

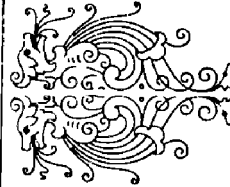
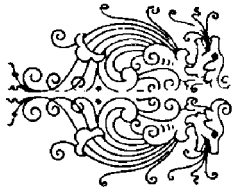
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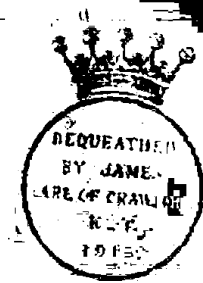
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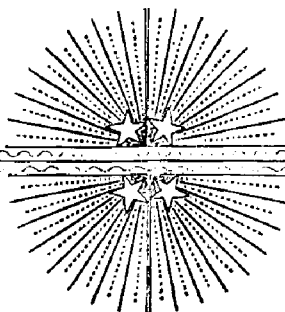
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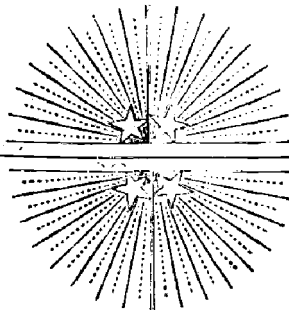
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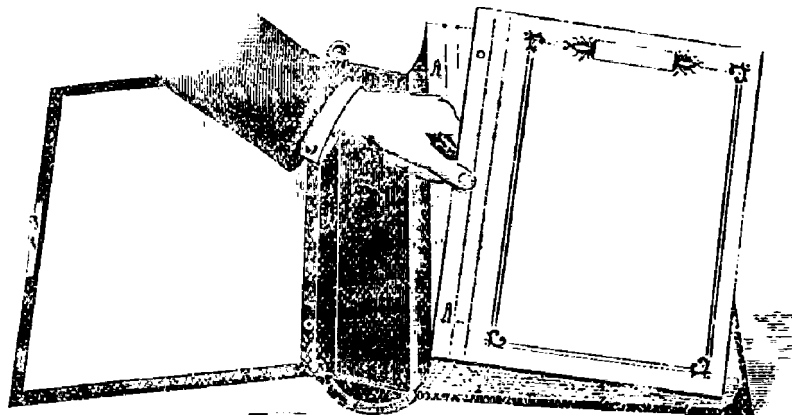
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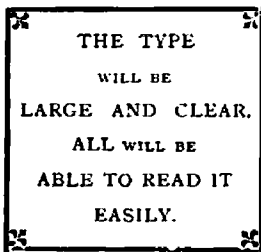
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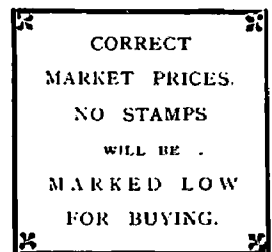
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THE Fifth Volume of the *Philatelic Chronicle* opens with this number, and we sincerely hope that our efforts during the next twelve months will justify the continuous support we have received during the past four years. We are rather pushed for space this month, owing to the large influx of new advertisements, and some articles are unavoidably left over. One new feature, however, we feel sure, will commend itself to our readers. We refer to the Notes on English Stamps, by our old contributor, M.E.N., who has collected these stamps for many years. Any information or advice will be appreciated by our contributor, as he wishes to make this column as useful as possible.

CHRONICLE.

GOULD COAST.—It is said that the pound value of this colony is now inscribed £1, instead of 20s.

INDIA.—On September 1st, three new high values came into use. They are in two colours.
2 rupees, yellow-brown and rose.
3 " green and dark brown.
5 " violet and ultramarine.

LABUAN.—The 4c. and 10c. on 1 dollar are now in use. We received a letter from Labuan on September 30th, prepaid with these values. No doubt the 20c., 30c. and 40c. are also in use.

MOGADOR.—Messrs. Turner and Co., Haddington, have sent us a specimen of the Mogador stamp, apparently post-marked, which they have received from Tangier. We do not know anything about its genuineness.

10c. rose, large rectangle.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. B. G. Smith has sent us yet another variety of the halfpenny stamp. This variety is printed upon paper apparently unwatermarked, but which, on close inspection, reveals the 2 and Crown—embossed. This is known as the "secret mark" paper.

1d. green, on "secret mark" paper.

TRANSVAAL.—The South African Republic has issued a stamp in commemoration of the EERSTE PENNY POSTVERVOER. The stamp is a large oblong,

about the size of the Columbus stamps, with a representation of a railway train, a tunnel, a coach and six, an eagle, a coat of arms and divers other—altogether rather a mixed lot. We are indebted to the Northern Stamp Co., and to Mr. R. Hollick for this stamp. We understand that the commemorative stamps and the surcharges are of a speculative character. The large stamp was bought up within a few hours of issue.

1d. carmine, large rectangle.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

Ha, ha! Like a lion refreshed, I take up my pen (surely it's a bit *malapropos* to connect lions and pens, why not cage?) after the beautiful Indian summer that has passed away. Now for a good go-in. What's this?—"The Editor's compliments, and would you please make the Postman's Knock short and sharp. Space is limited." Very good! We'll cut it short, but it's cuttings from other people that will be cut short. I shall send them all in, and if he doesn't want them, he can use them to light his editorial pipe, or put them in his editorial waste-paper basket. Here's number one.

Some idea of the immense consumption of postage stamps in Great Britain may be gathered from the published fact that between two and three tons weight are turned out at Somerset House every day.

It is still necessary to go abroad to learn news. The *Weekly Philatelic Era* says:—"The Duke of York is prepared to sell a valuable collection of postage stamps, which he wishes to dispose of as it stands, while Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild who has made the most liberal offer for the collection thus far received, wants to take only the rarest specimens. Several of the most valuable stamps in the collection are insured."

It is not true that the Duke of York has sold his collection of stamps, nor has he any intention of doing so. The Duke's collection is a fairly fine one, but there are several in England of much greater value.

Have you seen the new price list of the Northern Stamp Co.? No! Well get it at once. Mr. Tatham's classic features on the front page are a thing of beauty, and that, as we have good authority for believing, is a joy for ever. But the contents are the thing you want. Send a postcard and have a copy at once. *Verb. sap.* Then I want to call your attention to something else. Mr. R. S. Gray, of Glasgow, has come into a fortune or else made one by his advertisements in the *P.C. & A.*—at any rate, he is simply giving things away right and left. Don't close this number until you have read his page advertisement.

MRS. MAYERS.—The term *philately* is made from two Greek words, the first signifying "fond of" and the other "exemption from tax." Of course a stamped letter is free from further tax, but the etymology is very far-fetched as regards stamp collecting. T. P.—About 10/- R. MEDWAY.—Use mounts by all means. They are a bit more trouble, but infinitely better. J. H. & Co.—We do not know their present address. We should like to, as would several others.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M.E.N.

MOST interesting study would be that of the various hand stamps used subsequent to the invention of the adhesive. There are some of them which are quite collectable even under present conditions, viz.—those used after 1839. The postage stamp was only looked upon by the authorities then as of an experimental nature, and its use in the United Kingdom was quite optional up to 1851. During these twelve years stamps could be prepaid at the counter, and letters were then hand-stamped with a mark which had exactly the same carrying power as an adhesive stamp. Surely these hand-stamps are more worthy of recognition than much that goes to make up a collection nowadays.

Then there are the stamps used to prepay postage at the book rate. If books or circulars are taken to a head office they may be prepaid in a lump sum under certain conditions, and the authorities then impress a circular stamp containing the word *PAID*, and this carries the circular or pamphlet to its destination. Surely these are as much postage stamps as the more elaborate articles embossed upon the stationery one buys at the post office counter. For the benefit of anyone interested in the hand-stamps used in the United Kingdom during the years 1840-1852, I would recommend Mr. W. T. Wilson's admirable article in the *Philatelic Chronicle* of Nov. 1894.

I never took a lot of interest in postmarks, but my curiosity was excited the other day by seeing a stamp obliterated with the usual oval composed of lines of varying length and containing the identifying mark, B67. From seeing the latter-day writings about English stamps used abroad I had come to an understanding that the postmarks with letter and number combined were only used abroad. Of course I found out at once how utterly wrong this idea was, but it made me look more closely at the obliterating marks on my daily correspondence. I have begun to think that there is a good deal more in postmarks than people suppose. I think they offer a good field of interest, are, for the most part inexpensive, and are

capable of giving a great deal of information as a side study to philately. I do not mean to say that I would recommend anyone to commence a postmark collection, but still there is something in it, and, when stamps get absolutely unattainable to the average pocket, as they seem likely to do at the present rate of increase in price, postmark collecting may become a popular pursuit. Among the few I have saved from the waste-paper basket during the last week or two are B67 (Winsford), B60 (Bournemouth), G72 and G73 (Angmering), and 28B (Streatham). Why, if my B60 had only been B62, I could have asked a fabulous price for it as having been used in Hong-Kong!

I know some of my kind friends will be saying that so far all mention of English stamps in these "Notes" is only conspicuous by its absence. They are right. I am at present only just recovering from the blow which recent jumps in value have given me, and I look upon English stamps at this moment as things to be worshipped only at a distance. Hence my reluctance to touch upon their virtues or faults? Perhaps by next month my diffidence will have vanished and I can approach my task with the equanimity that alone can warrant success. In the meantime I shall be pleased to hear from any devotees of this branch of philately, with a view to discussing the most interesting points within the scope of Notes on English Stamps.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS AND UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

THE Committee appointed by the National Philatelic Society and the Philatelic Society, New York, to devise ways for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps have accepted the petition prepared by its sub-committee for presentation to the various South American Governments.

We annex the full text of the petition in English, the original being printed in Spanish and a copy forwarded to the president, cabinet, postal officials and leading statesmen in the various South and Central American countries which are under or likely to be influenced by speculative issues of postage stamps.

TEXT OF PETITION.

On behalf of a large constituency of stamp dealers and stamp collectors, the undersigned representatives of philatelists of all nations respectfully present the following petition for a discontinuance of the prevailing practice of frequently and unnecessarily changing issues of postage stamps:

We are informed that the governments which have adopted this practice believe that it is justified by the money-saving which results, because they are able to

arrange with the engraver or manufacturer of the issues to take their entire surplus or waste in full payment of his services as printer. We respectfully suggest that this belief is an error. On the contrary, the governments are certain to lose rather than to profit by a continuance of the practice, and that mainly for two reasons:

(1) Because, if the governments would themselves retain the entire control of their stamp issues and monopolize the sale thereof, the philatelists would buy large quantities direct from them at face value, instead of going to the printer, and the aggregate returns from government sales to stamp dealers and stamp collectors would far exceed in amount any reasonable cash compensation which the printers would fairly charge.

(2) Because, the growth of this practice, which has converted the manufacturer into a stamp speculator and has placed the governments in a false attitude as confederates and abettors in this speculation has aroused world-wide discontent and indignation among philatelists; so that hundreds of philatelic societies have determined to refuse a market to these speculative stamps and have branded the issues as philatelic bastards. The result is, or soon will be, that the practice will defeat its own commercial purpose as a means of making the postage stamp a saleable article of merchandise.

But, wholly irrespective of the financial side of the question, we appeal to the governments to discontinue the practice on higher grounds; on grounds of political morality, or, what the practical politician would prefer to call, political expediency. For there can be no doubt that the resort to this practice tends to weaken the credit of the governments which support it. The inference which is commonly drawn is that governments resort to this practice only when they are too poor to pay in cash for the services of the manufacturers.

If, in reply to this, it is said that those who deal in and purchase stamps are too insignificant a class to affect public opinion, we respectfully warn against the fallacy of this estimate of the number, character and influence of the community of philatelists. The stamp dealers and collectors are numbered not by hundreds or thousands but by millions. The devotees of philately are not confined to any one country; they are to be found in large numbers in every civilized nation on the face of the globe. Nor are they insignificant in character or influence; they are naturally to be found in those ranks of society which represent education and enlightenment, because the uneducated cannot be intelligent collectors. And not only crowned heads and members of royal and princely houses are among the enthusiasts, but also the princes of finance—notably such bankers as the Rothschilds.

Is it a matter of indifference then to a government what this large and influential class of philatelists thinks of its financial standing? Can it be indifferent to a nation to be regarded as so poverty-stricken that it cannot pay the ordinary expenses of its postal office?

The philatelic societies have declared war against what are now known as "speculative" issues. They have branded these issues as unworthy of a place in postage stamp collections. They have bound themselves to refuse a market to these issues and have thus rendered them practically unsaleable except directly by the governments. They have denounced the practice of issuing them as irregular, illegitimate and immoral.

In the face of this widespread denunciation and of this open declaration of war, what is the statesman-like policy of the governments? Is it not to discontinue at once and thereafter the objectionable practice?

One of the most prominent manufacturers—we refer to Mr. N. F. Seebeck, of the Hamilton Bank Note Co.—has already publicly proclaimed himself a convert to the now widespread prejudice against the speculative issue, although he will probably be the chief sufferer by its discontinuance. The tide of public opinion has set in too strongly against the practice to warrant his further resistance. And the philatelists have prevailed upon him to declare publicly that, if he could honourably cancel his engagements with the various governments and receive a binding assurance that no similar contracts would be entered into with any other manufacturer, he would gladly consent to annul any subsisting contracts which are objectionable on the grounds above stated. But, naturally, such cancellation on his part must be preceded by a request on the part of the governments who constitute the other parties to his agreements.

We therefore respectfully and earnestly petition your honourable government to give this matter immediate and serious attention, and not only to take the steps necessary to cancel subsisting contracts for the issue of the speculative stamps, *i.e.*, stamps which are paid for by surrender of balances to the printer as compensation for the printing of the issue, but also to enact such laws or establish such postal regulations as will render impossible a repetition of the practice of printing stamps expressly for other than their ostensible and legitimate use.

In any event, we assure you, on behalf of the philatelic societies and of the large philatelic world which they represent, of our most sincere respect, and we trust that you will appreciate the friendly and cordial spirit which prompts this respectful petition.

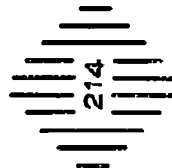
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QUEENSLAND REPRINTS.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that the 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., 1s., and Registered full-face type have been reprinted on the truncated star paper. He does not send us copies, but states that they are brighter in colour than the originals, and have the appearance of being heavily printed, in order to get a good effect from worn plates. The 1d. is bright and crisp-looking in colour; the 2d. is smudgy; the 3d. is in the light brown, of the Crown Q prints; in the 6d. the background is blurred, and the colour very grass green; the 1s. is heavily coloured; and the registered may easily be detected by the watermark—this stamp having never been printed for use on the truncated star paper.

Our correspondent also calls our attention to the recent appearance of perforated proofs of the same type, some of which are postmarked with an obliteration consisting of the figures 214 in the centre of a series of parallel bars, thus!—



These proofs are described in Mr. Basset Hull's papers on Queensland (*A.P.*, Vol. I., p. 45). We have seen a series consisting of the 1d., 3d., 4d. (yellow), 6d. and 1s. postage, and several of the Stamp Duty series, all of which were perf. 13, and cancelled with a small ring obliteration, apparently placed in the centre of each block of four stamps.

We have also seen the same series on Crown Q. paper in the following colours:—

1d. rose vermilion. 2d. dark blue and ultramarine.
3d. light brown. 6d. yellow green.
1s. grey lilac.

The colours of the 2d. and the 1s., are different to any originals we have ever seen. These stamps, we understand, were rejected in 1877 on account of their

colour not being in accord with the accepted shades, and should have been destroyed at the time, but in some manner were overlooked.

The fierce light of philately, which has been recently thrown on Queensland, is now revealing some strange things!

Another correspondent has given us some further information with regard to the above-mentioned reprints, and states that they will probably be destroyed by the Government. He, however, does not say whether any have "got out" yet.—*The Australian Philatelist*.

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Annual General Business Meeting, Oct. 3rd. The election of the following members was confirmed.—T. J. Rowland (Shanghai); Samuel Epstein (Johannesburg); H. E. Schmidt de Wilde (Paris); W. J. Martin (Falmouth); E. W. Heusinger (San Antonio).

The following were then elected members—William Brown (Salisbury); M. Z. Kastner (London); Dr. H. le Cronier (Jersey); Dr. Anachoreta (Lisbon); E. H. Greatorex (Birmingham); W. E. Jeff (Coleshill); T. D. Hume (Newcastle-on-Tyne); H. Loveridge (Wolverhampton); Miss E. Lewis (Ramsgate); A. Constantine (Birmingham); J. Winch (Colchester).

Votes of thanks were accorded—Stanley Gibbons Limited (Catalogue, 10th Edition); H. L. Ewen (Catalogue, 4th Edition); W. H. Peckitt (Catalogue); Manchester Philatelic Society (Invitation to their opening meeting); Metropolitan Philatelic Club of San Antonio (Invitation to their Exhibition).

The officers were elected for the ensuing year as at head of this report

The accounts showing a balance of £3 4s. 8½d., in favour of the Society were audited, found correct and passed.

Additions and alterations were made to the rules which will in future be published in the Annual Report, ready for distribution about October 10th.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the officers for their services during the past year.

The following programme was passed—

- Oct. 17. Presidential Address.
- Nov. 7. Display. Western Australia.
- " 21.—Paper. U.S.A. 1847-69. Mr. C. A. Stephenson
- Dec. 5.—Display. Italy and Italian States.
- " 19.—Paper. St. Vincent. W. Pimm.
- Jan. 2.—Display. West Africa.
- " 16.—Paper. Great Britain. Dr. G. H. Hart.
- Feb. 6.—Debate. Reprints: for and against.
- " 20.—Display of Novelties and New Issues.
- Mar. 5.—Display. Tasmania.
- " 19.—Paper. Argentine. Mr. G. Johnson.
- Apr. 2.—Paper. Hamburg. Mr. F. J. Lord.
- " 16.—Paper. Mr. R. Hollick.
- May 7.—Paper. Greece. Mr. P. T. Deakin.
- " 21.—Philatelic Display. Mr. W. B. Avery.

Officers and members for year ending October 1st, 1895. *President*: W. T. Wilson, Esq. *Vice-President*: W. Pimm, Esq. *Committee*: Mr. D. Davis; Mr. W. S. Vaughton; Mr. C. A. Stephenson; Mr. W. G. Walton. *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*: Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

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[Several reports as well as other articles are unavoidably crowded out this month].

REPORTS OF AUCTION SALES.

THE season 1895-96 was opened by Mr. Cheveley on August 28th with a highly-successful sale, at which some very nice stamps changed ownership. Among others the V.R. English brought £11 10s., a fair price considering that the stamp, although unused, was not a superfine copy. A fine Western Australia 6d. bronze was knocked down for five guineas, and the North American shillings, those evergreens of Philatelic Auctions, brought some good prices. The New Brunswick making £17 15s. and £16 respectively for two copies, and the Nova Scotia, £17 5s. The top price, however, was a beautiful 1d. orange on bluish post PAID Mauritius, which brought twenty-eight pounds.

The same auctioneer held a two days' sale on Sept. 19th and 20th, when the top price was reached by the Nova Scotia shilling, which sold for £22. A nice collection of West Indian and Australian brought £51.

On Sept. 18th, Mr. Hadlow held a sale at 13, Warwick Court, and another on the 27th. The lots consisted of sets, collections and wholesale parcels; but some excellent single stamps were also offered. Many good chances were offered buyers of purchasing old Europeans and Colonials, and the lots fetched very fair prices on the whole. A lot of British stamps, unused, offered good opportunities to buyers and went for very reasonable prices. The Oldenburg $\frac{1}{2}$ silber groschen, first issue, brought 30/-, and an unused copy of the rare type Bavarian 6kr. was knocked down at 28/-. Among the Colonials, the New Brunswick one shilling brought the best price, £17—although not an extra grand copy; St. Vincent, 4d. orange-yellow, was sold for £2; Canada, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ green, very fine, £1 18s.; Dominica, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. brown, C.C., imperf. and unused, the same price; a C.A. 1/-, unused, £4 15s.; and the Tobago 6d. light brown, C.A., a perfect copy, £13 10s. Anyone who wanted to buy wholesale lots had every opportunity offered in the above two sales. Mr. Hadlow also held a sale on Oct. 14th.

Messrs. Puttick and Simpson's sale on October 1st and 2nd was simply a galaxy of rarities. The good attendance evidently appreciated the efforts of this old-established firm, as the prices obtained well show.

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Messrs. Ventom, Bull and Cooper were a little behind the others in starting the season, but the stamps offered on October 9th and 10th fully warranted a big attendance and good prices. Up to the time of going to press we had not received a priced catalogue, but among the gems of the sale were: Newfoundland, orange and vermilion, both sets complete; Nevis, every variety; Montserrat, 4d. blue, C.A.; a superb lot of the Spanish rarities; Tuscany, 3 lire; Saxony, 3pf. red, unused; many other rare old Europeans and a fine lot of the most valuable stamps of other countries. The next sale is on the 24th and 25th inst., followed by others on Nov. 12th and 13th and 28th 29th, at which three or four first-class collections will be broken up.

Other sales within the next few weeks are to be held, Mr. Ridout's, on Oct. 14th, being chronologically first, and containing 143 lots of first-class calibre. Mr. Ridout will be happy to send copies of his catalogues to any collector likely to become a purchaser, as indeed will any of the other auctioneers, and we hope to give the most interesting prices in our next issue.

The forthcoming sales so far announced are:—

- Oct. 15th and 16th. Messrs. Puttick & Simpson.
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THERE is always something new to be found out in Australian stamps. The bewildering varieties of paper owing to the perfectly indiscriminate manner in which one colony borrowed from another to meet pressing needs, naturally brought a confusion which has been an endless source of interest to philatelists, and is greatly responsible for the popularity of these stamps. At one time, before catalogues were so comprehensive, Victoria was El Dorado of the well-informed collector, and even among the commonest stamps pearls of great price were to be found, aye, and are now, by the careful observer. *The Australian Philatelist* calls attention to yet another uncatalogued variety of the 1860-70 issue of Victoria—the 6d. watermarked double lined 2. The watermark is surmised to be the Tasmanian one, as paper was borrowed from that colony by the Victorian authorities in 1863, but it is certain that only a sheet or two could have been used—probably among other kinds of paper—and so any collector who finds one of this variety will have a real rarity. Possibly some may find it, and maybe some have already done so, but still all may search, although the chance of success is exceedingly limited.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—We have received the current issue British East African Company's stamps surcharged in three lines, BRITISH—EAST—AFRICA. We are informed that the issue is a provisional one pending the arrival of the new issue of the Imperial Government. The values we have received are 3, 4, 4½, 7½ and 8 annas, 1, 2 and 3 rupees. We have also heard of the ½, 1, 2½ annas, and 4 and 5 rupees, in addition to the above.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND. — As this protectorate is now part of the Cape of Good Hope, we may expect no more special issues.

BRAZIL—A new value of the unpaid series have been issued.

2,000 reis, red-brown.

BULGARIA—The 50 stot. has been surcharged.

30 on 50 st. red on blue.

30 on 50 st. red on light blue.

CANADA.—The 8c. is now coming in a very much darker shade—being now more like purple than slate.

GIBRALTAR.—The 1 peseta is now printed in two colours.

1 pes. brown and blue.

GRENADA.—The De la Rue Type stamps are now issued for the following values. Watermark Crown and C.A., perf. 14. Name and value in the second colour.

2½d. lilac and blue.

3d. " " yellow.

6d. " " green.

8d. " " black.

1/- green and orange.

LABUAN.—Messrs. Griffiths and Co. have received all the surcharges on 1 dollar, used, except the 4c.

PERAK.—Messrs. Clarke, of Bushey, sends us a set of the new Perak stamps. The central design is a tiger's head, and there are two shields in the top corners, each containing the value. These shields and the name label along the base are in a different colour to the rest of the stamp, producing thereby a rather pleasing effect, watermark, Crown and C.A., perforated 14.

1c. mauve and green.

2c. " " brown.

3c. " " red.

5c. " " olive.

8c. " " blue.

10c. " " orange.

50c. " " slate.

Besides these there is a new issue of high value stamps bearing a representation of a group of elephants perf. 14 and wmk. C.C. and Crown, but we have not yet seen these. The values are

1, 2, 5, 25 and 100 dollars.

Exactly the same series is issued for Selangor, and we may expect them for all the Straits Settlements.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. A. L. Pinto Leite sends us specimens of the new Portuguese stamps. The head of Dom Carlos half turned to the left in a circular garter, inscribed, CORREIOS—PORTUGAL—CONTINENTE. The figure of value is in a lined frame at the bottom, and printed in black, perf. 12.

