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**I**N presenting our first number to our readers we ask their kind indulgence in regard to any failings they may perceive, and we can assure them that these will rapidly decrease as our experience of philatelic journalism increases.

It shall be our aim to publish all information which we consider interesting to Stamp Collectors, and the most important portion of the journal will be a reliable chronicle of all the new issues of stamps. Collectors receiving new issues not chronicled in these pages would greatly oblige us if they would forward full particulars, or, if possible, send the specimens themselves for inspection, in which case they will be returned within seven days.

We shall be happy to give our opinion as to the genuineness or otherwise of stamps submitted for that purpose, and shall have no hesitation in publishing the names of dealers who offer worthless imitations in lieu of genuine specimens or are guilty of any other acts of dishonesty. The best method we can recommend to collectors to prevent being "taken in" is to purchase only from those dealers who have a reputation to lose, and are consequently careful as to the sources from which their supplies are obtained.

In order to encourage philately prizes will from time to time be awarded for the best original essays on philatelic matters, and we now offer a prize of a guinea's worth of stamps for the best paper on "The Benefits of a Philatelic Society." Full particulars will be found elsewhere.

In other countries philatelic societies have been formed, composed of both resident and corresponding members. These societies have meetings at which the stamps of various countries are studied, and, as members take their collections with them, a great deal of instructive entertainment is experienced. The principal societies are in London, Paris, and New York, and we

are of opinion, as are also the proprietors of *The New South Wales Stamp Collectors' Magazine*, who have very generously offered the free use of their rooms in Sydney until such time as the society is in a position to warrant its obtaining better quarters, that a similar society could easily be formed in these colonies. We would suggest that the headquarters be in Melbourne or Sydney, these cities being the chief centres of philately, and there being probably a sufficient number of enthusiastic collectors in either to support the undertaking in a satisfactory manner when once commenced.

In the stamps of New South Wales, Victoria, &c. would be found subjects for many meetings, and a useful work for the society would be the preparation of a complete catalogue of Australian stamps, including varieties of perforation, colour, and watermark.

## NEW ISSUES.

Our space being somewhat limited, post cards will not be included in this list, and as they are not so generally collected in the colonies as stamps their omission will probably be deemed of little consequence.

**BERMUDA.**—Two handsome stamps have made their appearance for these islands:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown

4d. orange

**CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.**—We have received a new 3d. stamp, being the 4d. specially printed in pink lilac and surcharged "Three pence" in thin block capitals.

3d. pink lilac

**CYPRUS.**—English stamps, surcharged in black "Cyprus," are now current, and the values are:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. adhesives

1d. newsbands (surcharged in brown)

2d. registd. env. (surcharged in blue) two sizes

**HONG-KONG.**—The colour of the 2c. has been changed to rose, and we have received two provisionals, viz., "5 cents," surcharged on 18c. lilac and "10 cents," surcharged on 12c. blue. We hear that the 16c. yellow and 24c. green have also been surcharged "10 cents."

**PERU.**—We learn from *Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co's. Circular* that an entirely new series has been issued by this Republic bearing a coloured surcharge of "Union Postal Universal Peru Plata." The following is the list of those already issued:—

1c. green, surcharged in red.

2c. red surcharged in blue.

5c. ultramarine surcharged in red.

50c. dull green surcharged in red.

1sol. red surcharged in blue,

All perforated. We have the 50c. green of the old type with the same surcharge.

**PORTUGAL.**—The recently issued 25r. has had but a very brief reign, as it has already been superseded by another stamp bearing the head of King Louis to left in an oval. There is also a 5r. stamp of similar design.

5r. black.

25r. grey lilac.

**QUEENSLAND.**—Three new stamps of the old type have been issued:—

2s. blue.

5s. orange.

£1 pink.

We have seen the former, but take the information of the two higher values from *Messrs. Alfred Smith & Co's. Circular*, but we strongly suspect that they are duty stamps utilised for postage, as in Queensland duty stamps may be used for postage and *vice versa*.

