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Остовен 25th, 1893.

## CORTENTS



$T$HE present issue is the initial number of a new volume of the Philatelic Chronicle, and we trust our readers will be satisfied with it. Owing to the large number of new advertisements we have been compelled to enlarge to the extent of four pages, as we do not intend curtailing that part of our space devoted to other matter. We are well satisfied with the support received up to now, and appeal to our friends to use their efforts in obtaining fresh subscribers.

A daring robbery was perpetrated on Friday, October i3th, at the shop of Mr. W. Field, of Bookseller's Row, Strand. A youth, about fifteen, having bought a few stamps, purloined a general collection, valued at $£ \mathrm{I} 00$, while Mr. Field's bick was turned. Strange to say the loss was not discovered for some little time, and the thief got safely away. His description was given to Scotland Yard, and the police are now endeavouring to discover his whereabouts.

The Midland Metropolis was honoured on Monday, the 9 th instant, by the presence of our good friend Mr. Brown, of Salisbury, and the ever genial managing director of Stanley Gibbons, Lim.-It must be nice to be a large dealer, and go about with joy and contentment on your face, and blocks of eight South Australian shilling imperfs. in your pocket.

A tall price to pay for a pair of stamps is £680. More than some of us earn in a month. This price was paid for the two Mauritius 'Post Office' Stamps. We understand they were bought for a member of the Birmingham P.S.

## CHRONICLE.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.-The new set of stamps are to be more ornamental. The designs include a portrait of a Native Chief, Stag's Head, Pheasant, Crocodile, Landscapes, Arms, \&c.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND. - Mr. Johnson has shown us the current 2d., surcharge reading cechuanaland, instead of bechuanaland.

CANADA.-The new 8 cents has appeared, but of old type, though with head to left in oval, and not in keeping with the 20 and 50 cents which were supposed to be harbingers of a new and improved set.

## 8 cents, slate, no wmk., perf. 12

COOK ISLANDS.-The Akarana Stamp Co. send us the new issue, printed on wove paper, watermark star and N.z.; perf 12, with portrait of Queen Mabea.

> One Penny, brown
> Three halfpence, mauve.
> Twopence-halfpenny, rose
> Fivepence, slate
> Tenpence, green

GREAT BRITAIN.-A new set of Registration envelopes have been issued, the stamp being slightly smaller and on a curved flap, which is made to fasten on the front of the envelope, the space for adhesives being placed so that the postage stamps partly cover flap and serve as an additional protection from letter openers. The scale of Registration Fees is printed on the back in large type.

LAGOS.-The current fourpence has been overprinted halfpenny in small caps., two thin bars blocking out the original value. numerous examples of faulty printing are to be found.

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\frac{1}{2} d . \text { on 4d. mauve. }
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NEW ZEALAND.-The sixpence value now guages 10 perforation, the same as the other values.

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\text { 1d., 2d., 21/d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-, perf. } 10 .
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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.-We have the Twopence-halfpenny on Fourpence, perforated 15 , and are informed the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and 5 d . also exist. The permanent stamps will not be issued to the public this year.

212d. on 4d. green, perf. 15.
TRANSVAAL.-The permanent $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. has appeared in similar type to remainder of set, paper and perforation also uniform; colour, a rich violet. Mr. Walker, of Pietermaritzburg, when sending us specimens, corrects our June Chronicle, in which we state the halfpenny is in bronze green. The specimens he sends us are of a pearl grey shade, the penny is in carmine, shading to marone.
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. pearl-grey.
1d. carmine
21 d . bright violet.

TONGA.-The following provisionals have been issued :-


## THE TAPLING COLLECTION.

$C$ HE first portion of the national collection to be placed on view, comprised the stamps of New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Prince Edward Island, Sandwich Isles, and Buenos Ayres, and was contained within four cases placed in that portion of the British Museum known as the King's Library. The array of pence issue, North American, was grand in the extreme, there are nine copies of the shilling New Brunswick, seven
single copies and two pairs of the shilling Newfoundland, eight copies of the shilling Nova Scotia, and other values in proportion. There are 164 copies of the Buenos Ayres 1858,1859 and 1860 issues, while it will interest our readers to know that there are two varieties of each of the 2 c ., 5 c . and 13 c . Sandwich Isles, 1851 issue,-we recommend all our readers to separate the two, and put all their duplicates on one side.!

Another portion of the collection of postage stamps, recently bequeathed to the British Museum by Mr. T. K. Tapling, M.P., has been placed in the King's Library. The specimens are the stamps of New South Wales. The first issue in Sydney, in 1850, is represented by nine stamps, showing both the original impressions, and those after the plates had been retouched. The engraving was copied from the great seal of the colony, and it represents convicts being received at Botany Bay by Industry, who, surrounded by her attributes-a bale of merchandise, a beehive, a pickaxe, and a shovel, is releasing them from their fetters, and pointing to a town rising on a hill in the background. The collection of laureated heads contains several curious errors in spelling, the Wales being spelt "Wale" and "Walls," while the floral ornamentation is missing in many instances. One of the best specimens of engraving is the old New South Wales penny stamp, retouched by Mr. John Carmichael (illustrated in 25 varieties), one section being printed on white or slightly yellowish wove paper, while the other is produced upon white horizontally-laid paper.

City of London Philatelic Club.-The first weekly meeting of the City of London Philatelic Club was held on Thursday, Oct. 5th at Cossavella's Restaurant, 121, Cheapside, where a room, admirably adapted for the purpose, had been secured. Eighteen members were present. Mr. G. C. Warden, VicePresident, occupied the chair, but in the absence through il. ness of Mr. Harry Hilckes
(who had promised a paper on "The Stamps of Hamburg"), very little formal business was transacted. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Percy C. Bishop, gave a short resumé of the proceedings of previous meetings, and reported that seventeen new members-including Mr. Philbrick, Q.C., Messrs. Collin and Calman (of New York), and Mr. Henry Ades Fowler (of Toronto)-had been elected. The meeting was then made informal, and much buying, selling and exchanging ensued.

The second weekly meeting was held at the same rendezvous on Thursday, October 12th, twenty-one members attending. Mr. Harry Hilckes was now present, and his paper on "The Stamps of Hamburg" was received with evident appreciation. Mr. Hilckes dealt in detail with each of the Hamburg issues, but elected to leave the subject of private marks until the following week, when he when he would have something to say about "The Stamps of Bremen." $\Lambda$ very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his paper, which had led to an instructive discussion among the members present. The subsequent business in stamps was brisk and extensive. Mr. Hilckes, speaking from the chair, announced that it had been decided to form a weekly exhibit of new issues, the stamps for same being contributed by members of the club.

It is now settled (the Hon. Secretary informs us) that the meetings of the club be held every successive Thursday, at Cossavella's. Copies of the rules, or any information relating to the club, may be obtained on application to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Percy C. Bishop, 171, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.

The Ealing Stamp Exchange Club.The September packet, which was despatched on the 2nd, contained 20 sheets, valued at £66 9s. gd., and for the October packet 22 sheets were sent in, amounting to 665 5s. 5d. I am still in want of a few advanced collectors to comprise rounds. Settlements monthly. No commission charged on sales.

Rules on application. Sec., J. Wilson, 24, Hartington Road, Ealing.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange. The October packets were very fair, a great improvement on the September ones. IIo members sent 142 sheets, valued at nearly $£ 400$. One or two members wanted, no subscription until next year. Rules, etc., free from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

London Stamp Exchange.-The meeting on the roth was a great success, almost all the best-known dealers being present, forming a very large gathering. We are informed that from a business point of view it was very successful.
L.P.S. Exhibition.-The show of West Indian, \&c., stamps held at Effingham House was very successful. Mr. Avery, of Birmingham, showed his fine collection of Nevis, considered to be the best collection extant, and variously valued from five hundred to a thousand pounds.

## GROUP COLLECTING. - AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

By Non-Lex and G. Jounson, B.A.
(With the assistance of Members of the B.P.S. and others).
NEW SOUTH WALES.

$\sigma$HE stamps of New South Wales have always been the prime favourites of philatelists, and the fame of the series known as Sydney Views transcends that of any other issue in the world, the " Post Office" Mauritius alone excepted. From the earliest days of philately these stamps have excited the warmest interest, and this interest has been greatly accentuated in these latter days of scientific philately, when the diversity of design found in the various specimens incited advanced collectors to the arrangement of every type in its proper
place upon the various plates. Notwithstanding the difficulty of procuring reliable information, the plates were reconstructed from detached pairs and strips in the possession of various collectors, mainly by the efforts of the late T. K. Tapling and the Messrs. Caillebotte, and the results obtained, together with the sum of other similar labours in the other issues, published by the London Philatelic Society in its work on the stamps of Oceania.

Notwithstanding the time and vast amount of labour expended upon them, the catalogues published were not perfectly accurate, because at the time very little official data was available, while the book published by Dr. Houison throws additional light upon the Sydney Views.

It is not our purpose to enter into a detailed account of the why and the wherefore of any changes or variations, to do this thoroughly would require the whole body of the Philatelic Chronicle for the next twelve months,-we shall content ourselves with placing before our readers the latest results obtained by those who are acknowledged authorities upon the early issues, and the result of our own investigations in the later issues, in convenient list form for reference, leaving those who require the minutic, to refer to other and more extensive works on the subject, at the same time pointing out that our list comprises all that is accurate in former works, together with much hitherto unpublished; we shall not pretend to describe in extenso the various minute differences, but shall find a place for each and everyone in our list.

Our list of Sydney Views will be arranged according to the latest views of the acknowledged authorities, and differs greatly from that published in "Oceania," we shall have but little of importance to add to the already published lists of the laureated heads, but our augmentations to succeeding issues are very numerous.

We intended to publish the list of Sydney Views this month, but owing to a difference of opinion with regard to a most important point, which cannot be settled until we get certain information, we are compelled to postpone the first list till next month, although we have deferred publishing for several days, hoping to have this settled.
(To be comtinued.)

> TENTATIVE REFERENCE LIST OF INVERTED WATERMARKS (Contimued), By G. JOHNSON, B.A.
N the following list of the Inverted Watermarks of N.S.W. I have, with the exception of one stamp, included only those contained in my own collection or that of Mr. W. G. Walton. So that although the list is somewhat lengthy I feel quite sure that many other varieties exist.

I have only mentioned the most distinct shades in the early issues, and even these have been discontinued in 1870 and later issues to make way for the numerous varieties of perforation.

Most of the varieties mentioned in the 1860 issue are found on thick, medium and thin paper; also with brown and white gum. The numerals of the wmk. also vary considerably in size, and some of the sizes appear to be very scarce indeed compared with others. The common type of the 6 is $15 \frac{1}{2} \times 11 \mathrm{~mm}$. The scarce type is $14 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$.
The issue of $1862-9 \ldots$ wmk. single-lined numeral ... is remarkable even among the stamps of N.S.W. for the number of different positions in which the wmk. is found. Excepting the 4 d. and id. (wmk. 2) I have all of them, including 2d. (wmk. 1) with watermarks in four positions ( 1 ) in the correct position (2) reversed (3) inverted (4) inverted and reversed.

I have deviated from previous catalogues in dividing the $1870-87$ issues into two sets, distinguished by the size and shape of the wmk.

Type 1.-Small filigreed crown 11 mm . wide.
", 2.-Bolder plain-lined crown 12 mm . wide.
For the fuller description of these types, and particulars of other minor varieties, see catalogue of N.S.W. (1870-87) shortly to appear in these pages.

| 1854-6.-1d. vermilion .. imperf. . .. wmk. 1 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 23. carmine | . $"$ |  |  | " $\quad$ \% |
| 2d. blue | . ${ }^{\text {" }}$ |  |  | 2 |
| " dark blue | . ${ }^{\text {" }}$ |  |  | $\ddot{\square}$ |
| 6d. grey | $\cdots$ |  |  | " 8 |
| 1860.-1d. vermilion . | .. 12 \& 121 |  |  |  |
| , orange |  |  |  | " |
| 2d. blue - |  |  |  | 2 |
| 3d. yellow green 12, \& 13 .. ", 3 |  |  |  |  |
| " light " 13 .. ". 6 |  |  |  |  |
| 5d. $\because \quad . .12\}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 6d. olive -. 12 .. " 6 |  |  |  |  |
| , purple |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| " violet $\quad .12 \frac{1}{2}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| ", mauve .. ." .. "12 |  |  |  |  |
| 8a. yellow .. 13 ... " 8 |  |  |  |  |
| 1/-red .. " .. " 12 |  |  |  |  |
| "rose carmine ${ }^{\text {c }}$ - ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1862-9.-1d. light vermilion ", |  |  |  |  |
| 2d. blue" |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 4̈d. red brown ... " $\quad$ " $\quad$ ", |  |  |  |  |
| 1870.-1d. red $124 \times 10$ N.S.W. \& Cr. (T'ype 1) |  |  |  |  |
| 3d. green $12 \pm \times 10$ |  |  |  |  |
| 5d. 10 |  |  |  |  |
| 8d. yellow | 121 | " | ", |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| " | $11 \times 10$ | " | " |  |
| " " | $10 \times 12$ | " | " |  |
|  | $10 \times 11$ | " | " |  |
| -5d. " | 10. | " | " |  |
|  | $11 \times 10$ | " |  |  |
| 6̈. lilac | 10 | " | " |  |
| * $\quad$ " | $12 \times 10$ | " | " |  |
| *8d. yellow | $12 \times 11$ | " | " |  |
|  | 10 | " | " |  |
| ii. bligck $11 \times 12$ |  |  |  |  |
| 1886(Dec.)2d. blue $11 \times 12$ N.S.W. (fiscal paper) |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| 1888-92 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ 1d. violet $11 \times 12$ N.S.W. and Growil |  |  |  |  |
| " | 12 |  |  | " |
| " " | $12 \times 11 \frac{1}{1}$ |  |  | " |


1869.-(Fid.) Registration red and blue 12\$ .. .. wmk. 6

* I have these stamps surcharged O.S. as well as in the ordinary issue, with inverted watermarks.


# GROUP COLLECTING.-BRITISH NORTH AMERICA. 

With approximate Current Falues, Lised and Unmsed. By Non-Lex.

## NOVA SCOTIA.

1851. -Diademed full-face portrait of Queen Victoria in a square, each comer of which touches the side of the double square containing the whole design, floral ornaments in the spandrels. The other values, design of a crown in centre on heptagonal ground, the four corvers of stamp containing heraldic flowers, - the rose, shamrock, thistle, and maytlower. Figure of value in each corner nota bcotha postage. Blue wove prper, light and dark imperf.

Approximate Vilue.
Unused. Used.
1d. red-brown

$\begin{array}{lllrr}\text { 3d. dark hlue . } & \text {. } & . . & 10 / 0 & 5 / 0 \\ \text { 3d. light blue } . & \cdots & . . & 8 / 0 & 4 / 0 \\ \text { Gd. greon, dark green } & \cdots & \cdots & 15 & 17 / 6 \\ \text { 1/- purple, cold violet } & \cdots & .+ & 150,0 & 150 / 0\end{array}$
1860.-Profile of Queen Victoria to left in circle for first three values,-diademed full-face for the other values, sova scotia, perf. 12.

| 1c. black | . | .. | 9 d. | 9d. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2c. (1863) mauve | . | .. | 8d. | 1/0 |
| 2e. ." lilac | . | .. | 8 d. | 1/0 |
| ce. biue |  | .. | 1/9 | 6 d . |
| 5c. dark blue | . | . | $2 / 0$ | 6d. |
| 8jc. green .. | . | $\cdots$ | 7/0 | 10; 0 |
| 100. vermilion | . |  | 3/0 | $2 / 0$ |
| 12 jo. black | . | . | 2/6 | 2/0 |

(Notr.-This concludes our series of lists on the Stamps of British North America.)

## PISTOLS AND PHILATELY.

WE used occasionally to refer to various Policecourt proceedings under the alliterativo title of "Police and Philately," the latest phase of stamp collecting compels us to amend this to the equally euphonions headline abovo.

The notorious American stamp swindler, who, under the various names of A. H. Quigley, A. Burmeister, John J. Morgan, and Horaco Stone, has, at various times, victimised the philatelic public of the United States, has lately been masquerading at Denver, Colorado, where he started a stamp paper, The Philatclist, under the name of Lewis Bishop.

One or two American philatelic papers, Kissingcr's Postal Card especially, have latoly been sounding disguised notes of warning, and on Sept. 9th. DeputsMarshal Brown received a telegram instructing bim to arrest Bishop on a charge of feloniously using the U.S. mails.

The officer at once proceeded to Bishop's residence and arrested him. The arrest was made quietly, and Bishop accompanjed Brown without any show of resistance, but asked to be allowed to call upon a friend, Dr. Shannon. Upon reaching the doctor's office, it was discovered that he was absent, so Bishop, under the pretence of writing a note for him, sat at the office table and took a review of the surroundings. The office is upon the second floor, but the prisoner preferred the risk of a broken neck to becoming an inmate of an United Statos gaol, so he leaped through the open window and landed on a glass roof, twelve feet below. So quickly did he proceed, that by the timo the officer got to the window, Bishop was rumning along the roof. Hrown immediately drew his revolver, the necessary adjunct of an American police ofticer, and fired two shots rapidly at the fugitive. The pistol in this instance proved as harmiess as necessary, and Bishop, after, as one witness states, returning the fire from his own weakon, vaulted through another ojen window and got clear awas.

It is surmised in Denver that he went to the railway station, but time alone will show whether he wid ussume the homoly gart prescribed by the prison rules of Uncle Sam, or will have another term of freedom to prey upou an unsuspecting philatelic public. Bishop is described as a gentlemauly man, about twenty-three, and it is stated that foreign dealers will be the main sufferers by his frands.

TRY THE
SHORT ADVERTISENIENTS
COLUMN,
24 WORDS FOR SIXPENCE.

## THE LONDON PHILATELIC EXCHANGE.

THE Exchange is now fairly on its legs, and Mr. F. IR. Ginn, the energetic Hon. Sec., anticipates, from the largo and influential membership, a most successful series of meetings. By the list of officials it is plain that failure is out of the question, Mr. Cheveley being chairman, and Messrs. T. Buhl, W. Hadlow, W. II. Peckitt. A. C. Emerson, nnd C. J. Phillips forming the committee. Meetings are to be held every alternate Tuesday evening at Bargen's Restaurant, the first taking place on the 10 ih inst. The rules are concise and clear, and any dealer requiring information may obtain it from Mr. F. R. Ginu, the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer.

## NOTICES.

Wgather from tho Washington Philatelist that the Florida Philatelist, Ahilatelic /uck, the Illinois /'hilatelist, and the /'hilatelic Fraud Reporter have gone over to the majority. This is how the W. P. laments over one of the defunct,--the Fraud Reporter. "In Dogberry's word, before it died, it had "written itself down an ass." Be its memory anathema. Faugh! It was the fraud of frauds!' The editor and proprietor was Mr. Guy W. Green, whom the Philatelic Era, with caustic humour, refers to as the famous philatelic poet.

No. 7 of Messrs. Cameron's Wholesale List is to hand, quoting prices for Sept., Oct. and Nov., 1893.

The Canadian Plilatelist on p. 162, July number, says that Montenegro genuine are perf. 10, --forgery 121. As a matter of fact the genuine are perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$ $\times 12,13,12,10 \frac{1}{2}$. Again, it states that the perf. of the forgery is smaller. From the above it will be scen that in one set of the genuine the perf. is smaller than that of the forgery. Uur contemporary, on page 169. neglects to mention the best and simplest test for the genuineness of Iceland stamps. The best test of the genuineness of Iceland stamps is the wink. This is not mentioned.

The Stamp Chronicle is a vastly improved paper with the August issue. The Notes from London are very good, under the nom-de-plume Timbre-toes, is to be traced the band of the ever-genial P.C.B.

Our local contemporary, The City Stamp, appears with an interesting series of notes on English Stamps, by Dr. Bryant, which, however, is extremely untrustworthy and crude. This virtinally comprises the contents of the July nu nber if we except an apology for the non-issuing of tne June copy.

The Stamp News gives an excellent account of the Zurich Exhibition from the personal experiences of Mr. Theodor Buhl. A view of part of the exhibition and a list of awards, which all went to the continent, is also given.

The categorical and scientific description of the Postage Stamps of Bavaria is continued in the July issue of the /hilatelic Record. A most interesting description of the Suez Canal Stamps shows very plainly their origin and use.

Filatelic Facts and Fallacies for July presents us with an interesting paper upon the "Stamps of Hong Kong," by Wm. J. Gardner. 'I'he $F^{\prime}, F^{\prime}$. d $b^{\prime}$. publishes an official letter denying the intention at present, on the part of the (rovernment, to issue specimen stamps of past issues.

No. 2 of The Canadian Journal of Philately presents two extremely well engraved plates, the one a portrait of Walter A. Withrow, a promising boy of soventeen, who writes very fair articles for the American press. The other plate shows the 1851-1856 issues of the United States in their original colours. The typography is well-nigh perfect, and Mr. W. C. Stone's list of New Issues is what we might expect from his experienced pen.

The Philatelic Era will in future be issued as a semi-monthly, the size will be reduced, but the subseription remains the samc.

## DIRECTORY

## OF STAMP COLLECTORS \& DEALERS.

The Editors will be grateful for the names of any Collectors, as it is desired to make this Directory, as complete as possible.
G. E. S. Davis. Julian Hill, Harrow.
S. C. Farie, The Colonial Cellege, Hollesley Bay, Suffolk.
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## AUCTION REPORTS:

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T Mr. Hadlow's sale on October 12th and 13th, the following lots were noticeable.


## THE STAMP BUREAU.

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TAMPS, or sets, are advertised free to subscribers, subject to the following conditions:-

1.     - Each lot, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (registered if required), mounted and priced on a separate piece of paper, must reach the office by the 5th day of the month.
2. -No doubtful stamp will be accepted, but the manager does not hold himself responsible, he only actiug as agent.
3.-A commission of 10 per cent. will be charged (if sale is effected), minimum commission 6 d . per lot.
4.-Purchasers must enclose value of lot (returnable within four days if not suitable), and postage.
3. -Lots not sold within six weeks of publication will be returned, unless other instructions are sent.
6.-Cheques, \&c., payable to Richard Hollick, and crossed "National and Provincial Bank of England."

664 Labuan, no wmk., 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16 and 40 cents .. $\quad . . \quad$.. 060
666 Seychelles, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 16, 48, 96 cts. 070
667 Labuan, 6 c . on 8 c ., sheet of 10 .. 0 I4 0
668 Caricatures (Spooner's), set of six .. 011 o
669 South Australia, 5d. provisional, block of 8 , unused

056
670 New South Wales, 3d., wmk. 10, block of 12, unused ... ..
671 Madagascar, 1886, "British Vice-Consulate, Antananarivo," one penny and twopence

150
672 Meitagascar, 1886, " British Consular Mail, Antananarivo," one penny, three halfpence and twopence .. 0150
673 Madagascar, ditto, three-halfpence only $0 \quad 5 \quad 0$
674 Seychelles, 3 on 4, 12 on 16, 15 on $16 \ldots 0028$
$675 \quad$ ", 45 on 4890 on $96 \quad$. $0 \quad 4 \quad 9$
$676 \quad " \quad 3$ on 4.12 on 16,15 on 16
677 Soruth, 1864, 1 anna, handprinted, used on original cover, type 2839 .. 150
678 ,, ditto, pair on original cover .. 2100
679 ", $\begin{array}{llll}1868 \\ \text { on part of original cover }\end{array} \quad 1 \begin{array}{llll} & 1 & 2 & 6\end{array}$
680 , ditto, ditto .. .. 0150
$681 \quad$ ", 1868, 1 anna, black on pink, used $\begin{array}{llll}\text { on part of original cover } & . . & 210 & 0\end{array}$
632 New Brunswick, 3d. red .. .. 066
683 Argentine Centenary issue, pair 1c. \& 5c. 0660
654 Canada, officially sealed, unused $\quad . .0770$
685 New South Wales, $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 8 \mathrm{~d} ., 9 \mathrm{~d}$.
on 10d., 10d., $1 /$-, all specimen .. $0 \quad 50$
686 U.S.A., Columbus issue 1c. to \$5, unused 3150
687 Sydney Views, pair, threepenny, used, yellow paper

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Notember 20TH, 1893.

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CTHE Birmingham Philatelic Society commencesanewera of existence $r$ with the present seasop. All restrictions as to membership are removed, and with an increased rofil and a permanent place of meeting the Society should make, ai mame for itself in the world of phitately.

We are pleased to hear that the valuable collection stolen from, Mr. Field has been recovered. The lesson should prove of value to other dealers, and cause them to keep a sharp lookout when their wares are placed before casual customers:

The L.P.S. show of West Indies and "the parts thereunto adjacent" was a complete success. Messrs. Chambers and Blest each showed a fine lot of Trinidads, and Mr. Geldard's Montserrats, togèther with those of Mr. Geo. Churcher, : also proved a great attraction. The exhitits of H.R.H. the Duke of York naturally provoked much attention, and were well worthy of the interest centred in them, while, in the opinion of many, our local exhibitor, Mr. W. B. Avery, took the palm of the exhibition with his really great array of Nevis.

For the first time in its history the P:C. and $A$. was sent out later than its date of publication. Our readers will accept our apologies, if they consider that an unexpected rush of advertisements; requiring four extra pages, must greatly augment the labour of printing and publishing. Even as it was we were compelled to omit a few advertisements We thank our patrons for their extra support, and beg that all advertisements be sent not later than the 8th of the month.

## CHRONICLE:

BELGIUM.-The city of Antwerp is preparing stamps to commemorate the approaching Exposition. The values are 5 c ., Ioc. and 25 c .

BRAZIL.-Two new Journal stamps are now issued :-

> 200 r . bleck
> 700 r . violet

BOLIVIA.-The $5 c$. revenue has been surcharged in black, 'S. Cruz,' and used postally in that city.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.-The penny, watermarked anchor, is again in use. It is stated that the rd. on 2d. is obsolete, but we have just received a number direct from the Cape, and no mention of their withdrawal is made.

CURACAO.-Three values of the new ' unpaid' stamps are issued.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 21 c. black and green } \\
& \text { 10c. } \\
& \text { 15c. } " \quad " \quad "
\end{aligned}
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ECUADOR.-Several of the revenue and telegraph stamps are being used postally.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Revenue, } 1983 \text {. 1c. vermilion } \\
& \text { 2c. lake } \\
& \text { 4c. green } \\
& \text { 1893. 1c. olive } \\
& \text { 2c. red-brown } \\
& \text { 4c. grey } \\
& \text { Telegraph, 1893. 10c. orange } \\
& \text { 20c. vermilion } \\
& \text { 10c. green } \\
& \text { 50c. green }
\end{aligned}
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FRANCE.-The city of Dunkirk has issued a letter card on the occasion of the centennial of the city, and Toulon one to commemorate the visit of the Russian fleet.

- LIBERIA.-Mr. H. L. Hayman has courteously sent us two new stamps of the West African Republic, viz., the 6 c. ordinary and the 6 c . official, both surcharged 5 c . in
black. These stamps will be in use until a 5c. permanent type is issued.

5 c . on 6c green
5 c . on 6c. green (official)
PORTUGAL.-It is proposed to issue a full set of stamps in 1894, to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the birth of Prince Henry the Navigator.

SANDWICH ISLES.-Several varieties of the surcharges exist. The i cent violet, 18 cents red and 25 cents purple are found without date (1893). The 12c. mauve, black surch., and Ic. blue have ' 1893 ' at the top, and 'Provisional Govt.' at the bottom. Ic. green, $2 c$. rose, $50 c$. red have partial surcharges, the surcharges being on two stamps and appearing at either side. The envelopes in some instances are found with double surcharge. It is stated that a large electrotyping firm in San Francisco has executed a plate with surcharges for a whole sheet of stamps at the order of a firm of dealers in Hawaii. The plate was sent to the islands about the beginning of October.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.-More of the current issue are now perf. 15 . Wmk. Cr. and S.A.

I penny, green
2 pence, yellow
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ penco, green
5 pence, red-brown and red
TOBAGO.-Der Philatelist announces a new value for this colony.

3d. Hilac and black
UNITED STATES.-The 'postage due' stamps of 300 . and 500 . are issued in the newer colour.

VENEZUELA.-Mr. Johnson has shown us three of 'Correos' issue, 1893, with the surcharged arms inverted.
10c. cinnamon, surcharge inverted
25c. brown,
50c. green,

25c. brown,
50c. green, ",

Birmingham Philatelic Society-Three meetings of the B.P.S. were held during the month of October, with a view to the reorganization and extension of the Society. The business was of a formal character throughout. On October 6th it was resolved to call a general meeting for alteration of the rules, and at the same time a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Manchester Philatelic Society for their invitation to meetings. On October igth the principal business was to appoint "a special committee" to revise the rules. The rules as revised and altered were presented to a general meeting held on Oct. 26th. The principal changes proposed by the committee and accepted by the Society were:-
(a) That the Society should be open to all responsible philatelists.
(b) The place of meeting should be 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.
(c) Quarterly cash settlements in the exchange department.
(d) Meetings to take place fortnightly, instead of monthly.
At the general meetings the following gentlemen were elected ordinary members:Messrs. W. T. Wilson, A. Pimm, W. Pimm, P. Robertson, W. F. Wadams, J. Campbell, J. Thompson, D. Davis, and J. E. Sparrow, while Messrs. R. Hughes (Bournemouth), Sven Lindhé (Goteburg, Sweden), H. A. Fowler (Toronto, Canada) were elected corresponding members. All collectors are invited to join; local philatelists especially will find great advantage in the fortnightly meetings, which will be held in a room Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., has kindly placed at the disposal of the Society.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.For the November packets, sheets amounting to $£ 334$ 3s. 1od. in value were sent by 129 members. Collectors are invited to join. lRules, \&c., will be readily supplied on application to Mr. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birringham.

International Philatelic Union.-The committee have been compelled to increase the subscription to 5 s . per annum. The annual election of officers will be completed by the time this is in the hands of our readers. It is a great pity that so little time is allowed between the announcement of nominations and the election, as it utterly precludes all chance of the merits of candidates being discussed by the philatelic press. In the page of the official organ devoted to the report of the I.P.U. appear the names of four candidates, for whom votes are asked, and the names of the other candidates are not even mentioned. This is not as it should be. The official report should be strictly impartial. No doubt all the gentlemen mentioned would prove excellent acquisitions, but the official report is not the place for the exhibition of partisanship, it should be like Cæsar's wife, above suspicion, and the name of one should not appear more prominently than that of another. Again, all nominations might be published at least a month before the close of the poll, and not with a seven, and in some cases fewer number of days for consideration of fitness. There seems no desire whatever to make the I.P.U. a national or popular institution among philatelists.

The Suburban Exchange Club.-This club seems likely to achieve a great success, the October packets containing some very good specimens contributed by first-class collectors. The packets were constituted as follows:-


As it will be necessary to make up a third packet on Nov. 2oth, the Secretary, H, A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans, would be happy to receive the names of any collectors of good standing who might like to join. Full particulars and copy of rules forwarded on application.

North Staffordshire Stamp Exchange. For the October packets I received 90 sheets which valued $f^{29165.11 d}$; these are now going in their respective packets. Several new members have joined since last report was printed, and with the commencing of the "on" season an increase all round is expected. Secretary, Samuel A. W. Wood, Hanley.

## GROUP COLLECTING. - AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

By Non-Lex and G. Johnson, B.A.
(With the assistance of Members of the B.P.S. and others).

## NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continued).

[We are indebted to several members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society for assistance in compiling the following list, but most especially to Mr. W. T. Wilson, who placed his large collection of Sydncy Views at our dispasal, and gave much time and attention to the correction of the proof sheets. We are of opinion that the following is the most complete reference list of Sydneys yet published.]

The Sydney Views.
1850.-View of Sydney on hill to left. In the foreground a ropresentation of convicts landing from a ship in the bay to the right, and being received by a female figure (Industry), who, seated on a bale of nerchandise dated 1788, the establishment of the colony, and surrounded by her attributes, a buchive, pickare and shovel, is releasing them from their chains, seen lying on the ground, and is pointing to the oxen ploughing in a field. Underneath in small block letters, the motto, sic fortis ethuria crevif, 'Thus grew mighty Etruria' (Virgil), the whole enclosed within a circular band containing the words, sigillom nov. camb. aust., 'The Seal of New South Wales.' Postage at the top and values at the bottom in straight labels, a Maltese cross, varying in design, filling the four corners.

## One Penny.

Plhte I.-Finely engraved, no clouds.

1. Soft yellowish paper ; rose-red, lake-red, brownred.
2. Bluish paper ; dull-lake, light purple-lake.
3. Closely-ribbed paper; dull lake.

Varicty.-No dot in the top left-hand corner cross.
Plate I.-Retouched. Coarsely engraved, with clouds.

1. Hard white or yellowish paper; dark carminered, rosy-red, purple-red (shades).
2. Hard bluish paper; red, brown-red, purple-red
3. White or yellowish wide-ribbed papor; red, brown-red.
4. Bluish wide-ribbed paper; lake-red, brown-red.

Varieties (a) Without clouds. (b) Hill unshaded.
The One Penny stamps were printed in sheets of twenty-five, five rows of five.

NOTE.-The white papers alluded to in this issuce of the one penny retouched are, in our opinion, due to the accidental discharge of the blue colvir. We have uever seen a really white paper.

## Two Pence.

Plate I.-Spandrels with vertical and wavy lines.

1. Soft yellowish paper; deel grey blue to pale grey-blue. indigo-blue.
Variety.-Spandrels of crossed wavy lines.
NOTE.- T'he retouch. The lower row of twele stamps only was retouched. The characteristic features of the retouched portion of the plate being the deepened character of the lines enclosing the cirenlar band and the rectangular frame, whereas the centre and spandrels are almost worn away.

Plate II.-Spandrels of horizontal lines only. F'an shaded, and dot in the corner star. Hale dated.

1. Hard bluish ribbed paper; dark dull blue, in-digo-blue, grey-blue.
2. Hard grey paper ; dull blue, indigo-blue, greyblue.
3. White or gellowish ribbed paper; dull blue, grey-blue.
Varieties (a) crevit omitted. (b) Fan with six segments. (c) Shading outside fan in the circalar band.

Plate III.-Bale undated, fan unshaded, no dots in the corner stars.

1. Hard grey paper; grey-blue, dull cobalt-blue (faded).
Taricties (a) Hill unshaded. (b) Fan with six segments.

Plate IV. (formerly known as Plate III., first retouch).-Cord of bale double-lined, circle in corner stars, bale undated.

1. Hard bluish paper ; dull prussian-blue, cobaltblue (shados).
2. Hard grey paper ; dull blue.
3. White paper, laid vertically; dull cobalt bluc.
larieties (a) Hill unshaded. (b) Fan with six segments. (c) No clouds.

Plate V. (formerly known as Plate III., second retouch).-Fan with pearl, cord on bale double lined.

1. Hard grey paper; cobalt-blue (dull to bright).
2. Vertically laid paper; cobalt-blue (dull to bright).
Varieties (a) Fan with six segments. (b) Pick and shovel omitted.

The Twopenny stamps were printed in two horizontal rows of twelve, making twenty-four to the sheet.

NOTE.--It has now becn officially proved that there was but one plate for each value. Therefore of the twopenny, what we term Plates II., III., IV. and V. are sintply re-engravings of Plate 1.

## Thref Pence.

One Plate only.

1. Soft yellowish papor; yellow-green, sage-green.
2. Hard buish paper ; yellow-green, sage-green, emerald-green
3. White horizontally laid paper; enerald-green.
4. Blue horizontally laid paper; emerald-green.

The Threepenny stamps were printed in sheets of twenty-five, five rows of five.

Engraving.-The penny plate was engraved by Robert Clayton, the twopenng by John Carmichnol, the threepenny by H. C. Jervis, The retouch of the penny was probably done by Carmichael, as the work of Clayton and Jervis had been complained of by the Colonial Secretary. It is a curious fact that Carmichael was deaf and dumb.

Comparative Use.- From evidence given before the Post Office Board, some interesting facts as to the comparative scarcity of the different values may be gleaned. The number of stamps used during the six months ending June 30th, 1851, was as follows:-

Stamps of One Penny, 151,163
$\begin{array}{ll}" \text { "Twopence, } & 302,326 \\ \text { "Threepence, } & 46,511\end{array}$
The One I'enny stamp was issucd on Jan. 1st, 1850, and continued in use until Dee. eOth, 1851.

## TENTATIYE REFERENGE LIST OF INYERTED WATERMARKS (Continued), By G. JOHNSON, B.A.

| Mexico, | 18G1. | 1c. green | .. | 12 | comrfos E.U.m |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $"$ | $"$ | 2c. red | . | ", | $"$ |
| $"$ | $"$ | 3c. red | . | $"$ | $"$ |
| $"$ | $"$ | 4c. red | " | $"$, | $"$ |
| $"$ | $"$ | 5c. ultram'rine | $"$ | $"$ |  |
| $"$ | $"$ | 10c. | $"$ | $"$ | $"$ |

N. Zealand, 1882. 1d. rose .. 11\& Star and N.Z.

St Helena, 1864. 1/-green .. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ Cr. and CC.
" 1884.
$\frac{1}{2} d$. green .. 14 Cr and CA.
St. Lucia, 1888.
St. Thomas, 1874
St. Vincent, 1883
da. blk. \& gra.
2fd. on 1d.lake ",
dd greion .. "
San Märino, 1877.
S. Australia, 1868.

Mr. G. Johnson, 208, Sirchfield l"oad, Birmingham, will be grateful for any addition to this list. All ndditions will be publish d as addonda, and any rasistance will then be duly ackuowledged

## NOTICES.

The Philatelic Journal of Gireat Brifain for October reaches its usual standard of excellence. 'l'he Reviewer, in a somewhat hesitating manner, ventures to criticise the " London Philatelist," to which he refers with mild sarcasm as "a stamp journal par cxcellence." Other philatelic papers also seem to think that the "L. I'." falls short of what might be expected. We are afraid thoy require too much. People who see the "L. L'." tell us that it is a very nicely-arranged journal, printed on superior paper, and that some of the matter betokens excellent discrimination on the part of its editors.

The Octaber issue of The Stamp News, although published a month behind time, is an ever-welcome visitor. We extend our sympathy to friend Buhl. Our own last number was only a few days iate, and wo received quite a shoal of post-cards and letters from indignant subscribers,-what awful things the editor of 'the Stamp News had eaid about him we can only surmise, but we expect some of the expectant supporters of the paper suggested boiling oil at the very least. The philatelic public do not know the labour of getting out a paper like The Stamp News Mr Bubl refers to a letter in the September No. of the "London Philatelist," from a Post Office offivial in Mauritius, denying
the fact that the plates of the Post Office issue had been found Wo did not see the " $L$ P." for september but we wonder whether it copied the letter verbatim from our own July issue or only published extracts, or perhaps the editor of the "L. P." wrote off to Mauritius as soon as he saw the letter we printed from Mr. Standley, the Colonial Postmaster. He would have time to get an answer by September, perhaps.

Mr. Haberstraw's little paper, The Stamp Chronicle, is really good. The Black List idea is most uscful to dealers, and we sincerely trust that no harm will come to the proprictors or printers on its account; at the same time the British libel law is a very ticklish thing to fall foul of.

I'be Philatelic Gazette is always interesting and always instructive. All collectors of Austrian stamps should see the September number.

Messrs. Morley and Lundy maintain the superiority of their paper. We know very little ourselves about fiscals, but the Fiscal Philatelist scems a first-rate organ for the admirers of this class of stamps.

We have to welcome a new.comer in the Monthly Fost, published by Messrs. Sngthe \& Co. We wish them success.

We now receive another Australian paper in addition to Mr. Vindin's always useful Philatelic Monthly. The new-comer is the Australian Siann News, published by J. E. Newell Bull, of Gunalda, Queensland. The Neuts bids fair to be a good paper, Nos. 2 and 3 we have seen, and should like to receive No. 1. The only mistake Mr. Bull makes is to publish a fearful and wonderful attempt at rhyme, copied from an American contemporary. Spare us this, good Bull!
The second smartest American philatelic paper published is The American Philatelic Magazinc. The Washington Philatelist is the first.
Our list of exchanges from America is augmented this month by two new publications, the Phikatelic Kaleidoscope, and Mr. H. A. Fowler's International Philatelisi, both very interesting and well-written papers. We also received the Pennsyluania Philatelist and the Postal Card, published by Clifford W. Kissinger, president of the Sous of Philatelia. There can be no doubt that Mr. Kissinger, if considered too young to take a responsible office in a large society, is quite capable of conducting a good stamp journal, and one far better than most American papers. We note with pleasure that no room is found in his publications for the poetical trash which fills up space in some of his compeers.

Mr. Jewett is rapidly qualifying for a seat on that irish Board of Guardians who, so says report, passed a resolution to hold the monthly meetings quarterly instead of every six weeks as formerly. The first fortnightly part of the Philatelic Era reached us carly in

September, the next one, numbered 3, came to hand on November 2nd. Perhaps, now the days are getting shorter, wo shall not have to wait so long in betweon. We can't afford to miss the P.E'.

