

GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

1898

Officers and Committees

The officers for the year were:

President: Jos. O. Prescott Secy-Treas: W. H. Barnum
Vice-Pres: H. P. Cushing
Exch.Supt: W.H.Schneider (to Oct.19); W.W.MacLaren

If there were any committees appointed during the year, no record was made.

Changes in Membership

The year was a very poor one. Nor the first year since the founding of the Club, no new member was admitted. For that matter, there was no new member added to the roster for over two years -- from January 1897, when Dr. Dunlany was admitted until April 1899, when Theodore Bailey was elected to membership. The period seems to have been one of hard times for philatelic societies generally. (In 1897, the American Philatelic Association had only 879 members -- compared with 1046 in 1896 --; in 1898, the Secretary of the A.P.A. reported that the membership had declined to 713. In 1899, the A.P.A. members totaled only 583, a loss of almost 50% in three years)

However, one former member was reinstated:

W. W. MacLaren #4

MacLaren had left Cleveland about 1895 or 1896, met and married a Salvation Army lassie; was a member of the Salvation Army for a while; but returned to Cleveland in the fall of 1898.

No losses were recorded; but it is most probable that R. S. Aikenhead #44 died in 1898; and that several delinquent members were suspended and dropped.

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Changes in Membership (continued)

The following members were probably dropped for non-payment of dues:

C. B. Duffy	#29	Luther A. Roby	#59
John J. Overton	#30	M. M. Hobart	#61
Rev. Henry Madtes	#41	John Costigan	#64
Frank N. Reed	#55	Stephen Brooks	#70

These changes resulted in a net loss of eight members, and a total of 32 at the end of the year.

The summary of changes is as follows:

	<u>Active</u>	<u>Honorary</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Total January 1, 1898	36	4	40	
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<u>Gains</u>				
Reinstatement - - - - -	1	-	1	
<u>Losses</u>				
Death - - - - -	1	-	1	
Dropped for non-payment	8	-	8	
Total losses - - - - -	9	-	9	
Net gains or losses - - -	+8	-	-8	-8
Total January 1, 1899 - - -	28	4	32	

Meetings

The minutes of all but the September, October, November and December meetings are missing from the Club Archives, and the exact number of regular meetings held is thus unknown; but it seems likely that nine or ten regular meetings were held. It is also probable that the attendance of members at meetings was considerably smaller than in previous years

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Meetings (continued)

The minutes which are available show the attendance in September, October, November and December as follows:

September	10	November	5
October	8	December	7

In "Club History" an article by Mr. Barnum in G-P Club News for October, 1929, he says, "Interest gradually lagged until there was but a bare quorum present at many a meeting during 1898-99."

The meager attendance was the source of anxiety to the Club officers; and the matter was discussed at some length at the October meeting. It was then decided to resume the "social" meetings, which had proved popular in the winter of 1897-98. Mr. MacLaren invited the Club to hold the first of the new series of social meetings at his home in November. The meeting of December 2d was held at Mr. Bailey's residence. Unfortunately, Secretary Barnum recorded practically nothing of what took place at these two social meetings -- except the attendance, which was not at all as large as might have been expected.

Anniversary Celebration

There is nothing in the available Club records to show that the Club formally decided not to celebrate the eighth anniversary -- by a banquet, or otherwise -- but this decision was no doubt made. Mr. Aikenhead, who had been one of the most active promoters of the 1895, 1896, and 1897 celebrations, did not attend a Club meeting after September, 1896; he passed away in 1897, and this was doubtless one of the reasons for there being no celebration in 1898. Further, lack of new members and general hard times had some effect.

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Exchange Department

There is no record of the Exchange Department, except that Mr. Schneider's resignation as Exchange Superintendent, which he submitted in the early summer, was accepted with regrets at the October meeting. Mr. MacLaren was elected to serve the balance of the term.

American Philatelic Association

There was no special activity, on the part of Garfield-Perry members, in A.P.A. affairs.

The number of A.P.A. members in Cleveland and Painesville dropped to nine.

Summary

The year 1898 was the all-time low in the fortunes of the Club. As stated, this seems to have been the fate of philatelic organizations generally -- due perhaps to the war, and for other reasons which do not appear in the records.

The Club, however, was much benefited by the return to Cleveland of Mr. MacLaren. He had been away for three years. Upon his return, he began to take an active part in Club affairs.

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Members, as shown in Sec. Barnum's list of September 1898 (in front of 1898-1907 minute book)

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| 1. George Bailey | 21. Humiston |
| 2. Schneider | 22. Geuder |
| 3. Kress | 23. C.H.Mekeel |
| 4. MacLaren | 24. Arthur Odell |
| 5. Geo.H.Worthington | 25. H. B. Odell |
| 6. Dodge | 26. Pears |
| 7. I.A.Brown | 27. White |
| 8. J.V.Painter | 28. W.J.Crawford |
| 9. N.P.Stockwell | 29. Sapp |
| 10. Brodie | 30. L.G.French |
| 11. Barnum | 31. H.C.Crowell |
| 12. C.B.Duffy * | 32. Cushing |
| 13. Overton * | 33. Jenkins |
| 14. Mayer | 34. Bill |
| 15. Tubman | 35. M.H.Wilson |
| 16. Colwell | 36. W.P.DunLany |
| 17. Madtes * | |
| 18. Prescott | |
| 19. Aikenhead # | |
| 20. Buerger | |

* - Dropped during 1898 # - Died, 1898.

Total at end of 1898 -- 32 members.

<u>Attendance, September to</u>		<u>December, inclusive</u>	
Bailey	Sep and Dec	Geuder	Sep Dec
Barnum	Sep, Oct, Nov	Humiston	Sep Dec
Brodie	Oct	Kress	Oct Nov
Buerger	Sep	MacLaren	Sep Oct Nov Dec
Crowell	Oct	Pears	Sep Nov
Cushing	Sep Oct Nov	Prescott	Dec
DunLany	Dec	Schneider	Sep Oct

Finances

Cash on hand	January 1, 1898	\$17.25
" " "	January 1, 1899	14.62
	Loss	<u>2.63</u>

"Perhaps the most extended philatelic advertising ever done by a stamp dealer in a metropolitan daily has appeared recently in the Cleveland Leader. Mr. P. M. Valziefker has advertised his auction sale of Jan 8th in this Cleveland paper to the extent of four inches, consecutive insertions. Many of the lots in the auction are the property of a Cleveland collector"

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