holton were appointed tellers in the count of votes cast for officers, and Messrs. Scott, Dejonge and MacCalla, Committee on Standing Rules. The Convention then took a recess to 3 P.M.

MONDAY, P.M.

The Convention assembled at 3.00, and listened to the Report of the Committee on Credentials by Mr. Sterling. Of the proxies submitted, 289 were allowed, 13 rejected, and some withdrawn by their makers. Mr. Corwin objected to the disallowal of W. P. Brown's proxy to him, and the Convention sustained him by a vote of 174 to 144. With this exception, the Report, as read, was accepted.

The Committee on Standing Rules reported through Mr. Scott that they saw no reason for making any alterations in the present rules. Report accepted.

The following Standing Committees were announced.

On Finance—Messrs. Dejonge, King, Sparr.

On the Library—Messrs. Deats, Gustav Aue, Bodine.

On the Exchange and Purchasing Department—Messrs. Corwin, Hobby, Schuman.

On the Official Journal—Messrs. MacCalla, Davison, Emory.

On Branch Societies—Messrs. Levick, Hubbard, Richmond.

On the Constitution and By-Laws—Messrs. Calman, Mekeel, Ross, and Stone, with the President, *ex officio*.

A communication was then read from the Trustees and the Tellers announcing the result of the election, as follows:

Whole number of votes.....286 Necessary to a valid election ..... 280

*For President.*

J. K. Tiffany.....284 W. C. Vanderlip..... 1

Blank..... 1

*For Vice-President.*

W. C. Vanderlip .....195 J. C. Feldwisch ..... 41

E. B. Sterling ..... 41 Scattering ..... 9

*For Secretary.*

S. B. Bradford.....183 R. S. Hatcher..... 32

H. O. Harris..... 69 Scattering ..... 2

*For Treasurer.*

H. B. Seagrave ..... 281 Scattering ..... 5

*For International Secretary.*

Joseph Rechert ..... 197 Henry Clotz ..... 15  
T. F. Cuno ..... 65 Scattering ..... 9

The next order of business was, Reports of Officers. Reports were received from the International Secretary, the Librarian, the Purchasing Agent and his Second Assistant, the Exchange Superintendent, and from the Literary Board, by Mr. Stone, which were referred to their respective committees. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Rechert for his valuable services to the Association. The Treasurer and Counterfeit Detector presented no report.

The Convention then adjourned to 10 A.M., Tuesday.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 14; MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 10.40.

The President read his address, occupying a little over an hour, for which he was voted the thanks of the Convention.

The regular order of business, Officers' Reports, was then resumed.

After the Counterfeit Detector had been excused from making a Report, a short note from the Treasurer was read, which stated the balance in the treasury to be \$304.84, and promised a full Report in the Official Journal, at a later date. Report accepted.

The Secretary then read his Annual Report, which reviewed the past year, and reported the death of three members and one applicant during the year, and a present actual membership of 544, which were classified by States. Report accepted.

The Committee on Credentials reported 14 new proxies.

The Committee on the Purchasing and Exchange Departments then reported through Mr. Corwin, making a number of recommendations, which were acted upon *seriatim* by the Convention:

First. That an additional Purchasing Agent be appointed to purchase for members at New York auction sales. Sent back to the committee for further consideration and elaboration.

Second. That a vote of thanks be tendered to Third Assistant Postmaster-General Harris for putting on sale at New York the high-value envelopes. Opposed by Mr. Mekeel and others on the ground that collectors had been injured, rather than benefited, by the creation of varieties which otherwise might not have been issued, and refused by a vote of 145 to 197.

Third. That the Purchasing Agent's commission be raised from 5 to 10 per cent. So ordered.

Fourth. That By-Law 5, Clause 16, line 6, be amended by the substitution of "must" for "may." So ordered.

Fifth. That all members wishing to participate in the Exchange must join the nearest branch. So ordered.

Sixth. That the Superintendent be authorized to insure stamps of the Exchange. So ordered.

Seventh (for the consideration of the Official Board). That the present Superintendent be retained in office.

The Report was accepted and a vote of thanks passed to Superintendent Clotz.

The Committee on the Official Journal reported, recommending that advertisers in the *American Philatelist* be allowed any space or spaces not to exceed one page. Accepted and referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

The Committee on the Library reported next, recommending that the Librarian be given \$100 for which he had asked in his report, \$75 to be spent for binding and \$25 for purchasing; amended to \$50, to be spent at his discretion, and so ordered.

That he give bonds in the sum of \$200. Lost.