2½ reis grey 75 reis rose.

5 " orange 80 " lilac.

10 " green 100 " blue on blue.

15 " brown 150 " brown on yellow.

20 " mauve 200 " purple on rose.

25 " green 300 " blue on rose.

50 " blue

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. B. G. Smith sends us the new 5d. stamp, which value for the first time appears in the series of this colony. It is similar to the 2½d., but the head is on plain ground, perf. 12½. There have now been four values issued of the 1895 new series, ½d., 1d., 2d. and 5d.

5d. dark chocolate.

TURKS ISLAND.—All the old type are now obsolete, except the 1d. We have seen the 2½d. and 4d., but we understand that the 6d., 8d. and 1/- are also out in the new style, similar to St. Lucia.

TOBAGO.—The independent issue for Tobago is likely to be superseded ere long.

TONGA.—We hear of a new issue for this prolific spot. King George is evidently again running out of pocket money.

1d. green.

2½d. rose.

5d. blue.

7½d. yellow.

They have already begun surcharging them, for the 2½d. value has been altered to ½d., 1d. and 7½d., similarly to the last issue.

URUGUAY.—Two new stamps, the first bearing the figure of a vaquero, and the second the representation of a locomotive, have been issued.

1 cent. olive, perf. 15.

5 cent. brick red, perf. 15.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—The envelope has been surcharged **BRITISH—EAST—AFRICA** similarly to the adhesives.

2 anna, ultramarine, black surcharge.

BRAZIL.—A new envelope has been issued, 160+90mm, white satin paper, and also a reply post card.

Env. 50 reis, blue.

Card, 40+40r. green and blue.

GUATEMALA.—The 5c. envelope has been turned into 2c. by means of a surcharge, and the 10c. has been similarly treated.

2c. on 5c., ultramarine, black surcharge.

6c. on 10c., carmine, red surcharge.

ITALY.—We have received several copies of a card celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Italian union.

10 cent., carmine on cream.

QUEENSLAND.—Owing to complaints of the edges becoming detached, the letter-cards have now the perforations in pairs This makes the third type of letter-card, namely, blue on azure, perf. 12½, blue on green, perf. 12½, and the present one.

2d. blue on green, perf.

RUSSIAN LEVANT.—The authorities have issued cards for the Russian post offices in the East.

4 kop., green on chamois.

4+4 kop., green on chamois.

Letter Card: 10 kop., carmine on white.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

WHEW! the season is commenced now. Price lists, new publications, infant magazines, and fresh issues are simply pouring in. Our own tame postman comes six times a day, and occasionally brings his eldest born to carry a supplementary sack. There is only one corner of the editorial office not filled with correspondence, and, if the present state of things goes on, an Editorial Relief Expedition will have to be organized to dig the devoted old man out. Still, he seems quite happy at present, and he chortles with joy as the ads. come in. Only yesterday he took me by the button-hole and showed me page after page of advertisements. "Ah," he said "wouldn't the Chronicle subscribers be pleased if we could only fill it up with lovely pictorial advertisements." I looked at the array of advertisements and ventured to ask whether there would be any room for me this month. The dear old man smiled his benevolent smile: "My dear boy," says he, "of course your stuff's no good to anybody, but I am afraid I shan't have time to write anything useful, so you had better weigh in with a bit, we might find it come in to fill up with."

A compliment from our Editor is praise indeed, and so I gratefully smiled, grasped the paste-pot and scissors, and retired to the back garden—yes, rather a cool retreat this weather, but really, there's no room anywhere else, unless one sits on the front step, and then that blessed postman is always disturbing you.

I have got a letter from the Atlas Stamp Co., who say that they have recently had a consignment of St. Lucia, 1d on 4d., 1892 issue, in which the surcharge is distinctly over the postmark. Somebody is evidently supplementing the efforts of the Colonial postmaster, and collectors must be upon their guard.

Apropos of the New Zealand halfpenny stamp, we slip the following:

SIR,—It is a well-ascertained fact that editors know everything, even the wonderful ways of the New Zealand Government, which are too wonderful for the ordinary man. I therefore propound the following questions in reference to the black atrocity which now does duty as a halfpenny stamp:—

1. Why has the Government made the change?
2. Who is the gainer by it?
3. Is the stamp a prize design? If so, what can the others be like?

4. Who is the disloyal caitiff who has dared to represent her Most Gracious Majesty with a dish-cloth on her head?

5. Is there any statute under which he can be hanged, drawn and quartered?

6. Did he ever draw a human face from the life?

7. If he must depict a dish-cloth, why did he not hang one over a mop and draw its folds properly, instead of drawing the thing out of his own head?

As a loyal subject I shall neither eat, drink, sleep, nor pay rates or taxes till you set my mind at ease on the above points.—I am, &c., —

Mr. A. Morley, late Postmaster-General, in his report for the year ended March 31st last, estimates that the delivery of letters, &c., in the United Kingdom for the 12 months was as follows:—Letters, 1,770,900,000—decrease 2.3 per cent.; postcards, 312,800,000—increase 25.9 per cent.; book packets, circulars, and samples, 614,600,000—increase 7 per cent.; newspapers, 151,800,000—decrease 7.9 per cent.; parcels, 57,136,000—increase 5.7 per cent. The report points out that the decrease in the number of letters and newspapers is rather apparent than real, and is partly due to the fact that a closer enquiry into the amount of correspondence delivered in London has shown that the estimates of the number of letters in recent years has probably been exaggerated, and partly to the use of postcards. The report includes an exhaustive review of the telegraph service for the 25 years during which the telegraphs have been under the management of the Government. In this department there was a deficit for the year ended March last, of £152,803, of which loss £300,000 is credited to Press telegrams.

A writer in a German contemporary states that a native postmaster in German West Africa stuck his entire stock of stamps on his body to prevent them being stolen. To prevent them being fraudulently used the man possibly had to be postmarked. In the same district a slave dealer inquired if he could send small slaves by sample post. It would appear that this ingenious native felt considerably stuck up—still, it does not follow that he was inordinately proud.

Great are the triumphs of red-tapeism. Here is the latest example. A large mercantile firm, stamping its own postcards, found itself surcharged a penny for each card because it had a line border placed round the address side of the card. The border was contrary to the regulations, hence the surcharge. The regulation, we believe, is that nothing other than the address shall be put on the address side. The object of this regulation of course is to prevent the address side being used for letter purposes. But official red-tape is above considering what the object of anything is. It sees something other than the address put on the address side, and it surcharges accordingly. We suppose it is hopeless to expect a Government Department to lay

aside red-tape and exercise a little common sense in construing its own regulations.

C. R. SMITH—The stamp is of no value in that state. Damaged stamps, unless of the greatest rarity, seldom fetch even a tithe of the catalogue value. P. R.—We feel flattered, we hope you will get 50 answers instead of 25 to your next ad. F. SHORT—The West Indian stamps are in a state of transition as regards price. Some of them are worth four times catalogue price, and others are not worth one quarter.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M.E.N.

SINCE writing my last batch of notes, I have received Mr. Ewen's new publication, *The English Specialists' Journal*. This magazine should be a great help to the class of collectors for whom it is published. It is doubtful if there is sufficient support for the paper in this country, but if it can be kept up it will undoubtedly prove a great boon. There is a column for new issues and discoveries, correspondence, market value of stamps, and an article on the Threepenny Adhesive, besides a list of the 1d. plate numbers used abroad, and a list of official numbers of the British Post Offices, altogether a useful collection of information.

Many collectors of English seem to be in doubt over the "hairlines in the lower corners of the 1d. blacks and reds." These hairlines have little or nothing in common with those of the 4d., 6d., 9d., and 1/- of later issues, in all of which they were engraved on the plates. In the case of the 1d. they seem to be merely errors of impression, and are usually very faint horizontal lines through the rectangular blocks containing the letters. Sometimes they are quite close to the lower outside line of the block, and of course parallel to it, at other times they pass through the letters themselves.

Auction prices are the best criterion of value for ordinary or recognised varieties, and the following prices are those obtained for good copies, recently the 2/- red brown brought £2; 5/- carmine, "I.R. Official," £1 10s.; 10/- blue "I.R.," £2 2s.; £1 green "I.R.," £3 3s.; £5 orange, £2 15s.; 10s. and £1 (wmk. cross) £2 5s.; 1d. black V.R., £6 10s.; £5 v. fine, £2 14s.; £1 cross, £1 10s.; 9d. small letters, unused, 10s.

With regard to this question of prices, I was talking with a well-known philatelist a few days ago who does not seem to have an all-consuming reverence for the opinions of value expressed in recent catalogues. His words were, "There are a lot of used stamps catalogued at two or three shillings which I could buy at those prices per thousand, while others at the same figure

or less, I have never seen, and when I come across a stamp I have never before seen, I think it is generally pretty good." No doubt the above idea is somewhat exaggerated, but still, a careful study of the catalogue shows that there is a lot in it.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

Oct. 17th. *Presidential Address*.

Messrs. F. G. Bepler (London), E. C. Cooke (Acock's Green), W. R. Joynt (Dublin), were unanimously elected members.

Mr. W. T. Wilson then gave a most interesting and instructive paper on "Fashionable Stamps." After enumerating the various stamps at present in fashion, commencing with the West Indies, he proceeded to give the results of this fashion, specially noting the undue appreciation of the later issues, the rise in prices being caused more by speculators than by collectors. The special instances were all supported by the actual numbers printed, left on hand, etc. The whole paper was a valuable lesson to all who were present.

Nov. 7th. *Display. Western Australia*.

The following were unanimously elected members: Messrs. P. Kiderlen (Wurtemberg), H. E. M. Rolsted (Norway), A. Levy (Plymouth), R. Sneeth (Sheffield), C. G. Taylor (Yarmouth), T. P. Dorman (Northampton), Pio Fabri (Rome), F. Hagen (Sydney), W. W. Worthington (New York), A. S. Weiler (Zanesville, U.S.A.), Max de Troostembergh (Brussels). Two applications were refused.

Subscriptions were voted to a number of philatelic papers and periodicals for the library.

Then followed a display which was quite up to usual form. The chief interest was centred in the exceedingly fine selection shewn by the President, which, with the exception of one stamp, included two complete panes of 60, of the first issue 4d. The differences in the position and type of corresponding stamps on the two panes, indicating alterations in the transfers, were carefully noted. Excepting the error of colour and the inverted centre, all varieties including the roulettes were shewn in good numbers by the President and other members.

The Nov. packet was again a "record," the value being £616 7s. 4d., although the prices were in almost every case in favour of purchasers.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Session 1895-6. *President:* A. R. Barrett; *Vice-President:* R. Tyeth Stevens; *Exchange Secretary:* M. Tucker, Jun.; *Assistant Exchange Secretary:* E. Millman; *Treasurer and Hon. Secretary:* A. Levy; *Committee:* J. Milton, E. Millman, W. E. Harvey, W. J. W. Miller. The first ordinary meeting of the fifth session was held at 9a. Princess Square, on Wednesday, October 23rd, 1895, at 7.30 p.m. Present: The Vice-President in the chair; Messrs. Stevens, Tucker, Milton, Miller, Harvey, Stockdale, Buchan, Mayne, Honeysett, and Levy. Votes of thanks were passed to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., and L'Esrange Ewen, for copies of their priced catalogues presented to the Society, to the Birmingham Philatelic Society for their Annual Report, and to Mr. Nunn (Bury St. Edmunds), for the *Stamp Collector's Journal*. The continued receipt of *The Stamp News*, *The Philatelic Record*, and *The Philatelic Chronicle* was also noted. Mr. Tucker having notified that through pressure of other duties, he would be unable to carry out the requirements of the Exchange Branch during the few ensuing months. Mr. E. Millman, 26, Granville Road, S. Plymouth, was unanimously elected Assistant Exchange Secretary, to whom corresponding members and others are requested to send communications referring to the Exchange Branch until further notice. The following members have promised to read papers during the Session:—The Vice-President: "Three week's stamp hunting on the Continent"; Capt. Stockdale: "Ceylon and Spain"; Mr. Miller: "Greece"; Hon. Secretary: "West Indies"; Messrs. Milton and Mayne also promised to assist. Displays of the stamps illustrating the subject of the papers, will be held on the evenings when they are read. It was resolved to join the Stamp Exchange Protection Society. Asher Levy, Hon. Sec., 190, Union Street, Plymouth.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Three packets, containing 121 sheets of the aggregate value of £615 11s. 7d., were made up and dispatched in October. The "A" packets (which receives no sheets of less value than £5) contained fine specimens of old West Indians and West Africans, and it is gratifying to note that this packet is rapidly increasing both in quantity and quality. All collectors, sending satisfactory references, are welcomed. For rates, etc., apply to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—Secretary, H. Clark. I am too busy to send a full report this month. Circuit II. So many sheets have been sent in that I have been unable to include all in the packet, and some have to wait for next month. Circuit I continues to steadily improve. Circuit IV (the post-

card circuit) has been neglected for some weeks, but another good packet has just gone out, and I hope now to send out one every month.

THE FISCAL AND POSTAL EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—Postal Circuit. The September quarter accounts are almost all paid up. This section has worked smoothly and well, and packets continue to improve though there are only about 26 members. Only one member has neglected to pay his June quarter's account, and that is only 1/6, so of little consequence.

THE LANCASHIRE STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—This month's (Nov.) packet was fairly good, considering it is the first one, the sheets sent in totalling in value to £41 odd. A fuller report will be given next month, as the packet has not yet been returned to me, so cannot tell you the amount of sales. Collectors are heartily invited to join. Any communications address to the Secretary, J. W. Marsden, 11, Alpha Street West, Secdley, will receive his prompt attention.

NOTICES.

MESSRS. Hopkins Bros. have published a priced catalogue of the stamps of Leeward Islands, being a reprint of Mr. R. Hollick's list which appeared in the *Philatelic Chronicle* three or four years ago. At the time when Mr. Hollick wrote it, the list was the best available, and, indeed the first attempt to classify these now popular stamps as a group. Even now the subject matter is of the utmost use, and has been fairly revised by Messrs. Hopkins. The prices are the most easily assailed part of the work, and, of course, Mr. Hollick had nothing to do with these. As a catalogue it is distinctly good, but as a price list it is a little antiquated. We should think that Messrs. Hopkins had a run on their stock when this little book appeared, for the prices, if representing the actual values, are, in many cases, not half what the stamps fetch at this moment.

Messrs. Edward Cooper and Co. have issued a 28p. supplement to their Wholesale Price List. Messrs. Cooper need no recommendation from us, they are a well-known and old-established firm, and no one need have any doubt about their perfectly straightforward dealing. The supplement to their price list should be in every hand, for it contains some extremely cheap lines in wholesale lots which cannot long be sold at these rates, considering the rising markets.

Mr. Walter Morley, an acknowledged authority on Fiscals, has produced a comprehensive catalogue of the Revenue stamps of the British Colonies. The book is the best of its kind, beyond doubt, and every fiscal collector wants it. We do not know a lot about these stamps ourselves, but it seems a most complete catalogue, although, as a price list, it fails somewhat, as

many of the stamps are unpriced—probably because they are not in Mr. Morley's stock. The book may be obtained, price 2/6, post free, from the Publishers of the P. C. & A.

Mr. Lewthwaite has sent us a sample of his "British Flag" Approval Sheets. We have no hesitation in recommending these. They are of excellent quality, and so arranged that they will fold for insertion in a business-size envelope without any danger of creasing the stamps.

Mr. Nunn's new edition of the "Stamp Dealers of Great Britain" is more complete even than the last edition. It may be obtained from the Philatelic Publishing Co., price 3d., post free.

Mr. G. H. Coleby, owing to his frequent absences on the continent buying stamps, has entered into partnership with Mr. J. S. Allen, of Brockley, in order to ensure prompt attention for his English clients.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

a. First-class copy, perfect. b. Good specimen, no defect
c. Torn, or with other defect.

MESSRS. Ventom, Bull and Cooper held a good sale on October 24th and 25th. The goods offered were of the usual high-class quality sold by this firm, and high prices were the result. A Canada 12d on laid, brought £27; a 1¹/₂ New Brunswick £18 10s.; 6½ Newfoundland, carmine red, £10; St. Vincent 5/- rose red, star watermark, £16; and a number of other stamps £10 and upwards, while Mauritius large fillet 2d., blue, pair, brought £50 and Post Paid, 2d. blue, early impression, a grand copy, £140.

Mr. Hadlow's sale was advertised for the same date, but was postponed to the 28th. Some very nice single examples, pairs and sets were sold, while there was the usual excellent assortment of wholesale lots. The same gentleman had another sale on October 14th, which was also very successful.

Mr. Cheveley had a good sale on October 17th, and another on October 30th and 31st. A Mauritius, large fillet, 2d. blue, mended, brought £12 10s.; Zurich 4r. on entire, £20; Tobago, 6d. ochre, C.A., £14 10s.; Nevis, 6d. green, C.A., £10; and yet another Tobago 6d. C.A., £14.

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson held a sale at 47, Leicester Square, on the 4th and 5th November. A lot of high-class English and foreign were offered, and good prices

were obtained for the moderately rare stamps which were bought freely. The high price buyers, however, were not so evident, and some of the best lots were passed over. The market price of a complete Columbian set, according to this sale, is now £3 15s.

The forthcoming sales so far announced are:—

Nov. 27th. Messrs. Cheveley & Co.
" 28th and 29th. Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper.
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" 18th. Messrs. Cheveley & Co.
" 31st. Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper.

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B—Same as above, but without any printed instructions on the outside, 25 6d, 50 11d, 100 1/7, 250 3/-, 500 5/6, 1,000 10/- . All carriage paid. Price, in addition, for printing to order instructions on outside, any number up to 250 1/9, up to 500 2/-, up to 1,000 2/6.

THICK COLOURED PAPER COVERS. For insertion of either of the approval sheets, same size, and can be supplied at the following prices, carriage paid, 22 7d, 45 1/-, 94 1/9, 240 4/-.

EXERCISE BOOKS. Dealers should use these Sheets for their Approval Books. They can be made up into Exercise Books. Estimate submitted for stamp.

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- Baden, 1st two issues, complete, unused with gum.
- Bahamas, 1d. imperf., a fine pair.
- British Columbia, 10c., imperf. and perf., 12½, 25c., a strip of 3.
- British Guiana, 1851, 1 and 4c., the latter on entire; 1853, 1c., a fine pair—1856, 4c., crimson, a superb copy on entire; 1862, provisionals, 1 and 2c., and others.
- British South Africa, pair on the £5, postally used.
- Brunswick, 1st issue, 3sgr., unused.
- Canada, imperf., 6d. and 7½d., used, and 10d. unused; perf. 6d. and 3c. brown, on laid paper.
- Cape, woodblock, 4d blue, superb.
- Ceylon, 8d., 9d., 10d. and 1½, and 1/9 imperf., and 2 - imperf., unused.
- France, 1st issue, a strip of 7 of 20c. black, one stamp being *tête-bêche*, on entire.
- Gibraltar, 1st issue, complete, unused.
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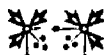
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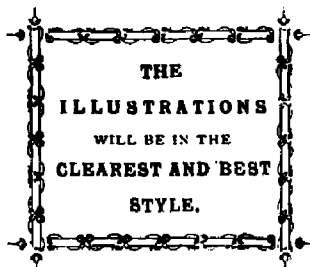
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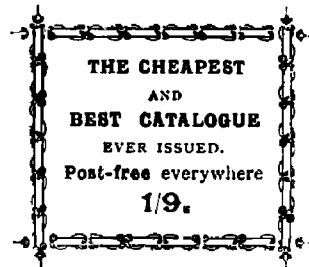


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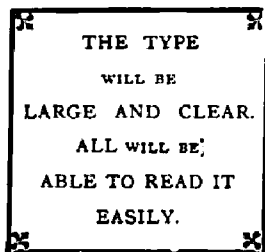
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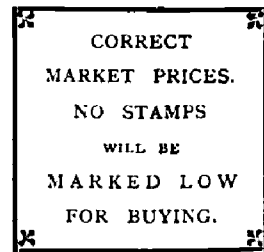
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WE are told on proverbial authority that "Christmas comes but once a year." of course, this is only a popular myth—as everybody knows, or ought to know, that there are two Christmas Days in every year. Well, Christmas is not a very good time for stamps. People have other matters to occupy their attention during the latter half of December and the first half of January. Fancy anyone measuring the perforations of a few hundred Dutch on Christmas Day, or spending New Year's Eve looking for hairlines on ten thousand penny reds! No, philatelists are men and women all the same. Christmas is Christmas, and nothing else, and so, although probably many of our friends will not open their *Chronicle* until after the great festival, we wish one and all, for the fifth time in our existence, A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



The attention of advertisers is called to the notice in this issue of our special of the *Advertiser* on February 5th. The notice is thus given early that foreign advertisers may have a chance of participating. We purpose sending to English-speaking collectors in every part of the world, and we have been collecting names and addresses for that purpose for some little time. We cannot say how many thousands will be distributed free all over the world, as it depends upon the amount of support we receive. We are prepared to lose a certain sum which we estimate will treble our usual issue, and all extra support we get will go to augment this fund and secure a proportionally larger circulation. We are not doing this from motives of philanthropy—there is a method in our madness, and we look confidently to a tenfold return in the near future. *Verb sap.*

CHRONICLE.

AUSTRIA.—We are informed that the 1 and 2 florin stamps are about to change their colour, as follows:—

- 1 florin, yellow-green.
- 2 florins, lilac.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The 2d. stamp has been surcharged ONE PENNY, apparently to meet a genuine demand, as the penny value ran short.

1d. on 2d., black surcharge.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Besides the set chronicled last month we hear of a 2½s. Indian with the same surcharge. The Indian stamps used in East Africa before the Company issued a set of stamps may be valuable some time.

BELGIUM.—New Unpaid letter stamps appeared last month. They are oblong, with a numeral of value in the middle, perf. 14.

- 5c. green.
- 10c. orange.
- 20c. bronze green.
- 50c. pale brown.
- 1fr. carmine rose.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—Mr. Alliley informs us that he has received from St. Thomas a provisional 10c., made by over-printing the words "10c., 1895," on the 50c. purple.

10c. black surch. on purple.

ERITREA.—The new Italian 45c. has been surcharged for use in Eritrea.

45c. black on grey-green.

MAURITIUS.—We hear of a new set for this island. The postal authorities have pretty well played out the surcharge game, and a permanent set will be a welcome relief.

NORTH BORNEO.—The whole of the set up to and including the 24c. has been surcharged POSTAGE DUE. Good luck to them!

PERAK.—The 1 and 2 dollars mentioned by us last month are now in issue.

- 1 dollar green and yellow green.
- 5 dollars blue.

The new type has been issued for Pahang.

QUEENSLAND.—Still they come. When once the new issue fever seizes a patient, it rapidly increases in virulence. Still, this fever is better than some. The new issue complaint generally finds the patient very low, and leaves him in a much more comfortable state—the common or garden fever acts *vice versa*. The latest symptom is

1/- mauve on thick wove paper.

SEYCHELLES.—We are promised a lot of fresh varieties from this salubrious spot in the new year.

SIRMOOR.—The stamps of this state have been surcharged S.S.S. for official use.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The South Australian Postal Authorities have invested in a new perforating

machine, guaging 13. The twopenny stamp is now of that gauge, and all others as they run out will be similarly treated. No more 9d., 1/- or 2/- will be issued on star wmk. paper, and all three values are sure to rise rapidly in price, especially in unused condition. We possess the three values in paper wmk. crown S.A., but overprinted "specimen."

UNITED STATES.—We have received during the last few days several of the low values with a kind of grating, like rows of perforation holes, over the back. We do not know whether it is done by accident or design.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRAZIL.—The following new stationery have been issued:—

Envelope: 500r., slate blue.

Post Card: 80+80r., pur. and blue on blue.

FUNCHAL.—A new postcard and a new letter-card have been issued.

Post Card: 20+20r. lilac on buff.

Letter Card: 50r., blue on blue.

HORTA.—Horta is the happy recipient of a similar pair.

Post Card: 20+20r., lilac on buff.

Letter Card: 50r., blue on blue.

The same is also issued for Ponto Delgada and other Portuguese colonies.

JHIND.—The *Timbre Poste* says that Mr. Ridpath has the 1885 quarter anna postcard, with the arms in black and the name spelt JEEND.

¼a. brown, and black on buff.