**ROUMANIA.**—A correspondent at Jassy sends us specimens of the 3 bani of the old colour cut diagonally, and used for 1½ bani. We have several specimens on hand showing the whole of the post mark.

**RUSSIA.**—We have received from St. Petersburg two provisional envelopes both with the same surcharge, which consists of the figure "7" in the middle of the Russian characters, and the whole is surrounded by a scroll.

7k. on 8k. grey (red surcharge).

7k. on 10k. brown (red surcharge).

The usual batch of locals has also appeared, but as they are but very little collected we will not tire our readers with a list.

## SCRAPS.

**OUR SENTIMENTS ALSO.**—"We cannot," writes a shrewd contemporary, "impress too strongly upon all correspondents, when in doubt whether the postage of a letter is a penny or twopence, the force of the old proverb, 'Two heads are better than one.'"

**ADVANCE OF CIVILIZATION.**—Japan keeps pace with London in point of correspondence by post. In the year ended June 30, 1879, 55,775,206 letters and newspapers passed through the Japanese post office.

At the Dusseldorf Exhibition, a member of the Rhenish and Westphalian Stenographic Society exhibited a German post card, which is somewhat larger than an English post card, containing Voss' translation of the first three books of Homer's "Odyssey" and part of a very long debate which recently took place in the German Imperial Parliament. The number of words in the extract of the "Odyssey" is 11,000, while in the Parliamentary debate the number is 22,000. The whole of the 33,000 words have been written in the Gabelsberg system of shorthand and with the naked eye.

The Dead Letter Office at Wellington may aptly be termed "a curiosity shop," for into its chest come many strange articles.

The last report for New Zealand for the year 1879 shows no less than 76,887 letters and packets were received and dealt with. Cash to the amount of £4,937 17s. 6d. was found enclosed. There were 134 money orders, 63 bank drafts, 83 cheques, 2 promissory notes, £92 in bank notes, £21 in gold, and 16s. 10d. in silver and copper. The jewellery line was represented by two watches, five gold rings, two war medals, and one gold medal. There were 44 letters having no address, and 259 had not sufficient stamps.

The chimes of the post office clock at Adelaide have been heard at a distance of 240 miles by means of a telephone.

The French Government have introduced telegraphic cards<sup>s</sup> which are sold at post offices and tobacconists' shops for a franc. By means of these a message can be sent to any part of Paris, and a reply received without extra charge.

COLONIAL POST CARDS.—In answer to an inquiry from Major Vaughan Lee, last week, in the House of Commons, Mr. Fawcett, in the capacity of Postmaster-General, stated that he had already considered the expediency of introducing post cards between this country and Australia. Their introduction, however, depended on the action of the Australian Colonies, who had hitherto declined to join the postal union. If they joined that union post cards could be sent for 2½d. or 3d. via Brindisi. The subject would again be brought under their notice. No one can complain that Mr. Fawcett allows official grass to grow under his feet. More activity and reform is visible in his department than in any other under the new Government. The postal union would surely be of much service to you at your side of the world, as well as much individual comfort and consolation to immigrants of small means and their friends at home. The mail service is now so rapid and frequent, and facilities for communication so much improved and rapidly improving, that not to have joined the postal union looks as if a Government were behind the age we live in.—*English correspondent of "Evening Star."*

A CURIOSITY IN POSTAGE STAMPS.—A French newspaper, *L'Evènement*, describes upon the authority of a correspondent, who asserts that he has seen and handled it, a postage stamp bearing the effigy of the Comte de Chambord. The said correspondent says that he saw the stamp in the bureau of one of the ministry. The portrait of the Comte is a three-quarter face. He is represented with open waistcoat and turn-down collar. Four shields at the corners bear the *fleurs-de-lis*. Above is the word POSTES; below, FRANCE; and on either side of the portrait the numeral 10 and the letter c. The colour of the stamp is blue, and it is gummed, but we are not told whether it be also perforated. We are of opinion that used copies of this stamp are likely to be extremely rare.—*The Philatelic Record.*