That he be authorized to insure the Library. So ordered.

That the fee for the taking out of books be abolished. So ordered.

That the Association aid in the proposed work of compiling an index to philatelic periodical literature. Referred to a special committee, consisting of Messrs. Aue, Stone and Scott.

The Trustees reported on several minor matters, together with charges against J. C. Jay, La Hoyt, Ia., which it was voted to consider in secret session.

#### AFTERNOON.

The Convention assembled at 2.30.

Mr. Corwin and others sent a number of resolutions to the desk, which were acted upon, as follows:

That in the Constitution, Art. II, 3, line 3, "shall" be substituted for "may." Agreed to.

That (Constitution IV, 1) an officer must be 21 years old, of the male sex, and a citizen of the United States. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

That in the Constitution, Art. IV, 4, line 5, it be struck out from "elections" to "a plurality." Agreed to.

That (Constitution V, 11) the Trustees must reside in the same city or not more than 30 miles apart; amended to 100 miles by vote of 172 to 167. Not agreed to.

That (Constitution V, 11) no Trustee be a dealer by profession. Not agreed to.

That counterfeits shall be branded on the back in indelible ink when removed from exchange sheets. Referred to Committee on Constitution.

That the age limit of 17 years for voting members be abolished. Tabled.

The Finance Committee then reported, recommending that the Secretaryship be made a salaried office. Accepted and referred to Constitutional Committee.

Mr. Rechert moved that By-Law 10 be amended so that applicants for membership deposit six months dues in advance, to be returned if not admitted. Referred to Constitutional Committee.

Mr. Rechert moved that the Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, of Dresden, be made a corresponding society. Carried.

Mr. Bogert moved that the Association discourage the collection of reprints except when issued by government and receivable for postage. Carried.

It was moved that a Committee of five be appointed to investigate the Chalmers-Hill question and report at the next Convention. Tabled.

Mr. Bradt moved that the Constitution be printed in French and German. Carried.

Moved and carried that we select place of meeting for next Convention; nominations were received and roll called, resulting in the selection of ST. LOUIS by vote of 208 to 132 for Niagara Falls. The Monday in "Fair Week," so called, was selected as the time.

Moved that a department be instituted for the exchange of philatelic literature. Referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

Then the Convention went into secret session to consider the charge against J. C. Jay of having written a letter in language unbecoming a gentleman and member of the Association, which resulted in the expulsion of Mr. Jay.

#### WEDNESDAY'S SESSION.

The reading of the minutes of previous session was dispensed with.

Mr. Calman then read the report of the Committee on the Constitution, making the following recommendations:

That an application for membership be accompanied by six months' dues, to be credited if applicant is admitted and returned if he is refused; that both references be members. So ordered.—Article II, 1.

That there be four Purchasing Agents, who shall be coördinated and known as the

first, second, third and fourth; that there also be a Superintendent of Literary Exchange. So ordered.—Article IV, 1.

That officers' terms begin and expire with the Convention of every other year. So ordered.—Article IV, 4.

That the President appoint a committee of arrangements before every Convention. So ordered.—Article V, 1.

That the Secretary draw a salary of \$150 per annum. So ordered.—Article V, 3.

That a Literary Exchange be established under rules laid down in the By-Laws. So ordered.—Article V.

That in the Constitution, Article IV, Section 1, the last part of the first sentence be struck out from the word "amendment." So ordered.

That By-Law 5, Clause 7, be amended so that Branches can keep sheets only one day for each member participating, and not over sixty days in all. Amended to two days and ordered.

That in By-Law 5, Clause 9, the words "at any one time" be added after "sent" in line one. So ordered.

That in By-Law 5, Clause 10, the circuit of exchange be limited to six Branches or twelve individual members for any one book. So ordered.

That the Exchange receive no sheet worth under \$2. Amended to \$1 and ordered.

That in By-Law 5, Clause 16, the Superintendent be given 10 per cent instead of 5. So ordered.

That in By-Law 5, Clause 18, the Superintendent's bond be made \$1000. Amended to \$500 and ordered.

That in By-Law 6, line 5, *et seq.*, the words "be asked to—to—to—to" be struck out. So ordered.

That in By-Law 6, paragraph 4, line 2, the words "belonging to members" be added after word "rarities." So ordered.

At this point Mr. Corwin wanted a provision inserted by which the Third Purchasing Agent could purchase anything desirable not limited to "rarities," and made a motion to that effect which was lost by vote of 185 to 171 nays, a two-thirds vote not being obtained. Mr. Vreeland then made a similar motion, leaving out some objectionable features, which motion was carried. Under it the Agent may get any stamp a member requests him to, sufficient money being first deposited.

