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OF THE

General Committee



IN CHARGE
OF THE



POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBIT

TO BE HELD AT THE

World's Columbian Exposition,

CHICAGO, 1893,

BY THE

American Philatelic Association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE
American Philatelic Association's Exhibit of Postage Stamps

AT THE
WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION, CHICAGO, 1893.

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NEW YORK, April 3, 1893.

DEAR SIR:

We herewith send you the circular of the General Committee, explaining in full the plan for the Postage Stamp Exhibit to be held at the World's Columbian Exposition.

As stated therein, this exhibit is made by the *American Collectors*, under the auspices of the American Philatelic Association, and every collector who receives this circular is invited to help us. We need *your* aid, and it is hoped that *you* will do what you can to make this display of stamps as complete as possible. There are two things we need—stamps and money, and there are four ways you can help us.

The First Way—By offering to the Committee some country of whose stamps you have the issues complete and in good condition. We have to have them all; so that if you only have a country whose issues comprise but a few varieties, do not hesitate to offer it on that account.

The Second Way—Is to subscribe to the Popular Fund from \$1 to \$25. We put the limit at \$25, so that all collectors would have an opportunity to subscribe, and not let a few pay all the expenses.

Every collector should have interest enough in our hobby to help in this way. Give only as you can afford; but give some-

thing. Every subscriber receives a copy of the Official Catalogue as soon as issued.

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The Fourth Way—The Committee expect to realize considerable from the sale of the Catalogue and from the advertisements contained therein. (See circular enclosed.)

Now, if you can secure any advertisements or sell any Catalogues, this will also be helping us. We want *you* to take a personal interest and pride in the success of this exhibit, for if we have the aid of the collectors throughout our land we will certainly have an exhibit worthy of our American collectors. Due credit will be given all those who help us. Now, as you know, the time is very short, we hope you will give this your prompt attention and let us hear from you as soon as possible. Please acknowledge receipt of this circular, so we may know you have received it, and very much oblige

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ALBERT R. ROGERS, *Chairman*.

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We expect that this exhibit will be the means of starting thousands to collecting, and you will thus be enabled to reach these new collectors. The advertising space is limited, and as the Committee expects to issue the catalogue May 10th, if you desire your advertisement therein you will have to send it at once. This is an opportunity to advertise you ought not to let pass, for the rates are low when the circulation it will have is taken into account. At the same time you are helping us as well as yourself.

Please fill up the enclosed blanks and forward to us at once. If it is convenient the committee would appreciate it if you would make remittance with your copy. But this is not necessary.

Will you please acknowledge this circular letter, whether you advertise or not, so the committee may know you have received it?

Hoping to hear from you soon, we remain,

Very Respectfully,

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

ALBERT R. ROGERS, Chairman.

P. S.—We have sent you copy of our general circular, which explains in full our work.

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The World's Fair Executive Committee of the American Philatelic Association has at last completed the preliminary work, and is now ready to announce the result of its work for the past year.

At the 1891 convention of the A. P. A. a committee was appointed with power to secure a suitable space at the World's Columbian Exposition and obtain and arrange an exhibit of Postage Stamps. After a trip to Chicago, where the committee tried to secure a small private building, which they were unable to obtain, they entered into correspondence with Gen. Hazen, Third Asst. Postmaster General and Chairman of the Postoffice Department Exhibit, that will be arranged in the Government Building. After repeated trips to Washington the Committee has secured the following

SPACE.--The Postoffice Department, through the kindness of General A. D. Hazen, has allotted to the American Philatelic association in the U. S. Government Building (see outside cover), one of the handsomest and most costly, and one of the best fireproof buildings in the grounds, a large gallery overlooking the Postoffice Exhibit. This gallery is 65 feet long by 25 feet wide.

ARRANGEMENT OF SPACE.--The cut (see inside front cover) shows how the cases will be arranged. The large cases are 20 feet long and hold 144 sheets each--size of Staten Island pages. The smaller cases are 15 feet long and hold 108 sheets each. The half cases against the wall and the railing hold half the amount of the double cases. There is room for 1,116 sheets in the cases, besides a wall space. At an average of 40 stamps to a sheet, this will give us room for a collection of fifty thousand stamps.

ARRANGEMENT OF STAMPS.--It is the intention of the Committee to secure as complete a collection of the stamps of the world as can be had, and to this end the collectors, whether members of the A. P. A. or not (as this is to be an exhibit of Postage stamps by American collectors under the auspices of the American Philatelic Association) are invited to notify the committee of any countries they may have that are complete and in fine condition, that they are willing to loan for the exhibit.