LUXEMBURG.—The postcards with the new type stamp are now on sale:—

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------------|-----|
| | 5c. green on buff. | |
| 5+5c. | " " | " " |
| 10c. carmine | " " | " " |
| 10+10c. | " " | " " |

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

MORRAY! at last a chance has come! For years I have been collecting one thing or another, but just as I began to get interested in them I found I had always to potter out my hard-earned coin to get the varieties which would make my collection complete. Well, I usually gave it up, threw the collection away or sold out. I can stand almost anything but paying for things. I don't mind owing, in fact, I rather like it, but when it comes to buying—"over goes the show" as Milton so aptly puts it. I've tried bird's-eggs (they're easily stolen when Mr. and Mrs. Bird are not large and pugnacious), buttons, pens, coins, medals, stamps,—in fact, almost every mortal thing, and now I'm going in for—what? Why for—**TRAIN TICKETS**—(small caps, please Mr. Comp).

Yes, tram tickets are the coming rage, and blessed is the man who has hath pocket full of them. A week ago I received a magazine, a price list, and the circular of an exchange club—all about tram tickets, or, as the lovely Deutcheland language (which, thank goodness, I don't know) has it, the Trambillet Sport. This is also the title of the magazine of sixteen pages published in its support fortnightly, of which I have "Nro. 1, I Jahrgang." The magazine is "Monatschrift für Sammler gebrauchter Trambahnfahrtscheine," which must be a very painful complaint, and contains a lot of (no doubt) useful information, and a picture and biography of Herr James Clifton Robinson, Managing-director der London United Tramways, Limited.

I'm going to learn German so that I can read my magazine, but the kind friends who sent me the circular of the Exchange Club were good enough to provide an English translation and I am going into it thick. I intend to join the Central Exchange Union of the International Trambillet-Sport-Company and come out a Tiffany or a Castle among the votaries of Tramately. There is only one difficulty to overcome. All new applicants, as the General Regulation No. 1, says "must give the International Trambillet-Sport-Company sufficient reference that the exchange albums (representing great value) may safely be entrusted to them." This is the only obstacle, but still, if I can only find someone who doesn't know me very well, I may yet succeed. I am going to make one or two new acquaintances to-morrow.

To THE EDITOR, *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your paragraph in the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*, re our book "The Stamps of the obsolete Leeward Isles." We would remind you the prices were last season's, but owing to unavoidable delays, we were not able to publish same until this season.

We are however, just publishing a supplement (with all prices revised) to the above.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing this letter in your valuable paper.

We are, dear Sir,

Yours very truly,

HOPKINS BROS.

Nov. 30th, 1895.

Dear Sir,—Errors in the case of local surcharges are of only too frequent occurrence, but when the surcharging is done in London by De La Rue and Co., how often is any mistake found?

We have just discovered an amazing error perpetrated by this firm, consisting of a quarter sheet of sixty stamps of Straits Settlements, 32c. rose, which were specially printed in order to be surcharged three cents, but the 60 stamps in question have no surcharge whatever upon them, the machines having missed this quarter sheet altogether.

The remaining three panes of 60 each were all properly surcharged "three cents," and one of these panes is still attached to the unsurcharged pane, making half a sheet of 120 stamps, 60 of 3c. and 60 of 32 cents.

It is surprising that such an error should escape the notice of the many persons through whose hands the stamps had to pass.

The half sheet was purchased at the Singapore post-office, and has just been re-sold to us intact, so that we possess all that exist of this remarkable error.

We have also a sheet of 60 one cent on 6c. lilac with double surcharges, one of them being reversed. This of course was a local surcharge, but this variety is hitherto unchronicled.

Yours faithfully,

Nov. 27th, 1895. WHITFIELD KING & CO.

W. S. WEBB.—To the best of our knowledge B and D are obsolete, and C, E and F are current, A we should think is current, but cannot say for certain. S. KING (Leeds).—They are different varieties. E. P. WORTH.—Don't have anything to do with them. The price is utterly fictitious, and they will come down as quickly as they have gone up. At any rate it is the duty of every philatelist to discourage this selfish cornering business. A. FOLEY.—We can supply Mr. Morley's book on Colonial Revenues at 2/6, post-free. It is an excellent catalogue, and a collection made to-day will be worth money in a few years.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M.E.N.

MR. WEBB, Stowmarket, informs me that the inscription on the back of the Registration Envelopes, at least in the case of size G, has been altered. The whole arrangement of the type is changed, the paragraph commencing "Subject to the conditions, &c.," formerly appearing at the bottom, now appears at the top, immediately after the heading—"Inland Registration." Also, the words "the fees set forth in which include the ordinary registration fee of 2d." are altogether omitted.

The new journal for English specialists is as good in the second as it was in the first. Says our contemporary:—"New varieties of English stamps with foreign postmarks are turning up daily." Some of the most important discoveries recently in this direction are 1d. red and 6d. lilac, used in Montserrat, the first stamps we believe that have been seen with A08 postmark. Mr. F. Curtis has shown us the following, which were omitted from our list of 1d. plates published last month:—1d. plate 164, used in Malta; 1d. plate 162, used in Constantinople; and 1d. plate 134, used in Alexandria. Mr. Lowe informs us

that he has 4d. rose, of 1857, with circular date postmark of Prince Edward's Island, and 6d. lilac, of 1857, used in New Caledonia, having a postmark of dots with an anchor in the centre.

Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen, in "Some Minor Varieties in the Stamps of Great Britain," gives some very interesting particulars. Among other things he mentions some of the pennies with double letter in the corner.

- 1d. black, D over I in left-hand corner.
- 1d. " double D, F, H, M and T in left corner.
- 1d. red, double A, D, E, J, L and S. " "
- 1d. " " E in right corner.

He also gives some other interesting information of a similar character with regard to the other values:—

- 1/- 1862, plate 1, with two dots above the figure 1 on the left side of the stamp and a kind of inverted Γ above the N in the lower left corner, both on the stamp lettered NA.
- 4d., plate 7, FK and GB, a white dot before FOUR.
- 4d. 1857, white circle between S and T of Postage.
- 4d., plate 2, FL, white circle at the foot of the F.
- 9d. " 4, PK, white circle after the K.
- 4d. " 2, BG with double B in left corner.
- 4d. " 2, JF with peculiar J at right top corner.
- 4d. " 3, BA with inverted P in top right corner.
- 2½d. " 2, error of lettering, LH at top, FL at bottom.
- ½d. " 6, PA at top, AF at bottom.

All this is very interesting information. Some of it has been discovered before, but most is news to English specialists. Among varieties in my own collection is a peculiar 3d. with small letters. The stamp is MI, and over the I is a fairly distinct white dot in a white circle on the upper leaf of the trilobed corner ornament, and a white dot between the P and O and the G and E of POSTAGE.

The prices of unused English seem fairly on the up grade, as shown by recent auction reports. The penny V.R. fetches 11 guineas and £12; the 2d. blue, without lines, fine, unused, with gum, £2 16s.; 2½d. orb, plate 3, £3 4s.; 6d. plate 12, buff, very fine, £1 12s.; 6d. buff, plate 13, used, £2; 2/- brown, with gum, £5 10s.; without gum, £1; used, fine, £2; 5/- carmine, plate 1, fine, £1 6s.; £5 orange, fine, used, £2 17s. 6d.; £1 green, I.R. Official, fine used pair, £12; and one singly, £5 15s. In Birmingham, last week, a 2d. small crown, perf. 16, unused, but without gum, sold for £3 10s. privately—the same had been bought at auction some days before for a few shillings. There are just two things I would advise all English collectors to do. First, look out your minor varieties and stick to them, and secondly, subscribe to the "English Specialists' Journal," 4/- per annum, post-free,

UNNECESSARY ISSUES.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS

Circular No. 3. 391, Strand, London, W.C.

THE Society, in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps and other Postal matter mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of Philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

9. NEW SOUTH WALES. The Post Office Department of New South Wales is now offering for sale Adhesive Stamps, Postcards, and Stamped Envelopes bearing the letters O.S. This is the worst case we have yet had to consider.

Copy.

Postal and Electric Telegraph Department,
(1182) General Post Office, Sydney,

15th August, 1895.

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has approved of the sale to Stamp Collectors and others of complete sets of obliterated O.S. Stamps, at the price of £2 per set.

(Signed) JOSEPH COOK.

Such Stamps, &c., are no longer available for postage; but these impressions, or some portion of them (either the Stamps, or the overprint, or both) have been made since the Stamps they represent became obsolete, and not only do they not bear any indication of their real nature, but they are being offered for sale obliterated with a hand stamp consisting of the letters N.S.W. in three concentric ellipses—thereby inducing Collectors to suppose that they have actually been employed for postage.

10. TRANSVAAL. A Commemorative Stamp of the value of 1d., rose (oblong), has recently been issued, which appears to be quite unnecessary for legitimate postal requirements.

11. PERU. A set of Commemorative Stamps, consisting of 1c., 2c., 5c., 10c., 20c. and 50c., issued on the 10th of September last, to celebrate the election of a new President.

12. AMOY. ~ More Chinese Locals.

Commemorative Stamps have also been announced to be about to appear for the following places, and Collectors and Dealers are therefore warned beforehand concerning them:—

- 13. GREECE (Olympian Games).
- 14. HUNGARY (Millennium Stamps).
- 15. LIEGE.
- 16. SWEDEN.

10th October, 1895.

Circular No. 4.

17. ECUADOR. We have received a communication from a very trustworthy authority in New York, that a set of Commemorative Stamps will shortly be issued for this country, of the values of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 centavos, and 1 sucre respectively. Our correspondent further states:—

"I have seen a letter from the holder of the concession to a large exporting firm here, wherein he asks them to submit the designs, and states that he will be prepared to supply the stamps in any quantity, either cancelled or uncanceled; but they must state the quantity they will engage to take before the issue is made. This would seem to be the worst kind of a job on the part of the Ecuadorian Government. In the first place, they have farmed out the control of the issue for so many dollars cash in hand to the holder of the concession, and in the next place, the concessionaire evidently is prepared to milk the philatelic market to its extreme capacity."

18 FORMOSAN REPUBLIC. A set of these stamps was brought out by Liu-Yung-Fu, the chief of this newly-formed Republic. The following information respecting them has been furnished by an Englishman out there:—

"There have been *two* issues; the first was impressed from a very poor die (I fancy, locally made), on a rough kind of tissue paper. These were not perforated, but had to be cut off the sheet as required, *This issue is entirely exhausted*, as only 2,000 were made. Although on the spot, and very favourably situated for getting official stamps, I know that no genuine ones of this issue are available, as I have tried to get them. It is stated that the die, being so imperfect, was re-melted (*sic*) and attempts made to make another. This was also a failure, and so a die was ordered from Canton, where this work is well done, and the *second* issue made. These have the same device as the first, only much clearer, and only three kinds of *either* variety were issued, viz. (face value), 3, 5, and 10 cents, in red, violet and blue respectively (the first issue were in red, violet and green respectively). There have been no surcharged stamps. The second issue is on perforated paper, specially got for the purpose. The greatest care will have to be exercised in accepting stamps after the republic ceases, as the die is in the possession of the Chinese associated with Liu, and as they are quite aware of the financial opening these stamps afford, *may* go on manufacturing them. Liu has already opened negotiations with the Japanese, so the whole thing will last ten days or a fortnight. [The letter is dated the 10th October.] These stamps have been compulsorily used for *native* letters going hence to the mainland of China, and all letters sent through native Post Office had to be *viséd* at the Custom House to see they had the stamps affixed, so thus far

they are genuine. *The Customs has been under the supervision of a foreigner, who, it is said, is or was a member of a foreign syndicate to sell these stamps.* There have been only 5,000 of the second issue impressed *up to date*, but whether more may be made in the interests of speculation before the end actually arrives, I cannot say."

19. TONGA Correspondents in Australia having drawn our attention to the issue of stamps now being sold, which consist of stamps prepared some time since (but not issued, as it is said the reigning monarch was not pleased with his portrait), and which stamps have now been issued with a variety of surcharges, in a variety of colours, and in a variety of types, we endorse the opinion expressed by our Australian friends, that these stamps are unnecessary and speculative.

20. KOREA Pending further investigations, caution should be exercised with regard to a new issue of stamps of this country.

Referring to Circular No. 3:—

16. SWEDEN. We have received from a trustworthy correspondent in Sweden (who has obtained his information direct from the authorities) a letter, in which he states that the Swedish Post Office does *not* intend to make a commemorative issue of any kind. We have much pleasure in making this announcement.

GORDON SMITH,
Secretary, S. S. S.

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,
Secretary to the Special Committee Lon. Phil. Society.
December, 1895.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.
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MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road,
Birmingham.

Nov. 21st.
J. A. Galbraith (Trinidad), E. Sigerist Moser (Schaffhausen), A. C. Jones (Bermuda), were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. E. F. Wurtele and Croomie for 25 Philatelic Journals and "The Stamps of Egypt" respectively.

Mr. C. A. Stephenson then gave a very interesting and carefully-prepared paper on the "Stamps of the United States, from 1847 to 1869," illustrated by his own collection and a number of other good collections belonging to the members present; also some sent by corresponding members. In the intervals between the various issues, and at the end of the paper there was a very lively discussion on the minor varieties of die, ornament and grille.

Dec. 5th.

R. S. Bhatavadekar (Bombay), J. G. Wilson (Barbados), were unanimously elected members.

Subs. were voted to London Philatelic Society's "South Africa," and other publications.

A vote of thanks was accorded Mr. H. L. Ewen for a bound copy of his "Priced Catalogue of the Stamps of Great Britain."

Then followed the "Display of the Stamps of Italy and the Italian States; together with the Forgeries and Reprints of the same."

The exhibition was very fine, and included most of the rarities unused and used on originals.

December Packet. This requires special notice, as it is probably the finest packet ever circulated in an English Exchange. The sheets sent in were worth over £1,200, and about half of this value consisted of fine unused Colonials, especially British North America and West Indies, and nearly all priced considerably below catalogue. The St. Vincents included 5s. star, 4d. yellow, no wmk., 4d. red, brown C.A., all unused; Nevis, St. Kitts, Virgin Islands, Dominica, Nova Scotia, were almost complete in shades. Considering that all the sheets were sent in at reasonable prices it was thought advisable, with the owner's consent, to keep over two duplicate sheets worth over £300 till next packet, leaving the value £894 5s. 5d. But from promises already to hand, it is very likely that the January packet will be very considerably larger than this.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The third ordinary meeting of the session was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, November 20th, the Vice-President in the chair. Lieut.-Col. A. Ely and the Rev. E. Bell were elected members. The subject of study for the evening was "The two dies of the 1d. line engraved stamp of Great Britain." The Vice-President read extracts from the Earl of Kingston's paper, and explained his own views; he considered the line which formed the nostril was an unfailing test: in Die I. this consisted of a slightly curved stroke or dash, whereas in Die II. the curve was more pronounced, and ended in the side nearest the ear with a distinct bend. The Hon. Sec. was of opinion that Die II. was chiefly to be distinguished by the shape of the ear, and the lines of shading which *crossed* it, which are plainly visible; these lines in Die I. were engraved very faintly, and as a rule are only to be seen on early im-

pressions except by very close examination. Exchange of stamps brought the evening to a close. Asher Levy, Hon. Sec., 190, Union Street, Plymouth.

LANCASHIRE STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The November packet has been returned to me, but I am loth to say the sales were not so large as I expected. All sheets have been returned to members, and all accounts paid, so that we started with a clean sheet for the December Packet, which also was not as good as might have been expected. However, let us hope for a better condition of things for the new year. Intending members are heartily invited to join. Rules free upon application, and any further particulars will be gladly supplied by the secretary, J. W. Marsden, 11, Alpha St. West, Seedley, Manchester.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.—The meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, was a great success. We had a good muster of members and visitors, amongst whom were Mr. Philbrick (our president), Messrs. W. Dorning, Beckton, Abbott, Harrison, Gruncwald and Pemberton, of Manchester; Mr. Ridpath, of Liverpool; Messrs. C. J. Phillips, Ginn, Hilckes, McMillan, Skipton, Temple, P. F. Reed, Hadlow, W. G. Hawkins, J. Scott, Stukes, Capt. J. de Chaffan, R.E., B. W. Warhurst, Kay, Lender, Joselin, Forbes, Dr. Marx, H. Thompson, Ogilvie Grant, Pickford, Leslie, the Hon. Sec., and many others. The lantern show and paper by the President were enjoyed with much interest by those present, and at the close Mr. Philbrick cordially thanked Messrs. Beckton and Ridpath for kindly coming to London to entertain the members, and accorded a warm welcome on behalf of the I.P.U. and to other Manchester friends, with the hope that the visit would be repeated. This was replied to in a few well-chosen words by Mr. Beckton, and the proceedings terminated. Thos. H. Hinton, 5, Paulton's Square, Chelsea, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

MR. W. HADLOW has issued a Wholesale and Retail Price List of British Colonials and English Plate numbers. As many of our readers are aware, Mr. Hadlow makes a speciality of Queensland, and the Catalogue of this country is probably the most complete ever published. The book is in a very neat pocket form, price one shilling, and is well worth the money to all interested in the stamps of Queensland.

The Niger Coast provisionals and Oil Rivers are all the rage just now. If any of our readers want them at cheap rates they will find Mr. C. A. Cole, whose advertisement appears in this issue, is the best man. We have known Mr. Cole for years, and can thoroughly recommend him in every particular.

Mr. T. H. Hinton, of 5, Paulton Square, Chelsea, has produced two new Albums.—The "Victoria," price 6d., and the "Rowland Hill," price 1/- These albums have been produced entirely in England, and are the best value for money we ever saw. Both have a thoroughly English appearance, are printed on good paper, and prettily and strongly bound. The arrangement is excellent, and the price less than the books are honestly worth.

If you have not yet seen Messrs. Fisher, Titley and Co.'s Stamp Exchange Circular, send for it at once. Everyone who has stamps for Exchange can find good business there, and others will find it very useful. It is interleaved with blank pages for notes, &c., and its great value to the ordinary collector is in the information given as to the prices at which they may safely buy. The price is 8d., post free. The same firm have issued the 7th edition of their Price List, which is even better than previous editions.

We learn with regret from the *Times of Natal* that Mrs. L. H. T. Walker, of Pietermaritzburg, Natal, died on October 31st. Mr. Walker, who is one of our oldest and most valued correspondents, has our sincere sympathy in his sad bereavement.

A GOOD OCCASION.

100 ORIENTAL STAMPS 100
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Great Britain, 2/6 and 5/- ..	2 0	16 0
" " 10/- ..	10 0	
" " £1 green ..	36 0	
Hawaii, Provisional 2 cents, purple ..	1 3	10 0
* " " 5 " blue ..	4 0	
* " " 10 " brown ..	7 6	
* " " 12 " black ..	9 0	
* " " 18 " rose ..	13 6	
Hayti, 1, 1, 2, 2 cents, assorted ..	1 0	7 6
Holkar, 1st issue, used 1/2-anna ..	1 6	11 0
" 2nd " " 1/2-anna ..	0 8	5 0
" " " " 1/2-anna ..	1 3	9 0
Labuan, 1892, engraved 6c. green ..	3 0	22 6
Mexico, 1895, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c. assort'd ..	0 6	3 9
Montenegro, 1894, 1 rev., blue ..	0 3	1 9
*Nicaragua, 1869, 1 cent ..	0 6	4 0
* " " 2 " ..	0 8	5 0
* " 1878, 1 " ..	0 8	5 0
* " " 2 " ..	0 10	6 0
*Niger Coast Protectorate, 1/2d. ..	0 10	6 6
* " " " 1d. ..	1 6	18 0
* " " " 2d. ..	3 0	23 6
Nepaul, 1 anna, blue ..	1 6	12 0
*Pahang, 1895, 3 cents ..	1 6	12 0
*Perak, 1895, 1 cent, green and purple ..	0 6	4 0
* " " 2 " brown and purple ..	1 0	8 0
*Salvador, 1894, 1 and 2 cents, assorted ..	0 6	3 0
*Sarawak, 1895, 2 cents, brown ..	1 0	7 6
* " " 4 " black ..	2 0	15 0
*Selangor, 3 on 5 cents, rose ..	2 3	17 6
Shanghai, 1/2, 1, 1 cent, used, assorted ..	0 8	4 6

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*Siam, provl., 1 on 64 atts ..	0 8	4 6
* " " 2 on 64 atts ..	1 0	7 6
* " " 10 on 24 atts ..	5 0	37 6
*Sirmoor, elephant, 3 pies ..	0 6	3 0
" " " " ..	0 10	5 6
Straits Provl., 3 on 32 cents, purple ..	2 3	17 6
*Straits Provl., 3 on 32 " rose ..	1 6	12 0
* " " 1 on 12 " lilac ..	15 0	
*Tonga Provl., 7/4d. on 2d., blue ..	18 0	
* " " 2 1/2d. on 1/- green ..	4 0	30 0
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" " " 8 " ..	2 9	20 0

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" " 25, 50 cents ..	15 0
" " 25, 50 cents, 1, 2 dollars ..	48 0
* " 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents ..	12 0
* " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents ..	33 0
Cochin, 1/2, 1, 2 puttans ..	4 6
*Cuba, 1894, 1/2, 1, 2, 3, 4 mills ..	1 9
Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200 ..	66 0
Holkar, 1/2, 1, 2 annas, used ..	6 0
*Japan, Silver Wedding, 2, 5 cents ..	6 0
" " " used 2, 5 cents ..	7 6
*Liberia, 1880, 1, 2, 6, 12 and 24 cents ..	20 0
" 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents ..	20 0
" " official, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents ..	21 0
" " " 16, 24, 32 cents ..	36 0
Labuan, 1892, engraved, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 40 used ..	42 0
* " 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents ..	10 0
* " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24 cents ..	33 0
Montenegro, 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 15, 25 ..	12 0
" ditto, Jubilee ..	12 6
*New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17 cents ..	15 0
*Nicaragua, 1869, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 cents ..	6 6
*Nicaragua, 1878, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 ..	7 6
*Sarawak, 1895, 2, 4, 6, 8 ..	9 0
*Seychelles, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 16 ..	15 0
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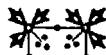
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THE influence of philately upon the policy of Governments has received a striking confirmation in the action taken with regard to the issue of New South Wales O.S. stamps, postmarked, by the postal authorities. We published some particulars of this transaction in our last issue, and it now appears that a deputation of Australian philatelists has waited upon Postmaster General Cook and pointed out in plain terms the fact that his department has practically forged stamps with the intention of defrauding philatelists. The result of this timely protest is that the authorities have promised that no such transaction shall be permitted in the future. There were a thousand sets prepared. Most of them are sold, and the remainder will be offered until exhausted.

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We would call the attention of advertisers to the special issue of *The Advertiser* on February 5th. This will be really a big thing, and certainly the best opportunity we have ever offered. We have little hesitation in saying that the ordinary circulation of *The Advertiser* is equal in number to that of any other English philatelic paper, but we shall treble it on February 5th.

CHRONICLE.

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The 2½ anna India, chronicled last month, has now a companion in the ½ anna—both surcharged BRITISH-

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BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—We are indebted to Mr. E. W. Hounsom for information of the twopence value printed in a new shade and perforated 12½ instead of 14, as previously.

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MAURITIUS.—We have seen the new 3c. printed in a mauve. The central design being a coat of arms, with the name MAURITIUS in a scroll above.

UNITED STATES.—The low value newspaper stamps are now on watermarked paper.

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CANADA.—Two new letter cards have been issued. 1 cent, black on blue.

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tube, and by this means liquid nutriment is supplied from time to time, hence there need be no apprehension of immediate danger among his large circle of admirers.

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Mr. Geo. E. Adson, Redinnick, Penzance, has sent us a cutting from the Johannesburg *Star* of Thursday, September 12th. The passage is headed, "The Commemorative Stamp." "Quite a brisk business has been done for some days past, amongst not only philatelists, but many who do not usually follow the gentle craze of Stamp-collecting, in the stamps issued to commemorate the introduction of the penny inland post in the Republic. High prices have been asked and obtained for these stamps, upon what ground it is rather difficult to understand, in view of the comparatively large number issued, and the fact that there is no guarantee that the issue will not be repeated. The 'smart' gentry who abound in Johannesburg—chiefly the hanger-on of sporting men—have not been slow to profit by the speculative demand. One of them walked into a store the other day and solemnly assured the trader that the Government would not, on any account, issue any more of them stamps—artlessly adding that he was a postal official, and ought to know, and that he had a large parcel of the stamps for sale at about six times their full value." Now, if collectors want a stamp which may ultimately have a good value, the sixpenny revenue stamp, surcharged "Postzegel" may be mentioned, simply by reason of the fact that very few indeed were issued.