The long-expected Cataloguc of the World's Fair Postage Stan:p Exhibit is at last to hand. The book is very well produced, but would have been more useful had it appeared a couple of months earlier. As a souvenir of the Show, and a reference to the chief advertisers in both hemispheres, it is most valuable even now. Mr. Wood, of Hanley, is an agent to supply copies, the price is $2 / 6$ post frec. All dealers should get it.

Messrs. Fisher, Titley \& Co., Bath, have issued a price list far above the average. Collectors should certainly have this 30 -rage book. We believe it is sent post free on application.

## THE AUCTION IEPITOME.

$W^{1}$have received a copy of Mr. Skipton's Auction Epitome, for tho years 1890-91-92. This is a book which is absolutely necessary to the col-
lector. Many books I e can do without, but this one cannot be dispensed with. It contaius a complete summary, occupying 139 pages, of the auction sales held in Engiand and Scotland during the above-named years. It is a book of fair proportions and far greater value. The price at open auction of every stamp is to be found, and the fluctuations of the market during three jears are clearly marked. The price is only $1 / 6$, and it is undoubledly the cheapest eighteen-pennyworth ever offered to the philatelic public. Copies may be obtained from the Philatelic Chrovicle office, Fentham Road, Birmingham, at $1 / 6$ post free.

## THE PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA.

EALLLI in the year 1801 a fow youthful collectors in the United States organised a socicty, called the 'Sons of Pbilatolia.' Attracted by the titlo possibly, but undoubtedly by the fact that the annual subscription was such as everyone could afford, collectors, principally young ones, Hocked into the society, which soon numbered over five hundred, and the success of the undertaking was assured. As time went on, other and older philatelists, perceiving the benefits to be obtained, joined the society, and soon became a considerable section. As might be expected these newer and yet older members, with the calmly impertinent complacency frequently shown by older people towards their juniors, perceived that the jouth.
ful founders of the society who had brought it to so successful an issue, were now no longer capable of managing it, and so, by an ingenious arrangement of proxy voting, and by taking edventage of flaws in the constitution draited by its juvenile originators, they were successful in ousting the old officors and establishing maturer and of course wiser persons in their places. Then came the now historic cave, and many of the more pouthful members shaking the dust of the Sons of Philatelia from their feet, established another society under the denomination of the Philatelic Sons of America.

The action of these 'bolters' has been satirised with more or less, principally less, effect by thet section of the American press which endorses the action of these philatelic Solomons against the former youthful officials, but in our opinion these journals have missed the cue. It is not a question whether or not the Sons of Philatelis could be better governed than it was, but rather who had the most right to lead and direct. The S. of P. was founded by youthful collectors for youth. ful collectors, and those older members abused the hospitality with which thoy had been received when they made use of power that circumstances placed in their hands, to put aside the young men who had raised the society to the position it occupied. When Qeeen Elizabeth sent the young Sir Philip Sydney on an embassy to the Emperor of Morocco, that potentate asked with contempt why the Queen of England had sent him a beardless boy. The model knight replied, "Had my royal mistress known the value your highness aitaches to a beard, she would have sent you a goat as ambassador instoad of a gentleman." The same feeling actuates the older generation throughout the world, and perhaps especially in philately, where years of contact are necessary to give a thorough inowledge of the science, but it is to be greatly deplored when this feeling leads to unfair dealings with our younger brethren. Tapling joined the London Philatelic Society when only sixteen, and it is possible that some older philatelists regarded him as a youth. ful upstart, but we trow they soon found he was the whale, they the minnows.

The junior collectors of America have taken the right path in forming a new Society after their own model, we wish them success, and if they take warning by their own experience they will copy the example of some other philatelic societies, and have a fixed age basis for applicants for membership, but-fix it upside down.

## AUCTION REPORTS.

O
N October 17th, Mesers. Ventom, Bull \& Cooper disposed of many desirable stamps at their 32nd sale, held in the St. Martin's Town Hall,

Charing Cross, in a room electrically lit and admirably suited for the purpose. Nearly every lot was interesting, but the following quotations are all our space permits of.

> Great Britain, a fine 2/-brown .. . . 110 i.
> Cyprus, a pair, very interesting and scarce,
> one penny red, with and without overprint


The J. W. Scott Co. held a successful sale in New York, on October 24th, 25th and 26th. The following noticeable lots among a superb collection were sold.


At Mesars. Cheveley and Co.'s sale on October 25th and 26 th, the following were among the prominent lots sold.



## DIRECTORY

OF STAMP COLLECTORS \& DEALESR.

The Editors will be grateful for the names of any Collectors, as it is desired to make this Directory as $\therefore$ complete as possible.

Frank Barker, Rock Mount, Gregory Boule* vard. Nottingham.
C. Cross, Easthorpe Rectory, Much Wenlock, Salop.
Lewis G. Lihou, 54, Victoria Rd., Guernsey. Geo. Loomis, Attica, N.Y., United States.
Wm. H. Irlam, 55, High St. W., Glossop.
Thos. W. Willman, William St., Bathurst, Australia.
A; W. Beer; 36, Church St., Liverpool.
Geo. E. Adson, Redinnick, Penzance.
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H. West, 13, Horn Lane, Acton, London, W.
D. Bentley, Seaton, Westbourne.
L. A. Sanderson, Wellington, New Zeałand.

Wm. Lane, M.D., Hawkshead, Ambleside.
G. Withers, Riverside, Romsey, Hants.
-A, Barnet," Jun., Chantry Villa, Bishops Stortford.

## THE STAMP:BUREAU.

8TAMPS, or sets, are advertised free to subscribers, subject to the following conditions:-

1. -Each lot, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (registered if required), mounted and priced on a separate piece of paper, must reach the office by the 5th day of the month.
2. -No doubtful stamp will be accopted, but the manager does not hold himself responsible, he only acting as agent.
3.-A commission of 10 pet cent. will be charged (if sale is effected), minimum commisision 6d. per lot.
4.- Purchasers must enclose value of lot (returnable within four days if not suitable), and postage.
5.--Lots not sold within six weeks of publication will be returned, unless other instructions are sent.
3. -Cheques, \&c., payablo to Richard Hollick, and crossed "National and Provincial Bank of England."
688 Segchelles, $2,4,8,10,13,16,48,96$ cts. $\begin{array}{ccc}f & \text { s. } & \text { d. } \\ 0 & 6 & 6 \\ 6\end{array}$
689 Labuan, 6c. on 8c., sheet of 10 .. 0136
690 Caricatures (Spooner's), set of six .. 010 6
691 South Australia, 5d. provisional, block of 8 , unused

056
692 New South Wales, 3d., wmk, 10, block of 12 , unused

086
693 Madagascar, 1886, "British Vice-Consulate, Antananarivo," one penny and twopence

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694 Madagascar, 1886, "British Consular Mail, Antananarivo," one penny, three halfpence and twopence ..
695 Madagascar, ditto, three-halfpence only
696 Seychelles, 3 on 4,12 on 16 , 15 on 16 ..
697 " 45 on 4890 on $96 \quad$ i. $0<49$
$698 \quad \% \quad 3$ on 4,12 on 16, 15 on 16 45 on 48,90 on 96 ..
699 Soruth, 1864, 1 anna, handprinted, used on original cover, type 2839 ..
ditto pair on original cover $\quad 1.26$

701 ". 1868 1 anna, black on blue, used " on part of originel cover on part of original cover

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702 ", ditto, ditto .. . .. 0140
703 ", 1868, 1 anna, black on pink, used on part of original cover ..
704 New Brunswick, 3d. red .. ... 0 6. 6
705 Argentine Centenary issue, pair 1c. \& 5c. 060
706 Canada, officially sealed, unused .. 070
707 New South Wales, 12dd., $7 \frac{1}{2}$ d., 8d., 9d.
on 10d., 10d., 1/-, all specimen ..
708 Sydney Views, pair, threspenny, used, yellow paper
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$\longrightarrow$ OR the third time in the existence of the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, we wish all our readers most earnestly and heartily "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

We are very pleased to hear that the Exhibit of Stamps of the British Empire, displayed by Mr. T. H. Hinton in the British section at Chicago, has gained the Highest Award.

The first thing the new Board of Management for the I.P.U. should attempt, is the reorganizing of the Society and the revision of the Rules. The I.P.U. is not the result of the private enterprise of any one person, at any rate of any person now officially connected with it, and it seems a great pity that a society of so many members should be virtually at the command of any one who chooses to take it in hand. The International Philatelic Union sadly belies its name, it is neither National nor International, it is not Philatelic, and it is a Union only in name.

The official journal of the London Philatelic Society, -The London Philatelist,--in the opening article of its October issue (Modern Philatelic Journalism) states that the L.P. is the only philatelic journal in Great Britain issued by amateurs, and points out that the policy of all other journals (no exception is made) tends in the direction of promoting the sale of the postage stamps included in the stock of the proprietor or proprietors. There is a generally observed rule of courtesy among journalists of abstaining from the imputation of motives in any reference to
contemporaries, but the editor of the L.P. in penning the first of the above sentiments probably forgot the existence of the insignificant rag known to its handful of supporters as the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, and no doubt thought that journals published by such philatelic pariahs as dealers were unworthy of consideration. The L.P.S. does not admit dealers among its members, and no doubt the next move will be to eliminate the pernicious advertisements of these benighted men from the official organ.

## CHRONICLE.

保BYSSINIA.-It is stated that the series of stamps for this country, which we mentioned many months ago, will come into use early next year. The stamps will be of two kinds, one for the interior bearing the arms of the country, and the other for international use will give a representation of his sable majesty, King Ménélik.

SOMALIS (Côte des).-Following the example of Obock, this French colony is issuing a set of stamps of various shapes and sizes, representing camels, natives and other miscellaneous articles in rectangles, triangles and lozenges. The values go from ic. to 5 ofr.

URUGUAY.-This South American Republic has arranged with Messrs. Waterlow and Son, of London, for the printing of eight million stamps of all values, so we may expect the present issue to become obsolete soon.

SANDWICH ISLES.-We gather from a Honolulu paper, The Comsmercial Advertiser, that a new issue is contemplated. Designs for stamps of 1 to 25 cents values are invited by a decree signed by the postmaster. Mr. Johnson informs us that the 2c. carmine, 1883 issue, is found with the error surcharge

I 393 ; he also informs us that a syndicate has just bought up all the 2c. carmine, and is trying to obtain all the 1 c . green, but the authorities refuse to sell them in a lump, as it would leave them without any ic. stamps.

HOLLAND.-The 2g. 50c. with head of Queen Wilhelmine has appeared.

2g. 50 c ., carmine and blue, large size.
SEYCHELLES.-Mr.Wadamshaskindly sent us information of the new permanent stamps in place of the surcharges. The values and colours are as follows:-

> 3c., violet-brown and rose.
> 12c., brown and greeen.
> 15c., rose and violet.
> 45 c , brown and carmine.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.-Somanyreports as to the current perforations having been spread, we have enquired at the fountain head and find that when the mail which arrived in England Dec. gth left Adelaide the following only were on sale :-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { Haifpenny, perf. } 15 . \\
& \text { One penny } \\
& \text { Twopence halfpenny on four pence, green, } \\
& \text { perf. } 15 \text {. } \\
& \text { Threepence, sap green, perf. } 10 . \\
& \text { Fourpence, mauve, perf. } 10 . \\
& \text { Fivepence on sixpence, brown, perf. } 10 \text {. } \\
& \text { Sixpence, full blue, porf. } 15 \text {. } \\
& \text { Ninepence, red-ilac, perf. } 11 \frac{1}{2} \text {. } \\
& \text { One shilling, perf. } 11 \frac{f}{\ddagger} \times 12 \text {. } \\
& \text { Two shillings, perf. } 11 \frac{1}{2} \times 12 .
\end{aligned}
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The $2 / 6$ to $£ 20$ available for Postage and Revenue remain unaltered.

NEWFOUNDLAND. - In our June number we quoted from The Philatelic Record that a new issue of stamps were contemplated for this colony. We wrote the Postmaster of St. John's, and he replies that no new stamps are contemplated, and that no 8 cents stamp has ever been issued.

BRITISH GUIANA -The I864 48 cents nas been met with perforated 15.

CEYLON.-The new 30 cent. stamp is to hand, colour violet, with value in a brownred tablet, design, wmk. and perforation as in
the current 25 cents.
30 c , violet and brown-red.
ST. VINCENT. - In our September number we ventured to express doubt as to the authenticity of the fourpence yellow with $2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. overprinted in black; the result of our subsequent enquiries is that we can now authoritatively state that no such overprinted stamp was ever issued from the St. Vincent post-office, nor is there any likelihood of it being done.

The supply of the fourpence yellow, which was temporarily exhausted, has now been filled up and the stamp is again in use.

NIGER COAST PROTECTORATE.The new set of stamps of the Niger Coast Protectorate are not used in the Niger Territories of The Royal Niger Company. All stamps in use there are the unsurcharged current English.

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:-W. T. Wilson, Esq. Vice-President:-R. Hollick, Esq. Committee:-
Me. J. H. Cooke. Mr. W. Pimm. Mr. W. S. Vaughton. Mr. W. G. Walton.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:Mn G Johnson, B.A.208,, Birchfield Rd., Birmingham.

At the meeting on Nov. 16, the above officers were elected for the ensuing year. The following programme was drawn up and approved:1893.

Dec. 7.-Laureated Issuc of N.S.W. .. W. T. Wilson
21 -Sydney Views .. .. W. G. Walton 1894.

Jan. 4.-N.S.W issuas of 1854. 1854-61 $\begin{aligned} & 1856 \text {.63. } 1860 \text { R. Hollick }\end{aligned}$
18. $\{$ N S.W. diademed 2d. .. W. T. Wilson \{Holiand and her Colonies .. G. Johnson Feb 1. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { N.S.W. 1862-69 .. } \\ ", ~ \\ \hline 1871 \text { to present time }\}\end{array}\right.$ G. Johnson 15. -Forgeries J. H. Cooke Mch. 1. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Regist'n Adhesives of N.S.W. W. T. Wilson } \\ \text { cervice }\end{array}\right.$
15.-Watermerks " W. Pimm

19. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Anoma'les of the British Pos- } \\ \text { tal System }\end{array}\right\}$ W. G. Walton May 3.-New Zealand .. .. W. T. Wilson
17.-Overprinted Stamps .. R. Hol ick

On Dec. 7 th, Mr. W. T. Wilson read a most briliant and exhaustive paper on "The Laureated Issue of N.S.W." It was illustrated by a large number of specially prepared sheets and reconstructed plates of these stamps. The various errors of engraving and the rare error of watermark were all shewn, and carefully classified, as were also the various types from the original and re-engraved plates.

Messrs A. Allen, G. Eridgman and G. F. Jackson were elected ordinary members.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson brought the meeting to a close.

Ealing Stamp Exchange Club.-For the October packet 22 sheets were sent, value $£_{6}^{6} 5 \mathrm{~s}$. 5d, and several good selections were among them. The November packet contained 20 sheets, value $£^{61}$ 16s In this club cash settlements are made monthly. No commission charged on sales. Subscription $2 / 6$ per year. A few vacancies for advanced collectors. Rules free ou application.-J. Wilson, Secretary, 24, Hartington Road, Ealing W.

International Philatelic Union. - The election of tinree nembers on the Board of Management of the Philatelic Union has resulted in the return of Messrs. Dorning Beckion, C. T. Reed and A. G. Gardner. Forty members recorded their votes, and the figures were:

| W. Dorning Beckton | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 34 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C. T. Reed | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 30 |
| A. G. Gardner | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 25 |
| G. Hamilton Smith | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 19 |  |
| A. Buchan | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 18 |
| C. H. Nunn | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 16 |

The newly-elected gentlemen are all fresh to the Board, and will no doubt prove valuable acquisitions. Three members retire annually from the Board of Management, which is supposed to consist of nine, but which really only comprises.
eight, Mr. Bickers acting in the two offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Mr. Bickers desired to give up his official position this year, and two other gentlemen were nominated for his office, but the Board of Management prevailed upon him to continue in the Secretaryship, and conseguently no election was necessary. The number of resignations which have to be sent in by December rst is very small this year, which augurs well for the prosperity of the Union. The new members of the Board have a great task before them if they are going to make the I.P.U. a national and popular institution amorg philatelists.

Plimouth Philatelic Society.-The third meeting of the session was held November 15 th, when the President read the first portion of a paper on the Stamps of Japan; he intimated that he should deal with the subject under three heads:

> I.-The paper upon which the stamps were
II.-The Japanese numerals and syllabic characters.
III,-The various issues of stamps.
In the course of a most instructive paper, illustrated by his fine collection, he alluded to the great assistance students of Japanese stamps had derived from the writings of Mr. J. D. Bacon, whom he considered to be the greatest authority on the subject. Ile described at some length the various papers used, which he divided into three classes, commonly catalogued as native laid, native wove, and European wove. The two former were hand made, and he deensed the last to be named erroneously, as, although made with European machinery, it was manufactured in Japan, of Japanese materials, and would be more correctly designated as machine-made-

In a discussion which ensued. Mr. R. T. Stevens expressed his opinion that collectors of Japanese stamps had been labouring under a delusion in describing the paper shewing a fine quadrille pattern watermark, as being laid, and asserted it was wove. He described to the meeting the difference between laid and wove
paper, and gave it as his opinion that the peculiar square wove appearance in the paper of some of the earlier Japanese stamps was owing probably to the mesh of the deckle being made of fine split bamboo, combined with the extremely fibrous material of which the paper was composed. He described at some length how this combination of circumstances would produce the effects seen.

The fourth meeting was held November $\grave{2}$ gth, when the Hon. Sec. announced the receipt from the publishers of Vol. I of the Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser as a gift to the Society's library. 'The same was accepted, and a vote of thanks passed.

The President read the second portion of his paper on the Stamps of Japan. dealing with numerals used for expressing the values, and the s)llabic characters. He was of opinion that these latter denoted control marks, although they were gentrally regarded as plate numbers; this latter theory appeared to him to be upset by the fact that the same syllabic character had been found on two different plates in the case of more than one value He very fully explained the different numerals, \&c., as they appear on the various issues.

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Mr. R. 'T. Stevens, who had printed for the use of the members copies of the numerals and syllabic characters dealt with. - Secretary, A Levy, 190, Union Street, Plymouth.

The Fiscal and Postal Exchange Club. Mr. A. Preston Pearce, 8, Clarendon Place, Citadel Road, Plymouth, has formed a society for the exchange of fiscals for postals, and vice versa. The idea is novel, and should benefit both classes.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.The packets are very fair for December, pricing to about $£ 350$. A few more members are required, either buyers or sellers Rules from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Northern Stamp Exchange Society. Secretary, Fredk A. Wickhart, 70, Sotheby Road, Highbury Park, London. This club which was started early in September, became an immediate success. For the September packet, $£ 53$ was contributed ; on the return of the packet, at end of October, $£ 18$ (or $33 \%$ ) worth of the stamps had changed hands For the October packet, $£ 105$ worth of stamps were sent in, whilst the November packet was a record with $£ 145$. The club at present consists of 35 members, the majority of whom contribute good sheets. There are a few vacancies. Subscription, $2 /$ - per annum from entrance.

The Suburban Exchange Club.-This Club has been strengthened by the accession of several good collectors, and excellent sheets were sent for inclusion in the packets. The following specimens may specially be noted: India, $\mathbf{1 8 5 4}, \frac{1}{2}$ anna, red, unused; a fine collection of used Afghanistans on their original envelopes; Victoria, 1858 , 2 d . rouletted, dull lilac; complete sets of Hawaii, 1893, provisional; Trinidad, 1852, lithographed (6d) deep blue, \&c.
The packets were made up as follows:-
Packet A ... 28 sheets, value $£ 137$ 19 5

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Rules and full information will gladly be sent on application to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edited by Non-Lex.
[The following list is the abstract of a paper read by Mr. W. T. Wilson, before the Birmingham Philatelic Society].
NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continued).
The Ladreated Series.
1851. -Laureated profile of Queen Victoria to left on a background of verical aud wavy lines, crossed. Arched label above conjaining the word postage in
white letters, the whole enclosed in a rectangle inscribed new south wales and value, on the four respective sides.

## One Penny.

Plate I. (1851). - Background of vertical and wavy lines.

1. Blue wove paper; carmine red, vermilion, dull dusky red.
2. Yellow white paper; carmine.
3. Blue laid (vertically) paper ; dull dusky red.
4. White paper watermarked 1: orange-vermilion shades

Varieties (a) "wale" for wales. (b) No leaves at the right of south. (c) Two leares only at the right of south

The One Penny Stamps were printed in sheets of fifty, five rows of ten.

## Two Pence

Plate I. (1851).-Finely engraved, cross in corners, background of wavy and vertical lines.

1. Blue wove paper ; cobalt-blue, blue, slateblue, grey-blue, purple-slate.
2. Yellow-white paper; slate-blue, grey-blue.

Plate II. (1853)?-Six-rayed stars in corners, similar but rougher background.

1. Blue wove pnper; dull cobalt-blue, dark indigo-blue.
Variety (a) "Waeks" for wales.
Plate I.-Retouched. Coarse engraving, cross in corners, background of horizontal linos, but showing traces of vertical lines.
2. Blue wove paper; bright Prussian blue.
3. Grey paper; dull Prussian blue.
4. White paper, watermarked 2 ; cobalt-blue, Prussian blue, greenish blue.
Variety (a) Engine turning runs through wales.
The Twopenny Stamps were printed in sheets of fifty, five rows of ten.

NOTE.-A specimen of the $2 d .$, plate $I$, rouletted 11. $\frac{1}{3}$-and posimarked, is in the Tapling collection. It is an unofficial perforation, and is the only specimen known.

Three Pence.
Plate I.-Background of vertical and wavy linos.

1. Blue wove paper; emerald, pale yellow-green' pale to dark blue-green.
2. Blue ribbed paper; emerald green, pale yellow-green, pale to dark blue-green.
3. White paper, watermarked 3 ; dark and light yellow-green.
Varieies (a) "waces" for wales. (b) Error, watermark 2.

The Threepenny stamps were printed in sheets of fifty, five rows of ten.

Six Penny.

Plate I (1852) -Finely engraved background of vertical and wavy lines.

1. Blue wove paper; light warm-brown to dark black-brown, grey-brown.
2. Blue ribbed paper ; light warm-brown to dark black-brown, grey-brown.
Varieties (a) "walls" for wales. (b) Unfinished star in upper left comer.

Plate I Retouched.-A coarse edition of plate I. The star in the upper corners appears solid in colour, and the walls error has been corrected.

1 Blue wove paper; light warm-brown to dark black-brown, grey brown.
2. Blue ribbed paper; light warm-brown to dark black-brown, grey-brown.
The Sixpenny Stamps were printed in sheets of twenty-five, five rows of five.

Eight Pence.
Plate I.-Background of fine vertical and wavy lines

1. Blue wove paper; pale yellow to deep orange.
2. Blue ribbed paper; pale yellow to deep orange.
Varicty (a) No leaves to right of south.
The Eightpenny Stamps were printed in sheets of fifty, five rows of ten.

NOTE. - The stamps of the Laureated issue are occasionally found with Victorian or Queensland post. marks, but such are very rare. Part of the paper maker's name is sometimes found watermarked in the unwatermavked stamps of this series, but very rarely.
Engraving.-Plate I of the 1d, 2d., 3d. and 6d. were engraved by John Carmichael. The 1d. plate has not the engraver's name, but the others contain the name and address at the foot of the plate Plate II, 2d. was engraved by H. C Jervis. The plate is the same size as plate $I$, with the engraver's name at the foot. Plate I, 2 d . was retouched by H. C. Jervis, who removed the original engraver's name. Hate I, 6d. was probably retouched by the same, and the oxiginal engraver's name removed.

Ccmparative Ube. -The Penny, Plate I, was in use four years; the Twopenny, Plates I, II and II retouched, were in use four-and-a-half-years; the Threepenny, three jears; the Sixpenny, Plate I and I retouched, one-and-three-quarter-years; the Eightpenny, two-snd-s-balf-years,

Proofs and Essays.- No proofs or essays are known to oxist of the 1d., 2d. and 3d. Of the 6d., proofs in
dark vandyke-brown and black, on yellowish surfaced card are known Proofs in dark indigo on thick white paper are known of 8 d , and are not very rare.

Reprints. - 2d. Plate II,-6d. Plate I, retouched,8 d . Plate $\mathrm{I},-8 \mathrm{~d}$. Plate I in daris indigo blue (as a proof) have been reprinted. These plates are supposed to have been stolen from the post office.

Forgerics.-The only ones I have noticed are litho-graphed,-they can instantly be detected by the lining of background, which is composed of lines crossed diagonally; therefore, as none of the genuine are treated in this way, this simple test will decide a doubtful stamp. I have seen the 2d., Plate I ; blue on bluc, and 6 d . reddish-brown on yellowish-the former postmarked with bars in oval-the latter with dots.

## THE MODEL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Ye poet discoupseth of ye Model Bociety, and of ye sad ending of ye saintly men, at ye bands of ye envions, who noupisbed butred Beeause they possessed not ye lyke amount of virtue; whyeb is ye ideale of ye Poet's minde and not ye peale.
I wish you all "Good-morrow, and I trust I find you well,
Sure your Poet with a welcome you will greet,
From rotirement most enchanting,-from a nicely padded cell,
And a lovely suit that fitted him a treat.
Perhaps you thought you'd lost me, and no doubt you wished it so,
But you hadn't. No, you hedn't. Oh dear, no!
I'm going to sing so sweetly of a group of model men.-
A Society composed of the eflite,
Pure amateurs only, who a dealer didn't ken,
And couldn't recognise one in the strect!
Whose rules were so exacting, that they wouldn't have a pro.,
No, they wouldn't; and they didn't. Oh dear, no !
They'd a blameless list of members, all so perfect and so prim,
The very thought of barter gave them pain;
They drew back with a shudder from a dealer's contact grim,
And never bought or sold a stamp for gain.
They'd never sell collections, and to auctions never go, No, they couldn't ; and they didn't. Oh dear, nol

Then the journal that they issued was a model for the mass
Of paltry papers published at two d.;
A literary effort of a most exalted class !
And advertising space was given free.
For they wouldn't touch the money of the outcast dealer. No 1
They wouldn't and they didn't. Oh dear, no 1
They spoke with solemn sadness of those magazines that mar
Their pages by self-seekings past rebuke;
They thanked the fates with fervour they were not as others are,
(See 11th versé of 18th chaptor Luke).
Aud modestly immaculate upon their way they go,
While their wisdom never wavered. Oh dear, no!
But at last those meaner morbals who in error would persist,
From envy of their virtue planned a plot;
Proclaimed such bright beatitude too perfect to exist, And dynamited all the blessed lot.

## epitape.

Personified perfection was their saintly life below,And now in brighter spheres their virtues glow.
[Owing to pressure of space Tentative Reference List will appear next month.]

## NOTICES.

The November issue of The Philatelic Journal of Gireat Britain gives us a lively account of our worthy friend, Mr. Walter Morley. We should have been much gratified by the usual portrait appearing, but circumstances evidentiy prevented this.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly contains the conclusion of Mr. Phillips' exhaustive list of the Western Australian Stamps. There can be no doubt that this list is far and away the best yet put before the philatelic public.

After a long absence we have been again visited by the old-established favourite, The Stamp Collectors' Journal. We presume it has been away for its health as it reappears looking greatly improved, and is certainly much stoutor.

Writing early in December, wo have seen as yet nothing later than the October issue of the Philatelic Gazette. We should wish this paper to come much earlier than it has, for we always look forward to its advent as certain to bring something new and lively for our mental digestion.
The Editor of the Philatelic Record feels hurt that a contemporary should inpute to him, among others, a desire to use the pages of the Record towards puffing
up the wares of the proprietor of the journal, and states that he is no more a dealer than the editor of the paper in question. We do not know who the gentleman is that so ably conducts Mr. Buhl's paper, but wo would point out to him that perhaps he does not know the correct definition of an amateur We understand that a full-blooded amateur must be in a position to boast that his fine collection of so many thousands cost him a hundred pounds less than nothing, and must be able to periodically sell collections of such and such countries at so many hundreds of pounds to the large dealers, or at auction.
M. J. Goutier, 4, Rue d'Amboise, Paris, evidently appreciates the ever-increasing favour with which the collection of fiscals is being received by philatelists. He is publishing a series of albums for the reception of these stamps, at a very cheap rate, averaging about 2/6 per copy. Each volume contains a list of the fiscals on one page and a space ruled in squares upon the opposite page for the reception of the stamps. As each different country has a separate album, those who collect the fiscal stamps of any particular State will only want that special book. The size is about $14 \times 12$ inches.

## BISHOP THE BURGLAR.

${ }^{\top} \mathrm{HE}$ soi-disant Lewis Bishop, of Denver, has again got his name in the mouth of every American philatelist. A dealer in San Francisco, Mr. W. H. Hollis, had his store broken into in the early morning of November 16th, and stamps to the value of some $£ 300$ stolen, A young man, who by his description is stated to be Lewis Bishop, late of Denver, Colorado, and whose exploits we narrated in our October issue, offered stamps for sale on the Wednesday to Mr. Makins, another dealer in Sen Francisco, who recog. nised them as part of the stock of Mr. Hollis. Pretending an important engagement, he asked the young man to coll again. and in the moantime commuicated with Mr. Hollis and the police. The result was an arrest upon his again appearing, and he gave the name of Williams to the police. The identity of Williams as Lowis Bishop, alias Quigley, alias Stone, \&c.. \&c. is considered certain, but the latest intelligence gives no further information than we state.

## AUCTION REPORTS.

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ESSRS. Cheveley \& Co. held a two nights' sale on Nov. 22nd and 23rd, at the Arbitration Rooms, Chancery Lane, when over 1,000 lots were offered. A striking feature of this sale
was the collection of entire used Envelopes of old German States Many of the other lots were from the late Genersl Mainwaring's collection. We cull the following from the interesting catalogue, which may be obtained for $2 /$ (with prices realized) from the Anctioneers, 63, Chancery Lane, London :-

Great Britain, 2d. blue, small crown, perf. 16 unused

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A highly successful Sale washeld by Messrs. Ventom, Bull \& Cooper at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross. The following were the most notable lots of an excellent programme:-


Notice to Advertisers. - The two bottom corner rectangles and one tablet, on front of cover, are to let for a period not less than three months, commencing with the January issue. Applications for the same must be made by January 6th. Offers requested for these advantageous spaces

## THE STAMP BUREAU.

8 TAMPS, or sets, are advertised free to subscribers, subject to the following conditions:-

1.     - Each lot, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (registered if required), mounted and priced on a separate piece of paper, must rach the office by the 5th day of the month.
2. -No doubtful stamp will be accepted, but the manager does not hold himself responsible, he only acting as agent.
3.-A commission of 10 per cent. will be charged (if sale is effected), minimum commission 6d. per lot.
4.-Purchasers must enclose value of lot (returnable within four days if not suitable), and postage.
5.-Lots not sold within six weeks of publication will be returned, unless other instructions are sent.
3. -Cheques, \&c., payable to Richard Hollick, and crossed "National and Provincial Bank of England."

711 Seychelles, $2,4,8,10,13,16,48,96$ cts.
$\begin{array}{lll}f & \text { s. } & d . \\ 0 & 6 & 0\end{array}$
712 Labuan, 6 c . on 8 c ., sheet of 10 .. 0130
713 Caricatures (Spooner's), set of six $\quad . \quad 0 \quad 10 \quad 6$
714 Madagascar, 1886, "British Vice-Consulate, Antananarivo," one penny and twopence

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715 Matagascar, 1886, "British Consular Mail, Antananarivo," one penny, three halfpence and twojence $\quad . .0130$
716 Madagascar, ditto, three-halfpence only 040
717 Seychelles, 3 on 4,12 on 16, 15 on 16 .. $0 \quad 16$
718 ., 45 on 4890 on $96 \quad . . \quad 0 \quad 4 \quad 9$
$719 \quad$ ", $\quad 3$ on 4.12 on 16, 15 on 16 45 on 48,90 on 96
720 Soruth, 1864, 1 anna, handprinted, used on original cover, type 2839 .. 110
721 ., ditto, pair on original cover .. 2220
722 ", 18681 annu, black on bluo, used
723 ., $\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { on part of original cover } \\ \text { ditto, } \\ \text { ditto }\end{array} \quad . \quad \begin{array}{lllll}1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 14 & 0\end{array}$
724 ", 1868, 1 anna, black on pink, used on part of original cover ..
725 New Brunswick, 3d. red .. ...
726 Argentine Centenary issue, pair 1c. \& $\ddot{5 \mathrm{c} .} \mathbf{0} \quad \mathbf{0}$ o
727 New South Wales, 124d., 71/d., 8d., 9d.
on $10 \mathrm{~d} ., 10 \mathrm{~d} ., 1 /-$, all specimen..
728 Sydney Views, pair, threepenny, useä, yellow papor

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732 Tasmania (set of 12), $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. to $1 /$-, unused 089
733 Zululand, $5 /$ unused $\quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad 7 \quad 6$
734 Borneo, $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,3,4,5,6,8,10,25$, and 50 c ., unused

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THE new issue of Borneo stamps are things of beauty and "a joy for ever," or until something prettier turns up. That dear little crocodile quite took the editorial eye, and looks capable of taking the editorial arms or legs without much effort. The ferocious appearance of the Dyak gave Mrs. Editor quite a turn, but the juvenile Editors were charmed with the buck and the phe isant. All the stamps are well finished and artistic, but the 3 c. although one of the simplest in design undoubtedly bears the palm

We present our readers this month with an advertising supplement to the Philatelic Chronicle in the form of a four-page pamphlet devoted to short adverti-ements, principally philatelic, but e:nbodying other classes of goods. As this pamphlet will be given gratis to the readers of our paper, all advertisers in it will receive their usual amount of publicity among philatelists, but in addition will have their wants and offers made known to the outside public, as twenty-five per cent. of the copies printed will go to people who are other than stamp collectors. We shall be very glad of the support of such as have other articles than stamps to advertise, in the form of an advertisement. Displayed advertisements are inserted at the rate of three shillings per inch, others at four words a penny. We are trying this new departure as an experiment, and shall only continue it if sufficient support is accorded us to make it pay.

## CHRONICLE.

FGHANISTAN.-The $P . J$. of G. B. announces stamps of a new design for this country, viz., view of a mosque with fiags.

1 abasi, black on pink.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.-Mr. Jolinson has the one penny on twopence with mispriut, cne. The new penny, showing view of Table Bay, has appeared.

ITALY.-A new type of stamp is issued for the value 25c.

LIBERIA. - Our esteemed correspondent, Mr. H. L. Hayman, Chislett Road, West Hampstead, has sent us n set of the new Liberian Registration Stamps, which will supersede Registered Envelopes now in uso. The Registration Stamps consist of a long rectangle, of which the following gives a rough idea:-

| 10 | CENTS |  | HARPER | * |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\mathrm{NO}_{\ldots} \ldots .$ |  |
|  | cents | 10 | REGISTERED | * |

The Registration labels are for the four towns Monrovia, venetian red, on yellow paper. Buchanan, blue on manilla paper. Harjer, green on maize paper. Robertsport, red on green paper.

To the same gentleman we are also indebted for a set of the new Postage due stamps. The dosign of these is simple, consisting principally of $a$ figure in an oval band.

> 2c. yellow on lemon.
> 4c. red on pale rose.
> 6c. brown on buff.
> Sc. blue on blue.
> 10c. green on pink. 20c. violet on slate. 40 c. brown on pale green.

NORTH BORNEO.-The North Borneo Company have issued a most attractive set of stamps. They are, we should think, the handsomest at present in issue. Tinted paper, no watermark, perf. 15. Colours and design.
1c. black and brown
2c. "\# and rose
3c. green and mauve
5c. black and vermilion
6c. " and brown
8c. ", and violet
12c. " and blue
18c. "\# and green
24c. blue and red brown
25c. dull slate
50c. violet
18. vermilion
28. green
58. violet
108. brown
25\$. dark blue

Dyak Chief.
Buck's Head.
Palm Tree.
Argus Pheasant.
Coat of Arms.
Dyak Boat.
Crocodile.
River Scene.
Arms \& Supporter.

PORTO RICO. -This country seems to have been playing at the Columbian game. The usual limited number were issued for one day, November 19th, the day Porto Rico was discovered. It seems a great pity that Columbus didn't miss half these places.

3c. green on white, perf. 12.
SANDWICH ISL. SNDS . -The new issue of Candwich Isles is as follows:-

1c. yellow, Hawaiian Coat of Arms<br>2c. sepia, View of Honolulu<br>5c. carmine red, Statue of Kamehameka 1st<br>10c. green, large star, background of tropical foliage<br>25c. blue, portrait, Iawaiian flag and anchor

SOUTH AUSTR. LLI . -The one penny stamp is coming over on paper which is ribied vertically.

SURINAML-Mr J. Cobb, Jersey, informs us that he has two used copies of the $2 \frac{2}{2} \mathrm{c}$. provisional (1892), with an error of spelling, Frankecrzegel, spelt Fr nkeerzegel. The a being omitted.

SWITZERI,AND.-The current type are now perf. $12 \times 11$.

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20 \mathrm{c}, 25 \mathrm{c}, 30 \mathrm{c}, 40 \mathrm{c}, 50 \mathrm{c}, 1 \mathrm{fr}, \text { perf. } 12 \times 11
$$

UNITED STATE:. -Uncle Sam has not made quite as much out of tho Columbian stamps as was expected, hence they are to be on sale for another three or four months, or until exhausted.

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:-W. T. Wirson, Ese.
Vice-President:-R. Hollick, Esq. IFon. Secretary and Treasurer:Ms G Joinnson, B.A. 208, Birchfield Rd., Birmingham.

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N December 21st, Mr. W. G. Walton gave his paper on "Sydney Views." The various plates and varieties were illustrated from the collections of the members present.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. R. Hollick for presenting a number of forgeries to the Society's forgery collection, and also for a gift of books to the Library.

Mrs. L. Smith was elected an ordinary member.
A vote of thanks to Mr. Walton concluded the meeting.
The first mecting of the New Year was held on Jan. 4th, when the President, in $\Omega$ few opening remarks, expressed his intention of presenting to the Society a New Year's Gift, -"The Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Advanced Catalogue."

Mr. Walton presented a bound copy of the "Philatelic Chronicie and Advertiser, Vol. IL." Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Wilson and Walton for their useful and generous gifts.

Mr. Victor Lundeblad was elected an ordinary member.

Mr. R. Hollick then read a very interesting and instructive paper on the "Issue of N S.W., from 1854 to 1863." Embracing as it did a careful description of the errors of colour and watermark, and all the various shades and perfs., it will be of valuable assistance in drawing up the Society's List of these series.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hollick brought the meeting to a close.

International Philatelic Union.- Weare pleased to see that the suggestions we made in our last issuc, with regard to a public annual meeting in London, and the transferring of head-quarlers to the Metropolis, is meeting with support in various directions. These matters and the question oi the raised subscription certainly want prompt and carcfal attention.

Suburbar Siamp Exchayge Club.-In spite of the holiday season, this Club continues to make rapid progress, eight more collectors having joined during the last month. Eighty-seven sheets, valued at $\pm 3347 \mathrm{~s}$. 8d., were sent in by Dec. 20th, these being made up into three packets, and forwarded on their jommeys on Dec. 22nd. If it be agreeable to members, a feature in future packets will be the inclusion of se'cetions from specia.ists residing in Britislı Colonies, S. America and elsewhere, so that home members will be afforded an opportunity of looking over more old issues and rare varieties. As it will not be expedient to transmit the packets abroad, on their return from the rounds, the Secretary will be ennowered to effect mutual exchanges on behalf of the corresponding inembers. :ecretary, F. A. Stade, Tudor House, St. Albans

Midiand Counties Stamp Exchanae.-The festive season made sad havoc of tho packets for December, fewer members sending sheets, but still to:ne 110 sheets of the total value of $£ 290$ are included. One packot just returned has been relieved of stamps to the value of nearly $£ 30$, which speaks well for the character of the stamps sent. As more members are leaving the Society at the end of the yenr than new ones joining, there still exist some three or four vacancies to fill. Rules will be sent free on application to W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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## Edited by Non-Lex.

[The following list is principally taken from an exhaustive paper read by Mr. Richard Hollick before the Birmingham Philatelic Society. The perforations are the result of the combined research of Messrs. Hollick, G. Johnson and W. G. Walton.]

## NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continued).

The Diademed Heads
(To the end of the series watermarked with numerals).

1854. - Diademed head of Queen Victoria to left in a circular garter, containing the legend, new socte wales, a scroll at the top is lettered postage, and a corresponding one underneath contains the value in block letters. The whole enclosed in (a) a hexagon for fivepence and sixpence, (b) an octagon for the eightpence and one shilling. The outer frame is a large square, with engine-turned spandrels. The details of the filling-up ornaments differ in each variety. White wove paper, watermarked with large double-lined figure of value.