It is the desire of the Committee that this exhibit comes not so largely from our large collections, but that the greater portion of it will be made up from the albums of the smaller collectors. What country have you that you will offer us? We want to hear from you at once.

ARRANGEMENT OF SHEETS.--As soon as a collector has notified the Committee that he is willing to exhibit a certain country, they will send him as many sheets as are allotted to that country.

SHEETS FOR MOUNTING.--The Committee has decided to use sheets similar to the Staten Island Stamps, made especially for this purpose, with a view of giving the most artistic effect as they are grouped together, and at the same time showing the stamps off with the best effect.

On receipt of these sheets the collector is to mount his stamps as carefully as possible and return them by registered mail at once to the Committee. The name of the exhibitor will be printed on the bottom of each card.

SECURITY.--The Committee do not become responsible for any stamps, the exhibitors sending them at their own risk. The Committee, however, has been carefully selected and represents the leading collectors in the country. They are mostly men of means, from whose collections there will be many thousands of dollars' worth of stamps exhibited, so the utmost care will be used to insure the safe return of all stamps sent for exhibition.

The sheets containing stamps will be kept in a Safe Deposit Vault in New York until they are ready for shipment to Chicago, when they will be sent under seal by the Express Company, the same as money is forwarded. The stamps will be properly insured against fire and loss in transit. Part of the Committee will go to Chicago and receive them, and with the Hanging Committee will put them in their proper cases.

CASES.—The cases are being especially made, the large cases consisting of four sections, each section holding six sheets, or twenty-four sheets in a row. There are three of these frames, one above another on each side of the case. The smaller cases hold three sections lengthwise, and the half cases have sheets on one side only.

The cases are made of oak, highly polished, with slight antique finish, the glass being heavy plate, lying flat on top of the stamps. Each frame has a Yale lock, and is locked by the Committee and sealed. Around the cases are a number of screws to be screwed down, making it impossible to get into the cases.

After the Exhibit is over the Committee will again go to Chicago and return the stamps to New York in the manner sent, from whence they will be returned to the owners.

CATALOGUES.—As no catalogue will be allowed on sale in the Government Building, the Committee will issue an Official Catalogue containing a full description of the exhibit; who the exhibitors are, what they exhibited, etc.; and will handsomely illustrate it with photo engravings of some of the exhibits, buildings, etc. These Catalogues will sell at fifty cents each, and will be on sale at all dealers and on the news stands in Chicago, so collectors will have no trouble in securing one, as it will be a most interesting souvenir of their visit.

We expect thousands will be sold to collectors who are not able to attend.

This catalogue will contain a limited number of advertisements, and having a very wide circulation among people who are beginners in stamp collecting, it will be a paying advertising medium. For rates address the Committee at once.

RESULTS.—It is expected that this Exhibit will be the largest and most valuable one ever gathered together, and that the benefits stamp collecting will derive from it will be a greater increase in our number and a new impetus to our hobby, tending to make it more popular than ever, and redounding to the honor of the American Stamp Collector.

It is hoped by the committee that all collectors will help them in some way to make this exhibit the grand success it deserves. Let us hear from you.

FINANCIAL PLAN.

The expenses incident to the proper arrangement of this exhibition, including the purchase of suitable cases, will be about \$3,000, and as it is the desire of the Committee to interest every member of the Association, as well as collectors of postage stamps outside of the Association, it has been resolved that the necessary amount be raised by a popular subscription, to which every collector will have an opportunity to contribute.

Subscriptions for any amount not exceeding \$25 and not less than \$1 will be welcomed.

Every subscriber will receive free the Official Catalogue containing a complete list of the treasures exhibited, which will be ready for distribution some time during the month of May, the published price of which will be 50 cents.

All subscriptions must be accompanied by the cash, and they will be duly acknowledged in the *American Philatelist* and by the Treasurer, Mr. George H. Watson, 36 Broad Street, New York, to whom subscriptions and remittances are to be addressed.

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| 3d. As to condition. | 4th. Is it complete. |
| 5th. If not, what is missing. | |
| 6th. Have you any special oddities in this country. | |
| 7th. How many sheets size of Staten Island sheets will it take to mount them on. | |

The committee, if they decide to exhibit your stamps, will send you special sheets to mount the stamps on, with instructions, and your name and address will be printed by the committee at the bottom of each sheet when you send them in.