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The remainder of the United States Columbian stamps that were placed on sale at Washington are being exhausted very fast. The only denominations that remain are the 1c, 6c, 3dol, 4dol and 5dol. It is said a syndicate bought up all the values up to and including the 2dol, thereby exhausting the supply. The chances are that prices will now go up.

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The speculative idea in relation to stamps is becoming very widespread. Many men, who would have thought a few years ago attention to so small a thing unworthy their genius, have entered the speculative field lately with great vim. Two causes appear to have been largely instrumental in bringing about this state of affairs. The greater, in our judgment, is the fact that through all the vicissitudes of business, and the depression in prices consequent upon hard times, stamps have steadily maintained their values. There have been absolutely no declines in the prices of valuable varieties. A second and related cause is the plain safety of investment in certain stamps. There can be no decline in the value of the United States stamps bought in sheets from the post office. Hence large quantities of certain stamps have been laid aside with the speculative notion that a great rate of interest on money invested may be realised as the natural

result of collectors' and speculators' desire to secure specimens when they have gone out of issue.

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In such matters as the re-direction of letters and newspapers I have always advocated a liberal policy on the part of the Post Office; but I confess I hardly think the Department can be expected to comply with the demand put forward by a correspondent of mine in a Birmingham suburb. The gentleman in question is the author of several works of a technical character, and people frequently write to him at the address given in his books. Last year he removed from this address to another house not far away, and in the district of the same postmaster. Letters directed to him at the old address were delivered at his present residence, not only for the usual 12 months, but, as a special concession, for another three months. His grievance is that, now that this period has expired, his correspondence, which is all dealt with in the same sorting office, is separated, letters to the old address being returned to the senders. No doubt this is a hardship, but, still, it seems to me that the Post Office has done all that can be reasonably required in a case of removal when it has re-directed letters for 15 months. Some limit must be imposed, or the re-direction business would assume quite unmanageable proportions

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A very bonny effect was produced by an exchange sheet recently sent to a Midland club. Every stamp on the sheet, seventy-two in all, was red, and very nice they looked. Some of our secretaries should get up packets to consist entirely of uniformly coloured stamps—or, to celebrate any great occasion, the national colours—red, white and blue, might be utilised in alternate lines. Of course, the white stamps would necessarily be black. N.B.—This is not a joke, but solid fact.

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P.S.B.: Yes, certainly.—W. BRISTOL: Someone else has complained to us about this firm, although they did not advertise with us. We understand that certain money was recovered by the interposition of the police. The other firm seems to have disappeared—paper and all.—R. TOMES: You will find all the information you want in Mr. Ewen's English Catalogue

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M.E.N.

SPECIALISTS in English stamps have paid a lot of attention lately to the coloured obliterations used during the early years of penny postage. The red and black Maltese Cross are common enough on the penny black stamp, but the red postmark

seems to have been practically discontinued in 1840, although the black Maltese cross obliteration was used in London until May, 1843, and in the provinces for a year later.

When the use of red ink was discontinued, and only black supplied, it occasionally happened that postmasters ran out of their supply, and, in some cases, used the first that came to hand, hence the blue, violet and green that are sometimes found. In isolated cases it is possible that the stock of red ink held out until the time when the red imperforate stamps were issued, and consequently this issue can be found with a red postmark, but varieties are terribly rare—two persons, to my knowledge, after systematic examination, found only one variety in over half-a-million red imperf. stamps.

The £1, with anchor watermark, would have been a good investment if one could only have looked forward a dozen years. An unused copy is now worth something like £40. A few years ago two local philatelic worthies came across a few in an unexpected manner, and subsequently sold them for 35. each. History says that the rejoicings at this stroke of business necessitated an adjournment to the usual place in order to fitly celebrate the occasion. I wonder whether Mr. C. J. Phillips or Mr. R. Hollick ever look back with a longing, lingering feeling to that transaction.

Besides the varieties mentioned by me last month, *The English Specialists' Journal* describes some more discoveries:—

3d. 1862, TL, white dot before THREE.

4d. plate 3, LJ, defective L.

4d. " 4, CB, two short lines in top left corner.

4d. " 4, HJ, white circle between C and E of pence

6d. " 6, AB, white circle over B.

1/- " 2, RK, white circle in left plate No. square.

1/- " 2, SC, minute "t" in left lower corner.

The 10/-, anchor wmk., fetched £21, in an unused condition, at auction recently. The 5/-, plate 4, unused, brought £9; the 2 G, on lilac, unused, £2 7s. 6d.; the £1 green, I.R. Official, £5 15s., used; and the black V.R. pair, £22.

THE COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS OF GREECE.

All that they will represent.—Their colours.—The modifications which will be given to the actual stamps.—The cards.—Other particulars.

By Royal Decree the varieties of the Olympic stamps are fixed as follows:—

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| 1.— 1 lep. grey (brown) | } Two gladiators struggling. |
| 2.— 2 " rose | |
| 3.— 5 lep. bistre | } The discovery of Myzon. |
| 4.— 10 " silver | |

- 5.—20 ,, brick.—An urn with Minerva armed. mm. 20 x 42
 6.—25 ,, gold.—A car drawn by four horses. ,,
 7.—40 ,, carm.—An urn with Minerva armed. ,,
 8.—60 ,, lilac.—A car drawn by four horses. ,,
 9.—1 dr. blue.—The Panathenian Stadium. ,,
 10.—2 ,, ochre.—Hermès of Praxitelus. ,,
 11.—5 ,, green.—The Victory of Pekony. ,,
 12.—10 ,, grey.—The Acropolis of Athens. ,,

After the period of circulation of commemorative stamps the use of the current stamps will recommence, but they will be modified as to colour. In the stamps of 2 and 5 dr. will appear Hermès pulling off his shoes, and in the rest will be the head of Hermès with a cask in a circle, which will have a diameter of 16 millimetres. All the stamps will have above the head the word "GREECE" in Greek characters, below it the words LEPTON, LEPTA, DRACHME or DRACHMES, also in Greek characters, and in the lower corners a number, which will show the value of the said stamps.

The colour of the unpaid letter stamps will be grey instead of green.

The postal packet cards will have thereon the current stamp of 1 dr. printed.

The unpaid stamps, letter stamps and cards of the postal packets will be printed abroad (the Olympic stamps have been ordered in Paris).

The duration of circulation of all stamps and the manner of the exchange of the suppressed will be ruled according to a decision of the Interior and Finance Ministries.

JOHN COUMENOS.

[Although we know these stamps are speculative and therefore uncollectable, we think them sufficiently interesting to warrant our giving the particulars exactly as sent by our esteemed correspondent.—Ed. P. C. & A.]

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.

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Mr. C. A. STEPHENSON; Mr. W. F. WADAMS.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

Dec. 19th, 1895. Messrs. A. Tsimis (Athens), E. F. Wurtele (Quebec), H. B. Squire (London), R. Reid (London), were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were accorded Mr. E. F. Wurtele for fifteen Philatelic periodicals, and Mr. R. F. Albrecht, for a bound copy of "Auction Prices."

Mr. W. Pimm then gave his paper on St. Vincent, which was illustrated by one of the finest displays we have had, including his own collection and those of Messrs. G. F. Jackson, R. Hollick, and G. Johnson, together with selections from other members. Almost every variety of watermark and perforations were shewn in unused and used condition, in singles, pairs and blocks. The 4d. on 1/- was shown in both types, used and unused. All recent values and provisionals, from ½d. to 5/- inclusive, were shown in complete sheets. It was noted that the only stamp required to complete the exhibit was a *used* copy of the 5-star wmk. Several unused copies were shown, but no one showed it used.

Jan. 2nd, 1896. Messrs. W. Hadlow (London), H. L. Hayman (London), H. J. Stuart (Pieternaritzburg), H. Gremmel (New York), G. C. Philippides (Alexandria, Egypt), were unanimously elected members.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded all those publishers who had sent their periodicals and had printed the monthly reports of the Society during the past year.

A vote of thanks was given to the Santiago P.S. for a copy of their "Anales."

It was decided to purchase Vol. I. of the "London Philatelist," and ten volumes of the "Philatelic Record," for the library.

A committee meeting was called for Jan. 13th, and an extraordinary general meeting for Jan. 16th to decide as to division of Exchange Packets, sheets for packets, etc.

Then followed the display of the Stamps of West Africa. All countries, excepting Liberia, which only one member showed at all, were exhibited complete, very many varieties being shown in complete sheets.

January Exchange Packet. This easily beat last month's "record," and reached the total of £1,422 2s. 6½d., more than half of which consists of *unused* Colonials, including early Mauritius, British North America, and West Indies, all in nicest condition. Besides this £200 worth had been received from Colonial members, but has to await enquiries as to discount, etc., and three sheets were refused owing to untidiness. Soiled or untidy sheets will not be circulated under any circumstances, and senders of such will have them returned at their own expense and will lose their position on the postal list.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Session 1895-6. President, A. R. Barrett; Vice-President, R. Tyeth Stevens; Exchange Secretary, H. Tucker, Jun.; Assistant Exchange Secretary, E. Millman; Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, W. J. W. Miller; Committee, J. Milton, E. Millman, W. E. Harvey.

The fourth ordinary meeting of the session was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, December 4th. There were ten members present, the Vice-President in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Vice-President

commenced a series of informal papers on the Stamps of the West Indies, "Antigua and Bahamas" forming the subject of his remarks on that occasion. Assisted by his carefully arranged collection, he took the members through the various issues and cleared the way for the younger philatelists to understand how to form and arrange their collections of these interesting countries. Mr. Stevens' study and careful observation of the stamps also enabled him to give some valuable "tips" to the members as to which stamps were in his opinion at present under-rated and consequently desirable ones to be obtained before their rarity is generally known. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him, the members present agreeing that the evening was one of the most pleasant and instructive they had had. At the next meeting the Vice-President will give his attention to the stamps of Barbados, and the meeting after Mr. A. E. L. Westaway will occupy the evening with an explanation of the various printings of the 1872-75 printings of the United States Stamps.

The fifth ordinary meeting of the session was held on Wednesday, December 18th, at 7-30 p.m., nine members and a visitor being present, the Vice-President taking the chair. The Hon. Sec. reported having received donations to the library from Mr. Ewen and Mr. Hadlow, to both of whom a cordial vote of thanks was passed. The Vice-President read an extremely interesting paper on "The Stamps of Barbados," being the second of a series of papers relating to the stamps of the West Indies. He was enabled to illustrate his remarks with his own very complete collection. He gave those present some excellent suggestions as to the collecting of these stamps, at the same time exhibiting some uncatalogued varieties, the relative rarity of which he explained.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The October packets are all back and the January ones started. The packets to commence the new year are very much improved, and would be better still if all members would contribute. Some September accounts are still unpaid; members are requested to forward at once. The present is an opportune time to join, as subscription commences only on July 1st. Rules, etc., free from the Secretary. Members are requested to send sheets for February not later than 1st, but as much earlier as possible. New members proposed—Messrs. W. R. Wolf (Southampton), H. E. M. Rolsted (Christiania, Norway), J. A. Margoschis (Birmingham), R. Reid, R. H. Ridout, G. W. Bertram, H. R. Shiells and F. Medd (London), J. J. Harper (Birmingham), who will become members on February 1st, unless some reasonable objection be raised by a member. Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—For the December circuits three packets were made up and

despatched on the 27th. As two of these packets were composed exclusively of sheets valued at not less than £5 gross each, the aggregate value was very little short of £1,000. Five applications for membership were accepted, and two declined during the past month. Quarterly accounts will probably be submitted within the next fortnight, and prompt settlements will be expected as usual. For information, etc., apply to Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

LANCASHIRE STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—I have pleasure in announcing that three new members have joined, and trust that many more may do likewise. The sales from December packet amount to £7 6s. 2½d. not a very large amount, but an advance of £2 on the November packet. Sheets to the value of £49 were sent in. There is one thing I would like call the attention of members to, and that is, not to keep the packet more than 24 hours, as it greatly retards the circulation of same, and consequently it takes about six weeks to go round. If members would only bear this in mind, it would greatly facilitate matters. Rules of the society will be sent free on application to the secretary, Mr. J. W. Marsden, 11, Alpha Street West, Seedley, Manchester, England.

PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF BARBADOS.—Mr. Ernest Mayers has succeeded in forming a Society in Barbados for the study and exchange of stamps. Over a score of members are enrolled, and its success seems assured. A new society has also been organised at Pietermaritzburg, Natal. A Philatelic Society has been established at Gympie, Queensland.

NOTICES.

ONE of the most useful books, and one of the neatest ever published is "The Auction Summary for the Seasons 1894-95." It is splendidly produced, of a convenient size, and indexed after the manner of a ledger, so that reference is made simple and easy. It is practically a re-production of all the prices realised at Auction during the last season, and is one of the best half-crown's worth ever offered in connection with philately. The publishers are Messrs. Harry Hilckes, Lim., 64, Cheapside, London.

We have to thank Messrs. Arthur Monteith & Co., for a copy of their new price list. No collector or dealer can afford to be without this, which will be sent free upon application. If any of our readers are in want of Oil Rivers or Niger Coast stamps, they cannot do better than send to Mr. C. A. Cole. He has almost everything in stock, and can sell, owing to his close business connection with the district, at prices lower than any other dealer.

For Asiatic stamps the old established firm of C. A. Ribeiro, 43, Raffles Place, Singapore, are the most advantageous suppliers. Their new price list (post free, 3d.), is worth getting, and offers Indian and other Eastern stamps at the very cheapest rates.

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We have to thank Mr. William Brown, of Salisbury, for a most artistic card which he sent us with his good wishes at Christmas. We value the card, more especially as it is a reproduction of his own work, and we cordially reciprocate his good wishes.

AUCTION REPORTS.

[Auctioneers in Great Britain, America, &c., are requested to send us advance as well as priced copies of their sales, also dates of sales as far in advance as possible.]

a. First-class copy, perfect. b. Good specimen, no defect
c. Torn, or with other defect.

M R. HADLOW'S Sale on Nov. 11th, 1895.		£	s.	d.
a	Nevis, 1/- deep violet ..	2	12	6
a	New Brunswick, half of 6d., on entire ..	2	15	0
a	Newfoundland, 4d. pale car-red, on entire ..	3	0	0
b	Tasmania, 4d. orange ..	2	10	0
a	Victoria, 2d., coarse ground, fine border ..	2	15	0
a	" 2d., fine ground & border, on entire ..	3	3	0
b	" another ditto ..	2	10	0
b	W. Australia, 2d. brown-red, on entire ..	2	10	0
November 25th.				
a	Bremen, 10gr. black, perf. 12 ..	2	10	0
b	France, 10c. + 15c. ..	6	0	0
c	British Guiana, 1st issue 12c. ..	5	0	0
b	Canada, perf., 6d. ..	4	12	0
a	U.S.A. 90c., 1869, grill, unused ..	5	0	0
a	" St. Louis, 10c. ..	10	0	0

Messrs. Cheveley & Co.'s Sale, Nov. 6th and 7th.		£	s.	d.
a	British East Africa, ½a. violet on 2a. red ..	2	10	0
b	Ceylon, 5d. purple-brown, star ..	7	10	0
b	" ditto, CC... ..	8	10	0
a	" 8d. yellow-brown, star ..	16	10	0
a	" 8d. brown, star, 2 copies, each ..	3	3	0
a	Gt. Britain, 6d. emblems, pl. 5, block of 8 ..	5	5	0
b	" 1/- pale green, embossed ..	8	5	0
b	India, ½a. red, pair with sheet margin ..	17	10	0
a	" 4s. red and blue, wavy line showing ..	10	10	0
a	Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. early ..	6	10	0
Nov. 20th and 21st.				
a	British Columbia, 1 dollar, perf. 14 ..	7	10	0
c	" Guiana, 1st issue, 4c. orange, cut round, but fine ..	32	0	0

	£	s.	d.
c Ditto, 4c. yellow, cut round and mounted, but fine ..	38	0	0
c Ditto, 8c. green, cut round, but fine ..	23	0	0
a Ditto, 12c. indigo, cut square ..	35	0	0
c Ditto, 12c. blue, cut octagonal, but fine ..	15	0	0

Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper's Sale, Nov. 12 & 13.		£	s.	d.
c	Ceylon, 8d. brown, imperf., thinned ..	6	10	0
a	Gt. Britain, V.R., fine margins, full gum ..	11	11	0
a	" another, with red postmark ..	12	0	0
a	" £1 green, vertical pair ..	12	0	0
a	Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. verm., earliest state ..	14	0	0
a	" Large Fillet, 2d. blue ..	12	0	0
c	Switzerland, Neufchatel, 5c., slight tear ..	9	5	0

Messrs. Puttick & Simpson's Sale, Nov. 25 & 26th.		£	s.	d.
a	Cape woodblock, 4d. ..	3	5	0
b	U.S.A. 1869, 90c. ..	2	5	0
a	Nevis, 4d. rose on grey ..	2	10	0
a	Newfoundland, 2d. orange-verm., unused ..	1	3	0
b	" 8d. car.-verm., unused ..	0	13	0
a	" 8d. " " ..	1	1	0
c	" 1/- lake, used " ..	0	13	0
b	Nova Scotia, 1d. brown ..	1	2	0
a	Nevis, 1/- green ..	2	10	0
a	Falkland Isles, 1d. and 4d., no wmk. ..	0	18	0
a	Victoria, 4d. lake, 1862 ..	2	5	0

Messrs. Ludlow, Roberts & Weller held a sale in Birmingham on December 3rd, at which there was a good attendance. Fair prices were obtained, although some bargains were to be picked up.

b	Great Britain, 1d. Mulready wrapper ..	0	9	0
a	" 2d. ditto, unused ..	0	16	0
a	" £5 postage, used ..	1	15	0
b	" £1 Maltese cross ..	0	19	0
c	New South Wales, 1d. Sydney ..	1	14	0
c	" 2d. " ..	1	3	0
a	Nevis, 4d. rose on grey, perf. 13 ..	4	0	0
a	" 6d. " " ..	3	0	0
a	" 4d. orange, litho, unused ..	6	10	0
a	" 6d. grey, " " ..	11	15	0
b	" 6d. green, unused, no gum ..	6	15	0
a	" 1/- purple " " ..	2	15	0
b	South Australia, 1d. imp. pair ..	1	16	0
a	Virgin Isles, 1/- crimson, double line ..	4	0	0
a	" 1/- coloured border ..	1	6	0
a	West Australia, 6d. bronze ..	1	18	0

Mr. William Ridout's Sale, Dec. 6th.		£	s.	d.
a	Ceylon, 10d. imperf., unused ..	2	8	0
a	" 4d. perf., unused ..	2	0	0
a	" 9d. imperf., used ..	3	15	0
b	" 8d. perf., unused ..	6	10	0
a	W. Australia, 2d., fine, roul. ..	4	0	0
a	Grenada, 1/- unused ..	2	2	0
a	St. Lucia, 1/- orange, unused ..	5	5	0

	£	s.	d.
a St. Vincent, 5/- star, used ..	.. 25	5	0
a Cape, 1d. blue, error ..	.. 30	0	0
a Moldavia, 54 paras ..	.. 11	0	0
a Virgin Isles, 1/-, thin line, unused	.. 4	15	0
a " 4d., entire sheet ..	.. 25	5	0
a " 6d., perf. 12, entire sheet ..	.. 46	0	0
b Mexico, 1864, 2rks., used ..	.. 2	12	0
a Columbia, 1863, 50 red, error ..	.. 9	0	0
a Brunswick, 2 blue, unused ..	.. 7	10	0
a N.S.W., 5d. square, unused ..	.. 6	0	0
a Mauritius, 1d., early 7	10	0
a Dominica, 1/- C.A., unused 4	17	6
a New Brunswick, 1d., used 4	0	0
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ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT.

JOSEPH TAYAR, MALTA.—Information wanted about this person.

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Newfoundland, 3c. grey	6d.	3/6	—
Reunion, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15c., 10 sorts, surcharged and current	6d.	3/-	27/-
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OUR readers will find the first instalment of Mr. PIMM's paper on St. Vincent in this number of *P.C. & A.* There is an eminently practical tone about MR. PIMM's contribution and it cannot fail to be useful to all who include this most interesting country within the scope of their philately, for it is complete and quite up to date. The table containing the various quantities issued of each stamp will be found valuable for comparison of rarity, and we believe it is quite reliable.

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We commence also in this issue a further portion of the Group Collecting Catalogue, from the pen of MR. HOLLICK. Our contributor is generally accepted as an authority, and very little in Philately is beyond his knowledge. When we published our catalogue of British North America, we ventured to put the market values to the different stamps, and what was the upshot? Certain dealers fell upon us hip and thigh. Our prices were laughed to scorn by authorities among the dealing fraternity, whose opinion we could not combat, and so, when we published our Australian list, we omitted this controversial portion. Now came the other side of the question. A prolonged wail reached our ears from collectors all over the country to put prices in our list as heretofore, but personal appeals and letters full of pathos failed to move us. No, we'd had some, thank you! Well, in persuading MR. HOLLICK to write the list of African Colonies we dropped upon what we thought was a good idea. MR. HOLLICK has the stamps and wants to sell. He knows the market value and will not sell below it, so we could, with one effort, satisfy the anxious subscriber and stop the carping critic, by putting MR. HOLLICK's practical opinion of

value opposite each stamp—the same being the actual cash price at which he is willing to sell the stamps he lists. MR. HOLLICK has promised to go through the African Colonies in this manner, and will guarantee to supply the stamps at the prices he puts as long as his stock holds out.

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Our big number of *The Advertiser* was a general success, except that several would-be advertisers were disappointed. We thought on January 28th that twenty pages would cover all requirements, and we got our covers printed off. Within the next three days enough advertisements came to make the book over twenty-four pages, but, as our arrangements were made we could not alter them. To make room we took out all our own announcements except those already printed on the front cover, and anything else we possibly could, and thus were able to put in all advertisements received up to Jan. 31st, but all others were left over. We shall have another extra edition on March 9th, and have put back our publishing date four days to give a better opportunity to advertisers. We will receive advertisements up to the morning of March 4th, and guarantee insertion. If any come after that, we shall put them in if possible. The issue will be as large as before, but about 50 per cent. will go abroad, principally to the Continent and the United States.

CHRONICLE.

AUSTRIAN LEVANT.—The new surcharges are now in use.

10p. in black on 1g. yellow-green.

20p. " 2g. pale lilac.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Other values of the Indian stamps have now been surcharged for use here.

The name is in three lines, with the value in small figures underneath. The list is as follows:—

1½	annas,	black on brown.
2½	"	in red on 1½a. black on brown.
3	"	black on orange.
4	"	olive.
6	"	bistre.
8	"	purple.
1	rupee	carmine and green.
2	"	" brown.
3	"	brown and green.
5	"	blue and violet.

CEYLON.—A new Service stamp is issued.

3c. orange-brown and green, black surcharge.

ECUADOR.—Surcharges on the 1894 stamps and others have been made use of at Cunea in Ecuador.

Half 10c. green, 1892, cut vertically and also diagonally.

" 10c. grey, Fiscal, 1895, cut vert. & diag

1c. blue. 20c. black.

2c. yellow-brown. 50c. orange.

5c. green. 1 euro, carmine.

10c. vermilion. 5 " dark blue.

LABUAN.—An error is chronicled.

6c. green, litho., imperf. vertically.

PERU.—Mr. J. W. Hands writes us as follows, under date Dec. 16th:—"The Peruvian postal authorities will issue in January a new series of postage stamps which will entirely replace those at present in use; will be quite different in design to those issued up to date, and, moreover, are promised as a permanent issue. The designs will represent the three epochs in Peruvian history: 1st, *Incaica*—Colonization and Independence, represented by three figures of the period, and Marco Capac, founder of the ancient Inca Dynasty; 2nd, Pizarro, the conqueror of Peru; and 3rd, *La Mar*, the first President of the period of the Independence."

1c. ultramarine, portrait of Inca Marco Capai.

2c. blue " "

5c. indigo " "

10c. yellow " Francisco Pizarro.

20c. orange " "

50c. rose " General La Mar.

1 peso., vermilion " "

2 " carmine " "

VICTORIA.—The 2/- stamp has been re-issued in blue-green.

ZANZIBAR.—Much the same stamps as chronicled for British East Africa have been utilized for this Protectorate. They are Indian stamps surcharged **ZANZIBAR.**

POSTCARDS, &c.

BORNEO.—The *Timbre-Poste* mentions a new post-card surcharged 4 CENTS.

4c. in black on 8c. green.