5d. ( 18551 deep green, yellowish green, green.
6 d . brown, olive, sage green, grey lilac (shades)
6d. grey, brown, crror wmk. 8.
8d (1855) orange, canary, yellow.
1/- vermilion, dull pale red, brick-red.
1/- brick-red, error wmk. 8.
NOTE-The immense variety of shades in this issue was caused by the difficulty experienced at diffcrent printings to procure colour similar to former makes. The above remark applies to both the imperforate and perforate stamps.

Errors of colour :
8d. dull red, colour for the 1 /- stamp used.
5d. blue, wink. 5. This is a colour trial.
1856 -The four stamps above described
 were supplemonted by three now values in 1856. Similar but larger design for head, the word postage is curved above it, and the whole enclosed in a rectangular frame lettered new south wales and the value, on the four respective sides. Same paper and double-lined figure watermark.
Id. vermilion, orange, brick-red.
1d. error, unwatermarked.
2d. blue, varying shades.
2d. " unwatermarked.
2d. " cror, wmk. I.
2d. " " $\quad$. 8 .
2d. " $" \quad " \quad 5$.
3d. green, jellow green to deep green.
3d. green, error, wmk. 2.
1860. -The same stamps perforated, with the addition of a circular 5/- (1861). The oldest perforation is probably 12, then $12 t$ and 13 . Complete sets are not known of all these perforations. the stocks of some values being perforated with one machine, others with another, perf 12 alone being complete. The mors commonly used values, 1d., $2 d ., 6 d$ and 1 - only arc perforated $11 \frac{5}{}$ The compound perforations possibly resulted from the gradual replacing of the needles in the macbines. The $11 \frac{1}{2}$ perf. is rare in every value except the $1 d$. , and was caused by alterations in the 12 machine.

Colours.-As far as can be ascertained by means of postmarks and perforations the oldest colours are placed first in the following list, but this greatly depends upon surmise.

> 1d. vermilion, orange, carmine.
> 1d. pale red, croor, wmk. 1 (1863).
> 2d. millky blue, light blue, blun.
> 3d yollow, green, gren, light green.
> 3d. green, crror, wmk. 6 .
> 5d. dark green, blue groen, yellow green.
> 6d. olive, brown, grey, mauve, violet, purple
> 6d. purple, error, wmk. 5 .
> 6d. purple, error, wmk 12 .
> 8d. yellow, orange.
> 1/- red, rose, carmine.
> 1/- red, eror, wmk. 8 .
> $5 /-(1861)$ violct, red violet, brown violet.

Perforation.-The order in which the perforations were introduced was possibly $11 \frac{1}{2}, 12,12!, 13,10$. The following list probably gives every variety of perforation found in every stamp. The first perf given in the case of compounds is the horizontal one.


NOTE.-The 5J-stamp was only introduced in 1861, when perforation was in use, hence this stamp is not found innerforate.

NOTE.-The 6d brown is knoun perf. 12 horizontally, and imperf. vertically. A coply of the 2d. (1856) in the collcetion of Mr. Hollich is apparently rouletted. A cony of the 1-, in Mr. Walton's collection, shous no trace of a watermarh, it is used and in good conelition, neither thick nor scraped, either of which states might prevent a watermark from being visible.

1862. - In March, 1862, a new die was adopted, showing similar profile, but with the words NEW south Wales in a curved band over the head, and in 1864, a fresh type of the 1d. was brought into use. In 1867 a 10d. stamp, with the same head in a circle, and in the same year a 4 d . stamp with head in a lozengeshaped frame.
1d. surfaced paper, no wmk., red, perf. 14
ld.,$\quad$ ", wink, l, " ,m 14
1d. unsurfaced
1d.
" no wink., ", ", 121
124, 13
1d. $\quad \because \quad$ ", error, wmk.' 2 , red perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$
2d. surfaced cror, wimk. 2 , red pert. 12
2d. unsurfaced
2d. ", " wmk. 2, ", " 12, 121, 13
", no wmk., blue, perf. 14
2d. ", "' wnk. 2, ", " $12 \frac{1}{2}$
2d. crror, wmk. 1, blue, perf. 121
2d. ", 3 (?), $\quad, 12 \frac{1}{2}$ (?)
2d. ". $\because \quad 5, \quad, \quad, \quad 121,13$
4d. watermarked single line 4, red brown, perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$
$10 \mathrm{~d} . \quad$ " $\quad, 10$, lilac, perf 124
NOTE.-All the above are found in a varicty of shades. The perf. 14 stamps were printed in London: the remainder in the Colony.

Engrating. -The stamps, down to the 1862 type, were printed from dies prepared by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon \& Co. the 1802 and subsequent issues from the dies of Messrs. de la Rue \& Co. The square stamps were printed in sheets of 100 , not in sheets of 50 as stated in Oceania.

Waternaiks.-The watermarks of these stamps are most interesting. Basides the numerous errors, caused by the stamps of one value being printed on the paper watermarked for another, the watermarks are found reversed and inverted, and in combinations of the two. A very curious and noticeable fact is that the stamps printed on other than the normal paper frequently have the watermarks inverted, the error watermark 5, sometimes, the error 12 , generally. The possibility in these two cases is that the curl of the 5 and 2 looked like a 6, and in the 3d., wmk. 6, the opposite mistake occurred. Even when the papers, right or wrong, were put in the press, it was a matter of no moment which side was uppermost, or which end first. The single lined figure 1 is very often inverted. The size, too, of the watermarks varies. The 6 is found from $15 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$. $\times 11 \mathrm{~mm}$. to $14 \mathrm{~mm} . \times 11 \frac{\mathrm{~mm} ., \text { and the } 12 \text { from } 12}{}$ $\mathrm{mm} . \times 13 \mathrm{~mm}$. to $14 \mathrm{~mm} . \times 14 \mathrm{~mm}$. The gum used on these stamps is of varying kinds, white, brown, and reddish.

Proofs. - Proofs of all these stamps were taken in black on plate paper and card.
1854-55 Issue. -
5d, and 8d., both dark blue, unwatermarked.These are proofs, but specimens have been used, and allowed to prepay postage.
$1 /$ - bright blue, overprinted canceleed. This is probably a proof taken from the matrix befone plates rvere prepared.
6d, waxed corners, various colours. These were printed as samples of colour for Somerset House quthorities.
1856 Issue -
1d. red, error, wmk. Cr. and N.S.W. (proof).
2d, blue, error, single-lined 2 (proof).

## SUPPER AT THE L.P.S. ROOMS, <br> то <br> MESSRS. PAWN AND ITWILL,

O
N Saturday evening last, a few members of the Livery Street Philatelic Society met in the Society's rooms, at the "Earl of Queensbury," to discuss a supper of tripe and onions The gathering was originated as a token of friendly regard to Messrs. Pawn and Itwill, who are about to make a tour of the Black Country, partly in the interests of phi ately, and partly from motives of expediency. The president of the Society, the Earl of Queensbury, we should say the respected proprictor of that famous hostelry, took the chair, having the guests of the evening, Messrs. l'awn and Itwill, on either side. The substantial menu which included. besides the succulent edibles above mentioned, cow heels cleaned a la Sarpy, and fish fried a la Hivieres d' Ifuile, having been disposed of, and a supply of short clays distributed, the conipany proceeded to the business before it.

The logal toasts were duly homoured, and then the chairman proposed, in a very neat speech, the good health of the distinguished guests. Having alluded to the deep feeling of regret be, in common with all members of the L P.S, felt at parting even for a time with such respected pals as Messrs. Pawn and Itwill, he proceeded to give a brief sketch of the proposed route of the voyagers, first pointing out that the alsence of these two gentlemen, although deeply to be regretted, was rendered desirable, if not necessary, owing to the impertinent enquiries of certain officious personages, whom he facetiously described by the teclinical terin 'crushers,' with regard to a little matter which took place the previous evening, about miduight.

It appears that the gentlemen in question accidently mistook another mansion for their own residence, and were forced to retire bef.re anologies and explanations
could be tendered, through the window. which had fortunately been left open upon entrance. A natural feeling of pride prevented them from making any further attempts at explanation, although it is understood that several persons had visited the respective homes of Messrs. Pawn and Itwill, with a desire to receive such. It was for this reason, the chairman continued, that their worthy friends gept to the seclusion of the 'Queensbury' cellars during the day. and intended to start upon their projected tour about 2 a.m. the next morning (cheers).

After a brief interval, while the waiter replenished the jugs, the chairman proceeded to sketch out the proposed course.

He said that Messrs. Pawn \& Itwill, for reasons of their own, would journey by different routes the first day, and expected to reach Walsall on Monday morning. Thence a start would be mado after nightfall for Willenhall, where a large and flourishing society of philatelists existed. The journey would probably next take them to Swan Village, but no long stay would be made thore, unless the moon was very bright, - the moonlight he might add, having a serious effect on Mr. Pawn's nerves-and from Swan Village the travellers would proceed on the most convenient night to the furthest limit of their journey, viz., Lower Gornal, where they hoped to hear that rava avis tho real Gornal Cuckoo in full song, The further details of the journey were not yet known, and depended greatly upon circumstances, but a return would probably be made by way of Bilston or Dudley I'ort; in the latter case the journey home would be taken by water, as a sea voyage would, no doubt, be beneficial, and the seclusion of the cabin of one of the magnificent steamers of the Shropshirs C. N. Co.'s line be grateful to the retiring disposition of the geutlemen vogagors. Having thus briefly sketched the itinerary, the worthy President pointed out that Mr. Pawn had kindly consented to forward from time to time, through their friend Mr. Sarbot, an account of the journey and any philatelic news of interest and other articles they might pick up. He then proposed the health of the guests with characteristic heartiness-"Here's to yer, old pals [ Never forget the motto of the Livery St. Philatelic Society: 'Nix my dolly, Pals 1 fake away !'" The toast was just alout to be drunk with musical honours, when the meeting adjourned in response to a stirring whistle outside. We cannot give the exact time of breaking up, as some nember, in the excitement of the woment mistook our reporter's watch for his own The mistake although accidental, was annoying, as our reporter had to walk home (having mislaid his purse somewhere during the meeting). without knowing whether or not it was too late to get a drink at his club.

We hope, in a future issue, to publish some interesting philatelic extracts from the letters of Mr. Pawn.

## TENTATIYE REFERENCE LIST OF INYERTED WATERMARKS

(Continued),
By G. JOHNSON, B.A.


All the values of the above W. Australian issues are found with their watermarks upright and in four positions sideways. In the latter case the paper
must have been used quite indiscriminately, as they seem to be almost equally common in each position.

A supplement to the list which has been publishod during the last four months will appaar in the February issue as an addendum. Anyone who can supply additions is earnestly requested to forward at once to Mr. Johnson, 208, Birchifeld Road, Birmingham.

## NOTICES.

The Philatelic Journal of Oreat Britain in its January issue givos us the first part of what promises to be a most useful and exhaustive catalogue of the stamps of the Straits Settlements. Mr. Brown is woll able to writo authoritatively upon these interenting emissions, as he has made them a special study for some time, and is now giving his readers the benefit of his research.

Mr. A. S. Napier, publishes in Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal for December a paper recently read before the Oxford Philatelic Society on those most interesting stamps issued by the various Colleges. Although it is a far cry from Philately to College Stamps, the information given is most interesting and well worth reading. The new local for the Hourishing city of Ballyrotsk in Northern Kamskatka is fulty described, and should appeal to all collectors of these valuable stamps,-in fact, after a careful perusal, we are inclined to think that the Ballyrotsk 2 kopess stamp is the most meritorious of all the Russian locals.

Mr O. L. Blackman has resigned the office of business manager for the Californian Philatclist, and Mr. H. H. Zobel succeeds him.

Messrs A. Myerscough \& Co., of 1, St. Michael's Alley. London, E. C., have issued a comprehensive wholesale price list for Jenuary, 1894, which will take a lot of beating. The major ty of the stamps offered are used, and all are excecdingly cheap. Both large and small buyers would find a number of good things in this list, which all dealers should secure. We notice that Messrs Myerscough are very strong in West Indian and West Africa, especially the used stamps; and while the commoner varieties are offered in large quantitios, the better class stamps are all kept in stock. We would advise all dealers to at least have a look at this list.

Mr. Brown has still further improved that useful article, the 'Ideal' perforation guage. In addition to the scales of perforation, 7 to $16 \frac{1}{2}$, ranged in two different positions on the card, he has now adopted the plan originally invented by Mr. Underhill, of Birmingham, of having the scales arranged round the edge of the card so that a stamp can be measured even if tightly
stuck down in an album. These gauges being unshrinkab'e, cannot deteriorate. The price is $6 d .$, and they may be obtained from the office of the Philatelic Chronicle.

We notice that our energetic friend Mr. Wood, of Hanley. has issued a new price list of stamps, \&c. Mr. Wood's list always contains cheap and good things, but we notice that he is now making anspeciality of philatelic stationery. Dealers and collectors mig'.t do worse then apply to him for quotations of these articles.

Messrs. Ventom, Bull \& Cooper, announce a magnificent sale for February 194h, 20th, 22nd and 23rd, which promises to be the best on record in England. Full particulars will be found in our advertisement columins. We shall apply for a catalogue, and advise our readers to do the same.

The Stamp News Annual for 1894. - We have received from Messrs. Buhl \& Co., their 'Stanup Neus Annual' and can well recommend it to our readers. The best papers are 'Hints on the arrangement of a Collection of the Stamps of Greece,' by Lieut. F. H. Napier, R.N. 'English Stamp Publications,' by J. K. Tiffany. 'Varieties of the Stamps of Alsace Lormine.' by J.H. Anheiser and 'The Reconstructed Sheets of Great Britain,' by A. A. Bartlett. Although we may not go to the length of recommending all collectors to reconstruct sheets ly plate numbers, we certainly do not think that any good can be done by mixing up both perfs. and both dies of each perf. on one plate as Mr. Bartlett has done in his 4th plate-1d. red, small crown. One of our most intimate friends has made four sheets of this issue, and in that case they are very useful for reference and comparison. We should also recommend those who intend plating to get an old account book, large enough to hold 12 stamps vertically. Twenty spaces will then hold a complete plate. Until fou have nearly enough to make up the plate you can arrange them loosely in this book and expecially in the case of 1d. reds, and other varieties of which large numbers are always at hand, you can easily make up a sheet of clear picked copies without constantly changing them. Mr. E. J Naukivell gives some useful lists under 'First Issues,' and Mr. A Levy's 'South Australian lerforations' is a very useful paper, although we note several gaps which can easily be filled in. The book concludes with a fairly complete list of the new issues of 1893 , but Venezuela provisionals and new issues-Brazil perfs. of new type-New Lealand, \&c., are defective.

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$0 \quad 50$

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## CHRONICLE.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND. - We understand that the one-penny stamp is now surcharged "British Bechuanaland" in two lines from top to bottom.

BRITISH GUIANA.-It has been suggested to the Postmaster General of this colony that an emission of stamps commemorating the tercentenary of Sir Walter Raleigh's first voyage should be effectod. . We expect in a few weeks to hear that the simple peasants of Armenia intend to issue a stamp in memory of the landing of Noah on Ararat. If Egypt requires an event to jubilate over, we would suggest the next anniversary of the passage of the Red Sea.-This would make an imposing postal picture, and no doubt be eagerly bought by Jew and Gentile alike.
HAITI. - The current issue of Haiti may be divided into two sets, by observing the figures in the upper angles. One set contains figures distinctly larger than the other one. The actual difference in size being 4 mm . Both varieties were in use in October, 1893.
LIBERIA.-In addition to the new issues catalogued by us last month, Mr. H. L. Hayman has kindly sent us the two latest novelties. These are the 5 cents stamp, ordinary and official. The shape and size is similar to the first issue of Cape of Good Hope, that is, the popular isosceles triangle shape. Our worthy contemporary, The Monthly Circular describes this shape as the old equilateral right-angled triangle! Poor old Fuclid! This would break his heart! The official stamp is overprinted O.S. one letter in either lover angle. The vignette is in a different colour to the frame.

5 c . carmine and black
5 c . violet and green, O.S. in black
NIGER COAST, - (Oil Rivers Protectorate). The handsome stamps announced some time ago, illustrations of which have appeared in various papers, have at length put in an appearance. We have reccived from Mr. C. A. Cole, of Colchester, a set of the now design, evidently come over by the last mail. By the same post Mr. Homewood, Chichester, sent us a set. We thank these two gentlemen for their early information.

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\end{array}
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ST. HELENA.-The ever useful sixpence has been overprinted $2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. pending the creation of permanent stamps of that value. Cr. and C.A., peri. 14.
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. black on bright blue

SPAIN.-The Spanish postal authorities seem to bs having a game with the soldiers now in Africa. The Melilla military stamp is apparently issued in a different form to every regiment. The difference is in the colour and central design. These differences probably harmonise with the colours or crest of the regiment.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.-The large fiscal stamps are now allowed to prepay letters.

2d. lilnc, wimk. C.R. \& C.A. perf. 14


BELGIUM. - We have received the following Sunday card and letter card:

5c. green on buff, arms.
10c. carmine on blue, head of King.
BRAZIL.-New Ietter Cards. The title "Carta Bilhete," which, on the preceding issue, was used to overprint the crroneous (?) title "Bilhete Postal" has now been substituted for it. The instructions (Neste Lado, \&c.) are now set in oblique type ( NESTE LADO, (c.), and are nearer to the View of the Harbour. In all other respects-colour of card, ruling and sizethey resemble the two cards with above overprint.

> 80 reis, carmine on rose, inside while.
> 80 bluish, ",

BULGARIA.-Two new letter Cards have been issued in this principality (according to Der Philatelist) which differ from the usual set in the following details:
a. Perforations, vertical 35, horizontal 61, as against 44 and 75.
b. The cardboard is finer and of a higher finish.
c. The colours are lighter.
d. The distance between the instructions on the left end of the cards and the stamp is $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$. less (102 as against 103ね).
These new letter cards were manufactured in Vienna, 150,000 of each were issued. Inscriptions are in black.

5 stot. green on grey, $143 \times 83$ !
15 ," orange on yellow, $143 \times 83$; new type.
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## $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. red on blue wrapper.

PERAK.Two new cards were issued from here last year, the stamp bears the tiger's head.

1c. green on buff
$1+1 \mathrm{c}$. green on buff
PORT. INDIES.-T,e T. P. chronicle a new provisional. It is the 1 tanga blue card to which has been applied in the upper left hand corner a surcharge in black, consisting of the Arms of Portugal, and under these, in a semicirclè: "Supprimento 3 reis". Quite. a curious way of expressing a new value.

## 3 reis on 1 tanga, blue and black

ROUMANIA.-We have received the double Postal Union Cards of new type, with the customary instructions and additions for reply cards. The card is folded at the bottom, the reply being on fourth page.
$10+10$ bani, carmine on reddish buff, reverse yellow buff.
SERVIA.-Le T. P. calls attention to some errors among the current $5+5$ para cards: one without any impression on the first half, the other with the reply half without impression; further, a variety having two impressions of the fist half, one on each card; another being composed of two reply halves.
$5+5 \mathrm{p}$. green, first half without impression
$5+5 \mathrm{p}$.

SEYCHELLES.-New cards from these islands.

> Gc. blue on buff $6+6 c$. blue on buff

SIERRF LEONE.-New card; from here.
fad. green on pale buff
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} .+\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. green on pale buff
TAHITI.-The Colonial card has been fcuni with tahiti horizontally over stamp and dated 1893.

10c. black on lilac
TRAVANCORE.-We have received a reply card. It is similar to the single cards, folded at top and perforated, reply on third page.
$8+8$ cash, pale red on buff
CNITED STATES.-Mr. Emil Neuffer has sent us a specimen of the new postal cards just issued.

VICTORIA.-The Phil. Record informs us that the current card of 1 penny appeared last September with Arms of a new type. The arms are larger than before. There is no lion at the top of the crown, and the motto instead of reading "Dieu | et mon | droit," now reads "Dieu et | mon droit." There nre other differences in the length of the lines of the inscription, and the colour of the impression is of an orange tone

1d. light brown-orange on stran; Arms new type
[For much of the abova we a indebted to the Postal Card.]

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:-W. T. Wilson, Esq.<br>Fice-President:-R. Hollice, Esq. Hon. Secretary :-

Mb. G. Jonnson, B.A. 208, , Birchfield Rd., Birmingham.

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T the Ordinary Meeting on Jan. 18th, hon. auditors were electod and requested to audit accounts for 1893, before next meeting, In the case of monthly publications it was decided to enter the votes of thanks on the minutes at the completion of the volumes, in order to save the time of acknowledging the receipt of each month's presentations.
Mr. W. T. Wilson then gave "Some additional notes on the N.S.W. Diademed 2d." as a continuation of Mr. Hollick's paper. They were illustrated by rows of stamps in shades and arranged in 9 divisions according to condition of die:-
I. Imperf.-(1) First state; (2) worn state; (3) retouched; (4) 2nd retouch; (5) printed from a die that had only been partially retouched.
II, Perf.-(G) New plate from the matrix ; (7) background and corners radrawn; (8) retouched; (9) from injured die.

Mr. G. Johnson then read his paper on the "Stamps of Holland and her Colonies." The latter comprise Curacso (including for postal purposes: Oruba, Buen Ayre, Sth. part of St. Martin, Sabe and St. Eustatius, all being islands of the West Indies); Dutch Indies (Jara, Sumatra, Celebes, greater part of Borneo, the W. part of Now Guinea, part of Timor, and a large number of smaller islands); and Suriname or Dutch Guiane.
The varieties of perforation were classified, and the types and arrangement of the unpaid letter stamps shewn, together with the numerous shades and dies of the postcards and ervs. of the above countries.

Among the oddities of perforation there were the following of the $\frac{2}{2} \mathrm{c} .1877$ Holland:-

1. $14 \frac{1}{2}$ (top), $11 \frac{1}{2}$ (bottom), 12 at sides.
2. $14 \frac{1}{2}$ (horiz.), $12 \frac{1}{\frac{t}{2}}$ (vert.), with an additional perf. (121) across the bottom part of the stamp.
3. $13 \frac{1}{2}$ all round, but another line of perfection (11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) across the stamp.
4. $14 \frac{1}{2}$ (horiz.), 12 (vert.), $12 \frac{1}{2}$ across the stamp near the bottom.
5. $14 \frac{1}{2}$ (horiz.), 12 (vert.), $12 \frac{1}{2}$ across the stamp near the top.
6. $13 \frac{1}{2}$ double perforation all round.
7. 12 top, $13 \frac{1}{2}$ bottom, 13 at sides, with another line of perf. (12) vertically near left side.
A complete set of of the 1867-71 and some of the later values were shown imperf.

A vote of thanks to Messrs. Wilson and Johnson brought the meeting to a close.

The Ealing Stamp Exchange Clob,-For the December and January packets some good sheets were sent in which amounted to $£ 137$ 11s. 6d., which was an improvement on previous months. The February packet started on the 7th, and contained a fine assortment valued $£ 84$ Os. 6d. There are still a few vacancies for advanced collectors. Settlements monthly. Rules on application to J. Wilson, 24, Hartington Road, Ealing, W.

Suberban Stamp Exchange Club.-These packets were dispatched on Jan. 22nd, containing 85 sheets valued at $£ 27618 \mathrm{~s}$. 3d. Although this amount does not quite reach the average, some good selections were submitted, a number of old colonials and errors being conspicuous. The Nov. packets showed an exchange of nearly $£ 75$, a very fair percentage. Secretary, H . A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

English Stamp Exchange Societr.-This Society which has been formed for the purpose of exchanging English stamps has already about 20 members, and the Secretary will be pleased to send rules to any who would care to join. The first packet has been sent out value $£ 19$ 16s. Gd. Secretary, Hugh Walker, 34, Forest Rond West, Nottingham.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.-The February packets are very fair, totalling some 120 sheets value about $£ 300$. Some new members are required, and the revised rules allow of monthly payments where required. Rules from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Bhitish Guiana Philatelic Soclety.-At the Annual Meeting held in Demerara on Jan. 5th, the following officers were elected:-President, J. Rodway; Vice-President, T. A. S. Quail; Secretary, M. Lovell; Treasurer, F. dos Neves e Mello; Librarian, Mr. De Silva. The president in his report congratulated the Society on its steady progress, the membership having reached sixty-one (8 foreign), and the financial position being perfectly satisfactory. He further reported that the Council of the Society had suggested to the Post-master-Generel the desirability of issuing stamps to commemorate the tercentenary of Sir Walter Raleigh's first voyage to Guiena.

Oldham Philatelic Society.-The Seventh Meeting of the season was held on January 17th, 1894, the President in the chair. After passing the minutes, it was proposed and carried that papers on different philatelic subjects should be read monthly by the members, and the first paperentitled "StampCollecting of To-day," to be read by the Secretary, was promised for February 14th; other papers were also promised.

Mr. F. Wild was elected a committeemen, in place of Mr. S. Ingham (resigned).

The business of the meeting being concluded, a number of novelties and new issues were shown, amongst which were part of the new issue of North Borneo, and part of the set of Russian-Finland, both sets being shown by the Secretary and the President.

The Eighth Mecting was held on February 14th but there being only 3 members present, it was decided to defer the business till February 28th. Jno. J. Darlow, Secretary, 7, Queen Street, Oldham.

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edited by Non-Lex.
TThe following is the substance of a paper read by Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., before the Birmingham Philatelic Society.]

## NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continued).

Later Issues 1870-1887.
I have divided this series into two sets, distinguished by the size and shape of the wmk. Let anyone take one of the common stamps perf. 12.2 and compare the watermark with that of one $11 \times 12$. In the former case (I will call it type I.) the crown is 10 mm . high, 10 mm . wide, and the orb-like ornament on the top stands up well from the body of the crown. In the second case (type II.) the crown is 11 mm . by 11 mm . It is composed entirely of much bolder lines, the ornament on the top is very little above the other part of the crown. Besides this the general contour of the two crowns is very different as shewn by the sketches herewith.


NSW
Tgpe I, var. a.


NSW
Type I, var. b.


Type II.

Type I varies somewhat both in outline and interior, but very little in size and gencral appoarance. I have given the most distinct varieties I have met with, calling them varieties $a$ and $b$, of type $I$.
The N.S.W. also differs considerably in the two types especially in the case of the N and W . In type I the vertical and oblique lines are closely joined, but in type II they a ppear to be connected by miniature curves; indeed in many copies they do not appear to be joined at all. These curves are usually above or below the lines joining the tips of the other parts of the letters.
The Type II paper seems to have been introduced e.hout the end af 1883, and has been in use ever since.

The values found on the various papers will be seen by the reference list, which is, I know, very far from being complete. Competent authorities mention perfs. which I have not included here, but not having seen them myself I am unable to say under which type they should be placed.

In Feb. 1886, Fiscal Stamps were surcharged for use as postage stamps, the values being $5 /-10 /$, and $20 /-$


In Dec. 1886, the 1d. and 2d. postage were printed on Fiscal paper. Tho 2d. (1870) is found with double perforation.

1888-1893.

The Centennial Series wasissued in 1888, and in this first year of its existence some of the 1d. and 2 d . were printed on Fiscal paper.

During 1888-9 the $5 /$ - and $20 /$-were printed on parer watermarked 5/-, but in 1890 the colour of the $5 /$ - was changed, and it was printed on paper wmkd. $5 /-$ and N.S.W., in a single lined frame; the $20 /$ - being wmkd. $20 /$ - and N.S.W.

In 1891 owing to the colony having entered the Postal Union, stamps of the values $\frac{1}{2}, 2 \frac{1}{2}$, and multiples of $2 \frac{1}{2}$. were required, and so the 1d. was printed in grey and surcharged Half-penny; the Gd. was printed in brown and surcharged Sevenpence-half-penny; and the $1 /$-was printed in scarlet and surcharged Twelve-pence-half-penny.

In examining shects of the surcharged 'Half-penny' it will be found that most of the stamps differ from ore another in the minor details-broken corners-parts of the ornaments wanting, or so much worn that only the outlines remain. The face may be shaded almost all over in one stamp, while in the next the front of it may be quite clear.

On the sheets of the $7 \frac{1}{2}$ d. and $12 \frac{1}{2} d$. a number of the stamps will be found with broken letters in the surcharge.

A new type altogether was issued for the $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} .$, and in 1892 the permanent $\frac{1}{2} d$. was issued, the type being the same as the Id. of 1870 with the value only altered. During that year some sheets of the 3d. were printed on paper wom. 10 .

The 1d., 2d., 4d., 8d, are found with the horizontal perf of one stamp about one eighth of an inch above or below the horizontal perf. of its adjacent stamp.

Reference List.
1870. Watermarked Crown and N.S.W. (Type I) 1d. red (shades) . . $12 \frac{1}{2}, 12 \frac{1}{2} \times 10,10 \times 12 \frac{1}{2}$
2d. blue " .. $12 \frac{1}{2}, 12 \frac{1}{2} \times 10$
3d. green " ..12f, 12. $\times 10,10 \times 12$
4d. brown " ..12
5d. green " .. 10
6d. lilac " ..12 $\quad$ imperf.
8d. yellow " ..121, 10 "
9d. black or brown 121, 10
1/- black (shades) 12 $\frac{1}{2}, 12 \frac{1}{2} \times 10$, 10
1883 (?) Watermarked Crown and N.S.W. (TyFe II) 1d. red (shades). . $12 \times 11,11 \times 10,11 \times 12$ 2d. blue ", ..10, 10x12 $\frac{1}{2}, 121 \times 10,12 \times 10$, $11 \times 12$
$3 \mathrm{~d} . \mathrm{green}$ (shades) $10,12 \times 10,10 \times 12,10 \times 11,10 \times 11 \times 10 \times 12$
4d. brown , ..10, $11 \times 12$
5d. green " $\quad . .10,12 \times 10,11 \times 10,10 \times 11$
6a. lilac " $\quad . .10,12 \times 10,10 \times 12,10 \times 11,10 \times 12,12 \times 11$
8d. yellow ", ..10, 1212 $\times 10,11$
1/- black ". ..10, 10×12 $\frac{1}{2}, 11,11 \times 12$
1886 (Feb.) Watermarked large NSW (Fiscal paper) 5/-black, green and violet, $12 \times 10$

1887-
10/-carmine and purple $11 \frac{1}{2}$ 1886-
1d. red (shades) $\quad 10,11 \times 12$
2d. blue ", 11x12

1888. The Centennjal issue, commemorating the one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of Sydney.
1d. mauve
.. 11x12
2d. blue .. $11 \times 12$
NOTE.-All the above from 1886 were printed o: paper made for fiscai stamp3.
1888. Watermarked Crown and N.S.W. (Type II)

1d. mauve .. 11×12, 12, 12×11
2 d . blue $\quad . \quad 11 \times 12,12,12 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}, \mathrm{imp}$.
4d. brown .. 11x12, 12
6d. carmine .. 11x12, 12
8d. pale lake.. $11 \times 12$
1/- chocolate.. 11x12, 12, 12x112
5/- purple .. (mmk 5/-) 10
20/-blue .. (wmk 5/-) 10
NOTE - The type of the flepenny stantp romained unchanged. All the values are found in s'ver.ll sh udes of colour.

1890-
5/- violet $\quad . \quad$ (wmk 5/-\& N.S.W.) 10
20/- blue .. (wmk 20/-\&N.S.W.) 10
1891. Watermarked Crown and N.S.W. (Type II) d. on 1d. black \& grey ..11x12

2hd. blue ...11×12, 12
7t d . on Gd. black \& brown. . 10

122d. on $1 /$ - rose . .10
1892. New Type for the $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$, and the old 1856 type retained for the 3 d .
ta. grey (wmk Crown \& N.S.W.) 11x12, 12
3d. green (wmk 11) 10
[Those of our readers who carefully studied our list of Diadened Heads in the January issue, will bs a little confused by the two conflicting statements. First we say that the oldest perforation is 12, and lower down we givè $11 \frac{1}{2}$ as the first perforation. The second remark should have been omitted altogether, the chronological order of the perforations being 12 , $12 \frac{1}{3}, 13,10$, as in our first statement. The $11 \frac{1}{2}$ perf. is due to alterations in the 12 machine.]

## SCOTT'S STANDARD CATALOGUE.

We would recommend to our readers the fifty-fourth edition of The Scott Stamp and Coin Co.'s Catalogue. This book is undoubtedly, the cheapast and most complete general cataloguc now before the philatelic publin, and, although the last edition was a valuable work, the present one surpasses it greatly. Every detail of watermark and parforation is carefully noted, and in this respact it is superior to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' last, probably that enterprising firm will make up the difference when they reissue theirs, but they can hardly hope to beat the Scott Company's book. We understand that Mr. W T. Wilson, an acknowledged authority, revised the proofs of British Colonial Stamps, and this is a sufficient testimonial to the excellence of that part. Full particulars will be found in our advertising columns, and we cordially recommend the book to our readers. We think the smaller size is the more convenient for use, but the matter in both is identical.

## THI NIGER COAST PROTEGTORATE, AND ITS NEW STAMPS.

The Niger Coast Protectorate, known until the end of 1893 as ' Oil Rivers,' comprises the territory lying between Lagos and the Cameroon Mountains, formerly called Calabar in English maps. The sealine extends from about 5 to 9 degrees East Longitude, and forms the northern coast of the Bight of Biafra. This territory contains the towns or stations of Old Calabar, head quarters, New Calabar, Brass, Bonny, Benin, Opsbo and Warree. All these places used the English stamps, surcharged 'Oil Rivers Protectorate' until the end of the year 1893, and all genuinely used stamps should bear the name or date stamp of one of these places. On January 1st the new emission superseded these surcharged stamps, and bore the name 'Niger Coast Protectorate.' It is evident that the change of designation was only made subsequent to the engraving
of the plates, as the name 'Oil Rivers' is distinctly visible on each value, the letters being cut through with a series of parallel lincs to render them less noticable, while the new name, evidently an after idea, is engraved in a straight line along the top of each stamp, and completely outside the design. Ihe first mail leaving the Protectorate this year was despatched in the s s. Griboon, which sailed about January 8 th, the mails reaching London on February 6th 1894. Sometime towards the end of 1893 , a provisional halipenny was made. It consisted of the one penny stamp (Oil Rivers Protectorate) overprinted with a diagonal straight line from the right top to the left bottom corner, and with the inscription $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. on either side in a parallel direction to the diagonal dividing line. These stamps had a very limited issue, and were only used in Old Calabar, hence they are scarce. The specimen we have seen is postmarked 'Old Calabar River, September 19th, 1893.' We are given to understand that a company known as tho Niger Company exercise a right of trading in these parts and use for postal purposes the ordinary English stamps, unsurcharged. This company must not be confounded with the Niger Coast Protectorate. For the sight of the used stamps of Niger Coast, and much of the information above given we are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. C. A. Cole, Coichester, who kindly sent us specimens and official correspondence.

SUGGESTED REPIRINTING OF THE EARLY ISSUES OF BRITISH GUIANA.

At the meeting in Demarara of the British Guiana Ihilatelic Society, it was stated that the Council had applied to the Government for a gift of reprints of some of the older stamps, and it was hoped that this gift would form the nucleus of a complete collection of the stamps of the colony. It was suggested that the Socicty should endeavour to get a complete collection of every emission of British Guiana

## TENTATIYE REFERENCE LIST OF INYERTED WATERMARKS

(Continzeed),
By G. JOHNSON, B.A.

- ADDENDUM.

Ceylon
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1852
1854
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20c. $\mathrm{g}^{1}$

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14 Cr. \& C.C.
c. red br. on blue p.imp. med. 5


Notes.-N.S.W. The 3d. 1883 is found with watermark sideways. Several collectors have sent me additional perfs. of the $1870-86$ series, but as they do not mention whether the wink. is type I. or II. I cannotlist them.

Queensland.-The $2 /$ (blue), $2 / 6,5 /-10 /, 20 /-$ of the 1882 issue have the wmk. sideways, the crown usually being to the right but often to the left.
I desire to specially thank the following for kind reminders and for items of the above list:-Mr. W, F. Wadams, Birmingham; Mr. A. G. Wane, Hatfield; Mr. R. Towell, Southsea; Mr. F. G. Warwick, Bath; Mr. E D. E. Van Weenan, New South Wales; Mr. Helos Menadue, Queensland; Mr. F. Tucker, Cardiff.

## NOTICES.

The Jenuary issue of Philatelic Journal of Great Britain contains the second part of Mr. Brown's Straits Settlements Catalogue. If we are to judge by the promising nature of this issue, number one of volume four, the paper for the ensuing year will eclipse in excellence even that of 1893.
Friend Buhl is following the example set by another popular journal, and is giving prizes to those who secure now subscribers to the Stamp News. Why are we not rich enough to offer these inducements to
people? Our subscribers list might goup to tan thousand in a few months if we had only a few Sydneys to give away! Well, we hope the enterprising donors will meet with the reward of their efforts.

Our old friends, Messrs. Smythe \& Co., seem to be progressing famously with their novel mixture of anecdote and Philately. At any rate the Monthly Post is far more readable than many papers that reach us.

We understand that Mr. M. P. Castle is taking over the entire responsibility of the London Philatelist. If thorough philatelic knowledge is anything we feel confident that the paper will even surpass its former self.

A book which contains ninety-six pages of reading matter and sixty-eight of advertisements, to say nothing of various pages of portraits interspersed, is hardly what we understand by a monthly magazine, but this is a true description of the December issue of The Pennsylvania Philatelist. We do not know the exact smount of the yearly subscription to this paper, but supposing it to be anything under five shillings, subscribers get their monoy's worth first number, and have the rest of the year thrown in. Among the many good things found in the book, the best and the smartest is probably Mr. Clarence Bunds' "Things Generally," a really smart skit on American philatolic politics. If you can get it still-do so !

If you haven't seen the catalogue of Messrs. Veatim, Bull \& Cooper's great sale on Feb. 19th, 20th, 22nd, and 23 rad, you have missed a treat Whether you have seen it or not, go to sale! in the words of the pret "If you don't you ought to."

Some collectors like to have the price lists of as many dealers as possible. If you want a neat and attractive little book, with good stuff advertised, write the Northern Stamp Co., at Bradford.
"Naturally by additional precautions much of stamp swindling is not fo rife, but still the below remarks should be noted." N.B.-The preceding is English. This excerpt is nut from a German paper, whose editor is vainly struggling with the intricacies of the English language, but is written in sober earnestness by an Englishman, and forms the introduction to the second paragraph in a book called "Stamp Dealing" by J. H. Lacy, (Mulready). For the sake of our beloved mothertongue we are pleased to hear that Mr. W. J. Hall has acquired the right to republish this work, and intends to transeribe into English, and reissue about the and of February. We have every confidence in Mr. Hall's ability to re-construct this work, and make it useful to the rising generation of dealers.

If our readers require fair stamps in good condition at cheap rates, we would recommend them to send to Mr. W. T. Taylor, De Gray Street, Hull, for his list. Some very fair lots are also announced by him in our advertisement pages.

The new Austrian paper Atstria-Philatelist seems an excellent production, and is evidently the work of the best philatelists in Prague. It is a pity it should
be • illustrirte Monatschrift fur die Gesammtinteresson der Postwertzeichenkunde.' Must be a very bad complaint! We sincerely trust it will recover.

## AUCTION REPORTS.

Messrs. Cheveley and Co, held a sale on January 3rd, and another, their fiftieth, on Jannary 17th and 18th. The latter the 'Jubilee' sale was ospecially interesting, consisting of some 951 lots, a very valuable collection and one of the best ever submitted to auction in Eugland. The most interesting lots in the tivo sales were as follows:-


Great Britain, 8d. brown, unused, strip of $3 \quad 16 \quad 0 \quad 0$ 2/-salmon, block of six $\quad .18 \quad 0 \quad 0$ Tuscany, 3 lire yollow, grand copy .. $\quad .25100$ ", 2 soldi .. .. .. .. 140 0 Viud, 4c. large margins .. .. .. 1300 Zurich, 4 rappen $\quad . . \quad . . \quad . . \quad . \quad 8 \quad 5 \quad 0$ British Guiana, 4c, yellow, circular $\quad .25000$ | $"$ | 8c. green | $\#$ | (cut round) | 13 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | 0 | 0 |  |  |
| $"$ | 12 c. blue | $\ldots$ | .. | . |
| 5 | 10 | 0 |  |  | Cape, 1d. blue, wood block crror, unused .. 2600 " 4d. red ", , $\quad$. 18100

Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper also held two sales during January. The first on January 11th, consisted of a good all round lot, but nothing of extra first-class quality. The second sale on January 25th, contained several stamps quite first class. The best lots in the two sales were:-
Great Britain, $£ 5$ orange fair copy .. 1120
Wurtemburg, 18 kr. roul. unused .. .. 3126
Cape, 4d. wood block, rouletted? .. .. 240
U.S.A., set of Newspaper stamps (25) .. 1900

British Guiana, (1851) 4c. on blue ... .. 4000
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { (1862) 2e. border of grapes } & 4 & 6 & 0 \\ \text { N.S.W", } 5 \mathrm{~d} . \\ \text { green, imperf, fine } & . . & . . & 2 & 2 & 0\end{array}$
Sandwich Isles, 1st issue, 13cts. blue $\quad . \quad 1200$
Portuguese Indies, 1 st issuc, 20r. red .. 500
U.S.A. (1869), 90c. .. .. .. ... 114

Sydney Views, 2d., averaging each about .. 1110
New Zealand, $1 /$-green, block (4) pelure, perf. 2200
Mr. Hadlow also he'd a most interesting sale on February 5th, to judge by tho catalogue, but as we have not a priced copy we are unable to give the amounts realized.