The Report was then continued with the reading of a new section for the By-Laws providing that the Superintendent of Literary Exchange shall get lists of wants and duplicates in the line of philatelic literature from members and further their exchange under such rules as he shall make. So ordered.

It was next recommended that By-Law 11 be struck out, and was so ordered.

The Report closed with a clause to establish the office of Fourth Purchasing Agent at New York to purchase for members at auction sales there at commission of 5 per cent, which was ordered into the By-Laws.

The Committee appointed for that purpose then reported the plan of an index to philatelic literature to be feasible and advisable, and recommended that a committee be appointed to further the work. The Report was accepted and the same committee reappointed by the Chair.

The thanks of the Association and compensation, at the rate of \$150, were voted to Secretary Bradt.

Thanks were also voted to the retiring Board of Officers and to the Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements, Mr. Holton.

The Committee on Branch Societies then reported, making no recommendations.

It was moved that the By-Laws be amended to provide for the removal of reprints as well as counterfeits from exchange sheets, spaces of both being marked "Stamp removed," except in the case of Government reprints of postal value, which will be marked simply "Reprint," as heretofore. Carried.

Moved that the Constitution and By-Laws be printed, and uniform with them, but

separated (by amendment), the list of members, with non-voters designated by an asterisk. Carried.

The question of the branding of counterfeits was then taken up, and the Counterfeit Detector and Exchange Detector were authorized to stamp them on the back with indelible ink as being forged.

On motion of Mr. Calman, at 1.40 P.M., the Convention adjourned, *sine die*.

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### CONVENTION PERSONALITIES.

THE representative from the Setting Sun enjoyed the novelties of Eastern civilization, and took to steamed clams like unto a fish out of water.

MR. W. L. EMORY showed the strangers many kind attentions, and will be long remembered.

C. B. CORWIN, of New York, went for the dealers with a broad-axe.

MR. STONE should remember that Boston is not Springfield, and we cheerfully proffer him the advice to hire a hack when he gets there again.

WE missed our old-time friend from Baltimore, and think he had for a delegate the gentleman from Maine (Mr. Haniford), whose weight (avoirdupois) is only equaled by his good nature.

OUR advertisers were well represented; among them we mention Messrs. Bogart, Aue, Danforth, Rechert, Calman, Sterling, Peters, Mekeel and Emory.

THE disciple of Isaak Walton from Philadelphia appeared to disappear.

THE man from Kansas took in the whole elephant (except the head and tail) while in New York, and was much pleased therewith.

MR. TIFFANY gave a most eloquent address in opening, and covered the whole ground from Adam down.

MESSRS. BRADT and Mekeel kindly showed us how to put in a hot night on the west side of New York.

MR. H. O. HOBBY, of New York, is an expert billiardist, but Mr. Calman assures us that he can beat him.

S. ALLAN TAYLOR was one of the marked attractions (?) at the Convention and Exhibition, and it is announced that he will shortly resume business at the old stand with the Old Truck.

OUR Staten Island friends received many attentions while in Beantown, and on one occasion had a whole brewery reserved for the day.

ALTOGETHER the occasion will live in our memory for many moons as one of those episodes in which the enjoyments far out-balanced the annoyances.

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THE NATIONAL DEALERS' ASSOCIATION held an informal meeting during the progress of the American Philatelic Association's Convention, and selected a committee to report upon some means of collecting bad debts.

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MR. W. H. BAKER, Philatelist, Advertising Agent, Compiler of the Cyclopædia of Philately, etc., has emigrated from Philadelphia to St. Louis. Communications intended for him may be directed to 815 N. Broadway, St. Louis.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES.

DURING the coming few weeks the collectors will have returned from mountain and shore to re-enjoy their homes and give full time to their collections, and it is at this time above all others that the dealers will make permanent gains in their trade.

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\* OWING to the increase in our already unequaled list of subscribers, and the gain which will certainly take place during the coming season, we find ourselves obliged to

increase the price of advertising space, and our rates will be advanced to 75c. per inch on the 1st of November.

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THE PHILATELIC PRESS held a meeting at the Elks Hall, Boston, on the 15th inst., and elected Mr. Geo. H. Richmond President, and other officers.

A committee was appointed to report on a scale of rates for advertising on a basis of 1000 circulation, to insure uniformity of all papers. An affidavit will be required from the printer as to the number of copies circulated.