MAURITIUS.—The postcard mentioned last month is in eighteen minute varieties.

PERU.—As companions to the new issue of adhesives are the following:—

Evelopes :	5c. indigo on white.
	10c. yellow "
	20c. orange "
Wrappers :	1c. ultramarine on straw.
	2c. blue "
	5c. indigo "
	20c. orange "
Postcard :	3c. vermilion on white.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THANK goodness, it's over! No more big editions for yours truly. Fancy, a man of my genius being obliged to address wrappers for *Advertisers*, and, what's more, wrap them up for post! An outrage? Yes, quite so. But not again, thank you! On and after March 4th this humble individual is going in for a severe illness which will prevent him leaving the house under a week at least. It was awful—believe me, it was. And then those—well, I musn't say what, or I shall offend the boss, who simply worships them—but I mean the advertising people. Why they should send their stuff in two or three days after the understood time and worry me—I don't mind the boss, but I got a bit of it—with arranging and re-arranging the paper, to try and fit three pages of ads. into one page of space, is a fair one for me. I believe if some of these philatelic bounders were told they had got to be hung on April 30th, they'd calmly walk up on May-day and enquire if the executioner was ready. But enough, ha, ha, we shall see, and then—but let us disseminate!

They send letters to us now addressed, "The Evangelical Chronicle Office, Handsworth, Birmingham." This address finds us after a weary pilgrimage round Handsworth, which district, I may inform the unsophisticated, is something like forty square miles in area, and contains portions of about four townships and boroughs. Sometimes, however, our correspondents leave out some of the—to them—unnecessary details of address and, with a child-like confidence, post communications to us thus: "Chronicle, Birmingham"—sometimes only "Philatelic Chronicle," and no Birmingham. Well, occasionally they get here, thanks to the vigilance of our own tame postman, but often, alas, I am afraid they don't.

Mr. A. Levy has retired from the position of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer to the Plymouth Philatelic Society. Mr. Levy has filled these offices for a long time with conspicuous ability and success, and his loss must be a blow to the society. It is to be

hoped that the society will be lucky enough to find someone capable of taking his place.

S. B. PEARSON: Scott's Catalogue, which may be ordered from this office, post free, 2/4.—ESSAY: Yes.—F. THOMAS: The second price is the more near its value.

THE ADHESIVE STAMPS OF ST. VINCENT.

By W. PIMM, VICE-PRESIDENT BIRM. PH. SOC.

THE following is the epitome of a paper read before the members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society on December 19th, 1896. There is not a great deal of new information in the list, but, as the facts are gathered from all available sources, it will be found pretty complete and therefore may be of considerable use to philatelists who specialize in the stamps of this interesting country.

ST. VINCENT.

From May, 1861, to December, 1881, the stamps of this Island were printed by Messrs Perkins and Bacon, of London; subsequent to that date Messrs. De la Rue supplied them. The list is divided into two portions, and at the end of the second will be found a table giving the number of stamps sent out in each issue, thus providing a ready means of telling the comparative rarity of the stamps.

ISSUE I., May, 1861.—No watermark, white wove paper. The paper is rough and varying in thickness, sometimes of a greyish tinge. The perforation is rough and irregular, 14 to 15, also 15½, 16, 14 × 15 and 14 × 15½. Yellowish gum.

1d. bright rose red (shades).
6d. blue green "

Varieties 1d. and 6d. imperforate—
6d. imperf. vertically.

1d. double perf. horizontally.

NOTE.—Two guillotine perforating machines were used upon this issue, both very irregular in their effects. Two distinct sets may be made by separating the thin and thick papers. The stamps were printed in sheets containing six horizontal rows of 10.

ISSUE II., 1862.—No watermark, similar paper thick and thin, perforated 14½ to 15½, yellowish gum.
6d. yellow-green.

NOTE.—The clean-cut perforation of this stamp entitles it to be considered a separate issue. The machine used was also much more regular in its perforation than the two made use of in the previous issue.

ISSUE III., 1863-66.—No watermark, with yellowish and yellow-brown gum, perforated 11½ to 12½, very irregularly.

1d. bright rose (shades).
6d. blue-green "

Variety, 1d. rose, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$.

NOTE.—The 1d. rose, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ is extremely scarce—very few known at all, while the 6d. is altogether unknown in this perforation, although it may exist.

ISSUE IV., August, 1866.—No watermark, with yellowish and white gum.

1/- dark slate grey (shades).

Perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$, 15, $15\frac{1}{2}$, 16, and compound $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 15$, $15\frac{1}{2} \times 16$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 14$.

4d. deep bright blue.

Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ and compound $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ and $12 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.

NOTE.—The 1/- with compound perforations is much commoner than with the simple perf. The 4d. is of equal value used or unused. This issue was printed in sheets containing three horizontal rows of 30.

ISSUE V., April, 1869.—No watermark, gum as in previous issue. Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, $12\frac{1}{2}$ and compound 11×12 , $11 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, $11 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$.

1/- indigo.

ISSUE VI., September, 1869.—No watermark and yellowish gum on two distinct papers, thick and thin, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, $12\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 15\frac{1}{2}$.

4d. deep yellow.

1/- bright brown.

NOTE.—These were the last St. Vincent stamps issued on unwatermarked paper.

ISSUE VII., June 1871.—Watermarked with a six-rayed star. The gum is yellowish or white, perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$, 15, 11×15 , $11\frac{1}{2} \times 15$, $12\frac{1}{2} \times 15$.

1d. black.

6d. blue-green.

Variety, 1d. black, imperf. vertically.

NOTE.—The vast majority of the stamps were perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$. The other perms. are scarce.

ISSUE VIII., 1872.—Watermark star. The gum is yellow and brownish-yellow, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, $14\frac{1}{2}$, 15, $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, 11×15 , $11 \times 15\frac{1}{2}$, 12×15 .

1/- bright rose red, deep, and dull red.

NOTE.—This stamp is scarce in an unused state.

ISSUE IX., 1874.—Watermark star, yellow and brownish-yellow gum, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, 12×15 .

1/- pale violet rose.

ISSUE X., 1875.—Watermark star, yellow-brown gum, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

1/- dark claret.

ISSUE XI., February, 1877.—Watermark star, yellowish and white gum.

6d. pale yellow-green (Feb., 1877).

Perforated 11×15 , $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 15$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 15\frac{1}{2}$, $14\frac{1}{2} \times 15\frac{1}{2}$.

6d. pale yellow-green (October 1878).

Perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$, 15.

1/- vermilion red.

Perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$, 15, $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 15$.

NOTE.—There were three printings of this stamp. The first was with perf. 15 and the compounds, the second and third were perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$. This last printing was used for the provisional 4d. on 1/- of 1881. The

6d. value is rarer perforated $14\frac{1}{2}$, but the compound perf. of the 1/- are the best.

ISSUE XII., July, 1877.—Watermarked star, yellowish-brown to white gum, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

4d deep dark-blue.

ISSUE XIII., May, 1880.—Provisional This was made by over-printing and perforating vertically the 6d blue-green of Issue VII., perf. 15; the perforation down the middle is 12.

1d. in red on half 6d. blue-green.

NOTE.—This stamp has been imitated pretty extensively by the forger, but the perforations are almost always wrong.

ISSUE XIV., June, 1880.—Watermark star, yellowish and white gum.

1d. pale grey-green, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$, $12 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$

6d. bright yellow-green, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$, $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, $12 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.

5/- deep rose, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.

NOTE.—The large and handsome 5/- stamp was printed in sheets containing four horizontal rows of five stamps, on the ordinary star watermarked paper, hence there was more than one star to each stamp. Most of this value were used fiscally, and genuinely postmarked copies are exceedingly rare. The 6d. stamp was in use for three years, and was the last of this value printed by Perkins, Bacon and Co. About one-fifth of the entire issue was used in 1881 to make the provisional $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. values.

ISSUE XV., September, 1881.—Provisional.—Watermark star, yellowish and white gum. The 6d. of Issue XIV. perforated 12, vertically in the middle and each half surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ d. The side perforation is 15.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d in red on half 6d. bright yellow-green

NOTE.—This provisional was made upon the colony joining the Postal Union. Very few passed the post, and consequently used copies are rare.

ISSUE XVI., November, 1881, Provisional.—Watermark star, yellowish and white gum, perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$.

4d. in black on 1/- bright vermilion.

Varieties, 4d. with black line top and bottom.

NOTE.—Fourpence was a Postal Union rate, and the 4d. value of 1877 was soon used up. Pending the new supply this provisional was issued in very limited numbers. This is an extremely scarce stamp in any condition, and has been frequently imitated by the forgers.

ISSUE XVII., December, 1881, Provisional.—Watermark star, gum as before. Made from the 6d. of Issue XIV. by perforating vertically and printing each half 1d. in black. The middle perforation is 12, and the side perforation is 15, exactly as in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. provisional value.

1d. in black on 6d. bright yellow-green.

NOTE.—This stamp has been extensively imitated, but the forgers have usually overprinted the 6d. of 1877 instead of that of 1880. It is not so scarce as the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. provisional.

ISSUE XVIII., December, 1881.—Watermark star, white gum.

1d. orange-yellow, perf. 11½, 12, 11 × 11½.

1d. drab, perf. 11½ × 12.

4d. bright ultramarine, perf. 11½.

NOTE.—*The halfpenny plate, printed sixty stamps in six horizontal rows of ten. From this issue the stamps were printed by Messrs. De la Rue, London.*

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M. E. N.

THE Jubilee envelope seems to have fallen upon hard times. A week or two ago a Birmingham dealer was offered a quantity at *eightpence* each, unused, and the offer was ignominiously rejected. Some people must have burnt their fingers over these. Not so long ago a dealer was offering to give them away to all his customers who spent a shilling or two with him, but it seems now as if it were a hard matter to even dispose of them for nothing.

It will be news to many that the £5 telegraph stamp was originally intended to be issued in gold colour. From the various tints submitted for approval, this one was selected as being the most appropriate for so high a value. A few impressions were actually struck off, and then Messrs. De la Rue pointed out to the authorities the comparatively great expense of printing in this colour and it was abandoned. Still there were and are stamps of this denomination and colour which were printed for actual use, but never circulated. They are not essays, nor yet collectable stamps, but are suspended, like Mahomet's coffin, between earth and heaven.

In Mr. Morley's new supplement to his price list of Great Britain, he gives the following double letters in the 1d. red, 1841 issue, all being in the left corner.

J on J—E F on F—F L on K—L
O „ O—K S „ S—J M „ K—L
B „ K—C S „ C—D R „ H—H

Mr. Morley's estimate of value in these cases ranges from 21/- each for the first five to 50/- for the double R with one inverted. Mr. Morley's new supplement is a most useful book, and should be in everyone's hands, but the prices are a bit more than up-to-date—either Mr. Morley has got the prices of the year after next, or else the knowledge of what English stamps fetch in London has not yet travelled into the provinces.

One of these days there will be an auction sale at which no "V.R." black is offered—and then something will happen. During the last few years hundreds of them must have been sold, and yet the price keeps up. They are dribbled out very carefully and in a manner that speaks volumes for the acumen of those who have the disposal of them. The most remarkable part of the business is that the "V.R."

never was a postage stamp, never was even a fiscal or official stamp, and never was used for any purpose whatever. Why people buy it is a mystery—it is certainly worse than a Seebeck for that does have a *raison d'etre*, while the "V.R." is merely an excrescence to philately, being neither stamp, essay, or forgery.

(Mr. W. Morley's supplement to his price list, corrected up to date, can be supplied post free for 6d. from the P. C. & A. office.)

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

By R. HOLLICK, Vice-President Birmingham Philatelic Society.

BECHUANALAND.

1886 issue, being stamps of Cape Colony, overprinted "British Bechuanaland," in two lines.

	Face Value.		Present Market Value.	
			Unused	Used
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Cr.C.A., 1d. black, overprint in red	0	4	5	0
Anchor, 1d. „ „ black	0	4	4	0
„ 1d. rose „ „	0	10	1	6
„ 2d. ochre „ „	0	8	1	9
Cr.C.A. 3d. lake „ „	0	10	1	9
Cr.C.C., 4d. blue „ „	1	4	3	6
Anchor, 6d. mauve „ „	2	6	4	0
„ 1/- green „ „	4	6	6	0

NOTE.—*Varieties of above may be found with P. instead of B., and with one or more letters of overprint omitted due to defective printing.*

1887 issue, all but the half-penny, which is on the current English, were made by overprinting "British Bechuanaland Postage and Revenues" on the unappropriated die stamps.

Crown, 1d. red, overprint in black	0	2	0	6
Orb., 1d. lilac „ „	0	4	0	4
„ 2d. „ „ „	0	6	0	6
„ 3d. „ „ „	1	0	2	6
„ 4d. „ „ „	1	6	1	0
„ 6d. „ „ „	4	0	2	0
V.R., 1/- green „ „	4	6	2	0
„ 2/- „ „ „	7	6	5	0
„ 2/6 „ „ „	7	6	6	0
„ 5/- „ „ „	15	0	7	6
„ 10/- „ „ „	20	0	10	0
2 Orbs, £1 lilac „ „	60	0	50	0
„ £5 „ „ „	160	0	120	0

1888 issues, being similar stamps to the 1887 issue.

Orb., 1d., with value, overprinted in black "1d." ..	0	6	0	9
„ 2d. with value, overprinted in red "2d." ..	0	8	0	8

Orb.,	2d. with value, overprinted in green "2d." ..	200	0	200	0
"	4d. with value, overprinted in red "4d." ..	2	0	5	0
"	6d. with value, overprinted in black "6d." ..	2	0	2	6
V.R.,	1/- with value, overprinted in black "1/-" ..	2	9	2	0
Orb.,	1d. with "Protectorate" in black, and "1d." in black	0	4	2	0
"	2d. with "Protectorate" in black, and "2d." in black	0	6	1	6
"	3d. with "Protectorate" in black, and "3d." in black	20	0	20	0
"	4d. with "Protectorate" in black, and "4d." in black	30	0	30	0
"	4d. with "Protectorate" in black, and "4d." red ..	2	6	5	0
"	6d. with "Protectorate" in black, and "6d." in black	2	0	3	6
Crown,	½d. with overprint "Protectorate" only ..	0	3	1	0
V.R.,	1/- with overprint "Protectorate" only ..	3	0	4	0
"	2/- with overprint "Protectorate" only ..	25	0	25	0
"	2 6 with overprint "Protectorate" only ..	35	0	35	0
"	5/- with overprint "Protectorate" only ..	45	0	45	0
"	10/- with overprint "Protectorate" only ..	55	0	55	0
Crown,	½d. with overprint "Protectorate" in larger type ..	40	0	40	0
"	½d. with double imprint ..	40	0	40	0
Orb.,	½d. The 1887 threepence overprinted "One Half-Penny" in three lines ..	20	0	40	0

NOTE.—The relative position of the P. to the rest of the word *Protectorate* differs in various specimens, broken letters are to be found also, stamps with portions of the overprint missing.

1889 Provisional issues.

Anchor,	½d. the blk., Cape stamp overprinted in green "British Bechuanaland" in 2 lines	0	6	1	6
"	½d. the blk., Cape stamp overprinted in green, "Bechuanaland Protectorate" in 2 lines ..	0	6	1	6
Crown,	4d. The 1888 Protectorate ½d. with additional black overprint "Fourpence" ..	1	6	4	6

NOTE.—The half-penny stamps are to be found with one word of overprint missing, also with double overprint. The fourpenny also yields an abundant crop of rarities of setting, and it has been found with inverted overprint.

1891 Provisional issue, being stamps of Cape Colony, overprinted in black, "British Bechuanaland" in two lines.

Anchor,	1d. carmine, black overprint reading upwards ..	0	9	2	6
"	2d. ochre, black overprint reading upwards ..	1	0	2	6

1891-1894 issue, being English stamps overprinted in black capitals "British Bechuanaland" in two lines.

Crown,	1d. lilac ..	0	3	0	3
"	2d. green and carmine ..	0	6	0	3
"	4d. green and brown ..	1	0	0	9
"	6d. brown on red ..	1	6	0	9
"	1/- green ..	3	6	2	6

1893 Provisional issue, being Cape stamps overprinted as the 1891 provisional issue, except that the overprint reads downwards

Anchor,	1d. carmine, black overprint	0	6	1	0
"	2d. ochre ..	2	6	2	6

[The present market values are not fictitious, but have been arrived at by comparing Auction Reports and dealers' stocks, and also taking into consideration the numbers issued. A full stock of nearly every rarity is held, and will be supplied by the compiler on receipt of amount. Letters to be addressed to Richard Hollick, Fillongley House, Boldmere Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.]

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Jan 16, 1896. Messrs. R. F. Albrecht (New York), J. A. Shiedt (Germantown, U.S.A.), A. Oregon (Mexico), A. Norman (Natal), B. Oxehnfund (Sweden), C. Fendelow (Birmingham), were unanimously elected members.

Dr. G. H. Hart then read his paper on the "Minor Varieties of the stamps of Great Britain," a most interesting subject, and it was treated in a very able manner. Dr. Hart afterwards gave a lantern display of scarce stamps, which was very instructive, as, in the case of minor varieties, they were placed side by side. This is the first lantern display we have had, but we trust it will be repeated, owing to the success of the first.

Extraordinary General Meeting called to give effect to the recommendations of the Special Committee called to arrange for the large increase in the exchange

packets. It was decided that in future three packets be circulated each month.

(a) To be conducted exactly as on present lines—all countries—all colonies—members see it first in turn.

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These and other proposals were ordered to be printed and sent to all members, and although it was so late in the month, it was decided to divide the packet for February. No foreign member could receive the notice in time to send sheets, and many other members could not make them up for this month at such short notice, but nevertheless three nice packets were started: (a) £813 15s. 5d.; (b) £1,093 18s. 3d.; (c) £226 6s. 11d.; Total, £2,134 0s. 7d.

Accounts for September Quarter were all made up and all cash due to members was paid within four days of the return of the last packet. More than 24% of the total value of all the packets had been purchased.

Feb. 6. Messrs. C. H. Grell (Dominica), A. K. Aftandiloff (Persia), H. C. R. Bell (South Australia), J. H. Parry (New South Wales), J. M. Moses (India), G. T. Macdougall (Tobago), A. Hogan (Epsom), Mrs. Simpson (Bath), Lieut. T. E. Madden (India), were unanimously elected members, bringing the total of active members up to 122. Two applications were postponed and one refused.

A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs. Th. Buhl and Co. for a copy of the "Stamp News Annual."

The subject for the evening was a "Debate on Reprints—for and against." Some time was taken up in classifying the various reprints—Government and private; also in distinguishing between these and Government and other forgeries. It was the opinion of the majority that no reprints should be placed in a general collection—that they were, however, necessary for the student and specialist of any particular country; that the reprints made by private parties were absolutely worthless to anyone whether general collector or specialist; that all interest is gone as soon as the proper authorities have let go the dies and materials; that no reprint of any kind whatever should be sold or circulated without it being marked as such.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The Feb. packets are good, but a better lot is expected for March. The November sheets are returned and the December ones will not be long. New members proposed this month are Mrs. Bosanquet (Devonport), Frank R. Frost (Lampsfield), Miss Higgins (Luton),

T. G. Lawrenson (Romsey), F. H. Maddison (St. Neots), W. Matthews (London), J. T. Barratt (Chester), G. H. Marks (Barnstaple), and F. H. Peter (Grantham). Any objection to either of these names must be received by March 4th, at which date they will become members. Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, from whom rules may be obtained.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The Seventh Ordinary Meeting of the Fifth Session was held at 9a, Princess Square on Wednesday, January 22nd, at 7.30 p.m., there being six members and one visitor present, the Vice-President (R. T. Stevens, Esq.) being in the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A. H. Saunders-Knox-Gore, Esq., of Torquay, was elected a corresponding member of the Society. The committee was authorised to make such alterations and additions to the rules as were deemed desirable. Mr. A. E. L. Westaway continued his interesting paper on the 1872-84 issues of the stamps of the United States, dealing more particularly with the 1, 2, 3 and 6 cents values. He pointed out to the members the secret marks to be found on the different prints, and showed them how to easily distinguish the earlier stamps from the re-engraved ones. Aided by the vice-president, he kindly went through and sorted into the different printings a large number of these stamps, which had been brought by several members for that purpose. A vote of thanks was, on the motion of the hon. sec., seconded by Mr. Mayne, accorded Mr. Westaway for his very entertaining paper. W. J. W. Miller, hon. sec., 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

NOTICES.

MR. Henry Gremmel has re-issued the United States Catalogue (which originally appeared in the *Post Office*), in book form at 15c. or 25c., the latter price being for a cloth-covered copy. The thorough manner in which the *Post Office* entered into the question of minor varieties in United States stamps has been recognised throughout the philatelic world, and the little book before us is far and away the most complete and comprehensive list of United States stamps ever attempted. All the minute variations are listed and carefully illustrated, while all varieties of paper and other differences are carefully listed. Collectors of U.S. stamps should certainly not be without this work.

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noble army of dealers. He sent us a sample of the sixpenny packet which he is using, we should think, as a bait to attract the custom of philatelists. We say as a bait, because we do not exactly see where any profit is coming in with this particular packet, and we should recommend our readers to send for it at once before Mr. Cordrey sees the error of his ways and reduces its value by about one half—and even then it would not be a bad sixpennyworth.

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THE question, "What shall I collect?"—like the poor, is always with us. In these days, when the New Woman, the New Photography, and the New Everything else, are making their presence felt among us, the New Philatelist was simply a question of time. Now he is here—and his appearance is the cause of much looking askance among the cognoscenti. We have always collected on old fashioned lines ourselves, and look upon every new issue as almost a personal foe; but the New Collector—the one who starts with the present and leaves the past to itself, must be the subject of mature consideration before we venture an opinion. At the same time it has gradually been forced upon us that the old system of collecting was practically impossible to a new beginner, unless he possessed the wealth of a Cræsus, and, consequently, we are prepared to approach the question with a perfectly open mind. As we say above, it requires consideration, and we intend to give it that consideration during the next few weeks, and hope that then we can present our readers with something definite and substantial about this latest of the *fin-de-siècle* creations—the New Collector.

CHRONICLE.

BELGIUM.—The 10c. Parcel Post Stamp—new type is out.

10c. black and brown.

BULGARIA.—A special set of stamps has been made to celebrate the baptism of Prince Boris.

CUBA.—Baby King type: new issue.

½m. blue green.	1c. lilac-brown.
1m. "	2c. claret.
2m. "	2½c. rose.
3m. "	5c. slate-blue.
4m. "	10c. emerald.
8m. "	20c. violet.

FALKLAND ISLES.—Current design, watermark Crown and C.A.

2d. plum. 9d. vermilion.
1. yellow-brown.

HONG KONG—The 4c. grey is printed on C.A. paper.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The new perforating machine (13) has been at work upon all the more commonly used values.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

SAME as ever—tired! And that blessed office boy's day off! Drat the postman! It's the third time this morning that he's fetched me to the door. The boss is away, and I've got to do it all. Read the letters—count the money—answer the door, and do my own work as well. The worst thing of the lot is the letter-reading! What occult connection can there be between philately and hieroglyphics? I give it up—I only know that nine out of ten stamp collectors write in a style that would have made poor patient old Job rise in wrath and tear them up—I mean the letters not the writers. Well, I've got to go through it!—No, on second thoughts I'll take a rest, and you shall read them for yourselves:

Here's the first:—"To British Specialists! For sale. The Greatest Philatelic Curiosity extant. The only one. An entirely blank 2½d. British, present issue, dully perforated, watermark "Crown." Has been postally used, and bears complete date stamp. Acknowledged by H.M. Controller of Stamps in Report of 5th February, 1896, as "Absolutely the first instance of a blank having passed the crucial examination and being issued to the public." No approval, but money returned if not as stated.

Offers to

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This is the next:—

Guayaquil, December 5th, 1895.

Mr.....

Dear Sir,—

I beg to inform you that the Government of Ecuador has resolved to issue a special postage stamp on the 5th of June, 1896, this stamp will be only available for posting purposes on the day of issue and ten following days.

The Government intends to commemorate in this way the first anniversary of the victory obtained by the people of Ecuador over the Government that permitted a foreign country to use the National flag in the sail of the cruiser, *Esmeralda*.

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P.O. Box 284.

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Yours truly,

C. J. COX.

Many thanks, Mr. Cox! If a fair number of our friends are of this opinion perhaps they will say "I" on a postcard, and the matter shall be considered and an announcement made later.