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March $20 \mathrm{th}, 1894$.

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$\ \mathcal{E}$ have to express our sincere apologies to several of our advertisers for omitting their advertisements this month. It was a question of enlarging the book four pages or leaving out one page of advertisements, consequently we were forced to the latter alternative.

How Philately spreads. We hear every day of fresh societies being formed, the latest report hailing from the far East, viz.: Rangoon. Every few days, also, we find fresh governments falling victims to the desire for collectors' coin, and levying backsheesh in the form of new stamps, fearfully and wonderfully fashioned or overprinted. Verily some of the rulers of these tinpot states must depend upon collectors to provide their daily bread. The old triangular shape has been revived by Liberia, and a new, and far less pleasing triangle, by one of the French petty colonies in the east.

A tale reaches us from the secretary of a well known exchange society to the following effect. A certain gentlemen wished to join the exchange, but, desiring to see whether it was suitable before launching out into the outlay of the needful two shillings subscription, desired to have the packet sent him for inspection. His name was duly inscribed on the list, and the packet sent, when, feeling that he could not obtain the advantage desired, he announced his intention of retiring. Before the first packet reached him however, another was sent out, sill with his name on the list, and due course it came to him. What did our generous but rather economical friend do? The cost of sending on the packet
to the next member-fivepence-was too great an outlay for him, and so a postcard was sent to the secretary, pointing out the fact that the stamps had arrived, and upon receipt of the necessary postage, would be sent on to the next member. Of course five penny stamps were sent, and the packet resumed its course. Mark Twain tells us of a sailor who leaped overboard to save his captain's child. The captain, who was a great martinet, put him in irons for leaving the ship without permission, and docked his wages for loss of time;-but even Mark Twain's mean man must now yield the record to our Philatelic giant.

## CHRONICLE,

KUSTRIA. - We havo seen specimens of the new unpaid letter stamp of this country. The dosign is simple, consisting of an oval band, in a rectangle, inscribed KAIS. KOENIGL. OESTEKR. POST-PORTOMARKE, within which, on a white ground, is the figure of value with the word Kreuzer crossing the ellipse along its major axis.

| 1 kr. | brown |
| :--- | :--- |
| 3 kr. | 10 kr. brown |
| 5 kr. | 20 kr. |

BOLIVIA.-Mr. W. Clinton, of Whitstablo, has kindly forwarded us specimens of the new Bolivia adhesives. The well-known coat of arms, trophy, stars, \&c., of Bolivia are enclosed in an upright oval, lettered correos de bolivia on the left, and value in words on the right hand side, numeral of value at the top and bottom. The whole makes 8 , very pretty pieture, perf. 14.

| $l$ | centavo, brown yellow | 10 centavos, brown |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | orange vermilion | 20 | $"$ | blue |  |
| 5 | $"$ | green | 50 | $"$ | plum |

100 centavos, rose carmine"
BELGUIM.-One of the series of stamps bearing the Arms of Antwerp, the 5 centimes has appeared. The stamp is similar in appearance to the ordinary small value stamps, but bears the coat of arms of the city of Antwerp, and is different in details. The stamps were ordered to be issued at the dates appended.

5c. green on rose, on 20th Feb., 1894
10c, carmine on blue, on 20th Mar., 1894
25c. blue on rose, on
$"$
" $"$

ECUADOR.--The new issue of this South American Republic presents rather a mean appearance, reminding one of the 1889 Argentine in general appearance. Before issuing a new set, the demon surcharger managed to get in ono more shot, changing the 50 centavos to 5 c . by means of a black overprint.

| 5c. on $50 \mathrm{c} .$, maroon | 10 | centavo, vermilion |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 centavo, blue | 20 | $"$ | black |  |
| 2 | $"$ | dark brown | 50 | $"$ |
| 5 | $"$ | green orange | 1 sucre, carmine |  |

5 sucre, dark blue
The official stampsare the same, surcharged Franqueo Oficial at the top, jn carmine, and printed in grey.
FRENCH COLONIES. -The current Obock stamps have been surcharged D J. in large capitals. D.J. apparently stands for Djibuti, but what or where or why Djibuti is, we know not, neither care. The large 5 fr. triangular Obock has now a companion, a little smaller, in the shape of a 2 francs.

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2 \text { fes. slato green }
$$

We are also promised 10,25 and 50 francs in triangular iorm. The small values of this interesting conntry, which portray a group of natives sitting down to lunch or some other meal are also interesting. It is a splendid notion to print a denticulated line round the stamps,-it saves perforating machines and looks just as pretty, -and, as no one ever uses the stamps, perforation would not be any convenience.

MALRITIUS.-The 15 c . is now coming in blue. Crown and C.A., perf. 14.

## 15 c . hlue

MONTENEGRO.-The following new values of the current type are announced.
1 novteh, blue $\quad 50$ novtch, ultramarine
20 " red brown 1 florin, bright green 30 " bright brown 2 " bright carmine
The late emissions of Montenegro are said to be attributable to the presence, under an assumed fomale name, of the same gentleman who was responsible for various San Marino issues on the other side of the Adriatic.

NEW SOUTH WALES.-We have received a letter partly franked by halfpenny stamps cut from the wrappers. The same thing obtains, we believe, in Victoria and Tasmania, in all of which colonies stamps cut from envelopes, wrappers, post cards, \&c., are allowed to pass as adhesives.

NICARAGUA,-The new Seebeck's have appeared for 1894.

> 1c. brown
> 2c. red
> 5c. blue
> 10c. grey black
> 20c. carmine

50 c . violet
1 peso, brown
2 ", green
5 " carmine
10 " orange

NIGER COAST.-We are authoratively assured that the stamps from the disfigured dies are already out of use, and a new permanent set is being prepared. We read that a number of provisionals were issued in November.

| did. on 2dd. | red surcharge |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/- on 2d. |  | , |
| $1 /$ on 2d. | violet | " |
| $1 /$ on 2d. | black | ," |
| 10/- on 5d. | violet | ," |
| 20\%-on 1/- | black | , |
| 20\%-on 1/. | red | ", |
| 20/- on 1/. | violet | " |

NEW CALEDONIA.-Le Timbre Poste announces a new military stamp of very crude design, principally representing two flags.

25 c bronze grey on red paper
PFRU.-We hear that the Peruvian government intend to bust the remainders of the 1874-1880 issues. Did we say bust? M'yes,-surcharge them with the presentment bust of President Morales Bermudes The stamps are of several issues, and values range from 1 centavo to 1 sol.

SANDWICE ISLES.-The new issue, announced by us in January, came into use on March 1st.

SALVADOR.-The Secbecks for 1894 of this country are to hand.


SPAIN - We did the Spanish postal authorities injustice when we suggested they were responsible for the absurd multiplication of stamps furnished to the soldiers serving in Africa. It appears that the letters of such do not require a stamp at all, being carried free if they bear the frank of a commanding officer. A young man of Almeria, Miguel Roderiguez Sanchez, created on his own account the Melilla stamp, produced it in many forms, with varying inscriptions and designs, and proceeded to Melilla, where he distributed great numbers to the soldiers. The use of them is now prohibited,
UNITED STATES.-An American correspondent informs us that the Columbian stamps will last over six months, and that a new issue will be ready on August 1st. He further states that the 1890 issue is hard to get and can only be purchased at the small post offices.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.-The secretary of the Philatelic Scciety of Western Australia writes as follows:-" Re tho W.A. duty stamps now being used for postage, I should like you to publish the following fer words of the act ' Postage and revenue stamps up to the value of $1 /$ - only shall be allowed to be used interchangeably.' My retson for asking you to do so
is that the dealers at home send out to obtain 2/6,5/and $7 / 6$ and any ther do get marked havo not been through the post but hava been privately done, the small 2d. I. R. was issued for a fow months in 1882 and there not 200 unused or postmarked copics in the colony." Our readers will we wise, after this authoritative announcement, to refuse all values of the Revenue stamps above 1/-.
We have ourselves the 1d., 2d., 3d, and 6d., the complete list is-

| 1d. lilac, Cr. and C.A. | perf. 14 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2d. |  |  |
| 3d. | $"$, | $"$ |
| 6d. | $"$ | $"$ |
| 1/. | $"$ | $"$ |

ZANZIBAR.-The French stamps, ordinary type, have been surcharged for use in the French Office there.

1882. -The ordinary threepence printed in lilac surcharged I.R. in the top corners, and value over. printed TWO PENCE in close block letters.

2 d . on 9 d . lilac, perf. 14.

POST CARDS, \&c.

BAVARIA.-With watermark of vertical wavy lines. $10+10$ pfen. carmine on buff.
BOLIVIA.-The new envelopes are of the same type as the new stamps.

> 5c. green on buff 10c. brown

The cards are also the same type.

> 1c. brown on green

2c. blue on chamois
$2+2 \mathrm{c}$. ,
"
BRITISH BECHUANALAND.-Wrappers are surcharged in red as well as black.

> did. brown, red surcharge
> Id. red brown ",

CANADA.-New type of wrapper inscribed "Printed Matter Only" in black.

> 1c. black on bluish laid

CUBA - A new card with the words above address Tarjeta Postal only, and stamp between.

5 c . de peso, green on buff, $145+100 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$.
GERMAN EAST AFRICA.-There is a card of $10+10$ pfen., surcharged $10+10$ pesa, in carmine.

HUNGARY.-The reply card for Croatia has the notice in a line $91 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$. instead of $93 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$.
$2+2 \mathrm{kr}$. bistre.
NIGER COAST PIROTECTORATE-Registered letter envelopes, surcharged over registration stamp in black block letters.

2d. ultramarine, black sur.
SALVADOR.-The new envelopes are on white wove.

1 cent. brown.
3 cent. vermilion. 11 cent. carmine.
5 cent. bistre, $\quad 90$ cent. blue.
22 cent, green.
The wrappers are on white laid.
2 cent. beep blue.
3 cent. vermilion.
10 cent. violet.
11 cent. carmine.
SHANGHAI--All the envelopes, wrappers and post cards seem to be mute sacrifices to the recent Jubillation. We do not know where the list of victims ends, but their name is legion.

SIERRA LEONE.-Registered envelopes are announced, same as English.

> 2d. ultramsrine.

UNITED STATES.-The new Post card bears the herd of Jefferson instead of Grant.

1c. black on buff, $139 \times 89 \mathrm{~m} . \mathrm{m}$,

## METROPOLITAN MEMS.

By Our Ong Correspondent. London, March 12th.

THE theft, or at any rate strange disappearance, of a choice collection of Sydney Views from Messrs. Ventom, Bull \& Cooper's place in Old Jewry, continues to engross ritention. Some of the stamps have been traced and recovered, but no rames are mentioned; and, so far as I know, no one is suspected. Possibly some more or less distinguished philatelist has fullen a victim to kleptomania. It's a fashionable complaint.

Philstely in the police courts again! Leonard Grimes a small Brondesbury boy, appeared at the Marylebone Court on Friday, February 23rd, to answer a charge of stealing a collection of stamps from Mr. W. Cale, a Kilburn confectioner. He was remanded, and on the succeeding Friday was brought up again. It then appeared that the boy Grimes, who had been positively identified as the thief by Mr. Cale's daughter, was perfectly innocent of the charge, the real offender-a schoolfellow of his-having made a full confession. Grimes was at once liberated, but the real culprit has not been dealt with up to the time of writing. The case, however, should be a lesson to Miss Cale, who by her stupid mistake nearly compassed the life-long disgrace of young Grimes.

The Pall AFall Gazette, taking this case as an illustration, gravely warns its readers against the exterme dauger of indulging in stamp collecting !

Apropos of the Milan Philatelic Exhibition (which by the way, is not meeting with much help or encouragenent from this country,) I learn that the forthcoming "Exposition des Bibliophiles" in Paris, will not bo without interest for philatalists. One of the features of the show will be an exhibition of postagestamp manufacture, in all the stages of the process. This ought almost to be worth a trip to Paris.
"Fuli steam ahead," is still the notto of the City of London Philatelic Club. Mr. D. A. Vindin has just joined, and Mr. E. J. Nankivell' has become an active member. At last Thursday's meeting of the club, Mr. Nankivell treated the members to a pleasant discourse on "The Stamps of the Transvaal," in which he is a specialist. He thinks that the present prices of Transvals are by no means commensurate with the rarity of the stamps.

F'un, this week, has an illustrated philatelic jokelet. Beneath a picture of a gentleman talking to a fair luntress appears this dialogue:

He: What did you give for your hunter? Got it for an old song I suppose?

She: No; I exchanged him. for an old postage stamp.

There is a curious story told in the March issue ef a philatelic monthly, about the recently issued Liberian triangulars. A certain "collector-dealer" took a pair to a London dealer, and on the pretence that they were likely to be very rare in the imperforate condition, induced him to pay $£ 2$ for the two stamps. The dealer discovered shortly afterwards that the stamps only existed imperforate, and that he had paid about $£ 1$ 19s. Gd., too much i

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Editrd by Non-Lex.
[The following comprehensive list of the Regisfration Stamps of New South Wales epitomised from a paper read by Mr. W. T. Wilson, before the Birmingham Philatelic Society.]

## NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continued). Registration Stamps.

GAUREATED profile of Qucen Victoria to left, on a ground of vertical and wavy lines in red or orange within an upright oval band, inscribed in block letters new socth wales at top, and negistered at bottom, the two inseriptions separated by engine turned rope-like ornament at each end in blue. No frame or divisional lines to stamps on plate.

1856, Jan. 1. Imperforate, on soft machine made paper, no watermark.
a (Gd.) Vermilion to red, and blue light and dark.
$b$ (6d.) Orange to dirty yellow, and blue light and dark. Imperforate on liard hand made paper, no watermark.
$c$ ( $6 d$.$) Vermilion and dark blue.$
a (Gd.) Dull orange and blue, light to dark.
1860. Perf. 12, on hand made paper, no watermark.
$o$ (Gd.) Orange and blue.
$f$ (Gd.) IRed and blue.
1860. Perl $12 \frac{1}{2}$, on hand made paper, no watermark. $g$ (Gd.) Red and blue shades.
1862. Watermarked 6, hand made paper perforated.
$h$ (dd.) Red and pale to dull prussian blue, perf. 122.
$i$ (Gd.) Vermilion and blue, perf. 13.
Double impressions of tho blue oval band are known, and nccasionally the red or orange part is found considerably out of centre.
These stamps were withdrawn 31st December, 1867, by notice, and any remaining in the hands of the public could be exchanged for other stamps within 3 months.

Engraving.-The plates were engraved on steel by John Carmichael, 50 stamps, 10 rows of 5 to the plates. No tangible reason has been given for these stamps being issued in red and blue and orange and blue. Dr. Houison states that the only conclusion to be come to after a thorough investigation of the subject, was that the printer was colour blind.

Many of these stamps on the hand made papers shew portions of the paper maker's name in wmk.

Reprints.-In 1887 a Government reprint was made in both colours on solt machine made paper - they are noticeable for the beauty of the impressions, the plates being in splendid condition. These reprints are valnable, only a few were printed.

Foraerifs.-Well executed imitations have been made, all those seen by me were with inverted centre, and just marked-in fact, got up as if on part of the original cover-they were the work of the Cullum Street Gang, and were very dangerous but for the fact that no genuine specimens of these stamps are known with inverted centres.

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

> President:-W. T. Vilson, Esq. Jicc-President: -R HoLnick, Esq. Hon. Secretary:-

Mr G. Johnson, B.A. 208., Birchfield Rd.; Bitmingham.

Ordinary Mreeting, Feb. 1st. Balance Sheet for 1893 having been audited and found correct was passed, a balance standing ts the credit of the Society.

Mr. A. A. Bartlett (Prince Edward Island) was elected corresponding member. Letters were read from Messrs. Bartlett and Wurtele re exchange packets between Birmingham and Canadian Societies. Arrangements were left in the hands of the Hon. Sec.
Mr. G. Johnson then read his paper on N.S.W., 1870 to 1887, 1888 to the present time.

Mecting, Feb. 15th. Ir. J. S. (ioodacre (Barnstaple) was elected a corresponding member.
A vote of thanks was given Messrs. Stanley Gibbons and Co. for a copy of their "Stamps and Stamp Collecting (Major Evans)."

Mr. J. H. Cooke then introduced the subject of "Forgeries" by showing a number arranged on sheets alongside the genuine stamps. Other members also brought thoir collections of these stamps, including forged grills, etc.

On March 1st, Mr. M. Rawson Bewlay (Moseley) and Miss J. Weston (Bournemouth) were elected corresponding members.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Stanley Gibbous \& Co. for a copy of their new handbook on South Australia, a work which will certainly be indispensable to all who desire to specialize in the stamps of that country.

Arrangements for inter-Society packets with the Leeds Society were left in the hands of the Hon. Sec.

The President then gave his paper on the "Registration Adhesives of N.S.W." This was followed by a paper on the "Service Adhesives" of the same country by the Hon. Sec. Full particulars of these papers wili be found under "Group Collecting."

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange-Very fine packets, tataling some £450, were sent out for the March circuits. Quite a plethora of Sydness, Old Mauritius, Rare Australians, \&c., crowded the packets. It is to be hoped that members will keep up this form. Rules from the Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Philatelic Exchange Society.-Circuit II. is rapidly improving. The value of the March packet was $£ 8412 \mathrm{~s}$., being about 25 per cent. over the February. Circuit I. packet is about equal to the average. The March Postcard Circuit is specially good, and contains a very fine lot of entire German States envelopes from the Rev. R. B. Eare. The result of the members voting on the question, "Shall non-contributors see the packet or not?" has been to decide that such members shall see the packet, but after the others. H. Clark, Secretary, Kinuoul, Angmering, Worthing.

British Gliana Philatelic Society.-A general meeting was held on Jan. 19th. President Rodway in the chair, twelve members and two visiters were present. Mr. de Selva read a paper entitled "Help the Boys
and Girls who are Collectors," and Mr. Rodway gave his promised address on "Colour", which excited great interest and attention.

## SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

KMINUTE and comprehensive catalogue of the stamps of South Australia by Lieutenant Napier and Mr. Gordon Smith has been published by Stanley Gibbons, Lim., as the latest of their Philatelic Handbooks. The work is produced in an excellent form, and is of the utmost value, not only to the specialist of this interesting country, but also to the general collector. The important branch of Departmental Stamps is taken up in a thorough manner, and the work throughout is an evidence of careful and scientific research. The prices attached, being those at which the publishers are prepared to sell, are open to criticism in many instances, but of course this is a matter of opinion : certainly, regarding the book as a whole, it is one which should figure in the library of every philatist.

## STAMPS AND STAMP COLLECTING.

The articles from the pen of Major Evans, lately appearing in Stanley Gibbons Monthly, have been reprinted in book form. To those who perused the articles when they appeared, praise will appear superfluous, but for the benefit of others we will say that the work comprises a well-nigh complete glossary of philatelic terms, and a guide to the identification of the stamps of all nations. The book is profusely illustrated with cuts, diagrams and tables are inserted wherever necessary or useful.

## NOTICES.

Alas! that it should be sol The December number of The Fiscal Philatelist is the last to be issued. It seems a great pity that there should not be enough enthusiastic collectors of Fiscals to maintain so excellent a paper. At any rate Messrs. Lundy \& Morley have the sakisfaction of knowing that they have honourably fulfilled their duty to subscriber and advertiser by continuing the paper, even at a financial loss, to the utmost extent of the subscriptions and advertisements paid for. We know of one or two defunct English philatelic papers whose editors could not say the same 1

We have received copies of two weekly (mind those two ' e 's ' Mr. Comp. please) philatelic papers from over the pond. The Canadran Philatelic Weekly and Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News. Now, ye British philatelists! Go ye, and do likewise!

Our antipodean friend The Australian Stamp News grows apace. Its N.S.W. contemporary Vindin's Monthly also seems in excellent health, if we are to judge by the appearance of the December issue.

Where will MIr. Jewett's enterprise stop? Not con-
tent with issuing The Philatelic Era twice a month, and carefully boycotting all but cash advertisers, he is now having each fortnightly cover printed in two colours.

The Washington Philatelist means to keep up with the times, see the January issue. We always thought the gallant editor a little in advance if anything. At any rate we never heard of anyone getting before him-unless it were the enemy-in full flight.

We can only congratulate Mr. Percy Bishop upon the vast improvement effected in the Stamp Collector's Monthly. The February issue contains a large amount of intercsting reading, and a great deal of philatelic importance.

Viudin's Stamp Trade Journal will soon lose the Trade mark altogether. Mr. Vindin writes that the times are not yet ripe for a Trade Journal, and henceforth his handsome and useful paper will figure as Vindin's Stamp Journal.

Mr. Nunn's paper departed from its usual calm businesslike demeanour last month and presented its readers with a joke. We cut it out for the benefit of our readers, and serve it up whole. "Messrs. - \& Co., are the lucky owners of the "gem of all gems" in philately, and of unheard (?) value. Besides being used on one side, and unused on the other, rouletted partly, partly perforated, it has value 5c. in one corner, 25 in the other, and is the most wonderful stamp which has come under their notice these 40 years. Many hundred pounds sterling have been refused for it; besides, it Gelongs to one of the finest and oldest, collections in the world, worth several thousands." We purposely suppress the name of the "lucky owners." It is too bad to use the name of real persons, however little known, in a matter of this sort, Fancy the pathetic sight-a vast circle of philatelists, led by the members of L.P.S., on their knces, and vainly holding forth sacks of filthy lucre to procure the priceless gem which is only used on one side, and belongs to one of the finest and oldest collections in the world.

The wholesalo price list for March and April is Messrs Whitfield King's. It has been thoroughly revised and prices are cheaper, even, than before.

That enterprising advertiser, Mr. E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa., has sent out to his customers and friends, a neat and useful article in the shape of an imitation leather case for the waistcoat pocket into which fits a kind of book for the convenient and safe carriage of stamps. No doubt Mr. Parker would be pleased to send one to any of our readers who may feel disposed to ask him.

The graud old Timbre Poste is still the best stamp paper in the world, bar none,-M. Moens goes calmly ou, month after month and not one of the newer aspirants can get break within miles of the real old staudard stamp paper. We announced last month that Mr.W.J. Hall purposed reissuing "How to deal," and we have now been favoured with copies. No doubt, notwithstanding its imperfections, the old edition contained much useful matter, but now the usefulness is increased tenfold, and all who intend to handle stamps for profit, should procure it without fail. The price is 7d. post free; and copies may be obtained from P.C.\& A. Office, Fentham Road, Birmingham.

## IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

MR. Arnold Morley, Postmaster-General, was present at a meeting of Chambers of Commerce in Isondon on February 15. With regard to Inperial penny postage, he said its adoption would mean an annual loss of $£ 100,000$. He would not be opposed to the principle, if he bad the cordial cooperation of the Colonies and the assistance of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Young Lady: "Is there any letter for me?"
Clerk: "Who is me?"
Young Lady: "I'm Gladys C'umming",
Clerk: Yes, I daresay you're glad le's coming, but what's your name?

Young Lady: My name is Ctadys Cumming.
Spencer: "I don't see how Columbus ever found time to discover America." Ferguson: "Why not?" Spencer: "As far as I can gather, he appears to have spent most of his time having his picture taken."

The Post Card Semi-Jubilee.-January the 26th was the anniversary of the birth of the post card. It was proposed in its present form in 1869 by Professor Hermann, of Weiner Neustadt Military Academy, in a letter to the editor of a Vienna paper. The post card was practically introduced in the Post Office in the same year in Austria. In 1873 it spread to Germany, and was adopted in 1880 by the International Postal Union. The present annual circulation exceeds one thousand millions.
Those tiny things called postage stamps, which are light as feathers, and might be blown about by the slightest breeze, make up in the aggregate very considerable bulk and weight, as will be appreciated when it is mentioned that one year's issue in the United Kingdom amounts in weight to no less than 114 tons,
A Postal Curiosity.-There has been a strange resurrection at the General Post Office of some old newspapers which dro pped out of sight upwards of a quartet of a century ago, and have lain undelivered
ever since. They were found lying behind some girders, through which they had dropped, and the place, it must be assumed, has never been dusted or swept or seen by human eye for seven and twenty years. The rats had spared them; damp had done them no noticeable injury; the addresses were quite legible; they only bore the smell of musty age, and there was on them old-fashioned red penny stamps which are now out of use. They have been duly forwarded to their addresses.

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OF STAMP COLLECTORS \& DEALERS.

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## AUCTION REPORTS.

TIE old-established firm, Messrs. Puttick and Simpson, so long known as Literary, Diusical and Fine Art Auctioneers, has now made a speciality of stamps. A highly successful sale was held on Junuary 29th, and we are promised another about the end of March. The great reputation of this firm for the last hundred years, is a full and sufficient guarantee of their reliability in dealing with any stamps placed with them for disposal. At the sale on January 29th the following were noteworthy lots:-


Spain, 1851, front of envelope with pair of
2 reales, block of eight 10 reales, all
lightly cancelled
$31 \quad 0 \quad 0$
U.S.A., set of state, 2, 5, 10 and 20 dollars 2500

Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper held another very successful sale at St. Martin's Town Hall, on February 19th, 20th, 21 st and 23 rd . The great number of really first-class lots at this sale precludes our mentioning more than a few.
Great Britain, V.R.

| . | 800 |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\cdots$ | 200 |
| . | 700 |
| $\cdots$ | 800 |
| . | 2000 |
|  | 2200 |
| plate of forty | 32100 |
| .. | 1400 |
| . | 2600 |
| $\cdots$ | 11500 |
| $\cdots$ | 4200 |
| .. | 21100 |
|  | 5000 |
| red | 1900 |
| llow | 2300 |
| unused | 75 U |

Sexo" $\quad £ 5$ orang
Moldaira, 108 paras
Spain, 1851, 2 reales unused .. .. 20 0 0
Switzerland, Geneva, used .. $\quad . \quad 22000$
Poste Locale, plate of forty .. 32100
Tuscany, 60 crasie, unused
2600
Russia, 2097 locals
Cape, wood block error, hlue .. $\quad . \quad 42$ o 0
Mauritius, 2nd issue, 2d. blue .
Canada, 12d. black
Newfoundland, 1 - carmine red
British Guiana, 1850, 4e. yellow
Victoria, $5 /$ - blue on yellow, unused
s. d.

## THE STAMP BUREAU.

8TAMPS, or sets, are advertised frse to subscribers sabject to the following conditions:-

1. -Each lot, accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope (registered if required), mounted and priced on a separate pieco of paper, must roach the office by the 5 th day of the month.
2. -No doubtful stamp will be accepted, but the manager does not hold himself responsible, he only acting as agent.
3.-A commission of 10 per cent. will be charged (if sale is effected), minimum commission 6d. per lot.
4.- Purchasers must enclose value of lot (returnable within four days if not suitable), and postage.
5.-Lots not sold within six weeks of publication will be returned, unless other instructions are sent.
6.-Cheques, \&c., payable to Richard Hollick, and crossed "National and Provincial Bank of England." 760 Seychelles, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 16, 48, 96 cts. 060
761 Labuan, Gc. on 8c., sheet of 10 .. 0130
762 Seychelles, 3 on 4, 12 on 16, 15 on 16 .. $0 \quad 16$
$763 \quad, \quad 45$ on 48.90 on $96 \quad$ is $0 \quad 4 \quad 9$
$764 \quad, \quad 3$ on 4.12 on 16,15 on 16 45 on 48,90 on $96 \quad$.. $0 \quad 5 \quad 6$
765 Soruth, 1864, 1 anna, handprinted, used on original cover, type 2839 . 1 o 0
766 ., ditto, pair on original cover .. 200
767 ", 1868 1 anna, black on blue, used on part of original cover .. 1
768 ", ditto, ditto .. .. 012 6
769 ", 1868, 1 anna, black on pink, used on part of original cover $\quad \therefore \quad 118$ o
770 New South Wales, 12ld., $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 8 \mathrm{~d} ., 9 \mathrm{~d}$.
on 10d., $10 \mathrm{~d} ., 1 /-$, all specimen $\quad \therefore \quad 0 \quad 5 \quad 0$

772 Canada, $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,3,5,6,8,10,15,20$ and
50 cents, complete set, unused .. 056
773 U.S. Columbus, le. to 50c. unused .. 0688
774 Tasmania (set of 12), 直d. to $1 /-$, unused 0089
775 Zululand, $5 /$ unused $\quad . \quad$.. 076
776 Borneo, $1,2,3,5,6,8,12,18$, and 24 c , new issue

040
777 Cook Islands, $1,1 \frac{1}{2}, 2 \frac{1}{2}, 10$ (1892), 1, $1 \frac{1}{2}$, $2 \frac{2}{2}, 10$ (1893), set of cight..$\quad \cdots \quad 0 \quad 7 \quad 0$
778 N.S. Wales, 2 d , error wmb., 1 , (fine) 055
779 W. Australia, (1882), I.14. twopence (rare) 050
780 " onepenny on 3d, brown(C.A.p.) $\begin{gathered}\text { (C.C. pair) } \\ 78\end{gathered}$
4 d , red brown, (1st, type) unused and used, pair

046
782 ", sixpence, violet C.A.p. 14 and C.C. p. $12 \frac{1}{2}$

783 , 4d, carmine, 1 , on 3d, brown $\quad . \quad 00196$
$784 \quad "$ set, $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,2 \frac{1}{2}, 3,4,1$ - used 020
785 ", (1893), Internai Rev. large, 1, 2, 3, (used)
$\begin{array}{lll}0 & 3 & 3\end{array}$
786 S. Australia, o.S. 5 d , (used) $\ddot{2} \mathrm{~d}$, (unused) $\begin{array}{lllll} & 0 & 3 & 6\end{array}$

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APRIL 20Th, 1894.
CORTENTS.


左N Exhibition of Postage Stamps and Articles connected with Philately is announced as Group fifteen of the International Exhibition of Books and Paper Industries, held at Paris, from July to December this year. The space reserved for postal and philatelic exhibits consists of three large rooms, each four hundred square yards in area.

We have come across what we think may fairly be described as a philatelic conundrum. In that free and enlightened Republic, the United States of North America, certain officials described as fourth-class postmasters, whether from their moral or official status does not transpire, receive the money for stamps used at their offices.in lieu of salary. The more stamps one of these officials cancels, the more he gets,-hence certain cute dealers on the other side of the ocean have obtained the co-operation of various postmasters to assist them in acquiring high value Columbian stamps at half price. The dealer buys, say, a five dollar stamp-this means five dollars to the Government. Mr. Dealer then uses this stamp, addressed to himself, at the post office of his friend-this means fivedollars to the postmaster as salary. The official then hands two dollars fifty cents to the dealer, who gets his stamp at half price and sells it for face value to a collector. Now comes the conundrum. Uncle Sam gets five dollars, the postmaster gets two and a half and the dealer gets two and a half, and yet the ultimate purchaser only invests five dollars. How is it done? We have recollections of weary vigils, neglected meals and splitting headaches in the bygone days, when we vainly struggled with the fifteen puzzle, pigs in clover, and
other Yankee abominations, and we are not taking some this time, thanks! Still, if any of our readers care to elucidate the puzzle, we have great pleasure in offering the usual cheap album, made in Germany, for a correct solution. Winner to pay carriage.

We have recived the latest varieties of Portuguese stamps, issued to commemorate the five hundredth year of the birth, death, marriage or something, of a no doubt estimable gentleman known as Prince Henry the Navigator, whose claim for postal honour was apparently his talent for being fair. Prince Henry seems to have been captain of a barge on the Regent's Canal, as the low value stamps represent him on the prow of his boat with a boat-hook in his hand, passing through a lock. A couple of young persons, who have evidently just been bathing, are seated on either side while the boat passes, apparently taking some kind of liquid refreshment from bottles of the period. The middle values show us Prince Henry shouting to the keeper to close the lock, and the young persons aforesaid have resumed some portion of their raiment. The type for the highest values depicts the Frince reclining after his day's labour, and the same two young persons, apparently, who can't let the poor Prince alone, are tickling his nose with a couple of long peacock's feathers. Underneath the picture is the legend-sacres-evidently a remark made by the Prince upon awakening. We don't know what it means in Portuguese but Frenchmen use it, we understand, in moments of passion. Poor Prince! it is enough to make anyone cross to be raked up after five hundred years' oblivion, to help fill the coffers of a bankrupt State by robbing stamp collectors!

## CHRONICLE.

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ZORES. - The commemorative stamps of Portugal are in use hero with the overprint ACORES.
FERNANDO POO.-Baby King head.
10c. de peso, brown violet.
JAPAN.-It is stated by soveral American papers, that stamps to commemorate the silver, or twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding of the Emperor and Empress are, or shortly will be, issued.

LAGOS.-Current type new values. 5d., lilac and green. $\quad 7 \frac{1}{2} d .$, carmine. 10d., yellow.
Madagascar.-The French Colonies in Madagas. car are now provided with a geries of stamps. The inscription reads Ste Marie de Madagascar.

MADEIRA.-The same stamps as Azores, surcharged in black.

PORTUGAL.-The stamps commemorative of the Infant of Portugal, Henry the Navigator, son of King John I. were issued on March 4th, and remained in use until the 13th. They are in three types. Type 1 represants the prince on the bow of a vessel, and underneath is his motto: Talent de bien Faire. Type II, Prince Henry is depicted standing on a rock, pointing out to the caravels the route they are to pursue, on the rock is the date 1819. Type III, the Prince is seated with a globe on either side and a charl open on his knee. The word SAGRES underneath is the name of a port founded by the Prince in 1416. Perf. 14.

Type I. 5r., orange. 15r., red brown.
10r., red-violet. 20 r ., lilac.
Type II. 25r., green. 75r., carmine. 50 r. , blue. $\quad 80 \mathrm{r}$. , olive green.

100r., bistre.
Type III, 150r., carmine 500 r., violet. 300 r , blue on salmon 1000 r ., black.
A special post-mark, consisting of the figures and
 in a circle, was made to obliterate these stamps.

ROUMANIA.-The new stamps with head of King Charles to left, are rather handsome, on white paper, perf. 13.

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\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \text { bani., black. } & \begin{array}{l}
\text { 5bani., blue. } \\
\text { bistre. }
\end{array} \\
10 & \text { lisbani., red. }
\end{array}
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The following are not yet issued-
25 bani., violet
50bani., orange.
SALVADOR.-The three highost values have appeared. They are very handsome stamps, representing sceacs in the life of Columbus.

> 2 pesos, blue.
> 5 " carmine.
> 10 " brown.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.-Of the new issue describad by us in January, 77,500 impressions have been struck off altagether. It is very probable that the 5 c . will be reca!led, as it has no monetary value on it. This is contrary to the Regulations of the Postal Union, bat they have at loast two months' grace, as they were sent to Berne for approval by tho mail which started from IIonolulu on March 4th.

1c. and 2c. postcards will be issued very shortly. The portrait on the 25 c . is that of President Dole.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.-The colour of the 3d. stamp is changed

3d. bright green, perf. 10.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA. - I: our July issue of lnst year (1893), we gave a description of the new 2lda nid 5d, stamps. Our announcement, although accurate, was premature, as the stamps have been kept back. owing to the large supply of the surcharged varieties, they were issucd, however, on March 1st. For the benefit of our readers we repent the description we gave nine months ago. The 2da, bright violet, bears the Queen's head in an irregular hexagon to the left, and the figure of a kangaroo to the right, - the animal, by the way, seems to be wearing a pair of light coloursd gaiters. The 5d. stamp has Her Majesty's head on a tablet to the left, and the arms of South Australia embowered in ferns to the right.

> 2 dd., bright lilac, perf. 15.
> $5 \mathrm{~d} .$, dult mauve, perf. 15.

SPAIN.-The young gentleman who was responsible for the Melilla stamps, whose real name appears to he Miguel Rodriguez, has been arrested at Malaga with others, on charges of making false stamps.
TOBAGO.-The $1 /$-stamp has appeared with watermark Crown and C.A.

1/- bistre, Cr. and C.A.
UNITED STATES.-An esteemed correspondent, Mrs. Harrison, Cast'ebellingham, writes us quoting a paragraph from the letter of an American friend, who says that the CJlumbian stamps are rapidly going out of use. We have received within the last few days all the values up to and including the 50 . from various parts of the States, while letters from other localities inform us that some or all values are sold out. This points to a rapid exbaustion of the Columbian issue,in fact the dollar values are practically used up.

POST CARDS, \&c.
BAVARIA.-Postcard, undulating vertical lines of watermark.

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3 \text { pf., brown. }
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ECUADOR. - The new postcards bear the same effigy as the stamps we mentioned last month.

## 2c., brown and black on rose.

3c., blue on lilac.
The envelopes are embossed with the same head. sc., blue.
10c., carmine.
NICARAGUA, - The Secbeck envelopes are on white paper.

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\begin{aligned}
& 5 \mathrm{c}, \text { blue, } 158 \times 91 \mathrm{~mm} . \\
& 10 \mathrm{c}, \text {, grey, } 158 \times 91 \mathrm{~mm} . \\
& 20 \mathrm{c}, \text { red brown, } 220 \times 99 \mathrm{~mm} \text {. } \\
& 30 \mathrm{c} \text {., brown, } 240 \times 102 \mathrm{~mm} \text {. } \\
& 50 \mathrm{c} \text {., violet, } 240 \times 102 \mathrm{~mm} \text {. }
\end{aligned}
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The wrippers are on chamois paper. 1c., blue, $169 \times 256 \mathrm{~mm}$.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 2c., ", } \\
& \text { 4c., ", }
\end{aligned}
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This postcards are very handsome indeed.
2c., red. 3 c ., blue.

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2 c . x 2 c ., \text { red. } 3 \text {.x3c., blue. }
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PORTUGAL.-The Prince Henry card depicts the Royal Nuvigator in armour to the left, with a naval chart in his hend, his shield and motto on his left. 10r., warm violet.

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES. <br> Edited by Non-Lex. <br> [The following list is the substance of a valuable paper read by Mr. G. Johnson, before the Lirmingham Philatelic Society.]

## NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continard).

Service Stamps.


Type 1,var. a.
Type II.
1879-80. Surcharged OS (block type) in red. 2d, blue, 12t, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type I.
3d, green, 12t, "
5d. " $12 \xi$, $\$$
8d. yellort, 12t, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type I.
9d. on 10d. (?) red brown, 12k, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type I.
10d. lilac, 12 , Wmk. 10
1/- black, $12 \downarrow, 12 \frac{21}{2} \times 10,10$, Wmk. Cr. \& N.S.W., Type I, " $10 \times 12 \frac{1}{2}, 10$, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.
1880. Surcharged OS (block type) in black.

2 d . blue, $12 \downarrow, 124 \times 10$,
$3 \quad 3$
3d. green, 121, 10x12, 10, " ", "
4d. brown, 12. 10, 12.2x10, " " "
6 d. Iilac, $124,12+\times 10,10 \times 12$ t
8d. yellow, $124,10,124 \times 10,10 \mathrm{x} 12 \frac{1}{2}$,
9d. on 10d. (?) red brown, $12 \frac{1}{2}$, 10d. lilac, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, Wmk. 10


1883 (?).
1d. red, 10, 12x11, 11x10, 11x12,'Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.
2 d . blue, $10,10 \times 12 \frac{2}{2}, 12 \frac{1}{2} \times 10,11 \times 12$,Wmk. Cr. \& N.S.W., Type II.
3d. green, $10,12 \times 10,10 \times 11,11 \times 12,12, W m k . C r . \&$ N.S.W., Type II.
4d. brown, 10, $11 \times 12$, Wmk. Cr, and N.S.W., Type II.
5d. green, $10,12 \times 10,10 \times 11$, ,
" "
" " "
Gd. Jilac, $10,12 \times 10$,
Bd. yellow, $10,12+\frac{4}{2} \times 10,11,10 \neq 12,12 \times 10$, Wm̈k. Cr. änd N.S.W., Type II.
1880.

3d. green (?), 124, Wmk. (3)
1886. Surcharged OS (Roman type) in black 'Stamp Duty'
5/- black green and violet, 12x10, Wmk. N.S.W., fiscal paper.
10/- black carmine and violet, 12.
$\begin{array}{llll}10 / \text { blue } \\ 20 j \text { - black } & " & \quad 12 . \\ 12 .\end{array}$
Surcharged OS (block type) in black.
1d. red, 10 Wml. N.S.W. (fiscal paper).
2d. blue, 10,
"
18
35
$t$

1888. Centenary Issue.

1d. mauve, $11 \times 12,12,12 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.
2d. blue, $11 \times 12,12,12 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}, \mathrm{Wmb}$. Cr. \& N.S.W., Type II.
4d. brown, 11x12, 12,
6d. carmine, $11 \times 12,12$, " " "
" " "
1/. chocolate, 11x12, 12, 12xilt. " "
purpe 10 "
5/- purple, 10, Wmk. B/o
20/- blue, 10,
5/-purple, 10 (surcharge in red) Wmk. \$/0
1890.
$5 /$ violet, 10 , Wmk. $5 / a$ and N.S.W.
20\%-blue, 10, " 200\%.
1891.
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. on 1d., black on grey, $11 \times 12$, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.
2tad. blue, $11 \times 12,12$, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II. $7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. on 6d., black and brown, 10, 11x12 Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.