THE OFFICIAL CATALOGUE.

The Official Catalogue that the Committee has under way will be a handsome book, containing a carefully compiled Catalogue of the Stamps exhibited, giving name and address of the exhibitors; a list of all Committees connected with the work; a complete list of all subscribers to the Popular Fund, with the amount subscribed.

It will also be HANDSOMELY ILLUSTRATED with Photo Engravings of the buildings and grounds, the room the exhibit is in, many of the Stamps exhibited, etc., etc.

This is a book every Collector will want, we are sure. To the subscribers to the Popular Fund a copy is sent free. Prices for the Catalogue are as follows:

Paper binding, 50 cents; cloth, \$1.00. Edition de Luxe, on fine paper, large margins; paper binding, \$1.50; cloth, \$2.50.

To those who do not care to subscribe and desire a copy of this Catalogue, the Committee would appreciate it if you would send them an order for it at once.

To those who subscribe and wish the book bound in cloth, or the Edition de Luxe, kindly inclose with your subscription the additional amount necessary.

OUR STAMP EXHIBIT AT THE WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

By ALBERT R. ROGERS Chairman of the Executive Committee.

At last the committee have been enabled to announce that they have perfected all their plans. This will be read with pleasure by the many collectors, for it is intended to have an exhibition worthy of the American collector and of its great National Association. The committee have overcome many difficulties and have been at work for a year, quietly but persistently.

WHERE IT WILL BE HELD.

There is one building on the grounds that embrace the great World's Columbian Exposition that will be the mecca for every stamp-loving collector, and that is the United States Government Building, one of the most attractive of the many, and one of the best fire-proof buildings in the grounds. This is the building that the committee have secured space in.

The building is divided into several departments, in which the various branches of the Government will make their exhibit. In one corner of this handsome white building is located the Postoffice Department, with its model working office and its varied exhibits. Through the kindness of Hon. A. D. Hazen, Third Assistant Postmaster General, the committee have been able to secure a splendid location for our great stamp exhibit. General Hazen has set aside for the use of the American Philatelic Association a gallery 65 feet long by 25 feet wide overlooking the Postoffice Department exhibit below. At the end of this gallery he has his own private office, and adjoining it will be a room that will probably be given to us for our use.

The Association and the collectors of the United States are under special obligations to General Hazen and Mr. Madison Davis, Chief Clerk of the Stamp Division, for the kind manner in which they have treated the committee and in giving this valuable space to us when they are so cramped for room.

It is expected that on the day the Exhibition will be declared opened there will be arranged artistically and carefully the most complete collection of the postage stamps of the world that has ever been gathered together. The gems of many of our most valuable collections will be seen and, in many instances, collectors will have the privilege of seeing stamps that they have often heard about but never seen.

It will not be a competitive exhibition, so there will not be many of the same kind, but it is hoped to have as complete a collection as can be gotten together of the stamps of the world.

What an impetus this exhibition will give stamp collecting. It ought to be the starting of thousands to collecting, and it should be a pleasure for collectors to help in every way to make this exhibit as complete as possible. There are two ways to do it. If you have any countries complete and in fine condition and are willing to lend them for this exhibition, let the Executive committee know it at once. At the bottom of every sheet will be printed the collector's name owning the stamps on the sheet, and in the catalogue will be given due credit to the exhibitor; and the second way—and you surely can do this—is to help the committee to raise the necessary money to defray all the expenses. They ask for \$3,000, and they ought to have this subscribed twice over. Now, fellow collectors, think of the work this committee have before them. They not only subscribe very liberally themselves, but give weeks of time to it. Now, are you going to let them bear the burden alone? For the sake of Philately—for the well-known liberality that stamp collectors are noted for—for the advancement of our beloved hobby, come and help; and when you see the grand results you can say, with well-deserved pride, "We did this." Where is the collector that will not want to help and will not take pleasure in exhibiting his certificate to his friends? Each subscriber is entitled to one copy of the handsomely illustrated catalogue that will be issued by the committee, and the treasurer will send him a very handsomely gotten up receipt for his money. The names of all subscribers will be published in full—not only in the American Philatelist, but in the Official Catalogue. The time is very short, so send in your subscription at once. Do not forget it. Not next week, but immediately, and ask your stamp collecting friends to do likewise. The A. P. A. asks every stamp collector, member or not, to join with them in the making of this display, the largest and most valuable ever gathered together under one roof.—*From the American Philatelist.*

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