K. L. SPEYER: You will find by our list of publications for sale that we supply *The Revenue Stamps of the British Colonies* at 2/6, and this is the best book and the cheapest we know. Scott's Catalogue is 2/4, Gibbons' 3/6, and Bright's, the latest out, 1/9.—F. JAMES: The catalogue price is nothing, they are not worth half.—S. P. K.: No, it was a mistake, but very few seem to have noticed it.—ENQUIRER: We have heard the same from another source, look in our Enquiry Department.

THE ADHESIVE STAMPS OF ST. VINCENT.

(Continued).

By W. PIMM, VICE-PRESIDENT BIRM. PH. SOC.

THE DE LA RUE SERIES, from Feb. 25th, 1882.

THE adoption of new contractors for the stamps made but little difference. The paper and gum was altered, but the design and colours were left as before. Messrs. De la Rue, however, introduced some new perforating machines. The first, called the "Comb," perforated the top and two sides in a row of stamps at its first descent, and the bottom of the same row together with the top and two sides of the next row at its second descent. Two other machines they used were guillotines, perforating 12 and 14 respectively.

ISSUE XIX., January, 1883.—Watermark C.A. and Crown. Gum white, paper white wove, smooth and slightly surfaced, perforation 14.

1d drab.
4d. bright blue.

ISSUE PX., February, 1883.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, white gum, perforation 14.

2½d. on 1d. rosy lake.

NOTE.—This stamp was rendered necessary by the new postal rate of 2½d. for half-an-ounce.

ISSUE XXI, October, 1883.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, white gum, perforated 12.

4d. dull blue (also perf. 11½).

6d. bright green.

1/- orange vermilion.

ISSUE XXII, September, 1884.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, white gum, perforated 12.

½d. dark green.

4d. ultramarine, light and dark.

Variety, prepared for use, but not issued

½d. orange yellow.

ISSUE XXIII., March, 1885, provisional.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, white gum, perforated 14.

1d. in black on 2½d. on 1d. rosy lake.

ISSUE XXIV., April, 1885.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, white gum, perforated 14.

½d. dark green (shades).

1d. carmine.

4d. red brown.

NOTE.—The 4d. is scarce, even used. Unused it is rare. The ½d. is still current.

ISSUE XXV., June, 1886.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, same gum and paper, perforated 14.

1d. pink (shades).

1d. rosy lake.

4d. purple brown.

4d. lake brown (shades).

NOTE.—The 1d. value has been printed many times in ever-varying shades, and is still current.

ISSUE XXVI., October, 1888.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, same gum and paper, perforated 14.

6d. dark lilac (more blue than red in pigment).

5/- lake.

NOTE.—Owing to the different sizes the 6d. was perforated with the "Comb" machine and the 5/- with the guillotine.

ISSUE XXVII., August, 1889.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, same stamp exactly as that of Issue XX., but printed in blue.

2½d. in black on 1d. milky blue.

NOTE.—This was the last stamp perforated with the "Comb" machine.

ISSUE XXVIII., August, 1890, provisional.—Watermark C.A. and Crown. The 4d. of Issue XXV. with value barred out.

2½d. in black on 4d. lake brown.

ISSUE XXIX., November, 1890.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, white gum, perforated 14, all guillotine machine.

2½d. in black on 4d. bright blue.
6d. pale and deep red lilac (1891).
1/- vermilion red.

ISSUE XXX., November, 1892, provisional.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, perforated 14.

5d. in carmine on 4d. lake brown (shades).

NOTE.—This was a philatelic provisional, made locally. It was said to have been on issue only an hour, being bought up by postal officials.

ISSUE XXXI., March, 1893.—Watermark C.A. and Crown, same gum and paper, perforated 14.

4d. canary yellow.

5d. in black on 6d. dull carmine (shades).

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			6d.	blue green	10,020
" 1862	II.	"	6d.	yell. green (?)	10,020
" 1863	III.	"	1d.	bright rose	74,000
			6d.	blue green	80,000
Aug., 1866	IV.	"	1/-	slate grey	15,000
			4d.	deep blue	15,000
Apr., 1869	V.	"	1 -	indigo	9,000
Sept., 1869	VI.	"	4d.	deap yellow	9,000
			1/-	bright brown	9,000
June, 1871	VII.	star	1d.	black	360,000
			6d.	blue green	18,000
" 1872	VIII.	"	1/-	br. rose red	9,000
" 1874	IX.	"	1/-	violet rose	9,000
" 1875	X.	"	1 -	dark claret	9,000
Feb., 1877	XI.	"	6d.	pale yel. green	36,000
			1 -	verm. red	29,000
July, 1877	XII.	"	4d.	dark blue	6,000
May, 1880	XIII.	"	1d.	provl.	1,800
June, 1880	XIV.	"	1d.	grey green	60,000
			6d.	yell. green	18,000
			5/-	deep rose	2,000
Sept., 1881	XV.	"	½d.	provl.	1,410
Nov. 1881	XVI.	"	4d.	"	630
Dec. 1881	XVII.	"	1d.	"	1,620
" 1881	XVIII.	"	4d.	orange yellow	60,000
			1d.	drab	60,000
			4d.	ultramarine	15,000

The above table is most valuable for the purpose of deciding the comparative rarity of these stamps, as it gives the actual number printed.

U.S.A. DEPARTMENTALS.

By A. C. TOWNSEND.

THE United States Post Office Department has, after much solicitation, prepared an exact statement of the number of all the official stamps issued, and that statement is hereto appended. This information is taken direct from their permanent records, and is stated to be absolutely accurate. Statement is as follows:—

Agriculture.		24c.	..	..	26,000
1c.	..	95,415	30c.	..	29,600
2c.	..	230,150	90c.	..	11,270
3c.	..	435,060	Post Office.		
6c.	..	120,000	1c.	..	1,114,250
10c.	..	95,260	2c.	..	894,600
12c.	..	51,265	3c.	..	65,297,700
15c.	..	54,050	6c.	..	3,306,800
24c.	..	60,265	10c.	..	182,460
30c.	..	82,265	12c.	..	208,780
Executive.			15c.	..	109,285
1c.	..	6,300	24c.	..	87,625
2c.	..	9,100	30c.	..	133,255
3c.	..	23,500	90c.	..	65,200
6c.	..	5,500	State.		
10c.	..	5,510	1c.	..	31,800
Interior.			2c.	..	41,900
1c.	..	394,300	3c.	..	109,200
2c.	..	1,413,400	6c.	..	82,100
3c.	..	5,285,500	7c.	..	37,800
6c.	..	1,722,500	10c.	..	64,900
10c.	..	284,350	12c.	..	20,800
12c.	..	359,350	15c.	..	22,800
15c.	..	247,100	24c.	..	13,800
24c.	..	134,125	30c.	..	20,100
30c.	..	138,300	90c.	..	6,643
90c.	..	64,377	\$2	..	3,508
Justice,			\$5	..	363
1c.	..	25,000	\$10	..	363
2c.	..	26,900	\$20	..	363
3c.	..	182,000	Treasury.		
6c.	..	84,000	1c.	..	2,000,000
10c.	..	20,500	2c.	..	2,484,500
12c.	..	26,800	3c.	..	11,250,000
15c.	..	12,600	6c.	..	4,105,000
24c.	..	6,400	7c.	..	220,000
30c.	..	8,600	10c.	..	1,291,500
90c.	..	3,200	12c.	..	783,000
Navy.			15c.	..	663,000
1c.	..	106,800	24c.	..	100,000
2c.	..	201,350	30c.	..	456,500
3c.	..	580,700	90c.	..	312,500
6c.	..	254,800	War.		
7c.	..	16,000	1c.	..	3,301,230
10c.	..	55,210	2c.	..	1,867,150
12c.	..	61,300	3c.	..	5,393,137
15c.	..	37,506	6c.	..	3,564,813

7c.	55,728	24c.	200,925
10c.	342,753	30c.	336,641
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	s.	d.	s.	d.
4d. brown, imperf.	15	0
6d. blue	15	0

1874 issue, same paper, but watermarked Crown and C.C.

4d. brown, imperf.	..	..	15	0
6d. blue	..	..	25	0

1880 issue, same paper and wmk., but perforated 14.

1/2d. yellow,	..	..	0	9	1	6
1d. marone	..	..	0	4	0	4
2d. rose	..	..	0	6	0	8
3d. pale blue	..	..	0	9	1	0
4d. brown	..	..	2	0	1	6
6d. blue	..	..	5	6	4	6
1/- green	..	..	45	0	40	0

1887 issue, wmk. Crown C.A., perf. 14.

1/2d. green	..	..	0	1	0	1
1d. carmine	..	..	0	2	0	2
2d. orange	..	..	0	4	0	3
2 1/2d. blue	..	..	0	5	0	3
3d. grey	..	..	0	6	0	4
4d. brown	..	..	0	8	0	6
6d. olive green	..	..	0	9	0	9
1/- mauve	..	..	1	6	1	6

NOTE.—The shades of 1887 issue vary greatly, especially in the 1/2d., 2 1/2d., 3d. and 6d. values. The earliest copies had a distinct dot of colour in the embossed hair of Queen's head. This dot gradually became less distinct and has recently vanished.

GOLD COAST.

1875 issue, wmk. Crown C.C., perf. 12 1/2.						
1d. blue	45	0	20	0
4d. mauve	15	0	12	0
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1879 issue, wmk. Crown C.C., perf. 14.						
1/2d. olive	3	6	3	6

1d. blue	0	9	0	8
2d. green	0	10	0	5
4d. mauve	1	6	0	9
6d. orange	2	6	1	6

1883 issue, provisional.

1d. black overprint on 4d. mauve, perf. 14.

NOTE.—Of the above stamps, perf. 14, provisionals were made by cutting

Half of penny blue used as ½d.

„ twopence green used as 1d.

Quarter of fourpence used as mauve 1d.

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1884 to 1891 issues, wmk. Crown C.A.

½d. olive	perf. 14..	100	0	15	0
½d. green	„	0	1	0	1
1d. blue	„	200	0	25	0
1d. rose	„	0	2	0	1
2d. grey	„	0	3	0	2
2½d. blue and orange	„	0	4	0	1
3d. yellow green ..	„	1	0	1	0
3d. olive	„	0	6	0	3
4d. magenta	„	0	6	0	3
6d. orange	„	0	9	0	4
1/- violet	„	1	6	0	9
2/- brown	„	3	0	2	0
5/- purple and blue (1889)	„	7	0	3	6
10/- purple and lake	„	14	0	7	0
20/- green and lake	„	100	0	100	0
20/- brown and black (1894)	„	26	6	15	0

1887 provisional.

ONE PENNY overprinted in black, in two lines, on 6d. orange.

SIERRA LEONE.

1861 issue, no watermark.

6d. violet, imperf. ..	200	0	—	
6d. deep violet, perf. 14, on bluish..	10	0	5	0
6d. pale violet „ on white ..	7	6	3	6
6d. mauve	2	0	2	0
6d. „ perf. 12½, „ on bluish..	15	0	5	0
6d. „ „ on white ..	—	—	5	0

1872 issue, wmk. Crown C.C., perf. 12½.

1d. rose,	5	0	5	0
2d. magenta	12	6	7	6
3d. yellow	5	0	4	6
4d. blue	10	0	5	0
1/- green	20	0	10	0

1876 issue wmk. Crown C.C., perf. 14.

½d. bistre,	0	6	0	9
1d. rose	0	4	0	4
1½d. violet	1	0	1	6
2d. magenta	1	6	1	6
3d. yellow	1	6	1	0
4d. blue	25	0	1	0
6d. mauve	3	0	2	0

6d. violet br'n	1	0	0	9
1/- green	3	0	3	0

1883 issue, wmk. Crown C.A., perf. 14.

½d. bistre	0	6	1	0
1d. rose	0	2	0	1
2d. magenta.. .. .	2	6	2	6
4d. blue	—	—	7	6
½d. green	0	1	0	1
1½d. violet (1893)	0	6	0	6
2d. slate	0	4	0	3
2½d. blue	0	4	0	1
3d. yellow	0	5	0	4
4d. bistre	0	6	0	6
1/- brown red	1	9	1	0
½d. on 1½d. violet	1	6	5	0

NOTE.—A Five Shilling stamp has often been chronicled, but its existence is unknown to the Postmaster at Freetown.

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Feb. 20 Major G. S. Lowe (Devonport), Capt. C. L. Norris-Newman (South Africa), H. Edelmueller, Esq. (Birmingham), were unanimously elected members. One application was postponed.

A vote of thanks was given to the Sheffield Philatelic Society for their invitation to the exhibition in Sheffield, which was accepted.

A display of "Novelties and New Issues" was then given by Mr. W. Brown (Salisbury) and other members. A large number of rarities was shown, and the exhibit was especially interesting because, in the case of the recent surcharged stamps, they were mostly shown in complete sheets to allow the minor variations to be more clearly noticed.

March. 5. Sir Edward Sullivan, Bart. (Dublin), Messrs. F. E. Wilson (Birmingham), and J. E. Griffiths (London), were unanimously elected members.

A vote of thanks was given to Messrs. Bright & Son (Bournemouth) for a copy of their Catalogue.

It was decided to hold no meeting on April 2nd

Then followed the "Display of the Stamps of Tasmania," in which several members exhibited a very fine lot of the early issues and rare varieties, used and unused.

Exchange Packets for March. The total value of these beat our record of last month for the highest amount ever circulated in one month by any society.

A. Colonials and Foreign	..	£599	12	10½
B. Colonials only	..	..	1,292	2 0½
C. Foreign only	..	..	314	11 7½

Total .. £2,206 6 6½

One sheet in B contained the ordinary stamps of Turk's Islands complete, and the surcharged ones in good variety. C, although the smallest in value, contained some very nice sheets of unused Europeans, &c.,

and as a number of our Continental and United States members have promised to send regularly to this, we hope that very shortly it will rival the Colonial packet in value as well as interest.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Session 1895-6. —The tenth ordinary meeting of the session was held at 9A, Prince's Square, on Wednesday, March 4th at 7 30 p.m., there being eight members and two visitors present—the President in the chair. The Hon. Soc. reported having received a copy of Bright's "A.B.C. Catalogue" as a donation to the library, and was instructed to convey the best thanks of the society to Messrs. Bright & Son for the same. The following resolution was then passed: "That the Hon. Secretary be instructed to so amend the rules as to convey the restriction that, in the future, corresponding members living within Plymouth, Devonport, Stonehouse or Mannamead should not be entitled to the reduced subscription. The vice-president (Mr. R. Tyeth Stevens) gave what he termed a "conversational paper" on the "Stamps of Queensland," having especial regard to the Reference Lists lately published by Mr. W. Hadlow and Messrs. Stanley Gibbons. Assisted by his collection, he went through the various issues up to 1879. In the earlier issues he pointed out the differences in the sizes, &c., of the two star watermarks, which will probably be known hereafter as large and small star, and in the latter case should not be confounded with the truncated star; and gave as the result of his investigations that the perforations of these issues were (a) clean cut, (b) rough cut, (c) square cut—these, of course, agreeing with both Hadlow and Gibbons—and (d) round holes, perf. 13. In the (a) clean-cut perforations he found that perf. 14 was obviously a distinct issue, but that the others varied from 14½, 15, 15½ to 16, and were usually compounds of two or more of these gauges, and expressed his opinion that the arbitrary perfs. mentioned in Gibbons' Reference List should have been more elastic and include all from 14½ to 16. In the (b) rough cut, his experience was that in the majority of the stamps it was almost impossible to correctly gauge the perfs., and that, where gaugable, the measurements varied from 14 to 15½. In the (c) square cut (which he grouped for collecting purposes with the other star wmk. stamps), he found the 12½ in compound with the 13 in the 1d. value, and the 12½ was, as in the no wmk. issue, always the clean-cut perf. In the (d) round holes (perf. 13), Mr. Stevens exhibited a fine copy of the 2d. value, which must be rather a *rara avis* as, although recorded by Mr. Bassett Hull, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons say they have never seen a specimen. In referring to the no watermark series, Mr. Stevens confessed himself perplexed at the descriptions of the perforations given by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, but stated his investigations quite coincided with Mr. Hadlow's list. He found the perforations to be (a) square cut rough—13, (b) compound of square cut

clean by square cut rough, and (c) round holes—13. Of these issues he said the (a) and (c) called for no special remarks, but that in (b), the compound square, the clean cut perforation was always $12\frac{1}{2}$ and the rough cut always 13, as previously mentioned in the compound square of the small star issue. He had seen no copies of the compound of square and round holes mentioned in Gibbons' list, but did find in the subsequently issued litho. 4d. a perforation that might answer this description. In the "script capitals" issue both reference lists agreed with Mr. Stevens' experience, and in the succeeding truncated star issues he had also no differences to report, and almost the same might be said of the two perforations of the crown and Q issue, except that he showed a copy of the 4d. yellow perforated distinctly $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, which he had not seen recorded. Mr. Stevens also showed unused and used copies of the 4d. crown and Q., perf. 13, and a used copy of the 1s., while his shades of colours of the same values of both 12 and 13 perfs. were very carefully arranged, and showed the varieties of shades most distinctly.—W. J. MILLER, Hon. Sec., 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

CITY OF LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.—The seventh meeting of the season was held at Kennan's Hotel, Crown Court, 64, Cheapside, E.C., on Monday, February 24th, at 7.30 p.m., when a display of the stamps of Uruguay was given by the Vice-president, Mr. H. Hilckes. At the close of the evening, a vote of thanks to Mr. Hilckes was unanimously passed by the members present. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 9th, when the third of our auction sales will take place. The Secretary hopes that as many members as possible will make it convenient to attend and bring stamps for sale with them. As all stamps bought must be paid for on the night of the sale, country members sending stamps for sale will have cash remitted to them within three days (less $2\frac{1}{2}\%$ commission which is placed to the funds of the club). Blank sheets for mounting stamps for the auctions may be had free on application. Will publishers of books and papers on philately kindly send a copy to the Hon. Librarian, Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, E., who will be pleased to acknowledge same. All books and papers received are laid on the table for the use of members at our meetings. *General Notice.*—Applications for membership and all communications with reference to the club should be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E.

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Of our halfpenny stamps, the Control Letters in January, 1895, were I.M. and N. These lasted up to April, when J. appeared for a couple of weeks up to the 30th, and then gave place to M. and N., the latter remaining in exclusive use from the 20th July until the end of December.

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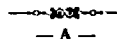
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THE Midland metropolis has long been a centre of philatelic thought. When London, philatelically speaking, was little better than a howling wilderness—the men of leading in philately were to be found in Birmingham. The apostle of the cult—E. L. PEMBERTON was Birmingham by descent, birth and breeding; EDWARD SHORTHOUSE belongs to a highly-respected Birmingham family, one member of which is the well-known author of "John Inglesant," and the two WILSONS—A. H. and W. T.—acknowledged as the leading living experts—claim the town as their native place.

Passing on to a less remote time we find C. J. PHILLIPS, now managing director of STANLEY GIBBONS LIMITED, but born, bred and educated in the hardware city—R. HOLLICK, who, for practical philately is *facile princeps*—HENRY BUCKLEY and JAMES BOTTELEY, so well known a dozen years ago, but now, alas, found at their old pursuit no more—W. E. JEFF, who is an acknowledged authority to this day, and Rev. HAROLD JOHN UNDERHILL, who was one of the most earnest philatelists of those times, and one of the best hearted men ever connected with our hobby. Still the list is not complete. We pass on a few years and come to the day of the present generation of Birmingham philatelists. Whom have we now among us? Well, we have several of those already referred to, but, besides these, we now number among our local enthusiasts the English FERRARI, Mr. W. B. AVERY, with his Post Office Mauritius arranged in shades, and to whom the Cape woodblock errors are a mere bagatelle—Mr. C. A. SMITH-RYLAND, another collector of similar calibre—Mr. W. PIMM, Vice-President of the Birmingham Society, and Mr. G. JOHNSON, its Honorary Secretary

—a more ardent philatelist than whom or a more hard-working one does not breathe—and Birmingham claims them all. With such glorious traditions and with so lively a present it is little wonder that the philatelic society of the city should easily lead the way among similar organizations, and a few words upon its rise and progress would not be without interest at this moment when the most successful season ever experienced is nearing its end.

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Leaving out of consideration altogether the old Birmingham society, whereof Mr. C. J. PHILLIPS was Hon. Secretary, and which ceased to exist some eight or ten years ago, we will consider the one which is so very much alive at the present moment.

The existing B.P.S. was started in October, 1892, as a section of the "Aston Old Edwardian Association" but twelve months later severed its connection owing to the number of applicants who were not eligible to join that society. During its first season the active membership was 26, the next season it rose to 45; in 1894-5 to 77, and although only six months of the present session have passed the membership now reaches 139 in spite of numerous refusals, for, owing to the great value of the packets circulated, it has become an absolute necessity not only to refuse those about whom there is any doubt, but also those who cannot be proved to be quite satisfactory.

The exchange packets have shown a continuous increase from the commencement, and during the present year have averaged considerably over £2,000 a month—those for April exceeding £3,000. The quality moreover is as remarkable as the total values.

These results have only been attained by

an immense amount of work on the part of the management, who have introduced many novel ideas, which are being copied in other societies. The Hon. Sec. has also up to the present time carried out an idea that it would pay the society if all money due was remitted immediately the quarterly accounts were made up without waiting for members to pay first. He states that this only occasions an outlay of some £40 to £70 when the accounts are being settled, which he gets back again quickly. But although very few are likely to follow this system, there is no doubt that such promptitude has had a marked effect on the success of the society.

There is no doubt that the B.P.S. is the leading society in the British Isles with the exception of the London Philatelic Society, and that this is well known is proved by the fact that every philatelist who is a philatelist has applied or is applying for admission. Space prevents us giving a list of members, but the names comprise all the best amateurs of Great Britain and Ireland and almost all the dealers of repute in the two continents. To Mr. G. JOHNSON is due, above all other influences, the immense success achieved, and we wish the very best luck to him and to the society which he so ably guides and of which the PHILATELIC CHRONICLE AND ADVERTISER has the honour to be the official journal.

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We have received a prospectus of the PHILATELIC CLUB AND EXCHANGE, LIM., which is to be established at 40, Jermyn St., London, S.W. We are unable to give any particulars further than those to be found in the Company's advertisement on another page, but full information will be given upon application to the Secretary.

CHRONICLE.

AUSTRIAN LEVANT.—The 1kr. stamp has been surcharged 40 paras.
40p. on 1kr. black on orange.

BULGARIA.—The Prince Boris stamps are printed on sheets watermarked with the arms in a shield, with the inscription in Slav characters above.

LUXEMBURG.—The following are now current, perf. 11½.

12½, 20, 30, 37½ and 50c.

NICARAGUA.—The 1896 stamps have appeared. The design is a map. The official stamps are surcharged **FRANQUEO**—OFFICIAL in red.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. B. G. Smith, of Leeds, sends us the 1d. stamp printed upon thin unwatermarked paper.

SIERRA LEONE.—The 6d. is now printed in a redder shade than hitherto.

TRANSVAAL.—A new 1d. stamp has been issued. 1d. rose, value in green.

TRINIDAD.—The 5/- has now permanently gone out of use and a supply of a new type is in the island. Our correspondent assures us that he has seen the new stamp. We gather also that the other current values, or some of them, will be shortly superseded, if they are not already.

POSTCARDS, &c.

CUBA.—Two new cards have been issued without frames and with stamps of the current type.
2c. blue green on buff.
4c. dark blue on buff.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THERE'S no rest for the wicked (unless he plays billiards), and I am gradually coming to the conclusion that I must inadvertently be shaping among the great company of evil doers, for life seems now one perpetual worry. My grandfather used to say to me, "Willie, never do anything which your conscience tells you is wrong"—and I never did. He said, "William, above all things, speak the truth"—and I always do. And yet that repose and peacefulness for which my soul and body long is denied me. Last week it was ma-in-law on her annual Easter visit, and now the office-boy is away with the measles or something and I have to do my own snipping. It's too bad!

So busy have I been this last few weeks that I was obliged to forego a most kind invitation from Mr. C. Forbes to Mr. Wall's lecture at the City of London Club on the "Tintometer." Anyhow, I am much obliged to Mr. Forbes for the invitation, and am right glad to hear that a merry time was spent.

Mr. Wm. Ridout had a fine sale on March 20th. We have not space to enumerate all the good things sold, but we believe the prices fetched for the two Moldava were record-breakers—the 54 paras brought £14 14s., and the 108 paras, £31. A St. Vincent 5/- star watermark sold fairly cheaply at £17 10s.