12kd. on 1/- black and rose, 10, 11x12, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.
1892.
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{grey}, 11 \mathrm{x} 12,12$, Wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., Type II.
Scveral of the above varieties are very scarce, and I have been told by the owner of one of the $1888(20 /-0 S)$, that only a very fow copies were surcharged. I have marked the 9d. on 10d. as doubtful becsuse it seems uncertain whether this value was ever issued for official use. There seems,'also, some doubt with regard to the 10d. [Was it a regular issue or an essay? I have seen it surcharged 'specimen' in addition to the OS]. I have catalogued the 3d. green (wmk. (7) on the authority of M. Moens, but have not seen a copy.

The width of the surcharge is usually $13 \frac{1}{2}$ to 14 mm . on the small stamps, but various spacings have been in use from $12 \frac{1}{2}$ to $15 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$. I find the first of these commonest on the 3d.; the second on the 2 d ., but somewhat scarce.

The surcharge on the large square issue is fairly uniform, and usually measures 18 mm .

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:-W. T. Wilson, Esp. Vice-President:-R. Hollick, Esq. Hon. Secretary : -
MR. G. Johnson, B.A. 208, , Birchfield Rd., Birmingham.
Ordinary Meeting, March 15th. Messrs. C. W. Kissinger (Reading, U.S.A.), and C. Weaving were elected corresponding members.

Mr. W. Pimm gave his paper on "Watermarks." After a short description of paper making and the methods adopted for inserting the Watermarke, be
selected a few representative countries and called attention to the various designs adopted to thus render the stamps less likely to bo forged.

Ordinary Mceling, April 5th. A debate took placo, the subject being Specialising (Mr. W. G. Walton), versus Generalising (the Hon, Sec, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Vaughton). The debate was vigorously sustained by most of the members present, but although Generalising was allowed to include the collection of all minor varieties of each country, the majority voted in favour of Specialising.

This was followed by a paper on "The Letter Covers, Wrappers, Envelopes and Post Cards of N.S.W.," by the Hon. Sec. Copies of the Letter Covers and the reprints, as of most of the other entires, were shewn.

Midland Counties Stamp Exceange:-The April packets are fair but not up to the usual quality. The number of sheats sent in is also fewer than usual. Members are requested to note that all letters to the to the Secretary must contain stamp for reply, if one is required. A few new members are desired, free until July 1st. Secretary W. G. Walton, Fenthem Rond, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Suburban Stamp Exchange Club.- Four packets were torwarded on their respective rounds on March 21-24. The selections, which were not quite up to the avcrage, (doubtless owing to the Easter Holidays, and the spring like weather) gave a total of 128 sheets containing stamps valued at $£ 329$ 14 712. Some good varieties were submitted at reasonable rates, so that mem. bers have good opportunities for exchange. The Oct.-Dec Quarterly Accounts have been sent out, and more than one half the balances paid on both sides. The Secretary is only waiting to receive the remaining outstanding accounts that all balances may be adjusted without loss of time, Eight new members joined last month. Secretary: H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

The Philatelic Exchanae Society,-The April packets were good but the total did not quite equal that of March. The packets however contained very good things. Some Prov. Gort. Hawaii on original envelopes and sets of new issue Hawaii for instance. Some trouble has been caused by one member who is a dealer inserting printed circulars. The matter is not yet settled but members object to making the exchange a medium of advertizing. Secretary: H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

Oldham Philatelic Society.-The 9th meeting was held on March 14th, 1894, the President being in the Chair, after confirming the minutes of the last meeting, the Secratary formally presented to the Society copies of "Stamps and Stamp Collecting" and "the Stamps of South Australia" both presented by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., and the herrty thanks of the Society were accorded the donors. The Monthly Journal and the Phikathlic Chronicle and Advertiser
were also received with thanks. A letter applying for membership, from Mr. R. Melzer was read by the Secretary, and it was resolved to accept Mr. Melzer as a member. The Secretary read a paper ontitled "Stamp Collecting of to-day" and. was accorded a vote of thanks for the same. Tho next meeting was fixed for March 28th. The rest of the evening was spent in exchanging stamps. Secretary: Jno. J. Darlow, 7, Queen Street, Oldham.

## THE PLATES OF ONE PENNY RED IMPERFORATE.

IT has been repeatedly asserted by those Philatelists who followed the statements of employes of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon \& Co., that several sets of punches were made for inserting the letters in the corners of the above stamps but that all the sets were in use at the same time.

The sizes of the letters vary considerably and if any one will reconstruct two plates only of the 1d, red imperf-one plate with small letters the othex with the larger oncs he will at once see that the above assertion requires modification.

The postmarks alone will show that the large letters were only in use for a short time before perforation was commenced. They were however continued simultaneously during the various dies and perfs, until 1861, when letters of block type in all 4 corners were used instead of the Roman letters in the two lower corners.

The small letters are found exclusively on the $1 d$. black and 1d. red during the time that the "Maltese Crosses" were used for obliterating purposes and for some time after. This peculiarity was noted in the case of the 2d. blue by Mr. Skipton when giving his list of English in the P.J. of G.B.

Minor varieties of letters will also be found in the two sets, but these are very insignificant indeed when compared with the differences of the sets thamselves.

The plate with large letters is by far the more difficult to reconstruct in nice condition on account of the greater acarcity of this variety and the heavier post marks of the period.

It is therefore certain that the first-used plates of one penny stamps had two small letters as this is the only type found with the old postmark. The second type with larger letters was in uge for a time while this postmark was yet in use, but the great majority of the larger lettered varieties are found with later postmarks.

## ALLEGEDCOLUMBIAN STAMP FRAUDS.

[^0]Columbian stamps of large denominations. It is much to the Postmaster's udvantage to cancel as many stamps as he can, since his salary is based, in part, upon the value of the stamps cancelled by his office. A bargain was made with the Postmaster, whereby the conspirators roceived a part of his percentage on condition that they sent stamps to a large amount through his office. The stamps were affixed to packages hoavy enough to warrant the use of a stamp of the value desired. The packages were mailed at the Post Office in question, the stamps were neatly cancelled, and reached the conspirators more valuable from a collector's point of view than they were originally. We understand from later American advices that the Postmaster in question and another man have been arrested. and that \& warrant for the arrest of Mr. C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, is issued. Mr. Mekeel was in New York, bat at once telegraphed his readiness to return and face the proccedings; he was informed howover, by the authorities, that be need not return until convenient, and hence we fancy the matter is of little importance.

## THE PERFORATION OF THE BRAZILIAN STAMPS.

WHEN perforation became the idea abrond in Brazil, ebout the year 1865, the Government had several machines for trial and they stood in the Post Office at Rio de Janerio. The clerks, when they were not too lazy, took their sheets of imperforate stamps and perforated them at one machine or another as it pleased them. This accounts for the variations in the perforation of the upright figure series of 1866 . We have seen stamps sent direct from Brazil with perforations varging to a great extent, but which came from an Engish gentleman who has hold official connection with the Brazilian Post Offices for the last twenty-six years. The old machines now stand in the treasury at Rio, and we have been promised some actual specimens of the work of these machines taken by the gentleman in question. This is the real and only reason why these stamps are variously perforated, although statements to another effect have been rccently made.

## NOTICES:

The P. N. A. 117, Fleet St., London E. C., have favoured us with a copy of The Stamp Collector's Annual, being the yearly volume of The Stamp Collector's Monthly. The book is only $1^{16}$ in paper covers and $2 /$ - in limp cloth, and contains valuable information worth very many times its cost,-the only drawback being the want of an index.

The Philatelic Journal of Great. Britain gives us an amusing description of the tribulations of $n$ half-bred collector-dealer: the Review of Revieus hardly soems equal to its pristine oxcallence. Why devote so much space to foreign journals, and so little to those of our own native land? Why, my Lord Brown, why?

The Stamp News is of opinion that one of our late articles was neither Philatelic nor fun:ny. We humbly bow to this decision. We know na one who should be a better judge of what is 'neither Philatolic nor funny' than the Stamp News, unless it be the readers of that paper !

The Philatelic Journal of America is realls a most useful paper. Typographically it is excellent, and the articles, although mostly selected, are always valuable and instructive.

We wonder whether many English collectors sub. scribe to the Washington /'hilateligt. 'There is certain. If no Philatelic paper published which is so full of sinart racy writing.

We reseatly saw sone books of stamps sint out by Mr. G. C. Ginn, and can recommend this gentleman's approval books as models of varioty and cheapness. Stamps varying in value from pence to pounds are there, and all at decidedly cheap prices. Mr. Ginn's motto is " small profits and quick returns."

Messrs. Geo. Callf \& Co., of Seaford, Suszex, offar some sets of old Australians in our advertising pages. Few dealers can now supply those sets, at any rate at the prices Messrs. Callf do, and it would pay any collector to send for their lists and see what they have. The class of stamps sold by Messers. Callf is constantly advancing in price, and it is hardly likely that they will be sold at the same rate next season.

## AUCTION REPORTS.

MESSRS. Ventom, Bull \& Cooper held two Sales during March, on 7th 8 th, and on 29th. At both Sales a number of rare stamps were offered, and good prices resulted. Some of the most interesting lots were :-



Messrs. Chevoley's sale on March 13th was well attonded. The lots were, to a great extent, large sets or small parcels for dealers. Prices were in favour of buyers. Canada, 6d. imperf. on laid, unused $\quad .4 \quad 400$ Br . Columbia, 50c. purple and carmine, 12 2150 Br. Guiana, 4c. blue, roseace border .. 5 Victoria, 2d. fine background, original letter $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ W. Australia, lst issue, 4 d ., rouletted ... 1440
(1864) no wmk., $1 /-$, unused .. 2450
New Zealand, 1d. on blue paper $\quad .$.
" 1/-on blue paper, cut rather close

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Mr. Hadlow's sale, on March 21st, contained a great number of dealer's lots, but there were many fine stamps sold as well, as may be seen from the few appended.


At Mr. Hadlow's sale on April 6th, some good collections and individual stamps were sold.

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\begin{array}{rrrr} 
& f & 8 . & d . \\
\ldots & 2 & 10 & 0 \\
\ldots & 2 & 10 & 0 \\
\ldots & 25 & 0 & 0 \\
\ldots & 1 & 10 & 0
\end{array}
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Messrs. Ludlow, Roberts \& Weller held their second sale in Birminghsm on March 19th, some of the lots fetched excollent prices.
U.S. America, 1869 \& 1870 issues, 20 stamps $2817 \quad 6$

New South Wales, 2d. Sydnay, pl. II. .. 1176
Perak, block of $40,1 \mathrm{c}$. mauve, 5 types .. 200
West Australia, 2d. verm., roulette, not fine 140
Newfoundland, seal 5 c . brown and 5 c . black $1 \quad 3 \quad 0$
New Zealand, 2d. verm., no wrnk. pair .. 0170
"
4d. orange, no wmk.
280

The Scott Stamp and Coin Co, held a three days' sale of the Stamps of Mr. W. C. Skinner on Feb. 14th, 15th and 16 th. The sale was very strong in U.S. Revenues, \&c., and the foreign stamps were an excelIent lot. Some of the prices follow :-

| New York, 18 | 3, 3c. blue, unused | 18.75 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| United States, | 1851, 5c. brown | 6.50 |
| " | 1860, 90c. blue | 6.50 |
| " | 1866, 3c. scarlet, unused | $20 \cdot 15$ |
| " | $1868,90 \mathrm{c}$. blue, unused | 12.25 |
| " | 1875, reissue of 1869, 90 c . | 15.50 |
| " | Agriculture, set of 9, unused | 13.95 |
|  | T. Kensett \& Co.'s canned fr |  |

Bahamas, 1859, 1d., imperf. .. .. 6.50

Canada, 12p., black, with sprcimen erased .. 6.00

| " $\quad 7$ ld. green, close cut | .. | . | $5 \cdot 50$ |
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| $"$ | 6d., lilac, perf... | .. | . |
| $17-25$ |  |  |  |

" officially sealed, used $\quad . \quad$. $1 \cdot 10$
Ceylon, 4d. rose, imperf. $\quad . \quad$. 26.00

France, 1fr. venetian red, $1849 \quad$.. $\quad .$.
Newloundisnd, 18h., cut close .. .. 33.00
Nova Scotia, 1sh., slightly damaged $\quad . \quad 50 \cdot 60$
1sh., pen cancelled, fine .. $51 \cdot 75$
Trinidad, Lady McLeod .. .. 58.00
The same firm also held a sale on March 5th and Gth of good average stamps, which realised $\$ 3,017 \cdot 44$.

Mr. Charles Gregory, of the J. W. Scott Co., sold the collection of Mr. E. G. Wells, consisting almost entirely of United States general, local, revenuc and other issues. We give a few prices.

| New York, 1848 | 3, 3c. on bl | , us | ed |  | $\cdots$ | 10.50 |
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| United States, | 1869, 24c. |  |  |  |  | $3 \cdot 60$ |
| " | 1869,90c. |  |  |  |  | 9.00 |
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| " | Treasury | " | 11 | " |  | $6 \cdot 60$ |

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765 Soruth，1864， 1 anna，hand printed，used on original cover，type $2839 . .100$
766 ．，ditto，pair on original covor ．． $2 \begin{array}{llll} & 0 & 0\end{array}$
767 ＂， 1868 lamna，black on blue，used on part of original cover ．． 1000
768 ＂，ditto，ditto ．．．． 012 6
769 ＂．1868， 1 anna，black on pink，used on part of original cover ．． 118 o
770 New South Wales， $12 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 7 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} ., 8 \mathrm{~d} ., 9 \mathrm{~d}$.
on 10d．，10d．， $1 /$ ．，all specimen ．． 0
771 Oil Itivers，$\frac{1}{2 d ., 1 d ., ~ 2 d . . ~ 2 d d ., ~ 5 d . ~ a n d ~ 1 /-~} 050$
772 Canada，$\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,3,5,6,8,10,15,20$ and
50 cents，complete set，unused ．． 056
773 U．S．Columbas，1c．to 50 c ．unused $\quad .{ }^{2} \quad 0 \quad 6 \quad 8$
774 Tasmania（set of 12）．$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$ ．to $1 /$－，unused 0889
775 Zululand， $5 /$－unused ．．$\quad$ ． $0 \quad 76$
776 Lorneo， $1,2,3,5,6,8,12,18$ ，and 24 c new issue
777 Cook Islands， $1,1 \frac{1}{2}, 2 \frac{1}{2}, 10$（1892）， $1,1 \frac{1}{2}$ ，
2 2， 10 （1893），set of eight ．．$\quad . .070$
778 N．S．Wales，2d，error wmk．，1，（fine） $0 \quad 5 \quad 6$
779 W．Australis，（1882），I．R．twopence（rare） 050
＂one penny on 3d，brown（C A．p．）
（C．C．pair
781 ＂4d，red brown，（1st，type）unused and used，pair 0
782 ＂sixpence，violet C．A．p． 14 and
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785 4d，carmine，1，on 3d，brown $\quad .-\quad 0 \quad 1 \quad 6$
＂set，$\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,2 \frac{1}{2}, 3,4,1$－used 020
＂（1893），Internal Rov．large，1，2， 9，（used）
786 S．Australia，O．S． 5 d ，（used）2d，（unused） 0036

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765 Soruth, 1864, 1 anna, handprinted, used
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$\because \quad 1868$ anna, black on blue, used
,, ditto, ditto .. .. 0126
768 ", ditto, ditto .. 1868 , 1 anna, black on pink, used on part of original cover $\quad \ddot{\mathrm{h}}$.
on 10 d ., 10d., $1 /$-, all specimen $\because$
771 Oil livers, $\frac{1 d}{} \mathrm{~d} .1 \mathrm{~d} ., 2 \mathrm{~d} . .2 \frac{1}{2 d}, 5 \mathrm{~d}$. and $1 /-$
772 Canada, $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,3.5,6,8,10,15,20$ and
50 cents, complete set, unused ..
773 U.S. Columbus, 1c. to 50 c . unused ..
774 Tasmania (set of 12). $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. to $1 /$, unused
775 Zululand, 5/- unused
776 Lorneo, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, and 24c , new issue
777 Cook Islands, $1,1 \frac{1}{2}, 2 \frac{2}{2}, 10$ (1892), $1,1 \frac{1}{2}$, 21,10 (1893), set of eight

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770 New South Wart of original 70 ad
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778 N.S. Wales, 2 d , error wmb., 1, (fine)
779 W. Australia, (1882), I.R.twopence (rare)
780 " one penny on 3d, brown(C A.p.)
(C.c. pair)

781 ." 4d, red brown, (18t, type) unused and used, pair 0
782 " sixpence, violet C.A.p. 14 and
783
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" (1893), Internal Rev. large, 1, 2, 3, (used)
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BENIN.-The numerous surcharges of this State at present circulating are forgeries, mado in Marseilles.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.-A permanent 3 ;stamp has been issued.

> 3!- brown, value in green.

A stamp of the same value has also been issued for British South Africa.
BRITISH BECHUANALAND.-Mr. Homewood sends us the new issue, the surcharge British Bechuanaland reading downwards.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.-The altered type of the 1863 issue, viz:-without the thin outer line is now issued, wmk. foul anchor.

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1_{i}^{\prime} \text { - green, perf. } 14 .
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CASHMERE.-A new issue of postage stamps is expected from this state.

FIJI.-The following is stated to be the number issued of the various provisionals :-
March 1st, 1892, 市d. on 1d. .. .. 4,984 issued Dec. 31st, 1890 , $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. on 2d. .. .. 10,000 " July 25th, 1892, 5d. on 4d. .. .. 5;000 ", Nov. 30th, 1892, fivepence on 6d. .. 3,970 ", Dec.31st, 1892 ", ". 2,97 "

ILES KERGUELEN.-An issue of stamps for the above-named French colony will shortly bo made, ordinary type.

JAPAN.-The issue announced by us last month to commemorate the Imperial Silver Wedding consists of

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5 \text { edn blue } & 12
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JOHORE.-A new provisional has appearedSultan type.

3c. on 4c. black and lilac.
LABUAN.-The stamps of North Bornco printed in new colours, and surcharged Labcan in block letters.

| 1c. black and lilac | 6c. | lack and red |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2c. | ", and blue | 8c. | " and carmine |
| 3c. | ", and bistre | 12c. | ", and orange |
| 5c. | $"$ and green | 18c. | ", and brown |

24c. blue and lilac
NETHERLAND INDIES.-The type with head of young queen is gradually being issued. The following have appeared:-

> 10c. red brown
> 80c. green

TONGA.-The following are issued:-
dd. in black on 1d, blue
2had. " on 2d. green

UNITED STATES.-Mr. Johnson informs us that he has discovered among some current 2c. U.S. (small type) a curious crror, consisting of a small cap upon the top of the figure 2. It occurs sometimes in one and sometimes on both figures of value.

POST CARDS, de.

BOSNIA.-Envelope, new size, wmkd. bripp couvert in large double-lined letters.

## 5 nov. red; $137 \times 132 \mathrm{~mm}$.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND. -The current id. Cape Reply Card, surcharged.

1d. +1 d . brown on buff
CONGO.-Two reply cards with head of King Leopold.
$5+10 \mathrm{c}$. green and carmine on azure $15+10 \mathrm{c}$. blue and carmine on straw
CYPRUS.-New wrapper.
10p. carmine on buff
FRANCE.-The Postal authorities have decided to issue reply Letter Cards. On the occasion of the opening of the International Exhibition, at Lyons, a special post card will be issued.

15c. Exhibition card, blue
ITALY.-To commenorate the Milan Exhibitiona special post card has been issued. The ordinary $10 c$. is now engraved.

10 c . Exhibition Card, carmine and blue
10c. ordinary, carmine, engraved
MONTENEGRO.-The wire-pullers of the Post Offico have been producing some interesting varieties in the post cards Naturally several errors of printing were made, but it was found that the reply post cards had four lines of heading on one half and threc on the other. This stroke of luck was promptly recog. nised by issuiug each half separately.

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& \text { 5n. " 3-line, "Eapa" for "Eapta" } \\
& 5+5 \mathrm{n} \text {. } \\
& 5+5 \mathrm{n} \text {. " " } \mathrm{C} \text { RTE" for " CARTE" } \\
& 5+5 n \text {. " "reponsé" for "réponse" } \\
& 5+5 n \text {. " "postae" for "postale" }
\end{aligned}
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NORWAY.-The 50 ore post card has now the word bREYKORT in one word.

50 ore blue on white

## HILCKES v. HIME.

$T$N the Eigh Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, Mr Justice Cave had before him on Wednesday, May 2nd, the case of Hilckes $v$. Hime, which was an action to recover postage stamps abstracted from certain albums belonging to the plaintiff, Mr. Harry Hilckes, of tho firm of Hilckes, Kirkpatrick, and Co. In his opening address, Mr. Murphy, who appzared for the plaintiff, stated that Mrs. Hime was a widow lady residing in Westmoreland with her son, and had been in the habit for some time of receiving albums of stamps upon approval from the plaintiff. Mr. Hilckes was called and told the history of the business between his firm and defendant, pointing out how, after several books had bien sent, it was suspected that stamps had been abstracted and others put in their plnce, upon which he consulted Mr. Tilleard, his solicitor, and afterwards sent Mrs. Hime a book of Ceylon, laving previously gone through it carefully in the presence of a Mr. Nicholson. Upon the return of this book, it was opened before the same gentleman, and several stamps were discovered to be changed. Mr. Hilckes thereupon visited Mrs. Hime at her home, in company with Mr. Thompson, of Bishop Auckland, and as no agreement could be arrived at tho present proceedings were instituted. Mrs. Hime, Mr. Nicholson and Miss Wix, lady clerk to plaintiff were called, as was also the son of the defendant, - and upon Mr. Hime's album being produced, Mr. Hilckes said he could identify certain stamps in it as his property, upon which the case was adjourned till Friday. No evidence was called on Friday, the defending counsol stating that his client had placed hersolf in his hands, and upon his advice would accept a verdict for the full amount claimed, 874 and costs.

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edited by Non-Lex.
NEW SOUTH WALES-(Continued). Uspad Letter Stampg.
1890.-Large numerals of value in oval lettered postage der. Watermark Cr. and N.S.W., type II, perf. 10. In the halfpenny the ornaments outside the oval are shaded with oblique lines, in the other values with vertical lines.
ld. green
dd. green
1d.
2d. ",
3d. "
4d.

6d. green

201 green

NOTE.-All the values are found with inverted wa!ermarks, and Mr. Johnson his the 2d. value with watermark sideways.

## Letter Sheet for Sydney.

This interesting emission was author sed by the Postmaster of Sydney in 1839, two years before penny postage was ostablished in England. The stamp was ombossed on wrappers or envelopes of half-sheets of foolscap, and the whole cost one penny. Although the rate of postage without these wrappers was 2d., they were very little used.

1d. (circular), embossed on whit?.
1d. (, ), pale blue laid.
NOTE.--Reprints of the Letter Sheel hare teen made on yellowish paper.

## Envelopes.


1871. -Typo of the 1862 adhesives. Stampin right upper upiper corner.

1d., dull red.
1d., red on blue.


2d. (1881), blue.
NOTE. - There are numerous varictics of thesse impressed upon the upper flap, and also variet es without tresse.
1888.-Centenary Type. Stamp in right upper corner.

1d., lilac.


1d., lilac on blue.
2d., blue.
2d., blue on blue.
1d. +1 d. (reply), lilac.
2d. (error?), green.
1892. - New type of 1892.
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$, grey.
NOTE.-These stamps are not infrequently met with used as adhesives to frank postal packets.

Official Envelopes.
1883.-Same type as the 1871 issue, but surcharged O.S. in black.

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\text { 1d., dull red. | } \quad 2 \mathrm{~d} ., \text { blue. }
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1887. -Same type, but with the comer leaves removed, top and bottom, and the letters O.S. inserted in their place.

> 1d, brick-red.
> 1d., vermilion.
1889.-The Centenary issue, surcharged O.S.

1d., black and lilac.
2d., black and blue.
1889-92.-Similar stamps, but with O.S. in circuiar plugs.

1d., lilac.
1d. (1892), lilac on blue.
2d., blue.
4d. (1892), brown.

## POST CARDS.

1875.-Same type as the 1862 adhesive. Stamp in right upper cornor. Frame of ornamental bars. (A) Word 'To" in italics; (B) 'To' in script type. Thin white card, $119 \times 83 \mathrm{~mm}$.

> 1d., pale rose.
1876.-Similar type, thick card, $117 \times 73 \mathrm{~mm}$.
central bar at top 6 mm . ; (B) bar 9 mm . 1d., pale rose on thick white card. 1d., " " cream coloured card. 1d., " " bluish card.
1883. - Similar card, but no frame.

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1 \mathrm{~d}++1 \mathrm{~d}_{\text {. }} \text { rose on cream. }
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1d. $+1 \mathrm{~d} ., \quad$, white ( $125 \times 85 \mathrm{~mm}$.)
$1 \mathrm{~d} .+1 \mathrm{~d} ., \quad, \quad, \quad(129 \times 86 \mathrm{~mm}$.
1d. (1887), stem of Warratah, rose on white.
1888.-Centenary type. Stem of Warratah at left, no frame.

> 1d., lilac on cream.
1889.-Large stamp in upper centre, dated 1838-88, arms in centre.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { 2d., blue (shades) on whitc. } \\
& \text { 3d., green (shades) on white. } \\
& \text { 1889.-Centenary type, no stom of Warratah. } \\
& \text { 1d.+1d., mauve on white. }
\end{aligned}
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1890.-Same stamp as 1888 issue, but Royal arms between the words posT and CARD. 1d., mauve on pale buff.
1890.-Large stamp in centre, the words and for FBANCE, surcharged in green.

3d., green on white.
1891. - Large stamp in centro. Inscribed for the UNTTED KINGDOM-AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO WHICH postcabds mat-be sent insterd of for the dnited imgodom by tee long sea route as in the 1889 issue. 2d., blue on amber.
1892.-Same frame as the Centonary issue penny, but with numerals instead of view. Small and large sizes.

12d., blue on pale yellow.

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1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} \cdot+1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} .
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Official Cards.
1887.-Type of 1862 adhesive penny, surcharged O.S. in black.
1d., rose.
1893.-Gentenary Type. Surcharged O.s.

1d. black and mauve on buff.
Wrappers.
1864.--Oval stamp, embossed in colour; inscribed postage one pennt, and new gouth wales. The paper is of various classes.

1d. red, on stout white wove paper.
1d. red, on thin yellowish white wove paper.
1d, red, on white laid paper.
1865.-Type of 1862, adhesive, on various papers. $a$ (1865) Wmk. w.s.w. \&c., covering four wreppers.
$b$ (1869) Same, but with wms. one penny on each wrapper, in addition to the N.S.W.
c (1872) Same, but one penny is changed to a Kangaroo, an Emu, and the letters "A.P." (Australian Postage).
d (1872?) Same, wmb. Kangaroo and Emu only.
$e$ (1872?) Same wmk. as b, but the N.8.w. \&c. extending over the four wrappers is omitted, only oni PENNY remaining on each separate band. 1d. red, pale red.
NOTE.-c. and d. are only known surcharged " SPECIMEN."
1888.-Centenary Type.

1d. lidec, on rose, salmon, yellow, green, blue and white paper.
1892.-Ordinary current adhesive types.
$\frac{1}{2} d$. (on 1d.). black and grey on white.
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. (permanent type), gres on whito.
Registered Enyelopes.
1880.-In various sizes and shapes. Oval impressed stamp, registered new south waleg and value. 4 d ., rose.
3d. on 4d., black and rose.
3d. on 4d. (no curved bar), black and rose.
3d., rose.
Officlal Reqistered Envelopis.
 1889-92.-Current types with letters O.S. in circular plage at upper angles.

6d. (1889), lilac.
6d. (1891), red.
5d. (1892), green.
[In our next issue we hope to give the first part of New Zealand under the head of Group Collecting. Much new and valuable information has recently come to light, and we hope to give our readers a full and complete list, as far as present knowledge extends.]

## BIRMINGHAM

## PHILATELIC

SOCIETY.

President:-W. T. Wilson, Esp. Vice-President:-R. Hollick, Esq. Hon. Secretary:-
Me. G. Jonnson, B.A. 208, , Birohfield Rd., Birmingham
May 3rd. Mr. W. T. Wilson gave his paper or "New Zealand to the end of the Star Watermarks.' It was illustrated by a large number of stamps on the originals in order to elucidate as far as possible when certain shades and varieties of paper were in use.

The avcrage value of each packet sent out during the past three months was $£ 1066 \mathrm{~s}$. 7d. The sales were very satisfactory, some of the sheets being returned with every stamp sold. In addition to the above amount, a supplementary packet from tho Leeds Society, was sent out with one of them.
Notice to Members of the B. P.S. Arrangements have been made for the exchange of packets with the Canadian Philatelic Society.

Stamps are to be at nett cash prices.
Members desirous of contributing sheets to the packet are requested to let me have them by June 5 th.

A vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Morley and Lundy, for their "Handbook of the Revenue Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland."

The Sons of Peilatelia.-A branch of the Society is rapidly being formed in this country. The cost of membership is 25 cents, via : $1 / 0 \neq$ per annum, this includes the official organ "The Collector" which is an excellent monthly magazine. The society has now 1250 members. For application forms and any further particulars write (enclosing reply postage), H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing, resident vice-president for Great Britain.

The Philatelic Exchange Society.-The May packets contained a very fine selection of choice stamps. There has been considerablo discussion among the members on writing remarks on other members' sheets. Some members make unpleasant remarks on others' prices. It has been decided that remarks must be confined to the back of the sheets and not made unless there is good reason for so doing. Msking an offer for instance. One member went to the length of making wholessile offors on the back of other members' sheets. This gentlemen has retired from the club. It is usually found in most Exchango Societies that some members will make unpleasant remarks and very seldom add their signature. It is a practice which causes much annoyance and should be stopped.-HI. Clerk, Secretary.

The Ealing Stamp Exchange Cleb.-This Club is rapidly making headway, several new members have recently joined. The packets for March and April show a great improvement on any previous ones, 61 sheets were contributed of the value of $£ 17810 \mathrm{~s}$. 9 d. , as against $£ 137$ 11s. 6d. for previous two months, and contained some fine specimens of rare old colonials, and it is hoped this high standard will be kept up. The packet will be continued during the summer, and is despatched on 1st of every month. There are a fer vacancies. Monthly settlements. Rules free from the Secretary, J. Wilson, 24, Hartington Road, Ealing.

The British Philatelic Protection Union.The following gentlemen have been elected on the Home Committee:-W. G. Walton, Esq. ; P. J. Painter, Esq. C. T. Reed, Esq. and J. Ruthen, Esq.-

Foreign Committee :-F. H. Brinkman, Esq.; E. Gainsborg, Esq. ; A. M. Rareshide, Esq.; A. Koltscharsch, Esq. ; L. Keller, Esq.:-Prospectus post free from the Secretary, R. T. Haberstraw, Park Terrace, Swansea.
Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.-The May packets were not up to the average. It is to be hoped that members will make an effort to maintain the excellence of the packets during summer. Four new membors joined during April, and there are vacancies for two more. Rules, \&c., free from the Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The Suburban Exchanar Club.-Three packets to the aggregate value of $£ 27912 \mathrm{~s}$. 10d. have been made up and despatched on their April rounds, and through the co-operation of members, many rare and reasonably priced stamps have been offered for exchange., the balances due to members on the Oct.Dec. quarter have all been paid by the Secretary, and with very few excoptions, every member has transmitted the amount owing by him for that quarter. The January packets showed an exceptionally high average of exchange, and with a steady increase of membership, the club is in a very flourishing condition. A few well known collectors from abroad have promised to contribute sheets as regularly as possible, the Secretary being empowered to effect mutual exchanges on their behalf. Any collectors, medium or advanced, who would like to join, will gladly be furnished with full information by the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor Eiouse, St. Albans.

## THE SECRET MARKS ON THE PERUVIAN STAMPS.

BY FENTONLA.

## As read before the Philatelic Society, London.

I N the year 1865, M. Moons published in Le TimbrePoste, a very interesting article on the Peruvian stamps, and a few months later, I find that, without having read, and, to the best of my recollection, without heving even heard of it, I contributed an article on these stamps to our (then) only English stamp ' magazine.
I find that both M. Moens and myself were, at that time, of opinion that the larger set of stamps were the first issued, -the mistake doubtless arising from their being the first to reach Europe on letters,-the smaller series, including the medio peso, being within the first twelvemonth superseded by the larger series, up to which time, Peruvian stamps were probably only used for inland postage. A strong argument in favour of this theory, even if it were not supported by data,
published by M. Moens in Le Timbre-Poste, of February, 1871 (transferred in English to the pages of The Stamp-Collector's Magazine for April in the same year), is, that one never meets with a worn impression of this series; while of the larger typo, used certainly during the years 1859 and 1860 , and probably, I think, also during the latter part of the year 1858, there exist a number of worn specimens, so much so, that in my own album, I arrange them as two distinct varieties.

I norv come to the minute points, to which I wish particularly to draw your attention,-viz.: the secret marks said to be discoverable on these stamps. M. Moens quoting from the second article of the postal decree, which states that "the un dinero, the una peseta, and the demi peso, would bear secret marks whereby to verify their authenticity," goes on to say,"we have searched from corncr to corner and back again with our magnifier, without finding anything special." Nevertheless, I believe they are there.

But first let me define an engraver's mark. An engraver's secret mark ought to be either one without which the design would be complete, and yet which, when added, toos not disturb the harmony of the whole; or else the secret mark shou'd be such a trifling variation of some not very prominent part of the design, as would not attract the general cye, and yet would be unmistakeably distinct to the initiated.

I believe one or other species of secret mark is to be found on every genuine specimen of the five stamps constituting the first two issues. To begin with the large pair as being the simplest to explain, the UN dinero blue. In the left-hand upper corner, at the intersection of the inner pair of double lines, occurs a dot of the same colour as the stamp; or it may be desoribed in other words, as having the minute square formed by the inver intersecting lines, which in the normal three comers is white, filled in with colour in that one upper lefl-hand coruer. The same may be observed in the ona pesets red, only varied by being in the right-hand upper corner, instead of in the left.

This, I think, solves the mystery of the secret marks, which seem at one time to have so puzzled M. Moens, that he states in Le Timbre-Poste he had serious thoughts of offering a year's subscription of his magazine to anyone who should discover them.

The secret marks on the smaller and, as is now admitted, earlier series, are less distinct, and consequently being probably found not to answer the purpose were superseded by the simpler ones I have just described.

The una pebeta rcd. In the left-hand lower corner, the wavy lines forming the spandrels cease to be regular about the tenth of an inch from the left lower side, and are replaced by a sort of Marqueterie pattorn like minute blocks, geometrically placed edgeways.

The un dinero blue. This being the most generally usod, saems to have been the only one forged, and therefore is more carcfully protected by secret marks. The lettering of value is most curiously arranged, being alternately one letter on lower line, and then two a
line higher, all of them being of one level on the top of each letter. Thus $u$ long, ND short, i long, Ne short, a long, o short.

Secondly, under the lettering and within the outer line, are two lines close together. This double line does not oceur on either of the other three sides,- thus counting nine fine lines at bottom, while there are only eight elsewhere.

Thirdly, at the right-hand lower corner, the point of spandrel is slightly curtailed, in order to admit ef an additional fine line jutting out, and passing close down by the o of dinero, resembling somewhat the prong of a fork.

On the medio peso, the secret mark occurs only, as fur as I have observed, in the lower border, the lowest fine line of which, instead of joining tha border line on the right side, turns up by the side of the a of correos nearly, if not quite, to the top of that letter, forming a double line on that side, and on that side oniv, as far as it goes.

In the cornucopia, or white ground series, I have failed to discover any secret mark, unless the fact of the cornucopia being on white were considered a sufficient mark of itself. Neither do I perceive any marks on the pair of the orlinary typo; but on the broken or disunited zigzag on dinero and its companion, the white flag una peseta we again find a secret mark. It occurs this time in the right hand border of each stamp. In the un dinero, the fourlh line from the outside in its downward course, breaks off half way through corrbos, leaving a flaw, as it were in the border; a sort of 'daylight' between the lines; whi'e in the una peseta the same occurs in tho fourth line from the inside, and in the upper instead of the lower part.

Though M. Mtoens has been credibly informed that secret marks are to be found on the various jssues of of the embossed series, I must confess to have hitherto been entirely baffled in the most patient and persevering search for them. He also mentions a varicty of the on dinero red, with centre reversed, expressing, however, a doubt whether the immaculate Lecocq machine could perpetrate such an error. I have never met with one, but 1 have in my own collection, the una peseta red, cancelled by a date stamp, the centre of which is reversed, an crrcur a'impression, if a date stamp may be so called, which, among the many thousand postmarks of various countries which I have examined, I have never before met with. Might not this error have been described verbally by one to another, till it assumed the form reported by M. Moens? I think it quite possible; and if so, the Lecocq machine, notwithstanding the ugliness of its productions, may still be innocent of error.

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- THE ADVERTISER. -


## L.P.S. EXHIBITION OF COSTLY POSTAGE STAMPS.

RARE stamps, which wero insured for $£ 20,000$, representing the gems of the collections of members of the London Philatelic Society, were on view at Effingham House, Arundel Street, London. The Duke of York, vice-president, sent a complete set of English specimens, all unperforated, amongst them the much-prized black V.R. penny postage. Russian "essays" were contributed by the Grand Duke Alexis, and the Earl of Kingston lent a Mulready envelope signed by Rowland Hill. Perhaps one of the rarest, and certainly the plainest, shown, is tho two-cent British Guiana, a specimen of which recently sold in America for 2210. A pair of lettered " Post Office" Mauritius, unused, 1847, penny (yellow) and tropence (blue), may be seen. Last year $£ 680$ was given for these rarities. The exhibition also contained the very valuable Cape of Good Hope misplaced woodblocks, and a Western Australian 4d., with a swan upside down, whose markot value has never been outermined. Several envelopes were displayed, including the penny ones issued for use by members of the Houses of Lords and Commons before the privilege of franking was abolished.

## NOTICES,

左LFRED SMITH \& SON'S Monthly Circular condemns, in the monthly philatelic letter, the worse than bogus issues of the present time. We agree thoroughly with our experienced contemporary, and further, we are of opinion that these new unnecessary issues consttiate a growing movace to the very existence of philately.

Mr. Ferrier-Kerr's exhaustive Jist of the St. Helena stamps is concluded in the April Record, and is undoubtedly the most complete and perfect description extant of these stamps.

Mr. J. E. Newell Bull's paper bids fair to become the papor of the Antlpodes. It is interesting reading, and withal useful. Mr. Bull intends to reduce the size of his page, but compensates by giving more pages.

Our flourishing American contemporary, the Post Office, completes its third year of existence with the April issue. Born some five months before The Philatelic Chronicle, the papers have always been excellent friends. We have never found occasion to refer to Mr. Gremmell's paper with aught but respect and praise, and wo acknowledge that we have received help and benetit from it and its kindly proprietor. Our own fourth birthday does not come until October,
and we wish the Post Office a long and prosperous existence, trusting it will continue for ever and then expire five months before The Philatelic Chronicle.

The Philatclic Fraud Reporter, published by the Boys' Own Stamp Co., of Wellingborough. Several hundred alleged frauds are listed in this book, and some unerpected and well-known names among them. The book also includes a list of philatelic publications. Altogether the work is of peculiar value to dealers and all who have exchange relatiozs in stimps. The price is sixpence.

Messrs. Whitfield King's new Wholesale List is out. A complete revisal of prices has taken place, and there are very many cheap lines for dealers, especially among the sets.

Mr. Walter Morley has kindly forwarded us a copy of the Handbook of the Revente Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland. We must confess to a lamentable ignorance ourselves upon the subject of fiscal stamps, but our friends who collect these tell us that the book is most complete, and is of the utmost value to every collector of British Revenue Stamps. The cursory glance we took through it ourselves showed us plainly that great care and attention had been bestowed upon its preparation, and we haveno hesitation in recommending it to our readers. The price is only 1/6, and the book is supplied by Mr. Morley, 186, West Green Road, 'Iottenham.

Messrs. A. Myerscough \& Co., 1, St. Michael's Alley, E.C., have issued a further supplement to their whole sale price list. We were especially struck with the many good and cheap lines in West African stamps, and can well recommend this firm to the notice of purchasors of these stamps.