## PHILATELIC ART UNION.

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Third prize, No. 6 "Eureka" stamp packet ...	...	5	0
Fourth prize, complete set of 8 unused Italian state stamps	...	3	0
Fifth prize, complete set of 12 used Italy Segnatasse	...	3	0
Sixth prize, unused Rome 1 scudo ...	...	3	0
Seventh prize, unused Persia, first issue, 1sh. lilac ...	...	2	6
Eighth prize, 6 different Mexican stamps ...	...	2	6
Ninth prize, Peru 1 sol rose, used ...	...	2	0
Tenth prize, set of 2 unused provisional Russian envs.	...	2	0
Eleventh prize, set of 8 unused Turkey, 1865 ...	...	2	0
Twelfth prize, No. 4 "Eureka" packet ...	...	1	0
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The first prize is a fine collection of 600 used and unused stamps, among which are Persia, Sirmoor, Bhopal, Porto Rico, Guatemala, Mexico, and others too numerous to mention.

The drawing will take place on the art union principle as soon as the list is complete, and the result will be advertised in the next number of THE NEW ZEALAND STAMP COLLECTORS' QUARTERLY.

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### FROM A DEAR IRISH BOY.

Some curious incidents happen in New York Post Office. A short time ago a letter came from Ireland, addressed to "My mother, New York, America." Of course it was supposed that it must be sent to the Dead Letter Office, but on the day of its arrival a woman enquired at the general delivery window for a letter from her "Son." The coincidence attracted the attention of the official in charge of the deciphering bureau. Inquiry showed that the son of the woman lived in the town, the name of which was postmarked on the letter. After various inquiries the letter was given to the woman with the proviso that she open it at once, and it was found to be from her son and designed for her.

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The rate of advertising under this heading is 1s. for the first twenty words and 6d. for every additional twelve words.

Numbers will be substituted for the name and address, and all replies to advertisements must be sent under cover, with number of advertisement in corner of envelope, to us with sufficient in unused stamps for postage, when the name and address will be added and the letter forwarded to its destination.

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No. 1, care of Box, 80, Auckland.

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TO EDITORS OF STAMP JOURNALS.—We shall be happy to send this publication in exchange for other journals.

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We offer a prize consisting of a guinea's worth of stamps for the best original essay on the "Benefits of a Philatelic Society," and we beg to call the attention of intending competitors to the following rules:—

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2. The essay must be written on one side of the paper only, and be sent to Box, 80, Auckland, before the 15th December next.
3. The right of publishing either the whole or portion of the best production is reserved.
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Old issues of all the colonies will be gladly received in any quantity and very rare stamps will be given such as Liberia, Venezuela, Cabul, Bulgaria, Paraguay, &c. Collectors having Sydney Views, New Zealand, on blue paper, Victoria 1st and 2nd issues 1d. and 2d., "Too late," and "Registered," Van Diemen's Land 1d. blue, and Western Australia 1st and 2nd issues for sale (not exchange) are invited to send them marked with the lowest cash price they are willing to take. An unused stamp for return postage must invariably accompany the stamps.

Collectors ordering from our lists of Sets are recommended to exceed the amount of their orders by about one half so as to allow for those

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TURKISH 1865 unused, the set of 8 stamps post free	... ..	2	1
HAMBURG unused adhesives, set of 10 stamps post free	... ..	1	7
EASTERN ROUMELIA postcards, unused, each	... ..	1	0
MEXICAN post cards, unused, each	... ..	...	4
ROUMANIA, 1878, provisional 1½ (3 bani cut in half) showing post mark, each	... ..	2	6
MODENA 9c. without B.G., unused, each	... ..	...	8
PERSIA, Lion, 1 kran, carmine, each	... ..	...	9
PERSIA 5 kran, head with blue border, each	... ..	3	6
ITALY Segnatasse, used, complete set of 12, post free	... ..	3	1
ITALY Official Stamps, complete set of 8 unused, post free	... ..	3	1
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PERU 1c. orange, unused, each	... ..	...	2

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