So the 6d. and 1/- Turks Islands are not obsolete after all. A week ago a Birmingham collector received a supply and sent them straight away to an auction where the sheet of sixpenny brought 35/-—a nice margin of profit for so quick a turnover, while the purchaser of a sheet of shilling stamps paid about 20/- over face to save himself the expense of postage to the West Indies.

"L'Union Timbrophile Suisse" are holding the second International Exhibition at Geneva in July next, and the committee have sent out a circular announcing the fact and asking for exhibits. Anyone wishing for further information may write to "L'Union Timbrophile Suisse," Geneva, Switzerland.

Some people have got a cheek. Mr. J. Edwards, of 52, Latour Street, Montreal, writes me as follows:—

"I shall esteem it a great favour if you will briefly describe and make favourable mention of 'Edwards' Philatelic Press List and Advertiser of Philatelists' Supplies' in your next issue of the *P.C. & A.* Its circulation will be all over the world, and I am already receiving good support in my new venture, which undoubtedly must prove in the best interests of philately and further the interests of philatelic publishers."

No, I won't, Mr. Edwards! I saw your book, but I don't see why I should tell everyone how good it is. Advertise it. That's the best thing.

Mr. Bert. Greatorex, 114, Newton Road, Sparkhill, Birmingham, is the secretary of a club for medium collectors. The membership is now about 80. This little club is about as genuine an exchange as any you can find. It was originally formed by clerks in the offices of foreign merchants who exchanged the stamps they took from the correspondence of their own office, and I believe that is still the main feature of the society.

The *Nederlandsche Vereeniging van Postzegelverzamelaars* hold an International Exhibition at The Hague in July. I don't know any more about it except that it is to be held in the "salles" of the

"HAAGSCHE, Kunstkring," Buitenhof No. 4. For further information apply to J. B. Roberts, president, at the Hague, Holland.

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B.G.: Have used it. Thanks.—E. SMITH: We are always grateful for any notes or news. Send on by all means.—PHILO: In Birmingham.—E. A. CAPERN: *The Midland Counties Stamp Exchange* was started in 1886, in May, and is thus just ten years old.

ENTIRES OF ST. VINCENT.

POSTCARDS.

1882.—Card on buff, inscribed UNION POSTALE UNIVERSELLE and ST. VINCENT. The stamp bears the name and monetary value in coloured letters. In two sizes, 122 × 87 mm. and 140 × 89 mm.

1½d. red brown.

1884.—Similar card, but stamp with name and value in white letters. Size 140 × 89 mm.

1d. carmine.

1½d. brown.

1893.—Reply cards, similar to above.

1d. + 1d. carmine.

1½d. + 1½d. brown.

WRAPPERS.

1893.—Stamp similar to 1884 postcard.

½d. green.

1d. carmine.

REGISTRATION ENVELOPES.

1893.—In four sizes, 132 × 88 mm., 150 × 98 mm., 200 × 127 mm., 227 × 100 mm. (F.G.H.H.².)

2d. blue.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M. E. N.

I AM glad to see that Messrs. Bright and Son have followed the good example of "Scott's" in placing their own country first in the otherwise alphabetical arrangement of their excellent catalogue. But, holding English stamps to be the most interesting in the world, I feel bound to take slight exception to a foot-note which appears on page 8 of the above work, immediately following the list of "Envelopes Stamped to Order."

It runs thus:—

"Compound Envelopes.—These are formed by a combination of different values of the preceding types, and exist on various coloured papers, both wove and laid. They can hardly be called speculative, but they are in the highest degree unnecessary, and we therefore omit them."

Now, I admit that many unnecessary varieties have been produced, but I would point out that the values 4½d., 5d., 7½d., 9½d., &c., are often required in quantities by firms having heavy inland and foreign correspondence, and that these must be produced by two, or in the case of 9½d., by three dies, so that all compound envelopes are not "in the highest degree unnecessary."

I know of many collectors who find both single and compound English envelopes very interesting. Perhaps the least so would be these where the value is simply repeated: this is necessary only to form the 5d., 8d., 1/8, 2/- and higher values, but not so in the case of the ½d. + ½d., 1d. + 1d., 1½d. + 1½d., 2d. + 2d. and 3d. + 3d., which have sometimes been seen, though not often, and the authorities have for some time past refused to use two dies when one can denote the same amount. It is curious that in all specimens of the double 2d. and 3d. values which I have seen, the "florets" of the left-hand stamp have invariably five dots each, whilst those of the right-hand stamp have always nine. This shows that two different dies are or have been in use, and though I have the 3d. in both varieties, I have never yet seen the 2d. single, with five dots only. Can any reader explain this, or tell me which of the two dies is obsolete for each of the single values? I think it quite probable that, in course of time, the "florets" will be discontinued, and all the dies appear plain, as the 1d., 6d. and 10d. now do, and the 2½d. on the envelope sold by the post office.

An esteemed correspondent informs me that certain English stamps are, or shortly will be, issued, overprinted "O.W. Official." These stamps will be useful as a means of checking the postal expenditure of the Office of Works.

For the benefit of those of my readers who are reconstructing plates of English stamps with letters in the corners, I may mention that in each sheet there are 240 stamps (12 × 20) with the exception of—

½d. rose, 1870	480 stamps in 20 rows of 24 stamps
2½d. pink (anchor) 1875-192	" 16 " 12 "
2½d. " (orb) 1875-9	192 " 16 " 12 "
2½d. blue (orb) 1879-80	192 " 16 " 12 "
5/- rose (cross) plates 1, 2, 80	" 8 " 10 "
divided up into 4 panes of 20 stamps.	
5/ rose (anchor) plate 4	
and current type	112 " 14 rows of 8 "
divided up into 2 panes of 56 stamps.	
10/- greenish grey (cross) plate 1, as plates 1 & 2 of 5/-	
10/- " (anchor) plate 1	as plate 4 and current type of 5/-
10/- blue (anchor) current type	rent type of 5/-
£1 brown violet (cross) as plates 1 and 2 of 5/-	
£1 " (anchor) as plate 4 of 5/-	
£5 orange, as printed at first	
	56 stamps in 2 panes of 7 rows of 4.
Ditto as printed at present	
	112 stamps in 2 panes of 7 rows of 8.

In this stamp the panes are placed side by side with a space equal to a stamp between them. The left pane lettered—top row AA to AH, bottom row GA to GH. The right pane lettered—top row AI to AP, bottom row GI to GP.

The 2, 2½, 6 and 9 of the 1883 are oblong. The letters which tell the position of any stamps of these denominations on the sheets are those which are in the lower corners when the stamp is held with watermark upright and bottom of stamp to the left.

2½ purple, as in 5-, plate 4.
 £1 brown violet (3 crowns)
 £1 " (3 orbs) } 80 stamps, 20 rows of 4,
 £1 green (3 crowns) }
 divided horizontally into two panes as in current issue of low values, each stamp covering three wmk.
 They are lettered AA to AD top row.
 TA to TD bottom row.

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1853 issue, imperforate, triangular stamp, on bluish paper.

Wmk.	Face Value.	Present Actual Market Value.	
		Unused.	Used.
		s.	d.
Anchor,	1d. shades of red	.. 30	0 3 0
"	4d. " blue	.. 30	0 2 6

1855-58 issues, imperforate, triangular stamps, on white wove paper.

Anchor,	1d. carmine, red-brown, dull rose (shades)	.. 4	6 2 6
"	4d., blue (many shades)	.. 3	6 1 3
"	4d., slate-blue	.. 10	0 4 0
"	6d., dull lilac	.. 15	0 5 0
"	6d., slate-lilac	.. 30	0 10 0
"	6d., mauve	.. 20	0 6 0
"	6d., deep lilac	.. 20	0 6 6
"	1/-, pale green	.. 50	0 15 0
"	1/-, yellow-green	.. 60	0 15 0
"	1/-, deep green	.. 60	0 14 0
"	1/-, emerald green	.. 80	0 17 0
Cr.C.C.,	1d., red-brown (1863)	.. --	—

1861, provisional issue, printed from wood blocks, on white laid paper.

Lines,	1d., scarlet	.. ..	£15	100	0
"	1d., carmine	.. ..	—	80	0
"	1d., blue (error)	.. ..	—	£60	
"	4d., milky blue	.. ..	£10	60	0

Lines,	4d., blue shades	.. ..	—	90	0
"	4d., deep blue	.. ..	—	150	0
"	4d., red (error)	.. ..	—	£50	

NOTE.—The first issue of triangular stamps was printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. the second by the same firm until 1863, thence by Messrs. De la Rue & Co.; the provisionals by Messrs. Saul & Solomon. In making up the plates, a 1d. and 4d. were misplaced, thus causing one error in each sheet of 6½ stamps. The 1d. on Crown C.C. paper is looked upon as an essay

1864-65 issues, rectangular stamps on wove paper, perforated 14, an outer line forming framework to the entire design.

Cr.C.C.,	1d., rose red	.. ..	2	6	0	6
"	4d., pale to dark blue	.. ..	4	0	0	4
"	6d., lilac to mauve (shades)	.. ..	3	0	1	0
"	1/-, pale to dark green	.. ..	7	0	0	4

1868, provisional issue.

Cr.C.C.,	4d. "Fourpence" overprinted in red on 6d.	12	6	2	6
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1871-77, same design, but with outer line removed.

Cr.C.C.,	½d. grey	0	6	0	8
"	1d. carmine	0	4	0	3
"	4d. deep blue	.. ..	2	6	0	3
"	5/- orange	.. ..	35	0	0	9

1874 to 1880, provisional issues.

Cr.C.C.,	1d., "One Penny" overprinted in red on 6d. (1874)	.. ..	20	0	5	0
"	1d., "One Penny" overprinted in black on 1/- (1877)	.. ..	5	0	5	0
"	3d., "Three pence" overprinted in red on 4d. blue (1879)	.. ..	2	6	1	0
"	3d., "Three pence" overprinted in black on 4d. rose (1880)	.. ..	1	6	0	8

1880, permanent type as 1871 issue.

Cr.C.C.,	3d. lilac-rose	.. ..	2	0	0	6
"	3d., "3" overprinted in black on above	.. ..	1	0	0	6
"	3d., "3" overprinted in black on ditto	.. ..	1	6	0	9

NOTE.—Errors of these provisionals are to be found, of the 1d. on 1/- with the bar only; of the 3d. on 4d. blue, with THREE, with PENC3 and with double overprint; and of both varieties of figure 3 on 3d. lilac rose inverted.

1882-3 issues.

Cr.C.A.,	4d. black	.. ..	0	4	0	4
"	1d. rose	.. ..	2	0	0	6
"	2d. ochre	.. ..	0	10	0	3
"	3d. carmine-lake	.. ..	1	0	0	4
"	6d. lilac-mauve	.. ..	4	0	0	4
"	5/- orange-yellow	.. ..	£10	25	0	

1882, provisional issues.

Cr.C.C.,	½d., "Halfpenny" overprinted in black on 3d. lake	.. ..	60	0	20	0
Cr.C.A.,	½d., "Halfpenny" overprinted in black on 3d. lake	.. ..	1	6	1	0

1884-90 issues.				
Anchor, 3d. black	0	1	0	1
„ 1d. rose	0	3	0	1
„ 2d. ochre	0	3	0	1
„ 4d. blue	0	6	0	1
„ 6d. lilac-mauve	0	8	0	1
„ 1/- green	4	0	0	6
„ 5/- orange-yellow	6	6	0	8

1891 provisional issue.

Anchor, 2½d., "2½d." overprinted in black on 3d. reddish violet	0	6	0	4
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1892, permanent stamp of similar type, but with value in tablet at right top corner.

Anchor, 2½d. pale green	0	3	0	1
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1893, provisional issue.

Anchor, 1d., "ONE PENNY" overprinted in black on 2d. ochre	0	4	0	4
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1893 permanent stamp of new design, the figure of Hope having a back-ground of mountain, bay and steamer.

Anchor, 1d. rose red	0	1	0	1
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1894 issue, the stamp being of similar design to the first perforated 1/-, except that the outer line was removed from frame at this date.

Anchor, 1/- green	1	3	0	3
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[The present market values are not fictitious, but have been arrived at by comparing Auction Reports and dealers' stocks, and also taking into consideration the numbers issued. A full stock of nearly every rarity is held, and will be supplied by the compiler on receipt of amount. Letters to be addressed to Richard Hollick, Fillongley House, Boldmere Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.]

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS.

CIRCULAR No. 5. 391, Strand, London, W.C.

THE Society, in conjunction with Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

21. Ecuador. The Government of this country is an old offender, and its delinquencies were referred to in a previous circular. (See No. 4, paragraph 17.)

From a Circular Notice in four languages, dated 5th December, 1895, it appears that a special postage stamp is to be issued on the 5th June, 1896, which will be available for postal purposes only on the day

of issue, and ten following days. This issue is to commemorate the Esmeralda incident. It is perhaps scarcely necessary to advise dealers to beware of it.

22. Indian Native States. The postal departments of several of these States either have been or are about to be taken over by the Central Government. In the case of Jhind and Cashmere this has already been done, and it is reported that a similar course has been, or is shortly to be adopted, with regard to Bamra, Bhopal, Poonah, Wadhwan, Nowanugger, Bhor, Nangaon, and Faridkot.

It appears that the issues of some of these States have been reprinted, and are now being offered for sale. Collectors and Dealers should therefore be on their guard.

23. Republic of Cuba. Stamps of an issue prepared in 1877, are now being offered for sale. The values are 2, 5, 10 and 25 centavos.

In the Third Circular, under the heading No. 13, reference was made to a contemplated speculative issue of Grecian Stamps to commemorate the Olympian Games. From a recently published notice, the issue appears now to be an accomplished fact, and to consist of twelve stamps in value from 1 lepta to 10 drachmas.

Bulgaria. An issue has appeared in commemoration of the conversion of Prince Boris.

Collectors and Dealers should exercise discretion with regard to these stamps, unless they are intended permanently to supersede the current issue.

By order,

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,

Hon. Secretary to Special Committee, London Philatelic Society, April, 1896. and Acting Hon. Sec. (pro. tem.) to S.S.S.S.

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March 19th. Major W. F. Anstey (Devonport), Messrs. A. Scheindling (Russia) and W. A. Riley (Belgium), were unanimously elected members.

The hon. sec. then read a paper on "The Stamps of Argentine," including those of Buenos Aires, Cordova and Corrientes.

Exchange Packets for April again show a considerable increase on any previous month, and for the first time in the records of philately exceed £3,000.

Packet A.—Colonials and Foreign ..	£950	7	11½
„ B.—British Colonials only ..	1,768	5	1
„ C.—Foreign only ..	307	8	1½

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April 16th. Messrs. W. Leigh (Birmingham), W. A. Walker (Devonport), J. P. Way (Bristol), H. A. Young (Queensland), A. Pulin (Spain), L. S. Charlick (South Australia), J. de Le Retord (Portugal), T. Torabadella (Spain), were unanimously elected members.

Extraordinary General Meeting unanimously decided that all accounts should be settled on the return of each packet instead of quarterly as heretofore. This will allow those members who have accounts due to them to receive the same much quicker, and will also be more convenient to those who purchase more than they sell. The new arrangement commences with the April packets.

The hon. treasurer was instructed to open a banking account for the use of the Exchange.

Ordinary Meeting. Mr. Hollick then displayed a very fine selection from his private collection, and gave notes and particulars of the same which were extremely interesting and instructive and were highly appreciated by the large attendance. The most valuable part of the display was the collection of Mauritius, in which some very fine singles and pairs of the early issues were especially noticeable—early Canadians, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in rows of shades, and including some very fine “shillings”—British Columbia and Vancouver’s Island complete—A large number of complete sheets of Gambia—reconstructed sheets of Victoria, etc.

CITY OF LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.—The ninth meeting of the season was held at Kennan’s Hotel, Crown Court, 64, Cheapside, E.C., when a very instructive lecture was given by Mr. Wall on the “Tintometer and Spectrum Analysis,” followed by an interesting and descriptive magic lantern display of forgeries and varieties of English and Colonial stamps by our Vice-President, Mr. H. Hilckes. At the close of a very pleasant evening, a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks was given to Mr. Wall and Mr. Hilckes. The number of Members present, including visitors, was fifty-six, and it was noted that this is the largest attendance recorded at any of our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7th, when our fourth Auction Sale will be held. All stamps bought must be paid for on the night of the sale. Two-and-a-half per cent. commission is charged on all sales, which amount is placed to the funds of the club. The annual subscription to the funds of the club is now 10/- for London, and 5/- for country and foreign members; this includes a copy, as published, of the official organ.—

Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E.

INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXCHANGE.—We have been favoured with a copy of the rules of this flourishing society. As its name implies, the purpose for which the members are banded together is the exchange of stamps, and this society is superior to the generality of its kind by reason of the foreign members who send sheets and thus give it a genuine international standing. This feature renders it especially valuable to collectors, and the secretary, Mr. Lyall, has carried on the club with such marked success hitherto, that any philatelist who contemplates joining need show no hesitation, for the International Stamp Exchange is a well-established and sound society—very different from some of the new clubs that spring up to-day and are gone to-morrow. We have no doubt that Mr. Lyall will be pleased to send a copy of the rules to anyone who writes him. Address: A. E. C. Lyall, 73, Loanhead Terrace, Aberdeen, Scotland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The April packets reached a total of £350 18s. 8d. All members are requested to send good sheets for the May packet. Two or three more members are wanted—good buying ones especially. New members proposed are: A. E. Hughes (Colwich), J. M. Robinson (Horsham), Martin Hayden (London), C. W. Hugman (London), R. H. Jones (Liverpool), A. L. Austin (Natal), C. H. Ellis (London), T. A. Cunningham (London), Frank Ginn (Birmingham), Y. Yari (London). Any objection to the above should be made before May 5th, at which date they will become members. Rules, etc., from the secretary, W. F. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

UNIVERSAL STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—A new stamp exchange society has been established under the title of The Universal Stamp Exchange Society. There is no subscription. The Exchange is worked on the most unique system. I shall be pleased to send rules and full particulars to all readers wishing to join, by sending a stamped addressed envelope.—Victor Rosa, Secretary, Kingswinford, Staffs.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—The supplementary round of the Dec. A packets was completed at the latter end of this month, and quarterly accounts were at once submitted. It is hoped that all balances will be adjusted within a week. The contributions for March were quite up to the average, sufficient 25 sheets being sent in to make up two very good A packets. The aggregate value of the 176 sheets was £1,317 12s. 9d. In future, the first two places on each list will be balloted for, and boxes will be used to hold the sheets instead of leather cases as heretofore. This will prevent possible damage to stamps. Collectors, sending satisfactory specimens, are welcomed as members.—Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

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" 6d. brown on bluish paper ...	0 0	0 10
" 1d. blue ...	0 0	2 0
" 2d. green ...	0 0	12 0
" 5d. chocolate ...	0 0	9 0
" 6d. brown ...	0 0	80 0
" 9d. brown violet ...	0 0	22 6
" 10d. vermilion ...	0 0	12 6
" 1/- slate ...	0 0	
1861 No wmk. imperf. ...	0 0	18 0
" 4d. lilac on bluish ...	0 0	10 0
" 4d. lilac on white ...	0 0	
1861-63 Wmk. star, perf. ...	0 0	1 0
" 1d. blue ...	0 0	6 6
" 2d. green ...	0 0	20 0
" 4d. carmine ...	0 0	5 0
" 5d. red-brown ...	0 0	7 0
" 6d. brown ...	0 0	100 0
" 8d. red-brown (superb) ...	0 0	14 0
" 9d. dark brown ...	0 0	18 6
" 9d. ochre brown ...	0 0	3 6
" 10d. vermilion ...	0 0	2 6
" 1/- violet ...	0 0	2 6
" 10d. vermilion, perf. 12½, '63	0 0	
1863 No wmk., perf. ...	0 0	3 6
" 1d. blue ...	0 0	32 0
" 5d. red-brown ...	0 0	10 0
" 6d. brown ...	0 0	28 0
" 9d. brown ...	0 0	20 0
" 1/- violet ...	0 0	
1864-67 Wmk. Crown & C.C., perf. ...	0 0	3 0
" 4d. lilac ...	0 0	0 4
" 1d. blue ...	0 0	4 0
" 2d. green ...	0 0	1 6
" 2d. yellow ...	0 0	2 0
" 2d. maize ...	0 0	28 0
" 5d. purple-brown ...	0 0	3 6
" 5d. yellow-green ...	0 0	1 9
" 6d. brown ...	0 0	2 6
" 10d. orange-red ...	0 0	2 6
" 1/- violet ...	0 0	3 0
" 4d. rose, octagonal ...	0 0	7 0
" 8d. brown, " ...	0 0	4 0
" 9d. brown, " ...	0 0	3 6
" 2/- blue ...	0 0	
1868 Wmk. Crown & C.C., perf. 14 ...	0 0	0 6
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" 1ct. mauve... ...	0 0	1 3
" 2cts. orange ...	0 0	1 6
" 5cts. green... ...	0 0	0 6
" 5cts. dark green ...	0 0	0 9
" 10cts. vermilion ...	0 0	2 0
" 12cts. blue ...	0 0	2 6
" 17cts. black ...	0 0	5 0

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1857 1d. red-brown (unused) ...	0 0	6 0
" 3d. green, triangular (unused) ...	0 0	5 0
" 5d. violet-brown (unused) ...	0 0	4 0
" 5d. red-brown ...	0 0	3 0
" 2d. scarlet-vermilion ...	60 0 Fair	100 0 Fine
" 4d. " ...	80 0 "	130 0 "
" 6d. " ...	120 0 "	150 0 "
" 8d. " ...	30 0 "	40 0 "
" " " (unused) ...	0 0	20 0
1860 2d. orange (unused) ...	0 0	30 0
" 4d. " ...	40 0 Fair	70 0 Fine
" 6d. " ...	40 0 "	60 0 "
" 1/- " ...	£14 "	£20 "
1861 2d. lake (unused) ...	0 0	25 0
" 4d. " " ...	0 0	2 0
" 6d. " " ...	0 0	10 0
" 6d. " " ...	0 0	2 0
" 6½d. " " ...	0 0	9 0
" 1/- " " ...	30 0 Fair	35 0 Fine
" 1/- " " ...	0 0	3 0
1886 Perforated 12 ...	0 0	2 0
" 2cts. green (unused) ...	0 0	30 0
" 5cts. brown (unused) ...	0 0	35 0
" 10cts. black ...	0 0	3 0
" 12cts. brown ...	0 0	2 0
" 13cts. orange ...	0 0	3 9
" 24cts. blue ...	0 0	1 9
1868-73 Perforated 12 ...	0 0	3 0
" 1ct. brown... ...	0 0	3 0
" 1ct. violet (unused) ...	0 0	1 9
" 3cts. blue ...	0 0	10 0
" 3cts. vermilion (used or unused) ...	0 0	14 0
" 5cts. black... ...	0 0	0 8
" 6cts. rose ...	0 0	
1876-79 Rouletted ...	0 0	4 0
" 1ct. mauve... ...	0 0	2 9
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THE New Collector is the latest development of Philately. By the term New Collector is meant a philatelist whose interest is concentrated upon current or recently emitted stamps, and who only handles the older issues in a casual way, if at all. The reason for his existence is found in the growing scarcity of many old issues which have of late years become practically unobtainable—and absolutely so to the collector of limited means. It is a self-evident fact that more recent issues are easier to obtain than the long obsolete kinds—not always from the consideration of L.S.D., for prices are simply the opinion of individuals, founded upon the quantity in their own possession, and nothing is more susceptible to the *reductio ad absurdum*.

With regard to the comparative obtainability of old and modern issues, however, there can be no argument. The old issues are not, in special cases, to be obtained for love or money—but few stamps of modern days are actually unobtainable, although, of course, the prices are often prohibitive. Again, although the oldest issues possess a sentimental attraction of no mean importance, yet the newer issues are generally more attractive to the eye by their brightness and beauty of execution.

These seem to be the grounds for instituting the new system of collecting. The general principle is to take no stamp of earlier date than a period fixed upon, or even the present day. The chief advantage is the ease of acquirement in quantity. The new collector can obtain two, four or six of each issue as it appears, and, as prices have gone in recent years, his collection will increase naturally in value, and as time goes on he may take some of his duplicates and exchange

for others he wants or may sell for the where-withal to purchase the same, while if he gets his collection of current stamps anything like complete some of his stamps may develop into gems of the first water. *Quien Sabe?*

The consideration of this system is undoubtedly worthy of the attention of philatelists who are actually, if not yet nominally, New Collectors. If they are not satisfied with their possessions when this year or last year is finished, what is to prevent them going back and gradually obtaining completeness in the earlier issues as their ardour or the length of their purse will allow. Better still, a collector might specialise in one particular country (or more if so disposed), and take only later issues of others. By this means he would become initiated into the minutiae of philately as far as his special favourite went and yet keep in touch and in sympathy with the stamps of other countries. For instance, a collector might specialise in used English and collect later issues of the African Colonies, or the West Indies, or what not? Altogether we commend the New Collector to the consideration of our readers and undoubtedly think that his inauguration is a wise and beneficent idea for philately.