Mr. F. R. Ginn is ongaged in dispersing a magnificent collection, worth some $£ 2,000$, and especially rich in Colonials. Philatelists who would like an early sight of the good things must make quick application, Mr. Ginn having now ready a greas many countries, and being actively engaged in preparing others for sale. For United States and British North America, Mr. Ginn is undoultedly the man to go to,-his stock of the rarer kinds being calculated in thousands,

## AUCTION REPORTS.

MESSRS. Véntom, Bull \& Cooper held a successful sale on April 18th and 19th, at St. Martin's Town Hall.
Great Britain, Prince Consort Essay $\quad$. $\quad \underset{0}{\mathcal{E}} 100_{0}^{\text {s. }}$
" Set of Telephone stamps illlll 10
"(Suppressed by Posimaster General.)"
"Mulready ld. onvelope, India Paper 1100


Among the principal prices obtained at the sale in St. Martin's Town Hall, London, by Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper, on May 3rd and 4th, were the following:-
Finland, letter-sheet, unused.. .. .. 1300 Great Britain, the V.R. damaged .. .. 7000 Suez Canal, set of four, used .. .. .. $10 \quad 0 \quad 0$ Canada, od., perforated .. .. .. 0150 British Guinea, 1856, 4c. .. .. .. 2600

Messrs. Cheveley \& Co. held a sale on April 10th. The most interesting prices were:-
Great Britain, $£^{5} 5$ on white, used $\quad . \quad$.. 260
Gibraltar 1st issue, salmon $\quad . . \quad . . \quad . \quad . \quad 1 \quad 3 \quad 0$

Ceylon, 19 imperf $\quad . . \quad . . \quad . . \quad . .1140$
" 5d. brown, no wmk. .. .. .. 100
Victoris, 5/- bl. on yellow, torn .. .. 2120
New Zealand, 1d. red on blue paper.. .. 1
Cape, 4d., wood block, fine .. .. .. 1140
" 1 ld ., $\quad$ torn $\quad . \quad$.. 0130
Br. Columbia, 50 c . on $3 \mathrm{~d} .$, perf. $12 \downarrow$.. $\quad$. 130
United States, Columbian 1c. to 5 dols. .. 3100


| Office (10) |  | 013 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Barbados, 5/-used | .. .. | 018 |
| New Brunswick, 1/- not fine | - + + | 55 |
| Newfoundland, 4d., carm.-verm. | . $\cdot+$ | 550 |

At Messrs. Cheveley's fifty-fifth sale on May 3rd, the following prices were noteworthy:-
Great Britain, 1d. letters sheet unused $\quad . \quad 1 \quad 5 \quad 0$
Gd. oct., unused, gum

Ceylon, $1 / 9$ green, perf.
$\cdots \quad . \quad . \quad 2120$

| , |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 -- blue on yellow |  |  |  |

", 2d, fine background... $\quad . . \quad$.. 310 | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

", 2d. engraved, reconstructed plate.. $10 \quad 0 \quad 0$
Mr. W. Hadlow held a sale at the Philatelic Auction Mart, 13, Warwick Court, on May 1st. As usual there were a large number of parcels and dealern' lots, but
the excellent average of good individual stuff was well maintained.
Great Britain, $10 /-\& £ 1$, wmk. cross. . .. 110


On April 2nd and 3rd, Mr. H. C. Merry sold for the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., in New York, a fine lot of United States Government Issues. Locals and Revenues, augmented by an excollent collection of foreign stamps.
Providence, 10c. black, cut .. .. .. 22.00
New Yort, 3c. blue, 1843 .. .. .. .. 10.50
United States, 1866, 3c. scarlet, unused .. 28.50
1868, 90c. blue, unused .. .. 14.40
1869, 90c., fine, unused.. .. 14.25
$1870,7 \mathrm{c}$. verm., damaged, used 1.35
Columbian, 1c. to $\$ 1$, unused .. $\quad 3.60$


Great B̈ritain, 1841, l̈d. red on bluish, saw-tooth perforation
1d. red on bluish, reconstructed
sheet .. .. .. ..
0.30

New Brunswick, 1 - damaged..
17 c ., sheet of 100 .. .. 14.50
Nova S̈́cotia, 1 - violet, creased .. ... .. 29.00
The sale realized the total of $\$ 3341.98$.

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$\square$ HE question of uniformity in describing perforations is one which deserves the serious attention of collector and dealer alike. There are two sides to most questions, but in this case we must also add a top and bottom, and between the four we are in constant danger of confusion. In looking through the perforations given in a certain book, we found, in the case of compounds, that sometimes the horizontal and sometimes the vertical perforation was first given, small wonder, then, that when our author quoted a perforation strange to us, we should search all sides, not knowing where to begin. In describing stamps ourselves, we give first the horizontal and then the vertical perforation, and in more involved cases, we take the order-top, left, right and bottom. If some recognised arrangement could be arrived at much unnecessary trouble would be saved.

Several of our friends have interested themselves in procuring for us new subscribers, and we are hoping to hear from others who have succeeded in gaining us new supporters, if only one. The special terms we offered to our subscribers some little time ago will be available until July 3tst.

## CHRONICLE.

BENIN.-The inscription on these stamps has been altered by the suppression of the first two words in godfe de benin.
BULGARIA.-A 5 stot. on thin paper haa been issued.

5 stot, green, perf. 10$\}.$
CHILI.-The 2 centavos stamp has been re-drawn, with value in larger figures.

## 2c. rose, rouletted.

COLOMBIA.-A new registered stamp, for letters upon which an acknowledgment of receipt bas been
paid, is issued by this republic. The design is principally the letters A.R. in circle.

5 centavos, vermilion on blue, perf. 13.
COOK ISLANDS.-Mr. Hollick has raceived the 1d. value lately in blue.

1d. dark blue.
ECUADOR.-The 5c. surcharged is found in mang varicties, and rending up and down in an oblique direction, in several sizes of surcharge. All and any stamps seem now available for postage, the latest brought iuto use being the 10 c . Telegraph.

5c. surch. in black on 50 c ., 1 and 5 sucres.
10c. green, Telegraph used postally.
5c. surch. in black on $5 /$ - Telegraph.
FRENCH CONGO.-Surcharged stamps of the value of 15 centimes in two types have been issued. The new value is surcharged vertically in thick figures in two distinct varieties.

> On 25c. black on rose, black surch.
> " 5c. green on greenish "
> " 10c. black on lilac
> " 15c. blue on white
> " 25c. blk.on rose type 2)"
> " 1fr. green on greeuish "

GOLD COAST.-The 20slı. stamp has been re-issued, the name and value in black.

20sh. brown and black on red.
Great britain. - Mr. Walter Morley, the English expert, writes us that he has found a 4d, green Great Britain, plate 17. We understand that there is no mistake of tho figures, which are quite clear of the postmark.

4d. green, plate 17.
GUATEMALA -The 10c. present issutes ran short for a few days last month in the city of Guatemala, and the Postmaster General surcharged the 75 c . rose " 10 centavos, 1894," in black. This provisional was in use but a few days, so will be rare.

10c. on 75 c . rose, surcharged.
JOHORE.-Besides the surcharge we mentioned last month several others have appeared, the full list being

3c. on 2c. yollow and lilac, black surch.
2c. on 4c. blaek and lilac
ec. on 5 c. green and lilac $\quad "$
2c. on 6c. blue and lilac ",
3c. on 1 dol. carmine and green",
MAURITIUS.-A few of the 50 c . green and 2 r .50 c . surcharged are still in stock at the post office.

NEW. ZEALAND.- The current fid, has been seen perf. 10 at top and 125 on the other threc sides.

NEW SOUTH WALES.-We are informed that the $1 /$ - Centennial issue has been scen surcharged O.S. in red.

> 1/- chocolate, O.S. in red.

NIGER COAST PROTEGTORATE. Mr. Homewood, of Chichester, has favoured us with $\mathfrak{a}$ sight of the new, and presumably permanent, issue. The bust is the same as upon the recent issuc, but the frame and colours are changed.

| td. green, | perf. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 24. |  |
| 1d. vermilion | " |
| 2d. brown red | $"$ |
| 2dd. light blue | $"$ |
| 5d. bright violet | $"$ |
| 1sh. black | $"$ |

OIL IRIVERS.-Mr. Slade informs us that the 2d. surcharged English has been overprinted "halfrenny" in violet in a very primitive manner, presimably by means of a hand-stamp. The 2!d. has been surcharged "halfpenny" in four distinct styles-two in red and two in green. All the Oil Rivers (except the $\frac{1}{2}$ d.) are still current in many post offices.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES. -The whole of these colonies will shortly be supplied with stamps of a new type. Some have already appeared.

SAMOA.-The new 5c. stamp has been issued, consisting of an upright white cross, inscribed with a crown, sasma post and the figure 5 , upon a solid red rectangle, with a five-pointed star in the left upper corner, and the words five pence in the two bottom divisions, watermark N.Z. and star.

5 d . white on brick-red, perf. $12 \frac{1}{2} \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$.
TAHITI.-The surcharged issues of the end of 1893 (with the exception of the 15 c . blue and the letter card) are now obsolete.

TURKEY.-We are told by Mr. H. A. Slade that a new issuc is being proposed for circulation in March of next year.

ZANZIBAR.-The issue of French stamps surcharged in annas has becn superseded by a special issue.

## POST CARDS.

BOSNIA.-A new envelope with watermark BRIEF COUVERT in large letters. 5 nov. red, $137 \times 132 \mathrm{~mm}$.
CEYLON.-Letter card, seents. 52., black on blue.

ITALY.-The Milan cards, chronicled last month, has been printed in colours which puts the patriarchal coat completely in the shade. The first 100 cards were specially surcharged and presented to the Queen of Italy.

SERVIA.-This country has invested in a new post card of the value 10 paras.

10 p ., red on chamois, $147 \times 95 \mathrm{~mm}$.
SIAM.-A new post card has been issued.
4 atts on 1 att, red.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.-The 1d. card, brown, now has the surcharge O.S. for official use.

1d., brown, black surcharge O.S.

## STAMP ILLUSTRATIONS.

$\tau^{1}$HE offisials of tha G.P.O. have announced that all 1 tters or wrappers bearing stamp illustrations, or any stamp illustrations exposed while in transit, will be confiscated. It behoves all philatelic publishers, dealers and others who have been in the habit of using such to discontinue the practice, or their letters and other matter under the prohibited covers will cartainly fail to reach their destination. We have, ourselves, during the last two months, missed soveral papers which wa are in the habit of receiving, and we would therefore request all our correspondents, especially foreign onos, to forward in future under covers that are not likely to off and against the regulations now put in force. -

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edited by Non-Lex.
[The dates given are different in many cases from those of other catalogues, but are authentic. Tho menth and day of issue are supplied where known, but in doubtful cares are marked (?). Shades of colour are given in chronological order.]

## NEW ZEALAND.



Full-faced bust of Queen in circle, with ongine-turned background. NEW ZEALAND curved above, and postage, smaller capitals, in straight line below. Value along the bottom of the stamp, and ornamental stars in lower corners.
1855 (July 1.)-On wove handmade paper, watermerk star, some of the 2 d . and $1 /$ - blued
by the action of the ink

## 1d. carmine red.

2d. pale blue, bluel paper.
2d. pale blue.
1/- dark yellow green, groen, blued paper.
1/- dark yellow green, green.
NOTE.-These are the London printinj done by Perkins, Bicoon \& Co., ant werc despatched to the Colony 22nd Scpt., 1851.

1856 (?).-On blue thickish paper, no watermark.
1d. vermilion.
2d, blue, slate-blue.
1/- dull omerald green.
NOTE.-This and all subsequent issues were printed in the Colony.

1857 (?).-On white wove machine-made thick paper, no watermark.

1d. orange-vermillon.
2d. pale blue, bright blue, dull blue.
1/- pale whitish greon. dark blue green.
©d. (1859) pale to dark raw sienna brown, brown, chestnut brown.
NOTE. -The 1956-7 stamps zocre printed locally in foolscap sheets, and it is stated that the paper was Thanded out,', as required, by the Secretary of the Postal Dejartment, Mr. Elliott, from his stationcry cabinet, white or bluc indiscriminately. In some of the stamps on bluc paper, watermarked portions of the maker's name may be found.

Date (?).-Varicties of perforations.
a. Rouletted about 7.

2d. blue, bright and dull.
6d. pale brown.
1/-blue green.
b. Roughly pin-perforated, 8.

1d. orange vermilion.
2d. blue.
6d. brown.
1/-green.
c. Serrated perforation, 10.

1d. vermilion.
2d. blue.
6d. brown.
1/. blue green.
d. Perf. 13.

2d. blue.
6d. red brown (?).
NOTE.-The paper upom which the 1856-60 stamps were printed is sometimes divided into hard and soft varieties, but the soft paper is only that from which the sizing has been extracted by immersion in hot water.

1860 (?).-On thin greyish pelure paper, no watermark, imperforate.

1d. orange-vermilion.
2d. lavender.
Gd. dark brown.
1-dark green, dark yellowish green.
1860 (?).-On pelure paper, rouletted.
1d. orange-vermilion.
6d. dark brown.
1/-green.
1861 (?).-On pelure paper, perl. 13.
1d. orange-vermilion.
2d. lavender.
6d. dark brown.
1/-dark green.
1862 (Fob.)-On white paper, medium to thin, star watermark, imperforate.

1d. orange red, pale vermilion.
2d. ultramarine, deep, light and chalky blue.
Gd. brown, black-brown, red-brown.
1/- deep green, yellow green.
NOTE.-Mr. H. J. Knowles catalogues a 3d. on pelure paper, bui as the star watermarked paper had superseded pelure when the 3 . value was adopted, it is diffoult to see how such can be, and no one clse seens to know aught about et .

1863 (Jan. 1).-On hand-made wove paper, watermark star, imperforate.

3d. pale lilac, brown lilac.
3d. deep violet.
1863 (?). -On same papor as the 1862 issue, medium to thic, star watermark, but with various unofficial (?) perforations.
a. Rouletted.

1d. orange vermilion, carmine vermilion.
2d. ultramarine, dark and pale blue.
3d. dull lilac.
6d. dull brown, black brown, red brown.
1/- dark green, yellow green.
b. Pin-perforation, $15 \frac{1}{2}$ to 16.

1d. orange red.
2d. dark and pale blue.
3d. lilac (?).
Gd. red brown.
1/- dark green.
c. Oblique perforation.

Gd. brown.
1/-green.
NOTE. -The 1/. pin-perf. is catalogued for the first time. A copy has been in a Birmingham collection for several years.
1863.-On white wove paper, medium to thin, watermark star, perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}, 13$, and $12 \frac{1}{2} \times 13$.

1d. orange, pale and deep vermilion, dull red.
2d. blue, deep, pale and chalky blue.
3d. bright violet, lilac, brown lilac.
6d. brown, black-brown, red-brown.
1/- dark green, jellow-green.

## UNPAID POSTAL IMPRESSIONS OF MAURITIUS.

Being a paper read before the Bombay Philstelic Society, at the fourteenth Ordinary Mecting, on Tuesday, the 26 th December, 1893, by Mr. J. S. Summers.
IN preparing this paper, I have drawn my information 1 on the subject solely from a number of used envelopes, which were posted from Mauritius to Bombay in the years 1872 and 1875.

These envelopes are franked with postage stamps then current in Mauritius, and the unpaid stamps or impressions occur only on those of the envelopes, which were not sufficiently prepaid in postage. That these impressions are really worthy of the title of "Unpaid" I shall prove later on.

These stamps consist of the value in shillings and pence surcharged in red on the envelope, by what I believe to be a hand-stamp.

They were in use during the years 1872-75, and perhaps later, but I am unable to fix the exact dates prior to 1872 or later than 1875. To describe the impression, I would say that it consists of shilling and pence numerals, divided by an oblique line in the usual abbreviated way, the former measuring 1314 centimetres, and the latter $1 \frac{1}{4}$ centimetres in length respectively. The dividicg line measures $2 \neq$ centimetres. The figures of value are printed in manuscript type in red. Immediately to the right of the oblique line and above the pence numeral is a small " $d$ " also in manuscript type. I have noted 10d., $1 / 8 \mathrm{~d} ., 2 / 6 \mathrm{~d} ., 4 / 6 \mathrm{~d}$. and 51 -. The three latter values, however, I have only seen in handwriting.

I believe that these impressions must be regarded from a philatelic point of view as fulfilling the conditions of Unpaid Postage stamps.

I now show you one of the envelopes marked with the stamps in red to the value of ten pence, end you will notice that the impression has been postmarked by a similar defacing mark to that used in obliterating the postage stamps on the envelope. It will be clearly seen that the postmark defaces the unpaid impression, and you will note that the postmerk consists of a circular design formed of four horizontal lines at the top and the same number at the bottom, and two short lines on the sides curved slightly to complete the circle, leaving an oblong space in the centre which is occupied by the postal number of Mauritius.

This, I think, conclusively places these impressions in the list of the early unpaid postals, and that they may be considered the prototypes of the unpaid class of stamps, which have within later years developed into the beautiful specimens which are now being used in several countries, including, among others, Victoria, New South Wales and the United States of America. Up to the present no regular issue of unpaid stamps has been made in Mauritius, and I believe we may justly consider that these impressions are the first and I trust the last issue for this colony. But, perhaps, as years go by, we may get a complete set of Mauritius unpaid stamps, equal to, if not superior, in design and finish, to those of Victoria.

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:-W. T. Wilson, Es.z.
Vice-President:-R. Hollice, Esq.
Hon. Secretary:-
Mr. G. Johnson, B.A. 208, Birchfield Rd., Birmingham.
May 17th. A hearty vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons \& Co. for a copy of their recently published "Stamps of the British Empire," by H. Mackwood Millington.
H. L'Estrange Ewon (Swanage), was elected a corresponding member.

Proposals were carried unanimously re A. Weisz, (Buda Pest).
Mr. R. Hollick then gave a very interesting paper on the "Overprinted Stamps of England and her Colonies." Included in these are stamps thus altered (1) for special purposes, as our I.R. Official, Govt. Parcels, etc.; (2) for use in other countries than those for which they were originally printed; (3) to provide values, that have been exhausted, whether legitimately or otherwise, by overprinting those values on others. Special attention was paid by Mr. Hollick and other momters to the varieties which had been printed and never reached the country for which they were ostensibly intended, or if they ever were sold there, only after the lapse of a considerable time, and even then in very small numbers.

A hearty vote of thanks brought the meeting to a close.
British Philatelic Protection Union.-Several new members have joined during the last month, making a total membership already of about 30 . Mr. W. G. Waiton has withdrawn his name from the list of members.
The Suburban Stamp Exchange Club.-In spite of the summer weather that is supposed to be approsching, members sent in sufficient sheets this month to make up thrce packets, which were composed as follows:-

Packet A, 42 sheets, valued at $£ 129$ 14s. 1d.


This shows a very satisfactory average, as in no case could it be perceived that stamps had been priced too highly; indeed, in many instances old issues were quoted at prices likely to prove a remunerative investment even from a speculative point of view. In response to a wish expressed by several members, the Secretary is prepared to start a packet specially devoted to entire postcards and envelopes, without extra charge, as soon as twenty names are sent in. Any philatelist who specializes in entires will be welcomed on receipt of satisfactory references, and the Secretary will spare no pains to place the Postesrd Club (should it be formed) on as good a tooting as the Stamp Club. Members who are likely to be away from home during the holiday months, will please notify, to prevent delay in circulation of packets. Intending joining members will recoive full information, with rules and Club sheets, from the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

The Philatelic Exchanae Soclety.-We hear the June packets contained some very fine selections. An additional rule has been made that nembers who fail to pay their accounts within reasonable time do not see the packet until after everyone else, whether they send a sheet or not. The Secretary of the Fiscal Cir. cuit, Mr. F. G. C. Lundy, intends shortly to balance up the accounts, and then hand over the management to me, as he finds he has not sufficient leisure to attend to it. I shall carry on the circuit until I can find someone willing to undertake the vacant post.-H. Clark, Secretary.
The Sons of Philatelia. - The largest Philatelic Society in America. The cost of membership is 25 cents, viz. $1 ; 0 \pm$ per annum, this includes the official organ "The Collector." Applications are quickly coming in, a strict and careful examination of each is made, as none but trustworthy members are wanted. A special feature will be a branch of the Debt Collecting and Fraud Department which has proved successful in the States. Collectors or dealers who wish any help from this department should join at once. Frauds will please take note we are preparing to make things interesting for them, several cases are already in hand. For appication forms, and any further particulars write (enclosing reply postage) H. Claric, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing, (Resident Vice-President for Great Britain).

Plymouth Philatelic Societr. - The Annual Meeting was held Wednesday, May 23rd, and after giving votes of thanks to the officers for the past season, the whole of them were re-elected. A small balance in hand was reported, and votes of thanks were proposed and carried to Mr. W. Morley for his book on English Fiscals, and to Messrs. Stanley

Gibbons, Limited, for "The Stamps of the British Empire."

The Philatelic Sons of Ammica.-This Society now numbers 615 members, and bids fair to outpace all the older American societies.

Midland Countifs Stamp Exchange. - 130 sheets, with an aggregate value of over $£ 100$ were sent for tho June circuits,-an inprovement on May. Thero are still vacancies from one or two members. Scerctary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Birmingham.

## A COMPLETE PRICED CATALOGUE OF TFE POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH ADHESIVES of GREAT BIIITAIN.

IN writing a few remarks on this extremely useful and handy volume, we feel sure that our friend, Mr. Ewen, never approved of the remark in the preface that he made the first move towards compiling a catalogue of English stamps.
Messrs. Hallick and Raynor published a catalogue of Unused English in the first volume of tho P.C. and $A_{\text {., }}$ and Mr. Ewen sent for a copy of it, long before his list was published.

Coming to the work itself, we find it very full, and the prices will be extremely satisfactory if customers can be found at those rates. In the majority of cases we should be delighted to part with very fair copies at half rates.

As stated in the preface, the most incomplete section is the one dealing with Colonial postmarks. By a cursory glance at a small collection of West Indics, we add

Jamaica, A31, A42, A49, A52, A59, A64, A69, A70, A77, A78.
Virgin Isles, A91.
In conclusion, we mist strongly recommend our readers to get a copy or they will lose many times its value in parting with minor varictics at prices far below their real valuc. (Messrs. Hilckes \& Kirkpatrick, price 4/6.)

## STAMPS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

WE have procured a copy of Mr. H. Mackwood Millington's excellent book. We fruitlessly endeavoured to beg or borrow one, and our friends know us too well to permit of the other alter-native,-but we were resolved, at any sacrifice, to become possessed of a copy, and so we resorted to the last expedient, so harrowing to our feelings, and we bought one. Having got this far, we felt that we could not deal with the book as reviewer pure and simple, and so we read some portion of it,-and were soon satisfied that our sacrifice had not been vain,-
we found that the work is undoubtedly in advance of anything yet attempted in this direction, although, of course, not upon the elaborate and expanded, not to say inflated, scale of some recently published works. The arrangement of the issues is comprehensive but concise, and nothing of importance is omitted,-but we found at least one inclusion which has no actual existence, - the Walfs error in the 2d., 1853 issuo of New South Wales, while no mention is made of the two very distinct types of N.S.W. and Crown watermark. Again, in tho 1882 issue of Queensland, woare informed of a one penny, error penoe. Wo have heard of the c in pence being accidentally altered to o, but we fail to see how any mishay could transform ny to os. The perforations, too, are, in places, very much at sea, especially in the Austrabian Colopies, being evidently taken from Oceania or some similar unreliable source. When we have said this we have montioned all that can be advanced in condemnation of the book. It is splendidly produced, well illustrated, and with slight exceptions, up to date, altogether an excellent work, and undoubtedly in advance of anything else in the market, while the price, $6 / 4$ post free, is a bagetalle compared with its value to a collector.

## NOTICES.

Indian collectors now havo a stamp paper of their own. Mr. Julio Ribeiro has published the first number of the Indian Philatelist. We wish every success to the venture.

The Philatelic Record gives us further information about the Oxford and Cambridge College stamps, in the form of an article from the able pen of Mr. W. A. S. Westoby. It also contains a good description of the principal rarities exhibited at the L.P.S. rooms on May 9th, 10th, and 11 th.
Mekee's' Philatelic Journal of America contains the first part of a translation of Senor Vieira's "History of the Postal Issues of Brazil." The magazine still maintains its pristine excellence, both of matter and appearance.

The Dominion Philatelist in its March issue does us the honour of reprinting our short article on the Niger Coast Protectorate.
Another burden has been laid upon the shoulders of the long-suffering philatelic public. The Quaker City Philatclist gives us an article in Volapuk, entitled " Dünelëf polik plocinan Jangai and Kóre." We must now all take up the study of the universal language. Mr. Gremmel considerately furnishes us with a paraliel translation as this is our first effort, but we shall be obliged in future to provide our own.

The Postage Stamps of the Duchy of Modena, by Dr. Emilio Diena, 3, Via Torre, Modena, Italy. The above mentioned work is the result of years of patient research
on the part of Dr. Diena, and is a very gratifying outcome of his labour. Dr. Dína is the acknowledged authority on these stamps, and the sum of his knowledge is preduced in the work of 226 pages under notice. We cannot in our short space enumerate the many points of value, but we can mention that the information is most elaborate and complete, and illustrated by plates of engravings in photo-lithography to comprehend the minor varieties of engraving and postmark. (I Francobello del Ducato di Modena, price $4 /-$, post free and registered, from Dr. Diena, or can be ordered through the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Birmingham).
Mr. Fredk. R Ginn has removed from Tottenham and sought the Mecca of English dealers,-in other words he has migrated to 143, Strand, W.C., in which neighbourhood are so many of his confrercs. We are assured that the new offices form the most central and conveniently furnished philatelic estab ishment in the Strand or in London.
Mr. W. B. Kirkpatrick has dissolved partnership with Mr. Hilckes, and will in future carry on business at Closeburn, Bournemouth.

## COLUMBIAN STAMPS.

WASHINGTON, April 11.-Since the first of February nearly every member of Congress has received letiers from constituents asking the recipient's aid in securing for the writer a set of the Columbian pastage stamps, which the writers declare are not to bo obtained in their home post offices. All the requests of this charecter have to be denied for the very good reason that the Columbian postage stamps in sets are not to be obtained. When Mr. Wanamaker gnve out the contract for the Columbian issues he was generally criticised for the large orders he placed for the stamps of high values, and a great many persons declared that these high values would nevor be used at all. Thousands of dollars' worth of stamps were sent to Europe for collectors, and thousands more were disposed of to philatelists in this country. Only a week ago a letter was received at the Post office Department from a gentleman in Boston asking the recipient to use the $\$ 4,500$ represented by the New York draft inclosed, in purchasing three sheets each of the "dollar varieties" of the Columbian issuc. The order could not be filled and the money was returned.
Already tho dollar denominations command a premium of 20 to 25 per cent. at wholessle, and at retail they sell for 50 per cent. more than their face. It is said that a shrewd broser in New York city, who is something of a philatelist, had the foresight to make a heavy investment in tho "Columbians," and that this gentleman has some $\$ 20,000$ invested in these
little pieces of paper, which will be held for a few years and then sold at a profit of from 50 to 150 per cent. - Troy Press.

Columbian Stamps issued during the period assigned to their distribution, i.e., from January 2nd, 1893, to December 31st, 1893, (actually from December 17th, 1892, to December 28th, 1832), were

| 1 cent | .- .. | 439,252,300 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 cent | $\cdots \quad .$. | 1,461,289,700 |
| 3 cent | . .. | 11,227,800 |
| 4 cent | $\cdots \quad$. | 19,026,550 |
| 5 cent | .. $\cdot$ | 35,247,000 |
| 6 cent |  | 4,329,200 |
| 8 cent | .- $\quad$. | 10,649,600 |
| 10 cent | $\cdots \quad \cdots$ | 16,484,210 |
| 15 cent | .. : | 1,546,740 |
| 30 cent | $\cdots \quad$. | 599,250 |
| 50 cent | $\cdots$ | 199,656 |
| 1 dollar. | .. .. | 54,470 |
| 2 dollars | ., .. | 23,129 |
| 3 dollars | .. .. | 18,281 |
| 4 dollars | .. .. | 17,419 |
| 5 dollars | .. .. | 17,885 |
| Total issued to Post Offices , direct to Department |  | 1,999,983,200 |
|  |  | 16,800 |
|  |  | 2,000,000,000 |

## AUCTION REPORTS.

MR. W. Hadlow held his thirty-seventh salo at International Hall, Cafe Monico, Picadilly - Circus, on May 10th. The following were noteworthy lots.

|  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Great Britain, 25 used ; | . 22 and |  |  |
| , 2/-brown |  | 14 |  |
| Bremen, 7 grote, imperf., fine |  | 14 | 0 |
| Naples, 50 gr . lake, unused .. |  | 16 |  |
| \% $\frac{1}{2}$ tornese, arms, cut into |  | 95 | 0 |
| Moldavia, 27 paras, 1st issue .. |  | 19 | 0 |
| 54 paras, 1st issue .. |  | 60 |  |
| Saxony, 3 pf. red | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| Spain (1852), 2 r, pale red | - |  |  |
| Ceylon, 8d. brown, imperf., fine | . | 1110 |  |
| India, ta., red, unused |  |  |  |
| Mauritius, 2d., large fillet |  |  |  |
| Nevis, 1/-green, on laid |  | 160 |  |
| W. Austraiia, 2d., 1st issue, unused |  | 615 |  |
| 6d., |  |  |  |

Messrs, Ventom, Bull and Cooper held a sale at St. Martin's Town Hall, on May 30th and 31st. The lots
offered seemed scarcely as good as usual. Tho following lots fetched the prices appended :-

|  | 11 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 quat., black, block of 28 | 11 |  |
| Labuan, 6 in red on 16c. blue, unuse | .. 90 |  |
| Br. Columbia, 5c., rose, imperi., fine | 37 |  |
| Br. Guiana (1856), 4c., black on crimso | 30 |  |
| New Zealand, 2d., pelure, blue |  |  |

Mr. Henry C. Merry sold the remainder of Mr. E. Harrison Sanford's collection for the Scott Stamp and Coin Co. on April 30th. The sale realized $\mathbf{\$ 2 , 1 6 5 \cdot 6 5}$. United States (1869), 24c., brown gum, without grill, unused .. .. .. 21.00
(Agriculture), set of 9 .. .. 14.40

| Confederate States, Baton Rouge, 5c., gr. and |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| carmine | .. |



The J. W. Scott Co. of New York, sold on May 22nd, a fine lot of stamps, the property of Mr. Luis Sobrino. New Haven, (one of the thirty printed in 1870) 75.00 New York (1843), 3c., pale blue .. .. .. 14.50 Providence (1846), complete sheet of 12 .. 58.50 St. Louis, 5c. black, die C .. .. .. 141.00
" 10 c . ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ die B .. .. .. 58.25

United States, 1868,90c. blue, used $\quad . . \quad . \quad 10.00$
" $\quad 1869,90 \mathrm{c}$. bl. and carmine, used 10.00
Confederate States, Mobile, 2c., biack, $\ddot{\text { pair }} \quad .$.
$\begin{array}{lllll}" & " & \text { Tellico 5c., blue, pair } & \cdots & 800 \\ " & " & \text { Plains, 5c., red } & \cdots & 100\end{array}$
THE ALLEGED COLUMBIAN STAMP
FRAUDS.

TWO monthe ago a charge of conspiracy to bribe was brought by a St. Louis Post Office Inspector, against Mr. C. H. Mekeel and others, under circumstances already reported in the P.C.\& A. The grand jury found an indictment and the case was set for trial, but a demurrer was filed claiming that no offence against the U.S. Government had been committed, and the judge sustained the demurrer. Mr. Mexeel says "We had no intention to act in discord with the wishes of the Post Office Department, and the small transaction that we had was simply in the
regular course of business . . . but . . . we are prepared to fight the matter to the highest court of the country, rather than suffer our rights to be questioned by a criminal action."

## EXHIBITION OF FISCAL STAMPS.

$\sigma$ HE Leeds Philatelic Society snnounce that they purpose to celobrate the passing of the first Stamp Duty Act, on the 29th of June, 1694, in the reign of William and Mary, by holding a BiCentenuial Exhibition of Revenue and Fiscal Stamps of all countries and of every kind not used exclusively for postage. Law Stamps, Deed Stamps, Railway Stamps, Telegraph Stamps, Municipal Stamps, etc., etc., as well as stamps availabie for both " Postage and Revenue" purposes, will be included.

By permiss: on of the Council of the Leeds Philosophical and Literary Society, the Exhibition will be held in the large Zoological Room on the upper floor of the Museum, Park Row, Leeds, which is in tho centre of the city and close to the railmay stations. The room is particularly well suited to the purpose, inasmuch as it ensures the necessary combination of perfect security for the exhibits with the utmost facility for their ready inspection, by the fact that they will all be under lock and key, and that the graater portion of them will be shown perpendicularly at the level of the eye, behind the plate-glass of museumcases in a room well illumined by means of skylights. It may also be mentioned that thelighting of the rooms is excellent, while at the same time there is no exposure whatever to direct rays of sunlight.

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We would put our readers upon their guard as to purchasing the 1854 Spanish stamps, used. We have recently seen all the values from which the cancelling bars have lieen removed, and a fraudulent postmark, lines in oval, impressed.

The leading English dealers, we are told, are about to emulate their American brethren and produce a standard priced catalogue for England. No doubt such an one would be a more certain criterion of the actual value of a stamp than the catalogue of any individual dealer, and we look forward with interest to its appearance.

We recently saw several envelopes franked with the Melilia stamp only and addressed to persons in Madrid. The stamp was obliterated with the Melilia postmark, and on the reverse was the postmark of the receiving office,-Madrid. The envelopes bore no out taxing inscription, and the stamp undoubtedly franked the letter to Madrid. How does this reconcile with recent disclosures? We should be glad to receive any further information on this point.

City uf London Philatrilic Cllb,-To celebrate the completion of the first jear's existence of the club, a river excursion has been arranged, by electric launch, for August 26 th. Tiekets are $10 / 6$ each.

## CHRONICLE.

CHINA.-Some more of the open ports have been converted to philately, and wo hear that Chin Kiang, Kew Kiang, and Chung King have issued stamps. These stamps should be collected together under the generic name of Swin Dels, which includes the whole of the local issues.

GREAT BRITAIN.-Mr. Morlev has discovered copies of the 3d., rose, embossed stamp, green surcharge, perf. 121. The copies are dies C. \& D., dated 1860, and used in 1860 and 1861.

3d. green and rose, perf. 121.
NIGER COAST,-The following is an extract from a letter of the Postmaster at Opobo River, addressed to Mr. C. A. Cole, of Colchester, under date June 11th, 1894:-"I am immensely sorry to inform you that I am entirely out of $\frac{1}{2} d$ and $1 d$. stamps, as I was supplicd with a very scanty quantity from old Calabar, and they are all run out at present. I hasten to forward you amongst stamps on envelope four surcharged stamps, issued in this station on the 19th of last month (May), when I was actually out of halfpenny stamps. They are one penny stamps cut in two, and surcharged $\frac{1}{2} d$. Tho number issued is 120, and therefore I could not secure as many as I wished." The stamp referred to is the 1d, blue cut in two vertically, and surcharged 3 d . in red figures.
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. red on half of 1 d . blue.
SPAIN.-Mr. Ostara, who will probably open a philatelic establishment in Birmingham before long, has sbown us a curious error in the 1852 issue of Spain, viz.:-The 2 reales, red, with a 3 for 8 in the date, which reads 1352 .

URUGUAY.-The following is a description trom a local paper of the new stamp:-"The new 1 cent stamps appeared yesterday. The design is a frmiliar one, being that of 1890, and we prefer it to the 1892 design as being bolder. The colour, which the P.M.G. said was sky-blue, would he more correctly described as a rather light shade of indigo. On the whole the new stamp is very neat and effective, and ioes credit to the printers, Waterlow and Sons. Like all the stamps of this republic, it is not watermarked."

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\text { 1c. indigo, perf. } 15
$$

ZULULAND.-Mr. Homewood sends us informa. tion about the new stamps.
$\frac{1}{2} d$. lilac, surcharged in green.

| $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | " | blue. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3d. ", | " | bronze. |
| Gd. " | " | black. |
| 1/- grean | " | black. |
| 4/- | " | red. |
| £1 red | " | lilac. |
| 25 | " | black. |

## POST CARDS.

AUSTRIA.-In commemoration of the Vienna Exhibition, there has been issued a special posteard, being similar to the ordinary current one, with the addition of a Greek frame on the front, and a suitable inscription on the back.

2c. bistre on buff.
EGYPT.-A new reply card of the ordinary design has been issued.

$$
3+3 \mathrm{~m} . \text { maroon on buff. }
$$

FRANCE.-The usual crop of commemorative stationery has been issued in connection with the Lyons Exhibition. These cards and envelopes may be collected in the same album and under the same heading as Chin Kiang, \&c. (tide China.)

LABUAN.-Two new reply cards have been issued of the usual type, \&c.
$1+1 \mathrm{c}$. lilac on buff.
$3+3 \mathrm{c}$. green on buff.

SPAIN.-Mr. Ostara has shown us a peculine error in the current postcards, both single and reply, being a mis-spelling of the word direccion in the inscription," En cste lado se escribo solamente la direcccion." Three c's being used instead of one.

## THE I887 U.S. ENVELOPE. Die A (the Rejected Die).

8INCE the advent of the new 54th edition of the Scott catalogue the guestion has been asked many times, what is D.e A. in the 2c. 1887 issue of envelopes.

There are many collectors who are familiar with this Die A. as the " rejected die," but did not recognize it under this new title, while other collectors who pinned their faith entirely to the 53rd edition and consulted no real authorities on the subject did not know of it at all. Of this class there are many, and they are greatly surprised to find that this Die A. was well known almost as soon as Die I3., and not before mentioned in their favourite catalogue. The cause of this I will not attempt to explain, but I do know that one of the prominent collcotors of Chicago wrote to the publishers of the 53 rd edition for information regarding it. He was informed by return mail that " they took no stock in it," probably because they had none in stosk,

It was doubted to exist on the various papers by those catalogues that did list it, but I have seen it on all papers and know that it exists.

The rejected die, or Die A, as it is now called, was discovercd in Brooklyn, and has been scen in the hands of Chicago collectors for six years

The description of it is as follows, taken from F. F. Gilbert's article in the Dec. 1888, Philatelic Gazette, page 34.

The most noticeable feature is the head, which is tipped back, causing the cye to look at an angle of 45 degrees instead of straight ahead. The toe point of the neek points between the third and fourth tooth from the bottom of the inside serrated border in the Dis A. and between secund and third tooth in Die B.

The $G$ in "Postage" is made like a O , the crossbar being left off.

The "stars" at the sides between the upper and lower inseriptions are larger and more nearly round thae in the common dic.

The $T$ in "United" in Die A. is over the depression between two points of the inside sorrated border, while in Die B. the $T$ is directly over a point.

The letters are taller and more finely lined.
Comparing the letter $S$ found in the two dies there is a decided difference.

Last but not least, there are 72 notehes in the outside serrated border of Die a. and but 67 in Iie 1 .

As this die has been found on only two sizes of envelope it is sufficient proof that the dio was in use but a very short time.

The head being out of plumb, and the $G$ in "Postage" being imperfect, was sufficient cause for the rejection of the die.

The approximate values of the different shades of paper, as given by an American collector, are-


## L. r. BRODSTONE.

MR. L. T. BRODSTONF, of Superior, Neb., U.S.A., has been making a holiday tour in Europe during the last two months. He reached New York by way of Chicago and Niagara, and crossed in the American Line Steamer, City of l'aris. Mr. Brodstonc, who is a well-known member of the Philatelic Sons of America, visited several English members in the south, on his route from Southampton to London, and then crossed from Dover to Ostend, to visit the Antwerp Exhibition. After a run to Paris, he again landed at Dover, and did the round of the London dealers, finally proceeding to Bimningham by wax o: Orford and Coventry. Mr.

Irodstene, who is a member of the Century Bicycle Club, did all his English journeyings on wheels, and was taken a few miles on his way north by a contingent of Philatelic Birmingham wheelmen. After visiting Derby, Sheffield, Grimsly, and Leeds, Mr. Brodstone arrived ut I iverpool, whenco he sailed by the Cunarder, Lucrnia, on July 14th.

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edited by Non-Lex.

| NEW ZEALAND-(Continted). |  |
| :---: | :---: |
|  | same type, perf. 13. |
|  | 2d. dark blue, bluc. <br> Gd. red brown. |
|  |  |
|  | 1864.-Medium pnper, same tspe, perf. 13, watermarked with the letters $\mathbf{N} . \mathbf{Z}$ |
|  |  |
|  |  |
|  | 1d. vermilion. |
|  | 2d. pale bluc. |
|  | Gd. red brown |
|  | Ga. red brown |

1861.-Same paper, \&c., but imperforate watermark: N.Z.

1d. vermilion.
2d. pale bluc.
Gi. red brown.
1/- decp green, yellow green.
1864.-Same paper, watermark, \&c., rouleltcd.

1d. vermilion.
2d. pale blue.
Gd. red brown.
$1_{i}$ - deep green, yellow grcen.
Same paper, watermark, \&e., serrated perf,
$1 /$ - deep green, yellow green.
NOTE.-Owing to a temporary exhaustion of the star zeatcrmarhed pajer, the paper used for fiscal stamps was requisithonch, this being uatermarked N.Z. 'the perforating machine was rendered temporarily uscless ouing to an accident, and while it was undergoing repair the stamps ucre issued imperforate.

1865 (June 1). Medium to thick paper, watermark star, perf. 13.