The meeting was attended by Messrs. Mekeel, MacCalla, Bradt, Aue, Goodrich, Hutchison, Richmond and Stone.

We trust the Association will attain the objects which it is organized for, and accomplish much for the protection of the philatelic public.

THE EXHIBITION at Boston on 15th of August, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Association, was unquestionably the grandest we have ever had in America. Space fails to enumerate all the rare and interesting specimens, so we mention only the display made by the Staten Island Society of complete Grecian and Columbian stamps, which were artistically arranged, and were truly beautiful apart from philatelic merit. Mr. Van Derlip and Mr. Deats' collections of essays and proofs of U. S. stamps were also very striking. Mr. Mekeel's complete Mexicos, Mr. Brock's selections, Mr. Sterling's \$5000 revenue, Mr. Woodward's collection, "Philatelicus," of Philadelphia, rare and beautiful selected rarities; Mr. Trifits' and Mr. Holton's, which were but a few amongst the many notable displays.

Altogether it was an unquestioned success, and paves the way to other instructive exhibitions.

## HINTS TO BEGINNERS.

BY JOHN J. COLE, JR.

WHEN you first begin to collect stamps, you will probably have no definite idea how or what to collect, but by experience and reading you will soon come to have as definite an idea as you could wish.

When you have made up your mind to collect stamps, and nothing else; that coins require too much money, and that post-marks are not worth the while; in short, that there is nothing so nice as stamps to collect (which conclusion you will arrive at in order to be an enthusiastic collector), the first thing to do is to purchase an album. This should be of the latest issue or a blank album, as may be preferred. You should also purchase a standard catalogue of the latest issue.

Next, make up your mind what to collect. This is a hard question, and its best solution is to draw up a kind of schedule as to what you will collect, and what you

will exclude from your collection. For instance, you will either say, I will include all revenue stamps of any kind or country, or, I will exclude the same, or, I will include only U. S. revenues. Do not omit to state in the schedule whether you will include or exclude the slight varieties in watermark, etc., and whether you will include or not reprints of locals, etc. In regard to these I would advise you to include all varieties of embossing, rouletting, perforation and surcharges. Good examples of rouletting are the current Chilian stamps; of embossing, the U. S. 1868, 1869 and 1870 issues; of perforation, the difference between the U. S. 1851 and 1857 issues; of surcharges, the Peruvian stamps. I would also certainly include the U. S. local stamps. I would exclude all very slight varieties of watermark, etc., and entire envelopes, for the present, at least, and *all reprints*; they are not counterfeits, but nearly as bad. The Government issues a set of stamps, and when they become obsolete are sought after by collectors, and the Government issues a few from the original plates to increase its revenue. Thus the stamps are from original plates, but they have never been acknowledged by the people at that time. They were not made for those people, and the postmasters were not legally authorized to sell these reprints; in short, they are entirely different stamps, and I would rather have a used original than an unused reprint (however the reprints are all unused).\*

Concerning revenues, it is best to decide yourself whether to collect them or not.

Never put a torn or badly canceled stamp in your collection.

Having purchased your album and decided what you will collect, subscribe to the leading philatelic papers, for you will learn more by looking over a copy of one of the papers than you could possibly learn otherwise. If you have a philatelic friend, so much the better; if not, make the acquaintance of an advanced collector, if you can. He will be willing to talk stamps with you if nothing else.

I will now say something about a subject that is little understood, yet one of the most important. It is, how to put the stamps in the album. The best way is to use tissue-paper wafers. They are just as strong as others, and do not emboss the stamps.

In regard to counterfeits, the only advice that can be given is, buy of an honest dealer, keep your eyes open, and buy a standard catalogue every year, and you will be as safe from counterfeits as it is now possible to be.

Lastly, strive for quality, not for quantity, in your collection.

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I am, however, constantly in receipt of consignments of Stamps of the following countries: Chili, Costa Rica, Curacao, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Jamaica, Newfoundland, Nicaragua, Peru, Salvador, U. S. of Colombia, Venezuela and Mexico. Of the last country I always have the issues, 1856, 1861, 1864 (engraved, complete set), 1868, 1872, 1874, 1884 (complete), 1885 (complete), 1886 (complete), 1888, Officials, Porte de Mar Stamps, the three sets complete; also Guadalajaras and 1867 Provisionals.

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**T**he next edition of the Encyclopedia of Philately will not be issued before January 1, 1889. The compiler intends to begin revising, etc., in about a month. Meanwhile, we have a few cloth-bound copies that we desire to get rid of. 25 cents each. Few left.

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