4 d . rose red.
1806 (Jan. 1).--Same paper, watermark and perf. 4 d . yellow, orange, yellow ochre.
1871 (Jan. 1).-Same paper, watermark, \&c., but colours changed.
(a) Perf. 124 .
id. rad bistre, pale bistre.
2d. vermilion, orange.
6d. blue, pale blue.
(b) Perf. 10.

1d. bistre.
(c) Perf. $10 \times 12 \frac{1}{2}$.

1d. red bistre, pale bistre.
2d. vermilion, orange.
Gd. blue, pale blue.
NOTE.-The perforation is sometimes nearer 13 than 121.

1871 (?)--Same type, paper, \&c., perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$, watermark, N.Z.

1d. pale bistre.
2d. vermilion, orange.
Same type, \&c., watermark, crossed lines forming lozenges.

2d. vermilion.
1873. Same type, \&c., perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$, no watermark.

1d. pale bistre.
2d. vermilion.
4d. yellow.
NOTE.-The star watermarked stamps are known wholly or partly imperforate. The other papers cams into use duriny another temporary exhtustion of star paper.

## U.S. PERIODICAL STAMPS.

BY LEWIS G. QUACKENBCSH.

$O^{F}$$F$ all the postal emissions of the United States, the periodical, or newspaper stamps as they are also sometimes called, are probably the least familiar to the average collector, and the method in which they are used and the cause of their rarity is but imperfectly understood, if, indeed, their existence is not wholly ignored, by many otherwise well-posted philatelists.

The first U.S. periodical stamps were used in 1865. Prior to that time the postage on newspapers and periodicals had been one cent per copy, to be paid ly the subscriber on receipt of his paper. Carriers and delivery clerks were charged to collect one cent for every newspaper or periodical delivered. As may be imagined, this high rate was unsatisfactory to both publishers and sutscribers. The growth of the periodical press had been considerably retarded by the disinclination of the public to pay so substantial a toll upon their reading matter, and numerous attempts had been made to induce Congress to lower these rates. There is no doubt that this would have been done some years carlier, had not the necessity of securing sufficient funds for the prosecution of the Civil War forced the government to utilize every possible means of raising revenue.

Late in 1865, some months after the surrender of Lee had practically ended the War, Congress was
ngain petitioned to reduce the rates of newspaper postage, and this time it acceded to the request, and passed a law reducing the rate from one cent per copy to five cents per pound. This substantial reduction was only made, however, with the understanding that the postage should be paid by the publishers themselves, and not by subscribers. Some method of indicating the prepayment of postage was therefore zecessary; a matter of considerable difficulty, since the separate weighing and stamping of each paper would be a superfluous addition to the labour of the Post Office Department.
It was at last determined to issue a set of periodical stamps. It was the original intention of the P.O. Dept. to sell these stamps to the public, and they were so sold for some jears. Unlike the present method, $t^{\prime}$ e first issue of periodical stamps were affixed directly to packages of newspapers. In 1875, however, their use underwent a complete change. Instead of being placed on the newspapers themselves, the stamps, whell paid for by the publishers, were pasted in books especially provided for the purpose. Each leaf of the book contained threc tiers of stubs, and each one of these stubs was divided in the centre by a perforated line. On the outside half of the stub were blank spaces to be filled out with a statement of the number of younds paid for, and the amount paid. This part of the stul) was to be torn out and kept by the publisher or newsagent sending out the periodicals, as a receipt. The remaining lialf of the stub contained spaces to be filled out with the same information by postmaster or mailing clerk, and also a blank space designed for the reception of the stamps. Periodical stamps equal in face value to the amount of postage paid, had to be pasted in this space. When the book was filled, it was sent to Washington, where, after being carefully examined by the auditors of the P.O. Department to detect possible fraud or error, books and their contents were burned by an official, under a heavy bond to totally destroy them.

The same complicated system, changed only in a few minor details, is in use to day. Numerous alterations have been from time to time suggested; but as yet the department has not seen fit to ndopt any other method of collecting newspaper postage. Whether or not the present system could easily be improved upon is still an open question. Vice-President Stevenson, when First Assistant Postmaster General, strongly advocated the abolition of the cumbersome machinery used at present in keeping this class of accounts; and favoured the open selling of all denominations of periodical stamps to publishers, to be affixed by them on all periodicals mailed, in the same manner as other mail matter. Such a change would probably render necessary an increase in the force of post office employees, and is consequently looked upon with small favour by many tight-fisted legisiators. On the whole, it would be very unlikely to improve upon the present system, which, having given safisfaction to all parties
concerned for so long, may reasonably be expected to continue in use for some time to come.
The first issue of periodical stamps consisted of three denominations, five, ten and twenty-five cents. They are among the largest stamps ever issued, meausuring about five inches in height by three in width, and are exceeded in size only by a few revenues. This set was handsomely designed and engraved, though in no way to be compared to the periodicals of 1875. The five cent stamp bore the head of Washington; the ten, that of Franklin : and the twenty-five, that of Lincoln. In addition to these three, there is a fourth variety, a five cent stamp, differing from the common variety, by having a coloured border.

Although these stamps are supposed to have been issued in 1865, there are strong proofs that they did not go into general use until considerably later, perhaps not nuch before 1867 or 1868 .

For a year or two, their use seems to have been largely experimental, and confined to a few offices in the West. In 1867-8 the Post Office Department, encouraged by the success of the experiment as far as had been tried, extended the use of the system, and favoured every town large enough to boast a single publication with a supply of periodical stamps.

From the first, there was considerable complaint on the score of size. They were found to be too large and unwieldy; and hence, in 1875, as it lecame necessary to issue a new series, it was deemed advisable to make the now issue very much smaller in size. The issue of 1875 consists of twenty-four varieties, ranging in face value from two cents to sixty dollars. They are very finely engraved and excented, and are considered, loy many competent judges, the most beautiful set of stamps cyer issued. The dosigns are peculiarly artistic and appropriate. The two, three, four, six, eight, niae, ten and twelve cent stanps loar an ennblematic figure of America, and are all printed in black. The twelve, twenty-four, thirty-six, forty-eight, sixty, seventy-two, eighty-four and ninety-six cent stamps all hear the figurefof Justice, and are of a delicate carmine shade. The rest of the series are of different colours and designs. The one dollar and ninety-two cent stamps bear the figure of Ceres, Goddess of Agriculture ; the three dollar stamp, the Goddess of Victory; the six dollar, Clio; the nine dollar, Minerva: the twelve dollar, Vesta; the twenty-four dollar, Peace; the thirtysix collar, Commerce ; the forty-eight dollar, Hebo; and the sixty dollar, Minuehaha. These stamps are still in use to-day, with the exception of the three and nine cent varieties, which were withdrawn after being in use for a short time. In 1879, the rate on second class matter was reduced to two cents per pound, and in 1885, another, and the final, reduction took place, the postage on that class of matter loeing reduced to one cent per pound, the present rite. This reduction necessitated the issue of a one cent stamp, which made its apperfance sbortly afterwards. Like the rest
of the lower denominations, it is printed in black, and bears the figure of America.

Periodical stamps are not supposed to be obtainable by the general publle. The regulations of the Post Office Department strictly forbid the sale or disposal of any of these stamps to private parties; and provide heavy penalties for infringement of the rule. But they are to be had, nevertheless, in various ways, which it is not necessary to specify bere. Still, there are very few in the market, and many collectors, have never even seen any of them. Genuine originals of the 1865 set are practically unobtainable. The market was flooded a few years since with government reprints of this issue taken from the original plates, but even these are now becoming comparatively scarce.

It is greatly to be regretted that these stamps are so very difficult to obtain. They are artistic gems; charming in design, in colouring, and in execution. The sixty dollar stamp is also especially noteworthy as being the highest stamp in face value that was ever used.
It is, of course, within the bounds of possibility that $a$ change in the method of prepaying postal charges on newspapers and periodicals may throw large remainders of these stamps on the market. Should such be the ultimate fate of this interesting serics, it will undoubtedly gain at last the longdeferred attention to which its philatelic and artistic merits fairly entitle it.-Post Office.

## ARE THERE REPRINTS

# OF THE <br> EARLY ARGENTINE ISSUE? 

By DAVID COHN.
Transtated from the Germens in Illustricrtes Briefmarken fournal, by Prof. (i. Regmond.

THE philatelic world has lately been in doubt regarding reprints of Argentine stamps. This induced me to turn my attention to that direction and I now give to the reader the result of my researches.

First, about the first issuc. It consists of the 5 c . red, 10c. green and 15 c . blue, and its main characteristics are a wide Greek border and small figures for the value. The suspected reprints, which I saw in large quantities, are said to differ from the originals by their white paper and by their colour tints. I will say first that their print agrees in every respect with that of the originals; secondly, that the colours of undisputed genuine stamps of this issue show many variations; and thirdly, that the white paper does not prove anything at all. I found used genvine stamps, many of
them on original envelopes, whose colour agreed fally with that of the suspected reprints, and I also discorered that genuine stamps which had been locked up for many years had the same white paper. Now, if friut, paler and colour of both kinds are identical, the so-ca!led reprints can bo nothing elso but originals. And so they are.

Of the second issue of 1861 , with small Greek border and large figure, wo generally find in the catalogues the 5 c . value only, while the 10s. green and 15 c . blue are looked upon as 1 roducts of ej eculation. These vi ws are far from being correct. When the rostal authorities decided to replace the first issue by a new issue of stamps, the 5c. stamp of the first issue was soon exhausted in many of the larger post offices, and the new 5 c . stamp was in immediate demand. On the other hand, the stock on hand of the 10 and 15 centavos was still so large that they lasted until the third issue of 1862 made its appearance, so that these two values of the second issue were never put in circulation. These stamps are, therefore, not results of speculation schemes but genuine stamps intended for circulation, or, at any rate, essays. Regarding the 5c. value, it is well known that it was not long in circulation, so that there remained a very large stock on hand at various offices. Mans years afterwards these were sold, and (ns the old Baden stamps of 1862 -68) they were looked upon as reprints by many collectors and dealers not acquainted with the true state of things. Here, again, it was the fresh, clean appenrance of the well-preserved stamps which led to that error.

The third issue of 1862 , the 5, 10 and 15 centavos, with broad C in the word centavo, has never been reprinted. At any rate, the Argentine postal authorities say that there have never been any reprints of any kind of stamps made. Persons who know the circumstances, who have lived in the country for years and years, like Mr. P. Gewelke, for example, and others say the same thing. Yet we must sav here that the original plate used to manufacture the 5 c ., with narrow C in the word centavo, of the issue of 1863 , was sold by the engraver, in whose possession it had remained, to an English firm, and that this firm made reprints from it. This is absolutely tho only reprint in existence. For the 10 c . and 15 c . values, which were produced from the same plate, and which also hare the narrow $G$ in the word centavo, cannot be considered as reprints at all, as the genvine stamps of these two values occur only with a broad C in centavo.

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## A FOPULAR FALLACY.

THE fcllowing advertisement appeared several consecutivedays in a Queensland paper :-"For sale, a few old Victoria stamps from 1854 to
1860. Apply - street, Brisbane," and a local collector called at the address given. An envelope was brought out containing some score Victorians consisting of two Jd., three 3d. (half-length portrait); ono Gd. (tbrcne) ; one 1d., two 2d., a dozen or so 4d. (emblens): and one "registered." Many of the stamps were badly damnged, most of them heavily marked and otherwise soi'ed, but to the vencrable owner they had no defects, they were all "old stamps." Asked as to his expectations, he was "open to an offer," lut, being pressed, he, with an expression which: cenveyed much more than his words, announced his price to be "fifty pounds, and not a penny less." On'y 50 10s. par stamp! On its being gently conveyed to the amateur dealer that it would perhaps be as well if he made himself acquainted with the value of his specimens before fixing a price, the old man assured his interviewer that he was well posted up; he had been told how scarce they were, and had read in the newspapers what big prices old stamps were worth. An intimation that if he offered the lot for a pound they would be refused, elicited the decisive rejoinder that he would "burn them first." He had seen a packet of old stamps no bigger than his sold at auction in London for three hundred pounds, and his were old stamps. That settled it. His were very old stamps and he would send them to London! Whether sent, or, if sent, what price they fetched is not recorded. We fear that the result would make their owner, like the wedding guest, "a sadder and a wiscr man,"-but the incident is an excellent illustration of the fallacious view taken by many of the non-philatelic public concerning any old stamps of which they may be possessed.

## SOCIETY REPORTS.

The Philatelic Exchange Society.-The fine weather and approaching lioliday season has not appreciably affected the size of the packets yet. Shects are already coming in for the August packet. Sevcral fresh menibers have joincd. The accounts of the Jan-March quarter are almost setticd. - H. Claik, Sceretary, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

The British Philatelic Protecifon Union.-The "Union" is flourishing apace, and 39 members havo been already enrolled, including the well-known firms of Theodor Buhl and Co, and Butler Bros. Several cases have been satisfactoi ily attended to.-Prospectus from the Secretary, R. T. Haberstraw, Park Tcracc, Swansea.

The Sons of Puilatelia.-The largest Philatelic Society in America. We have now 1335 members and a long list of applicants. The cost of membership is 25 cents, via $;-1 / 0 \neq$ per annum, this includes the official organ "The Collector." A new branch has just been formed called the "Ladies' Chapter:" Prcsident,

Mrs. Wallace D. Smith, 15t, Austin St., Portsmouth, N.H., U.S. They have at present 20 members, and will be glad to hear from any lady desirous of joining. For application forms and any further particulars, write (including repiy postage), H. Clark, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing. (Resident Vice-President for Great Britain).

Midand Colnties Stamp Exchange.-The July packets are below the average both as regards quantity and quality, but still there are some nice stamps to be noticed upon the sheets. When the holiday season has passod over they will recover their natural fulness, the warm weatber has a weakening effect upon Stamp Exchanges.

## A CATALOGUE FOR ADVANCED COLLECTORS.

$G$HE Catalogue for advanced collectors, published by the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., is compiled by Messrs. Henry Collin and H. L. Calman, and issued monthly in the American Journal of Philately. As the Scott Co. are the leading dealers in the world, so the catalogue published by them is more complete and extensive than any other yet attempted. The information contained in it is gathered from every source, and the most recent discoveries are ombodied in the monthly instalments. The latest issue of the A. J. of P. contains the list of stamps of Nem South Wales, and an excellent one it is. The minutest differences of paper. plate, shade, watermark and perforation are carefully noted and the various designs are fully illustrated. The two distinct types of Crown and N.S.W. watermark in the issues subsequent to 1870 are noted and illustrated, being the first reproduction since we introduced them in our catalogue last February. Mr. Johnson, who was the first to call attention to these different watermarks, sent by request a copy of the P.C. \& A. to the Scott Co., for the purpose of reproduction. The following are the various types of watermark.


NSW
Type I., var. a. Type I., var. b.


Type II.
but Messrs. Collin and Calman ignore the two varieties of the first type, which are not dissimilar, and, in their illustration of Type II. fail to give the rounded joints of the N . and W. All the same this recognition of our discovery is pleasing to ourselves, and is a testimonial of the thoroughness with which Messrs. Collin and Calman are conducting their labour.

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## LEEDS SOCIETY'S EXHIBITION.

左S we announced last month, the Leeds Society opened an Exhibition of Revenue and Fiscal Stamps in the Museum, Park Row. Many wellknown collectors and dealers helped the success of the show by their exhibits. In addition to various local gontlemen, Messrs. W. Morley, H. Clark, F. G. C. Lundy, F. A. Philbrick, end others showed intaresting collections and items.

## AUCTION REPORTS:

化T Mr. Hadlow's sale on June 6th, the following pricos were obtained.


On June 14th Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper held a sale.

| Spain, 1851, 2 reales |  |  | 170 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ceylon. 8d, imperi., star |  |  | 1015 | 0 |
| New Brunswick, 1/- violet | $\cdots$ |  | 8 | 0 |
| Newfoundland, 1/-carmine | . |  |  | 0 |
| 1/- orange |  |  | 1010 |  |
| W. Australia, 2d. brown on red |  |  |  |  |

Messrs. Choveley and Co. hedd a sale on Juna 29th. Cape, wood block, 1d. fine .. .. .. 3 3
" triangular, Gd. roul. .. .. $\quad . . \quad 2 \quad 8 \quad 0$

Nova Scotia, 1/- prune .. .. .. 7 5 0
Newfoundland, 6d. orange .. .. .. 2140
Canada, 72d. unused .. .. .. 470
Mr. Hadow hold a clearance sale on Junc 21st consisting principally of parcels and wholesale lots. Cape, 1d., 4d., Gd. and $1 /$-, triangular .. 0100 Canada, $7 \frac{1}{2}$ green, fine .. .. .. 1140 Qucensland, 1d. burele .. .. .. 0120 Newforndlend. imperf., 1st issuo .. 0110 Newfoundland, $1 /$-orange .. .. 5176

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" \quad \text { Gid. carmine } \quad . \quad . . \quad 2126
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At Mr. Gremmell's sale on May 25th, very good prices were obtrined. We mention a few of the lots which sold for over $\$ 5.00$.
Providence, entire sheet, one torn .. $\$ 36.00$

| U.S., 1847, 10c. on white paper1868 , 3c. grilled all over |  |  | \$6.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 12.60 |
| 1868, 90c. grilled, used |  |  | 9.00 |
| 1869, 24c. grand copy |  |  | 500 |
| 1869,90c |  | 8.00 and 8.25 |  |
| Executive, complete set |  |  | 18.83 |
| Justice, 90c. |  |  | 15.25 |
| State, $\$ 2.00$ |  | . | 7.50 |
| Knoxville, 5 c. envel., cut square | $\cdots$ |  | 20.00 |
| Bremen, 1855, 7 gr. . perforated |  |  | 7.00 |
| Great Britain, 25 .. .. |  |  | 10.00 |
| New Brunswick, 6 p. |  |  | 6.75 |
| Zurich, 1843, 4 r. black, damaged |  |  | 40.00 |

484 Lots in all Sold at $\$ 1,351.25$.

## NOTICES.

The Manuel du Collectioncur de Timbres-Poste, by S. Bossakiewice is one of the most interesting books ever issued in the interests of Philately, as well as being one of the most useful. It is a work of some 250 pages, replete with information, chosen with the greatest discrimination, upon every subject useful to collectors. One of the most interesting among many interesting leatures is the dictionary of foreign terms used in connection with stamps, both in descriptions and inscriptions upon the stamps themselves. The work is embellished with 226 engravings and published by C. Mendel, 118, Rue d' Assas, Paris.-Price $\mathbf{2 / 6}$.

The Indian Philatelist, No. 2, is as good as the first issue. Mr. J. Seymour Summers gives an interesting paper on Colour Shades, and the notes on general philatelic subjcets are extremely interesting.

The Stamp News for June gives a further instalment of Mr. Gordon Smith's account of the Tapling collection; the New Issies Columns are well illustrated.

Messrs. Sunith and Co.'s !ively paper, The Monthly Post grows more lively with tvery issue. A lot of interesting general reading is interspersed with philatelic information of every kind.

The ever-welcome Philatclic Journal of Great Britain comes to us for July with a new frontispicee in lieu of the familiar cathedral spire. The new cover is not so artistic as the discarded one, but, from a business point of view is more useful to Mr. Brown, as it consists principally of an ingenions arrangement of ioreign stamps, each one of which bears the price of subscription in its own currency.

The Gazette 7 imbrologique has a useful article on Forged French Stamps and a valuable illustrated "Stuaty of the perforations and paper of Austrian stamps."

The well-known wholesale stamp dealers, Messrs. Clarke and Co., of Bushey, Herts., bave sent us a copy
of their wholesale list. We can recommend this to the attention of dealers, as in many lines Messrs. Clerke aro " bad to beat.,"

Messrs. W. Eastwood and Co. have issued a list of chenp sets and packets which should be usefui to less advanced collectors, and which they will be pleased to send to any address on receipt of post card.

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CORTENTS.


WITH the next issue we close the third year of our existence, and we venture to suggest to our readers the great opportunity there now is for doing us good service by pointing out the existence of the paper to their philatelic friends whom we may have failed to reach. We have been deeply gratified during the past few months to see the great interest taken in the Phulatelic Chronicle by our supporters, collector and dealer alike, as evidenced by the numerous fresh subscribers recruited through their recommendations; we heartily thank themand sincerely hope that these efforts will lead to many new supporters for Volume IV.. Every one was at least one philatelic friend who can be induced to contribute the modest sum necessary to secure twelve issues of the Chronicle, and if every one of our subscribers will get us one more, as we hope they will, our subscription list will rapidly swell. For three years the struggle has been uphill, and we hope during this next year to reach the level mead of success. Will each reader help us with one new subscriber? To give our friends the opportunity of bringing the Chroniclc into notice at no cost to themselves, we will send on receipt of a post card a parcel of envelopes, with our advertisement on the back, for use in philatelic correspondence, and by this means the Philatelic Chronicle will become known in all stamp circles, to the benefit of our readers, as well as ourselves.

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## CHRONICLE.

TBYSSINIA.-The stamps announced by us several months ago are now issued. .The lower values show a portrait of Menelik II., and the values above 2 guerches a lion and benner.

| $\frac{1}{2}$ guerche, green | 2 guerches, brown |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\frac{2}{2}$ | rose | 4 |
| 1 | $"$ | blue |
| 1 | 8 | $"$ | 16 guerches, black.

COLOMBIAN REPUBLIC.-Senor Milcindes Lara, of Garzon, Colombia, has sent us a specimen of the the provisional issued in June at Garzon. It is a rough type set oblong design, containing the inseription " h . de C-- Garzon, Junio de 1894-No hay estamphillas-Pago $\$ 0.01$."

1c. black, on ordiuary foolseap, imperf.
CYPRUS. - Watermark Crown C.A., pert. 14. Three additional high values.

9 piastres, brown and rose.
18 " slate and brown.
45 " dark purple and blue.
GUATRALALA,-Three more provisionals are issued, surcharged in three lines.

2 c . on 100 c . blue on brown.
6c. on 150c. red on blue.
10 c . on 200 c . blue on orange.
HONDURAS.-The remark in our July issuc regarding the 1891 official issue, to the effect that they are not listed in Gibbons' or Scott's catalogues, hens produced the announcement from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons of their ignorance of the existence of such an issue. The issue consists of fourteen values, identical with the ordinary 1891 "Scelveck's," but printed in orange-yellow, a decper colour than that of 1890 (the pyramid design).
$1 \mathrm{c} ., 2 \mathrm{c}$., 5 c ., 10 c ., 20 c ., 25 c ., 30 c ., 40 c ., 50 c ., 75 c ., 1 p ., 2p., 5p., 10p. All deep orange-yellow.

MEXICO.-A new issue will be ready by the middle of September. The stamps are said to be of artistic design, generally showing various means of transmitting the mails. The official stamp will bear the national coat of arms.

NIGER COAST.-Mr. Cole, of Colchester, sends us information of yet another surcharge. The 2d., Oil Rivers, cut in two and surcharged 1d. These stamps were issued on 18th of June, only 40 being made. The new issue has not yet reached Opobo (Junc 25th), and they are using up the other two issues indiscriminately.

1d. on half $2 \mathrm{~d} .$, surch. in red.
PORTO RICO.-Baby king type.
4c. de peso, blue-black.
80c. " red-hrown.

PERU.-Fleven varicties will constitute the issue to be surcharged with the bust of the late Geneml Burmudez.

|  | 5c. green. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1c. yellow. | 5c. blue, with horse-shoe. |  |
| 1c. green. | 5c. |  |
| 2c. carmine | 2c. verm. | " |
| 2c. violet. | 50c. red | ", |
| 5c. ultramarine. | 1 sol, brown | " |

10c. green.
SPAIN.-The 1857 type, 4 cuartos, has been found on vertically laid white paper.

4 cuartos, rose on laid paper.
TRINIDAD.-There seems to be a serics, surcharged O.S. The Monthly Joumal catalogues-
$\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. green, O.S. in black.
1d. rose
"
4d. grey
"
URUGUAY.-The remainder of the new issue mentioned by us last month is now out. The type is that of 1890 , but the 2 pesos is a new one, representing the head of Liberty with a sun on the front of the head gear.

| 1c. blue. | 20c. brown. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2c. brown. | 25c. vermilion. |
| 5c. carmine. | 50c. slate. |
| 7 c. green. | 1 peso, pale blue. |
| 10c. orange. | 2 pesos, deep red. |

3 pesos, deep violet.
The numbers printed are $3,400,000$ of $1 \mathrm{c} . ; 1,000,000$ of 2 c .; $3,000,000$ of 5 c .; 50,000 of 7 c .; 430,000 of 10 c .; 50,000 of 20 c .; 25,000 of 25 c .; 20,000 of 50 c .: 15,000 of 1 peso ; 5,000 of 2 pesos; 5,000 of 3 pesos. Messrs. Waterlow \& Sons are the printers.

> POST CARDS, \&c.

BRA7.IL. - Letter cand, type of $1892,129 \times 89 \mathrm{~mm}$. 200 reis, violet-black and blue on grey.
CEYLON.-Newspaper band, type of 1879. 2c. lilac on white.
CHILI.-The Monthly Journal calls attention to some varieties of the Chilian posteards.

2c. blue on canary yellow (Gibbons' type 311).
3c. red on greenish grey (, ", 312).
3c. red on grey blue, inscribed carte postale.
FRANCE. - A card is said to have been issued in Paris on the day of President Carnot's funeral, inscribed hommage au prestdent martyr.

GREAT BRITAIN.-By the recent decisions of the Postmaster General allowing private posteards to be used, we may be able to emulate our French and German neighbours by issuing commemorative cards upon joyous occasions. We are already designing une to commemorate the departure of our mother-in-law, when that excellent woman makes up her mind to bring her somewhat protracted visit to a conclusion.

NORWAY.-The 5 öre has appeared with the stamp of new type.

5 öre, green on white.

## THE HALFPENNY STAMPS OF QUEENSLAND.

TIIE halfpenny emissions of Queensland mark two widely separated but important steps taken by the Imperial British Post Office affecting the transit of mails to Australia. The first was the adoption in 1880 of the Brindisi route for all Eastern mails and the discontinuance of Southampton as the port of embarkation of the heavior portion. The scond was the reduction of the letter rate hetween Great Britain and Australasio to twopence-halfyenny ( 5 c ) per half ounce, resulting from the apportionment of the surplus in the 1890 Budget of the Chance lor of the Exchequer, Mr. Goschen. These issues are also intercsting as furnishing the solitary instances of surcharge issued, and bisected stanip recognised, by the Queensland postal department. It is creditable to the authorities that Queensland's position among the Australian Colonies is unique for its commendable avoidance of surcharges; and its officials have rigorously, and for obvious reasons, set their faces against splits. About the year 1886 a postmaster at a township on the Balome river ran short of twopenny stamps. Instead of collecting the postage in cash and marking the letters " postage paid in coin," fourpenny stam,s wero bisected and affixed; but on possing through the General Post Office at Brisbanc the letters in question were treated as unpaid and the addressecs were mulcted in the sum of fourpence each for deficiency and fine, the department thus netting sixpence per letter in lieu of twopence.

In 1879 postage rates from the United Kingdom to Anstralasia were: via Southampton, letters Gd. per half-ounce; newsparers Id. per four ounces; via Brindisi, letters 8d. per half-ounce; newspapers 3d. per four ounces. On 1st January, 1880, a fresli contract with the Peninsular \& Oriental S. N. Co. came into operation and to compensate for the discontinuance of the cheap long sea route via Southampton, the Brindisi rates were reduced. On pages 186 and 189 of "Pugh's Qucensland Almanac" for 1880 the rates are given:
"Letters to and from the United Kingdom via "Brindisi not exceeding $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce 7d."
"Newspapers for the United Kingdom via Brindisi, the postage is- for every newspaper not exceeding 4 ozs. $1 \nmid 2 d . ;$ and for every additional 4 ozs. $1 \frac{2}{2}$ each."

At that time the current issue of postage stamps consisted of $1,2,4,6 \mathrm{~d}$, and If., so that it became imperative to provide a fractional stamp. This was accomplished by overprinting the one penny stamp with the word "Halfperny" in black ink with heavy faced small pica Roman type, reading from bottom to
top of stamp. The letter $f$ seems to have been imperfectly "justified" as the foot of it is on a slightly lower level than that of the precoding letter 1 on the second stamp of the top row of the sheet, whilst on another specimen the $f$ is slightly above the l. How many of these variations existed on the sheet the writer is at present unable to say. The 1879 one pemny stamp varied considerably in the shades; those upon which the sucharging appeared being a dull red and aut orange-red; watermark, small oval $Q$ surmounted by a Crown; perforation 12.

At the period this stamp was issued the writer was rcsiding at an important inland town of the colony, in constant rail communication with the capital, Brisbanc, and although making frequent inquiries at the post office for them was mable to purchase halfpenng stamps until February 23. This dato may be relied upon, as in December, 1891 -nearly 12 years later-a pair of these stamps (found in one of his own letters) with a piece of margin attiched, were sont from England to the writer, and in his handwriting on the margin wrs the note "Issued to-day, 23/2/80," so that the stamps were only ready in time for the second monthly mail which left Moreton Bay on Feb. 25. For the first monthly mail after the reduction-Jan. 28 - on asking how, in the absence of $a$ halfpenny stamp, it was possible to pay the exact postage, we were told by the assistant postmaster to cut a penny stamp in halves. This course the writer adopted, and affixing a penny stamp and a ha!f (cut diagonally) to a couple of newspapers under 4 ounces, they were passed by the authorities.

Owing to tho dissatisfnction which arose through the abolition of the cheaper route, and also the trouble to the officials from people, in ignorance of the change, persisting in posting letters with only $\Omega$ sixpenny stamp affixed, it was decided to adhere to the Brindisi route, but revert to the Southampton rates from March 1st, 1880, and in Pugh's Almanac, facing page 186, is an inset slip:

## "Alteration of Rates

"Letters via Brindisi .. .. .. Cd. per $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Newspapers .. ld. for every 4 oz. or portion thereof."
" February 28, 1880."
Thus the necessity for the fractional stamp ceased within about a week of its birth and it died a natural but carly death.

When the next reduction of postage to twopence halfpenny per half-ounce (between the United Kingdom and Australasian Colonies) was arranged to take effect on 1st January, 1891, it beceme again necessary to provide for the fraction, and accordingly the current green halfpenny was first sold at the Brisbane Genersl Post Office on 24 th December, 1890 (together with the 2 2d. carmine). It was designed, engraved and printed at the Lithographic Depariment and Government Printing Office, Brisbane, and cannot by any stretch of generosity be classcd as an artistic production. Being apparently an adaptation of the oblong halfpenng
of Victoria it Hacks originality. The centre of the design is the Queen's profile to left, on line ground, framed in an oval much too small for the head. The name "Queensland" appears in a curved line above the device and "Half" "Penny" occupy the bottom corners, whilst on each side of the stamp in small looped ovals, the value $\frac{1}{2}$ in figures is given. Every othir vacant space is filled in with scroll work of some kind or other, greatly marring the salient points of the stamp, and the whole is enclosed in a rectangular frame of small dots. The engraving not being of the finest, and the printing not of the cleanest, the head is often almost undistinguishable, and the stamps little better than green dabs. Originally they were printed in emerald green; for a time in 1893 they appeared in a very deep shade of blue-green, but the general run is between the two. They are on matermarked paper, usunlly with the crown towards the left of the stamp, but sheets have been printed the reverse wiy. The lettering and design are in white, tho ground being in colour. Perforated 13.

RFCAPITULATION.
Pronisionals; Perfornted 12. Watemaria Q. wader crown.
1880.

Jan. 26. Half of one penny, dull red, bisected diagonally.

Feb. 20. Finlf penny in black on one penny dull red.
Halfpenny in black on one penng dull red; error: " Queensland " (defective electro).
Halfpemy in black on one penny orange-red.
Halfpenny in black on one peany orange-red; error : "Qoeenslsnd."

Profile of Quefn; Oblong ; Perforated 13; Watermark Q. under crown.
1890.

Dec. 24. d. emerald.
$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green.
1893. da dark b'ue-green.
Q. Axd Chown (lost Office).

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edited by Non-Lex.

## NEW ZEALAND-(Continued).

1873 (Jan. 1).-Head of Queen Victoria to left in small oval. On straight label above new zfaland, and on curved label below newspaper postage in thinder capitals, value at sides, various watermarks and perforations.
(a) Watermark Star, perf. 10, 12, 121, $10 \times 12$.
$\frac{1}{2}$ d., rose, bright rose.
(b) Watermark N.Z. perf. $10,12,10 \times 12$. th., rose, dull rose.
(c) No watermark, perf. $10,12,10 \times 12$.
$\frac{1}{2}$ d., rose.
(d) Watermark NEWZEALAND across twolve
stamps, (1893), perf. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$. $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., rose.
(e) Watermark N. $\mathbf{Z}_{\text {d }}$ and small star, peri. $12 \frac{1}{2}$.

NOTE.-The Ifalfpenuy stamps (b) and (c) ecore printed on paper iniended for the long fiscal stamps. Hence the shects of 210 stamps showed only 110 watermarks, 230 being with no watermark.


1874 (Jan. 1).-New Designs. Head of Queen to left in circle for the onc, two and three pence, in rectangle for fourpence, in oval contained by a hexagon for sixpence, in oval for one shilling, watermark N.Z. and smeli star.
(a) Fine impression on glazed paper, perf. $12,12 \frac{1}{2}, 10 \times 12!$.

1d. lilac.
2d. rose, rose red, pink.
3d. brown, pale brown.
4d. reddish-brown.
od. blue.
1- green.
(b) Coarser intpression on unglazed paper, perf. 12, $12 t, 10 \times 121$.

1d. lilac.
2d. rose, rose red.
3d. brown, pale brown.
4d. reddish-brown.
Gd. blue.
1/-green.
(c) Same, but paper oith blue tinge, perf. 12, 12!, $10 \times 12 \frac{1}{2}$.

1d. lilac.
2d. rose, rose red.
3d. brown, pale brown.
4d. reddish-brown.
6d. blue.
1/-green.
NOTE.-The 12 pelf. sometimes approaches $11 \frac{1}{2}$, and the $12 \frac{1}{2}$ is occasionally called 13. We have seen extraordinary perfs. given for these issues, but have never discorcred any but the above. Again the large star Id. and $2 d$. given by some as 13 is an unmistakcable $1 \% \frac{1}{2}$.
1875. -Two values, same types, but watermarked with the old large six-rayed star, perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$.

1d. dull lilac.
2d. rose red.
1878 (Jen. 1). -Two new values, head to left in circle, new gealand postage and value in straight labels top and bottom, wmk. $\mathrm{N}_{2} \mathrm{Z}_{\text {, and }}$ antar, perf. 12.

2/- dull carminc.
5/- grey-black.


1882 (April 1).-New but similar designs, new zealand pgstage and revexte and value variously placed, white paper, watermarls N.Z. and star, -4 mm . between the $N$ and $Z$ of watermark.
(a) Perf. 11! , and
(b) Perf. 10 (1892).

1d. rose.
2d. mauve.
3d. yellow, orange.
4d. green, pale green.
Gd. brown.
1/- brown red.
(c) Perf. $19 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$.

1d. rose.
2d. mave.
3d. yellow, orange.
4d. green, pale green.
Gd. brown.
sd. bluc.
1/- brown red.
NOTF.-The 8d. may axist ine the other two perfs., but we have not yet found it perf. $11 \frac{1}{2}$ or 10.
1890 (Sep.) to 1891 (June).--Same types, and same values except 4d. and 8d., white paper watermarked N. Z. and star, $-5 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~mm}$. between the N and $\mathrm{Z}_{\mathrm{i}}$ of watermark.
(a) Perf. $11 \frac{1}{2}$, and
(b) Perf. $12 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$

1d. rose.
2d. mauve.
3d. yellow, orange.
Gd. brown.
1/- brown-red.
NOTE.-The 4d. and Sd. possibly exist with this wadcrmarl, but we have becn unable to discover warietics.
1891 (Jan. 1).-New type, coarse engraving, watermark N.Z. and star, $-5 . t$ mm. between the $N$ and $Z$ oi watermark.
(a) Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$, and
(b) Perf. $12 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$.
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. blue, ultramarine.
5d. olive brown.
1891. (?)-Same, but watermark as in 1882-90,-4 mm . between the N and Z .
(a) Perf. 112 .
(b) Perf. 10 (1892), and
(c) Perf. $12 \times 11 \frac{1}{2}$.
$2 \frac{1}{2}$ d. blue, ultramarine.
5d. olive-brown.
NOTE.-These varieties are catalogued for the first time and theromay be errors or omissions, but we think they are generally correct. The wider lettcred watermark uas in use about six months, and then the old type was reverted to. Sin ce 1893 the backs of these stamps have been utilised $f n$ adnertising purposes.

## UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

$T T$ is quite time some vigorous notice was taken of the constantly increasing number of stamps-misealled Postage-with which the philatelic market is is now flooded. The matter has become so serious, such a semmdal as well as a menace to philately-that it is a wonder no steps have been taken by the Philatelic Press of the two continents for the destruction of this devastating many-headed Hydra. The Press is acknowledged as all-potential in everyday politics, and no abuse can stand when public opinion, as expressed by the newspaper, decides against it ; yct we plifatelists, with our hundreds of journals are left practically without guidance or defence in the face of attacks which grow more aggressive every month, and now threaten the very existence of our pursuit.

Are the leading philatelic journals ignorant of the danger, or indifferent to its consequences?-That is impossible. Now and again these same journals indulge in a little complaint, but there is no heart in it, no disposition to grasp tho situation and confront the danger. It is not because there is a want of pluck,-for other abuses have been fearlessly exposed and mercilessly exterminated. What then is the reason? In our opinion there is only one answer to this. Whether concerted action between the leading philatelists would have prevented the issue of many of these useless offsprings of philately is an open question, - but certainly the silence of those who shonld have condemned las done much to encourage them, and for this silence there is no excuse. Great services have been rendered to Philately by the more respectable members of the Philatelic Press, but this only accentuates the neglect in this instance. And why this neglect? There is, as mentioned above, only one presumable, and to those who have considered the constitution of philatelic journalism, obvious conclusion to be arrived at,-that it is to the interest of the proprietors of these journals that unnecessary issues, and worse, should be continually prevalent.

Out of the whole of the stamp magazines printed in the English language, there are only four not owned or controlled by a dealer or firm of dealers. Therefore their interest is to gain as many noveltios and new issues as possible, and to encourage such whether really necessary or not. We do not and will not imply that these dealers act with any desire to injure anyone, remotely or directly. They do not want these new jssues, probably, but each one brings grist to the mill, and so they give tacit encouragement by want of condemnation. Why should they be expected to curtail their source of profit? One dealer, perhaps, swears by Mr. Benjamin of Shanghai, and his Chinese abortions. Another is in constant communication with someone in St. Vincent, and always gets a good supply of the surcharges early. A third has a standing order with Mr. Seebeck for his annual issues, - and so the
ball rol's. But they all depend on philatelists generally, and if they damage philately by disgusting its advocates and disciples, they will themselves have to bear the eventual incidence. Better be warned in time, and make a vigorous eflort to repel she tide ere it overwhelm. The effort of any one journal or any one philatelist smacks of Mrs. Partington's broom and the Atlantic,-but when many combine, opposition dwindles. For all our sabes let us take some concerted action.

Opinions differ as to what constitntes umecessary issues. In almost all cases surcharges might be so included, but apart from surcharges the following list comprises the clief offenders.

French Colonies and surcharges on same.
Chinese Locals of overy kind.
Commemorative cards of exhilitions, \&c., as Antwerp, Lfons, Geneva, Milan, Visit of Ikussian Fleet.

Labuan and North Bornco, especially high values which are never postally used.

South American Telegraplis, Revenues, stamps cut from wrappers, \&c., none authorized.

Native Indian States which have no postal value at all in most cases.

Montenegro 400th anniversary of printing. And in a less degree of depravity-

Issnes like Hawnij Provisionals.
Niger Coast 2nd and 3rd issue and surcharges.
Seebeck's of every kind.
Company Stamps, as British Central Africa. The higher values of which were never sold out of I,ondon.

San Marino issues and surcharges.
Portuguese issues to commemorate Don Henry.
The Columbus issues of Paraguay, Costa Rica and Argentine.

The Silver Wedding issuc of Japan.
Russian Locals.
Opinions will differ as to which should be banished, and what should be added to this list, but we exclude them all from our albums. Without presuming to assert which of the above list is the most offensive, we appeal to other and more infiuential philatelists to do something. We shall be called over the coals probably for daring to nssert that the mighty ones have been guilty of neglect, but we have waited until our patience is exhausted, and we humbly trust that some of the more important journals will see their way to a course of action to tending the common gocd, aud that right rapidly.

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## SOCIETY REPORTS.

The Philatelic Exchange Society. - The August packet of Circuit II was very good, and, notwithstanding the holiday season, the total gross value of the packet was higher than any since last March. The packet contained some very good English College stamps, and on Mr. Harvie's sheet were several excellent Syduey Views. Some members liave a carcless habit of neglecting to pay their balances when the amount happens to be small, they seem to think it of no consequence, if it were not for this the last quarter's necounts would have been settled before this. The other circuits of the Society are doing very well. H. Clark, Secretary, Kinnoull, Angmering, Worthing.

Philatelic Sows of America.-This Socicty of which we gave a few particulars in a former issue, was organised in August last year, and now numbers about 800 members, including many of the most influential philatelists in the world. Steps are being taken to extend the influence of the Society to England, by establishing a national branch. Full particulars, application forms, etc., may be obtained of Mr. W. Teasdale Wilson, the English vice-president, 28, Beechwood Mount, Leeds.

Midland Cocnties Stamp Exchange.-The August pnckets are very good considering the time of year, some very nice sheets being sent. A few more members are wanted. Rules from W. G. Walton, Fentham R.d, Birmingham.

Tife Sons of Philatelia.- The July number of the official organ, "The Collector," comes to hand promptly from the now publishers, the Sons of 1'hilatelia Secerctary, Mr. R. M. Miller, having sold the paper, owing to want of time to attend to it . The Annual Convention will be held at Niagara Falls during the three days following the A.P.A. Convention, which commences on August 21st, a large attendance is expected. If only Euglish collectors would join in sufficient numbers we might have an annual convention over bere. Why not? H. Clark, resident vice-president for Great Britain.

American Philatelic Convintions.-The Americmu I'hilatelic Association meets on Tuesday. August 21st, at Ningara Falls, for the Annual Convention, which will occupy three days. On the two following days, August 24 th and 25 th, The Sons of Philatelia will hold their Convention. The proceedings do not promise to be as lively as the corresponding meetings at Chicago last year, but members of both associations are working hard in the interests of candidates for the various offices to be filled up. No doubt Mr. Tiffany will be re-elected president of the older society, but the presidency of the $S$. of $P$. is a more open question, Dr. Russell not presenting himself as a candidate.

Birmingham Philatelic Society. -The Exchange Department under the superintendence of Mr. Johnson, is in a very flourishing condition. The August packet was one of the best ever sent out by this society.

## POST OFFICE REFORM.

$\tau$HE persevering assiduity of Mr. Henniker Heaton, backed by an overwhelming mass of public opinion, has wrung another tardy reform from the authorities of St. Martin's-le-Grand. We refer to the permission now given to the public to use their own private correspondence cards for transmission by post, on affixing the halipenny stamp. There has long been a demand for this very simple concession, and it is difficult to imagine any reason forits being so long withheld. The compulsion to buy the expensive lost Office stationery was felt to be an irritating and perfectly unnecessary restriction, and no valid ground for enforcing it was, or could be, given. Now, individuals and private firms may use their own cards with the adhesive stamp, and this, in commereind circles especially, will be a privilege much appreciated. It goas without saying that certain conditions will attich to the concession, and that the cards used by the public will have to le kept within certain limits as to size and shape, and possibly as to weight and texture. It would be unreasonable to expect the Post Office to carry, at the cheap rate, cards either too large, too Himsy, or too heavy. It is stated that post-cards at present yield a profit of $£ 22,000$ yearly, but it is probable that the increase in the issue of halfpenny stamps will largely cover the deficiency incurred by the change, apart altogether from the increased convenience to the public.

Of course this means the reduction, eventually, of the price of post-cards to facc value, the same as in foreign countries. The next reform for Mr. Henniker Heaton to take in hand should be the reduction of newspaper rates. In some countries newspapers and periodicals are carried free; in others, as the United States, at the rate of one cent or one halfpenny per pound. England, the pionecr of cheap postage, charges one halfpenny for two ounces.

Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has received a singular anonymous tribute apropos of the recent postcard concession. It took the form of three playing cards (the aces), with his address on one side and on the other these inscriptions:-"Let England (club) with her colonies in all things," "IIe is worth his weight in (diamonds)," and "Congratulations to Mr. Henniker Meaton, M.P., with all my (heart)"

The wife of Mr. John Edwards, of Montreal, our Canadian agent, presented him with a daughter on July 4th. We are pleased to say that latest advices tell us that both mother and child aro doing well. Mr. Edwards is a Birmingham man and his wife an Euglish lady.

## NOTICES.

$\uparrow$HE first tro issues of The Southern Weekly Philatclist presont the healthy appearance which betokens a long life. We wish E'ditor Rareshide every success.

El Filatelista Sud Americano is the leading philatelic paper of South America, and is deservedly so. Although of unpretentious appearance, a vast amount of usefal and interesting matter may be found in its twelve pages per month.

Mr. David II. Itill continues his valuable articles on 'lhe Stanps of Victoria in linulin's l'hilatelic Monthly.

The Collector, the organ of the Sons of Ihilatelia, is a go-ahead style of paper. The editar has evidently got into the French class at school, and obliges his friends with various words and phrases in that polished tongue-mostly incorrect or inappropriate - with a dash of Latin now and again. This is a literal specimen : "We shall take bon les soucis of our protége, and allow at no time, the philatelic beau monde to abuse a name more holy than themselves. Those who are now enjoying themselves-carcat."

Among new comers, I'he Philatelic World, published by Mr. B. Gordon Jones, of Caleutta, is the best. The magazine is produced in good style, aud contains much of value to philatelists.

Moriturum te salute. The Quaker City Philatelist for July announces its discontinuance from that issue. It is a great pity after weathering the storm for nine years to come to grief at last. Several papers of less importance have also succumbed to the summer heat, but none will he missed like the old-established Q.C.I. The Iowa Philatelic Heckly, The Delroit Philatelist, and, we believe, The Dominion Phitatelist and Canadian I'hitatelist have also gone over to the majority. We hear, though, of some new aspirauts for the favour of philatelic readers. M. Becaune, of 'loulouse, is issuing L'Express l'hilatelique, from Geneva comes the first number of Bulletin de L'Luion Timbrophile Suisse, India sends us the Philatelic II orfa, America, the Dixic Philatelist and anew weekly, The Southern Weckly Philatelist, published by Mr. A. M. Rareshide, of Houstan, Texas.

The lost Office gets more valuable with every issue. The July number contains an interesting article upon minor varieties in foreign stamps, and an interesting sketch of the halfpenny stamps of Quecusland.
M. Edmond Frémy has published an excellent descriptive Catalogue of the Stamps of France and her Colonies. The work is most complete and minute, comprising essays, fiscals, telegraph, telephone and every other description of stamp, aud is the most valusble book we know of for collectors of French stamps.

Mr. T. H. Hinton, of Chelsea, has issued an enlarged edition of bis popular shilling album. The new book provides space for some 3,000 stamps, and the arrangement by which Colonies are grouped after their respective mother country, is novel and convenient. The paper is of good quality nad the book is well illustrated and far superior to the cheap German rubbish now so prevalent. The price is $1 / 6$ and 2,6, according to the binding.

Messrs. Arthur Monteitl \& Co. aro offering $10 \%$ discount, from their wholesale list during August nud September. A glance through the list shewed us some very cheap lines. lerb. sap.

## SCENES FROM <br> THE LIFE OF COLUMBUS. <br> BY ZNCLE SAMUEL.

KSHOR'T time previous to the issuc of our Columbus stamps, there appeared in the Philatelic Monthly, a "take off" in regard to the designs for the various denominations, using the old one-to-ninety cent schedulc, the years of Columbus' lifa at which the "ovents" transpired corresponding with the values in number of cents. Below is my idea of what the desig:s should have been for the whole sixteen values. Just see what the Post Office Department has missed by not consulting me about the seenes dopicted.
1 cent.-1st year. Columbus discovering himself to be a dago.

2 cent.-2nd year. Christy proving that the world is "holler" like a "brwl."
3 cont.-3rd year. Claristopher getting acquainted with his father.
4 cent.-4th year. Columbus having a fight with the nurse.
5 cent.-5th yoar. Cluris donning his first pair of trousers.
G cent.-6th year. Columbus upsetting tho old man's banana stand.
8 cent.-8th year. Columbus' first day at school; licking Giacomo Peanutti in one round.
10 cent.-10th year. Columbus, who has expressed a desire to follow the sen, recciring practical instructions in "whaling" from his pa.
15 cent. - 15 th year. Columbus."scraping" an acquaintance (himself) with a razor.
30 cent. - 30 th year. Columbus courting.
50 cent - 50 th jear. Columbus studying his geography.
\$1.-100th year. Columbus waking up and finding he has been dead thirty yoars.
$\$ 2$. 200 th year. Columbus discovering himself to b3 still dead.
\$3.-300th year. Columbus on a "bust."
\$4.-400th year. Columbus at Chicago
$\$ 5 .-500$ th year. Columbus entroating St. Peter to telephone to Chicago and get him a divorce.-Southern Weckly Philatalist.

## AUCTION REPORTS:

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NLY onc Auction has been held during the last month, viz: that of Messrs. Cheveley \& Co., on July 3 1st. The lots affered were generally wholesale or mixed parcels. One collection fetched $£ 52$ and \& 2 soldi, Tuscany, did not reach the rescrve price 911 . The most interesting prices were- $\quad$ £ $\mathbf{s}$. d. Great Britain, 4d., small garter, unused .. 11100 Russian Locals (collection of 100) .. 1100 Great Britain, Mulready wrappers, pair .. 150 Ceylon, no wmk., 5d.
Tasmania, 2d, no wink strip of $3 \quad \cdots \quad 1 \quad 0$
South Australin, 2 - roul., unused $\quad \therefore \quad 11410$
New South Wales, pair, Id., Sydncy Views 3100
Cape, 1d., wood block $\quad . . \quad . . \quad 2480$
", $4 \mathrm{~d} .$, , good specimen $\quad \cdots \quad 1 \begin{array}{llll}2 & 0 \\ \text { Monter }\end{array}$
$\begin{array}{llllll}\text { Montsertat, 4d. binc, C.A., unused } & \cdots & 1 & 16 & 0 \\ \# \text { used } & \cdots & 1 & 16 & 0\end{array}$
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C.S.A. (1S69), 90c. black and carmine .. 1160
" complete set of periodical stamps, unused, bat 90 c . surch. "specimen" 1710 0

## THE 1887 U.S. ENVELOPE.

To the Enton, Phiketclic Chronicle and Advertiser.
Dear Sin,-In your July number, which has just been reccived, I notice under the heading,
"The 1887 U.S. Envelope,
Die A. (Rejected Die)," Die A. (Rejected Die),"
a table of values in which, it seems to me, the prices given are misleading. I notice that in every instance the drico of the used stamp is higher than the unusod.. As these stamps are good for postage at the prosent time it scems as though f20 (as in the case of the 2 c . Amber Manilla) was a pretty large price to pay for dropping a letter in the post officc. Should any of your readers have unused specimens which, according to your table, they would like to enhance in value, I should be most happy to accommodate without any charge.

However perhaps the easier way of setting matters straight would bo to change the words "tised" and "unused" in your list.

There certainly can be no question that a fine unused specimen of this Euvelope is far preferable to a used one, and that its value particularly in the rarershades of paper is vastly more.

> Yours faithfully,
> ALFRED L. HOLMAN.

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T"WELVE months ago, upon the completion of our second volume, we ventured to predict that the Philatelic Chronicle was on the high way to succe is. The signs of the times, as evidenced by the constant influx of new supporters and the continued adhesion of old ones, pointed to this consummation, and the events of the past year enable us to corroborate our prediction. All things have a beginning. As the insignificant acorn produces the mighty king of the forest, humble efforts may bring forth glorious results, and so, aequo animo, we abide the issue. In truth, we have nothing to grumble at in the events of the past year, as far as they concern the Chronicle. Our position in the philatelic world has become more assured, our supporters more numerous, and our confidence greater. Encouraged by success we inaugurated a new departure with the first month of 1894 , and published our short advertisements as a separate paper, under the title of The Advertiser of Wants and Offers. This has been only a modified success, but audi alterem partem, the subscription list to the Chronicle has doubled itself within a very few, and part of this augmentation is undoubtedly. due to the Advertiser. Since October, 1891 , when our tiny light first appeared, many stars have burst upon the philatelic firmament. But where are they now? For a brief season they shone brightly, and then disappeared into the night.
" One moment here, then gone for ever."
We do not recall the memory from any feeling of exultation, but only to point the moral, that the Philatelic Chronicle must have some superior claim on the sympathies of philatelists to weather the storm successfully, when so many gallant barques foundered. We know of only one possible reaston.

The Chronicle is a collectors' paper, published by collectors, and both dealer and collector feel more satisfaction in according it support. The collector, because he is conscious that his interests are the main consideration, and the dealer for two reasons, first, because he knows that his advertisements will not be overshadowed by the portentous announcements of the proprietors, but will have an equal and fair chance, and secondly, because he wants to reach collectors, and a collector's paper is the medium. We recently compared our first issue with the one for August, 1894, and we found no less than six of our original advertisers who were still inserting their advertisements. A goodly proportion when we consider that our original advertisers were not numerous. There are better papers than ours undoubtedly, but there is no other philatelic paper extant that has prospered by its own merits,-all our best journals are supported at great expense by the dealers who control them. But enough! we want our friends to gather round us and bring in new support to raise our subscription list to five thousand, and then-we shall see what we shall see. Au evoir.

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TFGHANISTAN. - The Timbre Poste announces two additionnal stainps of the value 1 abasi, of the now type, and also a 2 abasi in sheets of 24 varieties; and 1 rupee in sheets of 12 varieties, all on coloured pelure paper.

1 abasi, black on yellow.
1 abasi, black on violet.
2 abasi, black on green.
1 rupee, black on green.
A stamp for Registered letters of similar design is also issued.
= 2 abasi, black on green.
BRITISH BECHUANALAND. - The shilling British stamp has been surcharged for use in this state.
1/. black on green.

GUATEMALA. - Mr. Toulmin informs us of another surcharged value of this state.

2 on 100 c . blue on brown.
MONTENEGRO.-A complete change of colour may be looked for in the stamps of this state. Ah! Otto Bickel, you have muoh to answer for.
"The trail of the serpent is over them all."
PERAK.-The 5 cents bas been surcharged service. 5 cents, black on ultramarine.
PORTUGUESE COLONIES.-Angola and Guinea have now stamps of the new type.
ST. HELENA.-The expected new issue is not to come oft after all. 'For this relief, much thanks.'
TRANSVAAL - Stamps of a new and handsome design are about to be issued. The 6d. value has appeared printed on whito paper.

6 pence, blue, perf. 12\}.
TURKS ISLAND.-A new value of the Seychelles type is issued.

5d. green, value in rose.
UNITED STATES.-As announced in another column, the new State printed stamps will be distinguished from the old ones by the insertion of a clover leaf design in the upper corners. The journal stamps will be of smaller design and the values will be different, some of the old values will be suppressed, and the new issue will consist of $5,10,25,50$ cents, 2 , $5,10,20,50$ and 100 dollars. The 30 and 90 cents will also be omitted from the postal series, and stamps representing 50c., 1, 2 and 5 dollars inserted.

## POST CARDS, \&c.

CUBA.-A now emission of two postcards is announced.

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4c. de peso, red-violot

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## CHRONICLE.

政FGHANISTAN. - The Timbre Poste announces two additional stamps of the value 1 abasi, of the now type, and also a 2 abasi in sheets of 24 varieties; and 1 rupee in sheets of 12 varieties, all on coloured pelure paper.

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\begin{aligned}
& 1 \text { abasi, black on yellow. } \\
& 1 \text { abasi, black on violet. } \\
& 2 \text { abasi, black on green. } \\
& 1 \text { rupee, black on green. }
\end{aligned}
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A stamp for Registered letters of similar design is also issucd.

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\star 2 \text { abasi, black on green. }
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BRITISH BECHUANALAND. - The shilling British stamp has been surchargod for use in this state.

> 1/- black on green.

GUATEMALA.-Mr. Toulmin informs us of another surcharged value of this state.

2 on 100 c . blue on brown.
MONTENEGRO.-A complete change of colour may be looked for in the stamps of this state. Ah 1 Otto Bickel, you have much to answer for.
"The trail of the serpent is over them sll."
PERAK.-The 5 cents has been surcharged sfrvice.
5 cents, black on iltramarine.
PORTUGUESE COLONIES.-Angola and Guinea have now stamps of the new type.

ST. HELENA.-The expected new issue is not to come off after all. 'For this relief, much thanks.'

TRANSVAAL.-Stamps of a new and handsome design are about to be issued. The 6d. vilue has appeared printed on white paper.

6 pence, blue, perf. 12t.
TURKS ISLAND.-A new value of the Seychelles type is issued.

5d. green, value in rose.
UNITED STATES.-As announced in another column, the new State printed stamps will be distinguished from the old ones by the insertion of a clover leaf design in the upper corners. The journal stamps will be of smaller design and the values will be different, some of the old values will be suppressed, and the new issue will consist of $5,10,25,50$ cents, 2 , $5,10,20,50$ and 100 dollars. The 30 and 90 cents will also be omitted from the postal series, and stamps representing 50c., 1,2 and 5 dollars inserted.

## POST CARDS, \&

CUBA.-A now emission of two posteards is announecd.

2c. de peso, violet-brown on chamois.
4c. de peso, red-violet
"

EGYPT. - A permanent reply card is now issued. $3+3$ mill., violet-brown on chamois.
GREECE.-A new letter card of 20 lepta value has been made.
201. carmine on blue.

The official envelope of the same value bears an embossed stamp of oval shape, with the head of Mercury to the right.

20 lepta, carmine.
PHILLIPINE ISLES.-The cards of 2 and 3 cents do peso havo changed colour.

2c. de peso, reddish violet.
3c. de peso, deep blue.
PORTO RICO. - A card of 2 centavos is announced. 2c. blue on chmmois.
SERVIA.-A difference is noted in the current postcards, two words instead of three being found in the notice on the left side.

10 para, carmine on chamois.
$10 \times 10 \mathrm{p}$. red on chamois.

## THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

$8{ }^{1}$T. Martin's-le-Grand is busy, and the people there, in uniform or not, are uniformly smart and useful. They are not always civil, cerininly; but that is because so many silly people bother them with so many stupid questions that only a dumb man could refrain from speaking sharply to them. We wonder there is not more consideration shown to these much worried officials, but the British public will talk, and would take a lot of knocking down to lie there. Our postman-the one who travels up to our elevated office, with books and bundles which will not cram into the box in the street door-is a wonderful man; all smiles and grease in hot weather. He looks as though he had just been removed from before a huge fire, thoroughly basted and half-cooked. When we tell him, by way of consolation, that his is a very hard job, he exudes some more fluid suet and cays he knows it, but it's on account of "The Missus and Kids;" which or whom, he refers to like the sign of a public-house. He says, sometimes, not often (because a look is enough for our lady-liko Comptroller of the Petty Cash), "Do you know, if I was to tako any money from you for refreshment, I should risk dismissal?" And he paddles downstairs risking it, and we should say, in imminent danger.
In the winter he comes up, stamping his frozen feet, his two red eyes apologising for the blue nose between them, and fumbling with purple fingars which will not come straight, as he hands the letters to the clerk; observing that his lower chest is "as cold as hice;" whereupon he again risks getting a different sort of sack to the one he puts his letters in.

But enough. From sur post bag we select, for the
bonefit of our readers, a few communications from correspondents and cuttings from exchanges.

In the selection of ${ }^{*}$ postage ${ }^{*}$ *tamps from the Tapling collection, now being exhibitod in the King's Library at the British Museum, is a set of the local stamps used by the Birmingham Delivery Company in 1868, of the valuo of $\frac{1}{4} \mathrm{~d}$., $\frac{1 d}{2}$., $\frac{3}{4} \mathrm{~d}$. and 1 d ., and a set of the stamps used by tho National Telephone Company in December, 1884, embossed with the portrait of the then chairman of the board of directors. These last were withdrawn from circulation at the end of 1891. It is satisfactory to note that what may now be termed the national collection of postage stamps is being constantly augmented by donations from the leading philatelists of the day. Thus Herr Philip von Ferrary, who owns the finest collection extant, has lately given an unique first proof in black from the block of the first issue of the English $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and $1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. The selection on view at the Museum is varied every six weeks or two months to avoid injury from exposure to the light, so that in course of time the most valuable part of the collection will have been exhibited to the public.

Mr. Henniker Heaton's work is not yet done, even in the direction of Private Postcards. True, we can use them, but at present that permission seems merely a trap for the unwary. We do not know of any restriction as to colour, but we know of cases in which cards have been surcharged, be the offence ever so minute, for being too long, too short, too thick, and too thin. The only safe course, if you are determined to fix a half-penny stamp on your own postcard, is to buy a packet at the nearest post office, carefully erase the stamp, and affix another, and then it would be probably surcharged as a mutilated card.

A correspondent has forwarded to the Birmingham Daily Mail a card, to which he affixed a half-penny stamp and used as a postcard, but which was returned by the postal authorities on account of its size not being in accordance with the regulations. Considering that the card is about one-eighth of an inch less than the ordinary official card, and is of precisely the same width, the authorities seem disposed to be rather particular in regard to the enforcement of their regulations.

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American exchanges report the arreat of a female employée in the service of The Scott Stamp \& Coin Co. This firm employs some forty female clerks, and, owing to a knowledge that robbery was going on, systomatic supervision has been exercised for some time, the arrest being the ultimate result.
We have received the following communication:Dear Sir,-I have just seen a hitherto unchroni-
clod variety of an English stamp, namely, 4d. vermilion, plate 16.-Yours truly,

> H. L'ESTRANGE EWEN.

During the late American $\stackrel{*}{*}$ Railroad Union strike in California, a bicycle mail service was established between Fresno and San Francisco. A. C. Banta was the organiser, and stamps representing 25 cetits, the cost of carriage, were prepared and issued. The distance between the two places is 210 miles, which was accomplished by eight relays of bicyclists in 18 hours, an excellent performance, considering the mountainous nature of the district traversed The service lasted from July 6 th to July 16 th, and was an unequivocal success.

The U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing has furnished the Post Office Department with the first proofs of a new issue. The proofs are said to show fine work and good colour. Thus far only the 1,2 and 5 cent dies have been through the press. There are enough stamps now on hand, bought under the old contract, to supply the needs of the departinent till the first of October, so that there is no need of haste in turning out the new series. The new stamps differ from the old ones in design only in one particular. In the old stamp the corners above the medallions are plain; in the new stamps the corners will contain a a Little triangular decoration. This throws the upper part of the stamp into bolder relief, instead of giving it the effect of receding, as the present design does. The triangles are intended also as a mans of indentifying the issue of the government presses from that of the American Bank Note Compang.

## GROUP COLLECTING.-AUSTRALIAN COLONIES.

Edifed bx Non-Lex.
NEW ZEALAND-(Continued). FISCAL STAMPS LSED FOR postage.


Type I.


Type II.

Jan. 1871.-Profile to left of Victoris on horizontally lined ground in double lined circle, containing above "Stamp Duty;" below "New Zealand" in white block letters on solid ground-ornaments in spandrels -above and below, borizontally lined panols reserved for value, surcharged in coloured figures and letters respectively; cclour on white wove paper; imperforate; wak. N.Z. Type I.

1d. red
1d. blue grey
1d. blue gray
1d. blue violet
1d. violet
1d. grey lilac
1d. lilac blue
1d. mauve

Surch.

Value in one line.
1/-grey red
1/- lilac red
Value in two lines.
1/. lilao
1/. violet
1/4 bistre
1/6 blue
1/8 bistre
2/-brick
2/4 green
2.6 bistre
$2 / 6$ chocolate
2/8 blue
3/- lilac
$3 / 4$ bistre
$3 / 6$ blue
3/8 bistre
4/- brick
4 4 green
4,6 bistre
$4 / 8$ blue
5/- lilac
5:4 sepia
5,6 blue
$5!8$ sepia
6/- brick
$6 / 4$ green
6/6 sepia
6/8 blue
7/-violet
7/4 sepia
7/6 brown
$7 / 8$ blue
8/- red
8/- brick
8/4 green
blue
red black
green red
red
.
d red 6d. bistre
red 8d. blue
1d. mauve
2d. green
4d. "
4d.
6d. bisue
6d. bistre
8d. blue
8d. blue

1/- sepia
red

| red | $8 / 6$ blue | black |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| rod | 8/8 blue |  |
| blue | 9 - violet | red |
| black | 9/4 brown | green |
| blue | 9,6 blue | black |
| gruen | 9/8 sepia | blue |
| brown | 10/- brick | green |
| blue | 12/6 sepia | blue |
| blue | 15/- blue grey | red |
| black | 17/6? black | blue |
| red | 20/-brick | green |
| blue | 21 $2 / 6$ " | , |
| bistre | £15/-, |  |
| blue | 21 $7 / 6$ blue | browa |
| green | £1 10/- brick | green |
| brown | £1 15 ;- blue grey | red |
| blue | £2 brick | green |
| black | £2 10\% | " |
| red | 23 ,' | " |
| green | 2310 - |  |
| black | $\pm 4$ |  |
| blue | $2410 /-$ |  |
| blue | 25 |  |
| brown | $2510 /$ |  |
| blue | 26 |  |
| black | ${ }^{26} 10$ - |  |
| red | £7 |  |
| blue | $£ 7$ 10/- |  |
| green | £8 |  |
| black | £810/- |  |
| blue | £9 |  |
| green | 29 10/-" |  |
| brown | £10 |  |

Same as preceding, value above and below obliterated by a black line with lerge 5 in centro of design
5d. on 1/-grey lilac on black

| With larger figures. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1/6 blue | black | 2/6 chocol | olato | blue |
| Same as precoding ; sazo perforation. |  |  |  |  |
| 1d. violet | red | 8d. blue |  | brown |
| 1d. blue | red | 1/. in twol lilac |  |  |
| 4d. green 6d. bistro | brown blue | 2/- red |  | blue |
| Same as proceding ; pin perforation. |  |  |  |  |
| 1d. blue | red | 8d. blue |  | brown |
| 1d. violet | red | 1/- in tiwo | o linest |  |
| 4d. green | black | grey | ; |  |
| Same as preceding ; wmk. star, perf. 12. |  |  |  |  |
| Id. violet | red | $\varepsilon 7$ b | brick | green |
| Id. violet | green | E7 10\%. | " | " |
| 17/6 hlue | black | 88 | " | " |
| 217/6, |  | £810/- | " | , |
| 25 10/-brick | green |  | " | " |
| £6 | " | \&910\%. | " | , |
| £610\%. | - |  |  |  |

Srme as preceding; wmk. N.Z. interlaced; imperf.
$2 /$ - brick blue $4 /$-brick blue

Same as preceding ; perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}$.

| $1 /$ - violet | red | $4 /$ brick |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $1 /$ - rose | blue |  |

1868. Same as preceding; colour on white wove paper; perf.; wmk. N.Z.
A. Perf. $12 \frac{1}{2}, 13$.

| 1d. Blue | red | 7/4 ? sepia bluc |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ld. mauve | red | 7/6 ? blue black |
|  | green | 7/8? sepia blue |
| 2d. green | red | 8:- brick blue |
|  | black | 8/4 green brown |
|  | brown | 8/6 blue black |
| 6d. grey brown | blue | 8.8 |
| 6 d red |  | $9 /$ violet and red |
| 6d. bistre |  | $9 \times 4$ brown and green |
| 8d, blue | black | 9/6 |
| 1/. violet | red | 9/8 |
| 1- grey |  | 10/- brick and green |
| 1/-mauve | green | 10/4 |
| $1 / 4$ bistre | blue | 10/6 |
| 1/6 blue | black | 10,8 |
| 1/8 brown | blue | 12;6 brown and blue |
| 2/- rose |  | 15/-lilac and red |
| $2 ; 4$ green | brown | 17/6 |
| $2 / 6$ rose | blue | £1 rose and blue |
| 2;6 brown |  | 61 2;6 brown and bluo |
| 2/8 blue | black | £15/-lilac and red |
| 3/-maure | green | £1 10/-brick and green |
| $3!4$ bistro | blue | E1 15;- lilac and red |
| 3/6 ? blue | black | £2 brick and green |
| 3/8? bistre | blue | £2 10/- $\quad$ |
| 4/-rose | green | ${ }^{2} 3$ |
| 4/- brick | blue ' | £310\% |


| $4 / 4$ rose | blue | £4 brick and green |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4/6? bistre |  | £4 10/- | 19 |
| 4/8 blue | black | $\pm 5$ | , |
| 5/- mauvo | green | $£ 510 \%$ | " |
| $5 /-$ | red | .66 | , |
| 5/4? | green | £610/- | " |
| 5/6? blue | black | E7 | " |
| 5/8? sepia | blue | . $£ 7$ 10/. | " |
| $6 /$ brick |  | ¢8 | " |
| 6/4 green | brown | £810/. | " |
| 6/6 sepia | blue | ¢ $¢ 9$ | , |
| $6 / 8$ blue | red | E9 10\%. | " |
| 7/-violet | carmine | $£ 10$ | " |
| 7/ grey | " |  |  |

B. Perf. 10.

| 1d. mauve | green | $1 /$ - matuve | green |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 2d. green | red | 3.- |  |

C. Compound peri. $12 \underline{x} \times 10$.

1d. violet red $2 / 6$ brick blue $1 /$ - mauve gre3n $3_{i}$-mauve green

Same as preceding, colour on azure wove paper; wmk. N.Z.
D. Perf. 12t, 13.

| 1d. lilac | green | 6:8 pale blue |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1- ", |  | 71-? |
| 2/-rose | blue | 8 - ? |
| $3 i$ - mauve | green | $9 /$ ? |
| 4/-rose | blue | 101-? |

5/ " $\quad$, 1 rosi blue
E. On yellow wore paper, perf. 12, 12!, 13.

1d. lilac green $1 /$-lilac green

2d.green rod 3/-mauve ",
G. On azure wove poper; pert $12!\times 10$.

6/8 pale blue red
Same as preceding, colour on white wove paper; perf. 10, $12 \frac{1}{2}$ or 13 ; wmk. N.Z.
$1 / 4$ bistre blue $2 ; 6$ rose blue

## UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

8TANLEY GIBBONS' monthly says:-" KewKiang. It seems likely there will be a new issue for this town every month as long as the demand for this sort of rubbish lasts. . . . An enthusiastic philatelist (?) having secured 95,000 ont of the 100,000 ditent labels, a new design has been constructed. .. . Hankow. Mr. Benjamin informs us that the first
supply of 2c. stamps being exhausted, 10,000 more have been printed upon paper of a pinkish cream colour."

The American Journal of Plilately says:-". ... The issues of Chun-King and Ichang are made by privato enterprise, there being no municipal Council at these places to authorise such stamps."

The Monthly Cosi writes as follows:-"The wretched Treaty Ports of China, with their absurd 'local' issues of stamps, have been made the subject of much discussion in the philatelic press of late. Kew.Kiang has now followed the disgracciful example of ChunKing, Chin-Kiang, Chefoo, and Hankow. It is almost certain that the remaining Treaty Ports will do likewise; and as there are at least fourteen of them, we trust our readers will be warned in time, and have nothing to do with this trash. We are thoroughly surprised that the Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal countenances these emissions to such an extent as to chronicle them among its New Issues. But, of course, there is an easy explanation."

One, Edwin L. Shove, of Unionvilie, N.Y., evidently a candidate for philatelic notoriety, has organised an Anti-Seebeck Society. The Society at present appears to be a harmonious body of one-Mr. Shove himself, being alone in his glory. Other Anti-Seebeckites, however, will no doubt, hasten to his standard; and it is not wholly beyond the bounds of possibility that the thing may wax great and strong. It is understood that Mr. Seebeck and his coadjutors are losing sleep over this organisation of the opposition,-they recognise that this new Society, although limited numerically,-has a lot of Push in it,-beg pardon, I mean Shove.

The mighty and extensive Republic of San Marino has built itself a house, and, desirous of giving the other half of the world an opportunity to join in the jubilation thereon (and pay the cost) is issuing a special set of comriemorative stamps. We have received a circular, dated from the Secretary's office, Jepublic of San Marino, announcing that "on the occasion of the inauguration of the new Palace, and the instailation of the new Regents," a special set of stamps of 1 lira, 50 centinecs, 25 centimes, and a card of 10 centimes will be issucd. This precious government notice reads like a grocer's circular, and informs us how promptly and with what dispatch the government will execute all orders, pointing out that if you take a quantity you will receive a present. It is evident that some tea Company has established a branch in San Marino, whose example the government is following.

The Tientsin Local Post Office is the latest in the rush for tha collectors' baksheesh. We have recoived the following circular:-

TIENTSIN LOCAL POST OFFICE.
1.-The Tientsin Local Post Office will be opened for the conveyance of mails on the 1st of August,
1894. Hours for the sale of stamps, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 2.-All mail matter should arrive 15 minates before Steamer is advertised to leave. Anything later than this can only be forwarded by the following Steamer.
3.-All Letters, Newspapers, and Book Packets, or Parcels must be prepaid with the Tientsin L.P.O. stamps.
4.-All mail matter arriving here from Ching-Kiang, Hankow, Kew-Kiang, Shanghai, or other local Post Offices, must either bear the stamp of, or be marked "paid" by, the forwarding L.P.O., otherwise postage will be charged on delivery.
5.-Postage stamps value $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}, 1,2,5,10$ and 15 cents will be supplied, and sold cnly over the Post Office counter.

## Prepaid Rates of Postage.

Letters-For every ounce, or part thereof, 1 cent.
Newspapers- $\frac{1}{2}$ cent for 4 ounces. No Newspaper Packet to exceed 4 ounces.

Books or Printed Parers- $\frac{1}{2}$ cent for 2 ounces; 1 cent for 4 ounces. No Book Packet to exceed 4 ounces.

Parcels not exceeding 1lb., 4 cents. Every addi. tioual pound up to $111 \mathrm{bs}, 1$ cent. Parcels exceeding 11 lbs . not accepted.

No letter, packet or parcel may exceed 18 inches in length, by 36 inches in girth.

By order,

## A. SMITH, Posimaster.

To the Editor, Philatelic Chronicle and Adecriscr.
Dear Sir,-Your vigorous and timely article in the August number of the $I . C . \& A$. deserves the best thanks of all, whether collectors or dealers, who have the true interests of philately at heart. With this premise, I should like, with your permission, to say a few words on some aspects of the case apparently overlooked in your article.

We are all agreed as to the harm done by these new issues and wonderful surcharges which are foisted on the philatelic public, but does not nearly all the blame lie on the shoulders of those ignorsnt collectors, who, in the words of a friend of mine, "will have 'em." This being so, a stamp dealer must stock them or else see his customers go elsewhere.

But after all, are we not rather inclined to overlook the other side of the question? How many converts to philately have been made through the beautiful designs of many of the Secbeckized remainders. Again, the much-abused Borneos and Labuans have, I am confident, gained a very large number of new collectors.

On the other hand, how nauseated must the intelli. gent collector become who trics to keep pace with the ever-increasing stream of new issues and varieties, brought out for his benefit (?) by philanthropic (?) postal authorities. But the days of the general collector are numbered, unless he has a never-failing
purse, not so much on account of the new issues, but beceuse of the enormous and increasing prices of the very scarce stamps of all countries.

As long as the demand for novelties exists, we may be sure the supply will never fall off, and I think the utmost we can do is to discourage as much as possible the collecting of these atrocities, or to look upon them as necessary cvils, existing solely for the benefit of that very wise and superior individual, the noncollector, who looks down with lofty scorn upon the man who gives $£ 5$ or $£ 10$ for a "dirty piece of paper," even if it was a rarity worth double, and yet succumbs to the irresistible attraction of a "complete set of Honduras" for $1 / 9$, the face value of which he calculates to be worth at least double, and forthwith joins the ranks of the despised stamp colleciors.

With regard to the "all potential Press," you forget thet probably about two-thirds of those who buy these new things, never see a philatelic paper-some are unaware that such a thing exists.-Yours faithfully,
W. CLEMENT TAYLOR.

## AMERICAN NOTES.

by marrig resd, jun.

LEWIS BISHOP, the American philatelic fraud, or the man with many aliases, is at present taking things quietly; no doubt he is enjoying himself at some summer resort with the money he made from his last haul, under the name of George Warren.

Mr. Clifford W. Kissinger, publisher of the Pennsylvania Philatelist, and President of the " Philatelic Sons of America," has declined re-election as President of the society. Universal regret is being expressed by the members. Mr. C. E. Severn, the well-known writer, has been nominated for the vacancy.

The Collector, the official organ of the "Sons of Philatelia, has been sold to Lewis M. Lang, of Baltimore, Md., by R. M. Miller, the former publisher. The journal has been greatly improved by the change.

It is thought that the Philatelic Era, of Portland, Me., will soon be issued as a weekly, and still appear in magazine form; the change is to bo decided by vote of the readers. One thing that tickles the subicribers is, that the subscription price will not be changed, even if it does come out weekly.

August is the big convention month in the U.S.A. A big time is expected at Niagara Falls, when several of the lesding philatelic sociosies meet for their annual convention.

## BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:-W, T. Wilson, Es.z. Vice-President:-R. Hoilick, Esq. Hom. Sceretavy:-

Mr. G. Johnson, B.A. 208, ,Birchfield Rd., Birminghem.

THE exchango shects for September were the best yet sent round. They included a fine lot of old unused English - various plates of 4d., 6d., 9d., $1 /-$, slso the rare 2 d ., small crown, perf. 14 , unused. There was a fine copy of South Australia, 2d. first type, perf, $11 \frac{1}{2}$. The stamps were all priced very reasonably, although one sheet amounted to $£ 52$ lis.

The average value of each packet sent out in the quarter was $£ 1148 \mathrm{~s}$., exclusive of a supplementary packet from Leeds.

The Annual General Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 4 th, at $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$., when a large number of applications will have to be considered, in addition to Programme, Balance Sheet and Election of Officers. We trust every member will be prosent.

Midland Counties Stamp Eychange.-The September packets will be very fair, but they have not quite recovered from the summer exhaustion. There are vacancies for two or three more members. W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

Amemican Philatelic Convention.-Mr. A. M. Rareshide, Houstan, Texas, was elected President of the newly-organised Southern Philatelic Asssociation at the Convention in Denver, on August 15th.

The South London Stamp Exchange Club.-Tho Secretary has favoured us with the rules of this flourishing socicty, and informs us that there are still vacancies for one or two more members. Mr. B. D. Hayton, 142, Rosendale Road, West Dulwich, London, will be pleased to furnish particulars. We hope to be favoured with a report for our next issue.

The Yorrshire Stamp Exchange Club.-Mr. Delday has, owing to prossure of other business, handed this club to the care of Mr. H. C. H. Adams, 39, Huntriss Row, Scarborough, who will be pleased to welcome members who wish to join an old-established society. We hope Mr. Adams will send us a short report for publication next month.

The Plymouth Philatelic Society, - Mr. H. Tucker, Belvedere, Mannamead, Plymouth, who is the exchange secretary of the above club, informs us that recent alterations in the rules enable nonresidents to join as corresponding members. The Society is too well known to require any recommendation, and no doubt many philatelists will avail themselves of the opportunity now offered.

The Mutdal Stamp Exchange.-We have to report the foundation of yet another of the numerous clubs for the purpose of exchanging duplicate stamps between
the members, but the Mutual Stamp Exchange does not aim at the acquisition of rare and valuable stamps by the aforesaid members, but it is simply for eschanging prosent issues, and is therefore just the socicty for young beginners to join, and the entrance feo of $1 /-$ being the sole expense, need not deter such from applying for rdmission to the Secretary, W. F. Greatorex, Durham Ryad, Sparkhill, Birmingham, by whom respectable applicants will bo heartily welcomed.

Suburban Stamp Exceange Clob.-It is gratifying to report that the July and August circuits have not suffered throughout the holiday season, sufficient sheets having been sent in both instances to make up good packets for members' inspection. The avorage of exchanges for the past half-year has been about $30 \%$, and as quarterly balances have been most promptly adjusted, simost without exception, tho Secretary is able to regard the club as in a most flourishing condition. To meet the needs of members, a fresh supply of club sheets has been ordered, and will be distributed without delay. The list of membership contains the names of upwards of 150 collectors of good standing, and as it is proposed to start a fourth packet and a Postaard Exchange shortly, the secretary will be glad to receive communications from advanced or medium philatelists who may wish to enjoy the advantage of a good Exchange Club. Several collectors in the Colonies and elsewhere abroad contribute regularly, and empower the secretary to effect exchanges, equal to the amount of stamps taken from their shects, on return of packets. On reccipt of references, full information will gladly be given to intending members by the Secretary, H. A. Siade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

## NOTICES.

$\mathrm{T}^{\text {¹ }}$HE Post Office for August continues the valuable series of notes on Minor varieties.
We have received the first issue of a very promising periodical from the other side, - The Philatclic Review of Revietus, published by Messrs. H. E. Tuttle \& Co., Osage, Iowa. Judging by tho appearance of the first number, the paper should attain a good position in American philatelic literature.

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Messrs. E. Bernard \& Co. have sent us specimens of the letter-card and onvelope they have produced in honour of the Paris exhibition. The design is a beautiful example of artistic engraving, and is suitably lettered. Of course they have no postal or philatelic interest, but as handsome and suitable mementos of the philatelic section of the exbibition they are in every way worthy.

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| *12 " ${ }^{\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}}$. | . | 0 | 7 |
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