CHRONICLE.

ANDORRA.—It is stated that stamps for this little republic, situated in the Pyrenees between France and Spain, will soon be issued. The sum total of its inhabitants is 18,000 but smaller communities have had stamps before this, and many of them— in fact, the fewer the population the more the stamps seems to be the rule.

ARGENTINA.—A new value, similar to the 50c. has been issued.

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GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—The current German

stamps have been surcharged diagonally with figure of value and the words Deutsch-Ostafrika.

2	pcsa	black	on	3	pfennig	brown.
3	"	"	"	5	"	green.
5	"	"	"	10	"	carmine.
10	"	"	"	20	"	blue.
25	"	"	"	50	"	brown.

GREECE.—The "Olympian Games" stamps, are now in full swing. As before announced they are

1	lepta	brown,	wrestlers.
2	lepta	rose,	"
5	lepta	violet,	disc thrower of Myron.
10	lepta	grey,	"
20	lepta	brown	red, vase with "Minerva.
25	lepta	red,	four horse chariot.
40	lepta	violet,	vase with Minerva.
60	lepta	black,	four horse chariot.
1	drachma	blue,	Stadium at Athens.
2	drachme	brown,	The Heroes of Praxiteles.
5	"	green,	The victory of Pausanias.
10	"	brown,	The Acropolis of Athens.

POSTCARDS, &c

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The post card of one penny value is now in use. It has been announced a long time but has only just appeared.

BULGARIA.—The Prince Boris post cards are as follows :

5	st.	green,	lilac	portrait.
5	st.	"	blank	portrait.
10	st.	red,	no	portrait.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—The current German post cards have been surcharged similarly to the adhesives.

3	pesa	in	black,	on	5	pfennig	green.
3+3	"	"	"	5+5	"	"	"
5	"	"	"	10	"	carmine.	"
5+5	"	"	"	10+10	"	"	"

HOLLAND.—We have seen the new large size 12½c. envelope which was issued May 2nd, stamp in the left top corner.

12½c. lilac, envelope white with blue lining.

HONDURAS.—The following post cards have been issued :

2c.	black	and	blue	on	pink.
2+2c.	"	"	"	"	"
3c.	brown	on	grey.	"	"
3+3c.	"	"	"	"	"

TRANSVAAL.—The Transvaal new post cards are said to be out.

½d.	green	on	buff.		
½+½d.	"	"	"		
1d.	carmine	and	green	on	buff.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By M. E. N.

THERE is a lot of discussion just now anent the status of English stamps used abroad. At the City of London Philatelic Club meeting on April 20th, the question was thrashed out with considerable warmth. To bring the discussion to a definite point it was decided to argue the question from two different standpoints:

a. Under what conditions were these stamps issued by the G.P.O. in London to the various foreign countries, towns, &c

b. Is there any difference, from a philatelic point of view between an English stamp used and postmarked at Malta and one used and postmarked at Manchester.

No one seemed able to afford any information on the first point, and therefore the discussion settled round the question as to whether the stamp used at Malta had any actual difference from that used at Manchester or not.

Mr. Hilkes was decidedly of opinion that when a stamp was used at Malta it became an altogether distinct variety from that used at Manchester, but Mr. Warden, pointed out that the only difference was in the postmark and this was a question of stamp-collecting and not of postmark collecting. This is certainly a most pertinent view of the matter. I have, myself, among other curiosities, two French stamps with unmistakeably British cancellations—yet nobody, I suppose, would argue that they are aught but French, and yet French stamps with French colonial postmarks are readily acknowledged as separate and distinct varieties. Again I have a New South Wales stamp postmarked in Queensland—which colony does it belong to? Of course in the case of the French stamp the postmark exists only because the stamp escaped obliteration in the despatching country, while in the case of the New South Wales it was done deliberately in the country of its use at the time—Queensland—just after the two colonies had separate postal systems.

Still, who is to decide when a stamp is postmarked out of the ordinary course, and when it is not? My own opinion is that these stamps, while undoubtedly interesting, are not entitled to the dignity of being accepted as separate issues, and this seemed to be the general opinion of the London Philatelic Club meeting.

The difference between plates 3 and 4 of the 2d. white lines is most noticeable in the corner letters. In almost every case the angle letters in plate 3 are better than in plate 4 and they are very frequently crookedly placed in the later plate. Mr. Skipton points out a fact it is well to bear in mind—that

stamps postmarked with the Maltese Cross must necessarily belong to the earlier plate. Although solitary exceptions exist in which plate 4 stamps bear this postmark, yet they are only the exceptions which help to emphasise the rule.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE *Philatelic Californian* objects to the indiscriminate use of the words "imperforate" and "unperforated" as synonymous in philatelic journalism. According to our contemporary the prefix *un* expresses the contrary of the action implied, therefore it argues "unperforated" can only mean "with perforations removed," ergo, the proper word is "imperforate." This is most interesting information and we would go a step further. Thus, we employ the word "unused" very loosely in philately. Of course a stamp which has served the object of its being is "used"—when the ubiquitous faker gets it and removes the obliteration, it is, of course, unused. At least that is the *Philatelic Californian* way of reasoning.

To follow out the argument in a spirit of Californian logic we find, upon consulting our own dictionary, that the etymology of the word "impregnate" is *in* to make, and *pregnans*, pregnant. Hence "imperforate" by this example would be "to make perforate" which is hardly the meaning it is intended to convey. Altogether we think we had better leave the matter alone before we get mixed up. We are very much afraid, however, that our respected contemporary has a far more limited acquaintance with the elements of English Grammar than it has with philately. It quotes an anything but arbitrary rule relating to verbs and applies it to an adjective with the usual result attending those who meddle with unaccustomed tools.

To show the infallible nature of catalogue prices I will a tale unfold. A certain well-known collector—in fact one of the best known in England—sent an order the other day to a well-known firm of dealers—in fact one of the best known in the world. Well, this order embraced stamps in value, catalogue value as priced that is, from the humble two d. to the lordly sovereign or so, and totalled to somewhere near £200. The stamps were, of course, carefully selected. How many do you think the compilers and proprietors of the catalogue could supply? Don't know!—This is the solemn steady and unshrinkable truth—they could not, or would not supply *one stamp* at the price—and their catalogue and price list has yet to see several moons ere it reach its twelfth month's lease of life.

To the Editor of THE PHILATELIC CHRONICLE AND ADVERTISER.

DEAR SIR,—Re your note on the Hague Exhibition in your last issue. Our Mr. Theodor Buhl, who is a member of the Jury, would be pleased to give any information or assistance to those who intend to exhibit or take part in the Exhibition. We enclose prospectus.

We remain,

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MY DEAR SIR,—In your issue of January 1895 you gave a list of the plate letters and numbers of the U.S. Columbian stamps pointing out that a customer had sent Mr. Gremmel a list of wants. I take it that the customer was myself as I find I wrote Mr. Gremmel in December 1894. It may interest you to know I have completed my list with 4 exceptions—S.S.—having collected a strip of 4 stamps in every letter and value, including shades in paper, colour and gum.

Yours truly,

JOHN RUTHEN.

May 2nd, 1896.

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The "Cuban Republic" has not only issued a postage stamp, but has secured its recognition by the Spanish authorities. A letter bearing the new stamp addressed to "E, del Castillo, New York," bore the postmark Havanna. This is the more remarkable as the Republican stamp is quite unlike the Spanish Government stamp for Cuba, which of course bears a portrait of the young king.

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From R. Hollick in "*British and Colonial Druggist*."

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

BY T. G. SUTHERLAND.

One of the most pleasing methods of adding to one's collection, and at the same time obtaining a large number of duplicates, is by exchanging with collectors in foreign countries. Having considerable experience in that line, I give a few rules and suggestions for carrying it out successfully. If you look into the columns of any good philatelic journal, such as THE ADVERTISER OF WANTS AND OFFERS, you will probably find enough exchange notices from collectors all over the world to keep you engaged for some time in answering. It also pays to insert a notice of your own occasionally. In an American paper a correspondent says that he has always been swindled when he tried foreign exchange correspondents and advises collectors to exchange with persons as near home as possible, as they will get their returns much sooner, and will be better satisfied in every way. My experience has been quite the reverse. I have only been swindled in one instance, and I think that is a pretty good guarantee of the honesty of foreign collectors, as I have done a great deal of exchanging. I append a few rules which may prove useful to you when sending stamps to foreign collectors for exchange.

1. Never send stamps to anyone who promises to give you twice as much as you send, or something of that nature, unless you are sure of his reliability. He is apt to be a fraud; as a rule it is only safe to exchange with such collectors or dealers as will give you the same quantity and quality in exchange.

2. Don't send too many of the commoner class of stamps, but as good assortment as possible. It aggravates a collector to receive a worthless lot of common stamps. Never send common stamps to a dealer unless he so requests.

3. Always employ enough postage on your letters, a double postage is charged the party receiving the letter for any deficiency which exists. Write your letter on thin paper; confining yourself to one sheet if possible. Use a stamped envelope if you can get it, or the better class of adhesives.

4. If you have special wants in any countries, let your correspondent know them. He will generally oblige you by either getting the stamps for you or telling you where you can obtain them. Foreign collectors are very obliging.

5. Never try to cheat your correspondents. It is as mean as it is wrong, above all things be honest.—*The Canadian Philatelist*.

NOTICES.

THE May issue of Mr. Ewen's paper *The English Specialist's Journal*, is an excellent number and no specialist in English stamps can afford to be

without this most useful journal. Mr. Skipton, gives an exhaustive paper upon the plating of English 2d. He takes plates 3 and 4 for his theme and points out the variations stamp by stamp, making the differences perfectly plain—and this is saying a great deal for the distinction between these two plates is a most difficult matter without a thorough understanding of them, only to be obtained by careful study, and by handling many thousands. Mr. Skipton has devoted a great deal of labour to this matter, and gives the results to the *E.S.J.* readers with great clearness.

Several migrations of well-known dealers have occurred recently. Mr. S. A. Wood is now to be found at the Grange, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent. Mr. G. H. Hows has taken commodious offices at Trefalgar Buildings, Charing Cross, London, W.C. Messrs. W. J. Colley are now located at 242, County Road, Walton, Liverpool.

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Mr. Hadlow held his seventy-seventh sale on May 20th. We have not as yet received a priced catalogue but the advance copy gave promise of excellent business. The stamps offered were very good class, being a collection of West Indians, but the thing which calls for particular notice is the catalogue itself. This is a very neat book of a convenient pocket size without the necessity of folding. The stamps are illustrated by a photographic process at the side of the page. A most useful innovation.

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enlivened by the strains of an excellent Ladies' Orchestra of 10 performers in exceptionally pretty uniforms, under the conductorship of Mr. Harsford of Greenwich. The musical arrangements of the evening were under the directorship of Mr. H. Percy Colson, who contributed himself two violin solos, "Berceuse" by Goddard and Raff's "Cavatina." Mr. Frank H. Celli, the eminent baritone, was in excellent voice and sang "To-morrow will be Friday," and in place of an encore most enthusiastically demanded, sang with great humour "The Burglar's Serenade." Mr. Davis sang "Rocked in the Cradle of the deep." Mr. Daintree, "Fetters of Gold," (Hutchinson,) and Mr. Alec. Swann and Mr. Stanley Dark, sang several songs each. Miss Emily McLaughlin, recited "The Bridge of Sighs." Miss Violet Defries "The Owl and the Pussy Cat." (Lewis Carroll,) and Mr. Patrick Munro, also gave some recitations. Miss Simpson sang the "The Children's Home," and "The Promise of Life." Miss Dulcie Cunningham, Miss Lollie Lytton, and Miss Bretton each sang, and danced solos. Miss Eva St. Denys assisted Mr. Percy Colson with the piano-forte accompaniments and also sang. The first High Change of the Club on Wednesday evening, May 6th, was fairly well attended by Dealers and Collectors, and the Members present discussed amongst themselves names for the Committee of Management. The Secretary writes us more recently that judging from the number of applicants for membership the prospects of the success of the Club are well now assured.

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All Advertisements must reach the Hon. Sec. before August 31st. A reply per return of post will greatly oblige.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The May packets are very good ones and, if they are a sample of the quality to be sent out during the summer months, the Exchange looks like having as much success during the summer as has attended it during the winter months. Two or three new member are required. Good buying members will find especial advantage as many desirable stamps are to be got from the packets and the 50 per cent reduction makes prices very reasonable. New members proposed this month are J. H. Johnson (Southport), I. Cansino (Manchester), Miss H. Hamilton (Stirling), S. N. Veitch (Durham), Mrs. Rowsell (Exmouth), A. E. Blackwood (Harrogate), E. Greenleaves (Bournemouth). If no member objects to any of these names by June 24th, they will become members of the Exchange. Rules &c., from the Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CITY OF LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.—The eleventh meeting of the season was held on Monday, the 20th

April, at Kennan's Hotel, Crown Court, 64, Cheapside, E.C., when a very important and interesting discussion on "English Stamps Used Abroad" took place. The general opinion of the members being although the postmark on a stamp does not alter its nationality, yet it is collectable from a philatelic point of view as being an interesting variety of an English stamp. The next meeting will be held on May 4th, when the fifth of our Monthly Cash Auction Sales will be held. The Secretary would like to call the attention of country members having rare stamps in duplicate to the facilities offered by these sales for their disposal, as all stamps must be paid for on the night of the sale. Blank sheets for mounting stamps for the Auctions and the Exchange Packets can be had free on application. Will publishers of books and papers on philately kindly send a copy to the Hon. Librarian, Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, E., who will be pleased to acknowledge same. All books and papers received are laid on the table for the use of members at our meetings. Applications for membership and all communications with reference to the Club, should be sent to the Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E. Collectors and Dealers will find the Club forms an excellent reference, as every care is taken in the electing new members. The Annual Subscription to the Club is now 10/- for London, and 5/- for Country and Foreign members; this includes a copy, as published, of the Official Organ.—Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The eleventh ordinary meeting of the session was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, March 18th, at 7.30 p.m., The Hon. Secretary was instructed to convey the best thanks of the Society to Mr. Brown of Salisbury, for vol. v. and the Jan. Feb. and March numbers of the Philatelic Journal of Gt. Britain. A paper which was to have been read on this evening was at the last moment unavoidably postponed and consequently the remainder of the evening was passed in the examination of collections and the exchange of stamps. The twelfth ordinary meeting was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, April 1st, at 7.30 p.m., six members being present—the President (Mr. A. R. Barrett,) in the chair. Mr. A. E. L. Westaway, who had compiled a large amount of information relative of the stamps of Tasmania, then gave the members the results of his investigations—dealing with the different issues up to 1870. He said that of the 1st. issue both the 1d. and 4d. were printed in plates of 24 stamps each and that each stamp was separately engraved, so that it was possible to obtain 24 varieties of the 1d. value, and of the 4d., there being 2 plates, 48 varieties. It was an important point to remember that stamps obliterated with penmarks before Oct. 1868 were postally and not fiscally used as there was

no Stamp Duty Act before that date. Of the 1856 issue Mr. Westaway said that owing to the absence of size in the paper the gum penetrated through the stamp, giving it a semi-transparent greasy appearance—this however disappeared if the stamp were soaked in hot water. In August 1857 the first stamps with watermark double-lined numeral were issued. These, which consisted of the 1d., 2d. and 4d. values, were printed locally and can be distinguished from the later printings by the wmk. which is invariably inverted and also often reversed. In Jan. 1858 the 6d., and 1/- values were introduced. A consignment of these was sent out with the plates from England, and they can generally be distinguished from the local prints by their clear outlines and altogether superior appearance. The St. George and Dragon series of 1863, 1864 and 1865 was not available for postage until after the passing of the Stamp Act of 1881. At this time collectors unearthed all unused copies in order to get them postmarked. Of the remaining issues up to 1870 Mr. Westaway gave an exhaustive description dealing in detail with the different perforations. The thirteenth ordinary meeting was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7.30 p.m. There were six members present, the Vice-President taking the chair. Mr. Westaway continued and finished his paper on the stamps of Tasmania. He dealt with the stamps of the new and smaller design—from 1870 up to the present date—and gave an exhaustive description of the distinguishing characteristics of each issue as well as particulars as to the numbers issued. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Westaway for his interesting paper. The fourteenth ordinary meeting was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, April 29th, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Mayne, Mr. Honeysett, and the Hon. Sec., exhibited numerous Philatelic Curiosities and unchronicled stamps. Mr. Honeysett exhibited five British ½d. wrappers on different coloured papers viz: on white, pale pink, rose pink, grey blue, and bright green. They were inscribed "On Her Majesty's Service," "Enrolment Form." The Hon. Sec., then exhibited his collection of British post cards, and gave some explanatory remarks respecting the ½d. post card from 1878 to the present day of which he had found 15 distinct varieties exclusive of reply post cards. Hon. Sec., W. J. W. Miller, 5, Athenaeum Terrace, Plymouth.

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	5d. chocolate	...	0 0	9	0
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1861	No wmk. imperf.	18	0
	1d. lilac on bluish	...	0 0	10	0
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1861-63	Wmk. star, perf.	1	0
	1d. blue	...	0 0	6	6
	2d. green	...	0 0	20	0
	4d. carmine	...	0 0	5	0
	5d. red-brown	...	0 0	7	0
	6d. brown	...	0 0	100	0
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	1/- violet	...	0 0	2	6
	10d. vermilion, perf. 12½, '63	...	0 0	3	6
1863	No wmk., perf.	32	0
	1d. blue	...	0 0	10	0
	5d. red-brown	...	0 0	28	0
	6d. brown	...	0 0	20	0
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	4d. lilac	...	0 0	4	0
	1d. blue	...	0 0	4	0
	2d. green	...	0 0	1	6
	2d. yellow	...	0 0	2	0
	2d. maize	...	0 0	28	0
	5d. purple-brown	...	0 0	3	6
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	6d. "	...	120 0 "	150 0	"
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	6d. "	...	0 0	2 0	"
	6½d. "	...	0 0	9 0	"
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	1/- "	...	0 0	3 0	"
1866	Perforated 12	2 0	"
	2cts. green (unused)	...	0 0	30 0	"
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	(unused)	3 0	"
	10cts. black	...	0 0	2 0	"
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	13cts. orange	...	0 0	1 9	"
	24cts. blue	...	0 0		
1868-73	Perforated 12	3 0	"
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IN this issue we give the first portion of Mr. PERCY T. DEAKIN's paper on the "Stamps of Greece." This is one of the most valuable papers ever written on this subject and cannot fail to be of use to all specialists in this interesting country. When Mr. DEAKIN read his paper to the Birmingham Philatelic Society it met with a splendid reception, and, by the unanimous request of the members present, he has re-written it for publication. As originally given it was illustrated by some fine plates of splendid autotypes—Mr. DEAKIN's own productions, for he is no mean photographer—and we hope later on to make arrangements for supplying these valuable plates to subscribers at the lowest possible price.



We want to enliven things a bit during this, the silly season of philately, and with a view to this consummation, we are offering premiums to new subscribers or those who obtain them, and also for renewals by those whose subscriptions are yet unexpired as well as for those which have lapsed in the immediate or more remote past. Our subscription list has increased some eighty per cent. since this time last year, and we feel that we are acting with justice to ourselves and to our friends by making a big bid for extra support which will, at the expense of a present loss, ensure a much greater degree of importance for the *Chronicle* and a corresponding advantage to our advertisers and, consequently, to ourselves.

CHRONICLE.

BARBADOS.- The new farthing stamp is of the same type as those now in use. {d. grey, value in carmine.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Our esteemed correspondent, Capt. C. L. Norris-Newman, writes under date May 1st, 1896, from Buluwayo, to inform us that the supply of penny stamps ran short during the time that the city was cut off from communication with the outer world, and, in consequence, the postal authorities surcharged eighteen sheets (6 stamps to the sheet) of the 4/- value, and seven sheets (60 to the sheet) of the 3d. value with a new value—one penny. This provisional supply was meant for use only, and no one was allowed to purchase more than one shilling's-worth. The 4/- and 3d. that were surcharged were, of course, of the old type British South Africa.

1d. on 4/- red and slate.
1d. on 3d. green and grey.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The 2½d. stamp is now in blue, same otherwise.

2½d. blue.

CHINA.—The Imperial Government are contemplating a complete postal system for all China—in this case the Local-stamp makers will find their occupation gone.

COLOMBIA.—A quotation in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* says that the Garzon provisionals are speculative products and have never been used in the postal service. That they are speculative is indubitable, that they have never been used in the postal service is probable, but that they paid postage to this country is certain—at least of the 1894 issue. Possibly, however, the quotation only refers to earlier provisionals. Some enterprising individual at Honda has surcharged the federal 2c. stamp with the words **HABILITADO—HONDA** and value, and the same has also franked letters to this country.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The 1c. has now its centre printed in brown red.

1c. yellow green and brown red.

GIBRALTAR.—Mr. W. S. Webb has just received private information from Gibraltar that the 40c. and 50c. are no longer obtainable. It is probable that they will be re-issued in two colours, as it is very unlikely that these two values are to be dispensed with—especially the 50c. The 20c., chronicled as "olive," is really printed in two colours—the inscription of value being in a browner tint than the rest of the stamp.

HAITI.—The 2c. is now issued in maroon. It is said that all the colours are to be changed.

2c. maroon.

SIAM.—The 12a. has been surcharged with new value in English and Siamese.

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ST. VINCENT.—The 5/- C.A., perf. 12, has been seen by *Le Timbre Poste*.

TRANSVAAL.—The bi-coloured series is recruited with

2½d. blue, value in green.

1/- brown, value in green.

JAPAN.—We are promised an issue of souvenir stamps (of the late war?) from Japan. Our information is meagre, but Mr. T. Mori, of Tokio, tells us that the stamps of 2 sen and 5 sen value will bear the image of the late Gen. Prince Arisgawa, and another, 2s. and 5s., will bear that of the late Gen. Prince Kita Shirakawa

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—The *Monthly Journal* chronicles the envelope

2½a. in black on 4½a. orange, name in blue.

INDIA.—The ½a. envelope has been surcharged "On H.M.S."

½a. black and green.

SAMOA.—The following cards have been issued with a stamp of the palm-tree type.

1d. blue and green.

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NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

"FAMILIARITY breeds contempt," sometimes with good reason—more often without. What sight within a square inch of paper is more familiar than our current lilac 1d. stamp? You pop into a post office and say, "Stamp, please!" They don't ask you, "What kind?" Oh, no; they have dispensed too many *tons* of it, during its reign of nearly 15 years, for that. But all this familiarity is far from the contempt of the thorough-going variety-hunter.

The non-specialist may say, "Any catalogue tells me that the design first appearing in 1881 had 14 beads in each corner, which soon gave place to the present type with 16 beads"—and may consider he has exhausted the subject. But, friend, look at your 1d. stamps (16 beads) on envelopes dated 1882-3, and what do you observe? Well, in looking for minor varieties, it is a great help to know just what to look for, so here's the tip:—You will find that the two white lines around the oval band, inside and outside the inscription, are very much fainter and thinner than those on the stamps as now printed. That the letters themselves are *smaller* as well as thinner than upon a recent copy, also that the ink is of a colder, greyer shade of lilac than ever seen now: in fact, a typical specimen of the years mentioned differs almost as much in general appearance from the stamp of to-day as it does from the well-known "14

beads" type. This is especially noticeable in the unused condition, in which this variety must be very rare by now.

I don't think English Postcards are receiving that measure of literary treatment which they merit. We read of them comparatively seldom in the stamp papers, yet every observant collector must have found how many revisions are necessary in the lists set forth by the various catalogues. About the most salient feature of omission is, that the differing types and sizes of the Royal arms are totally ignored, except in Morley's catalogue (page 35), where the words "arms type 3" appear twice; but which cards have types 1 and 2, the reader is left to guess, and to find out for himself wherein the types differ. Compilers might also be more explicit in indicating the distinction between the *dark buff* in which the brown ½d. card was first issued, and the paler coloured and smoother card which is now current; this applies equally to the single and reply cards. Another error, this time one of commission, is in the listing of a *small* ½d. card, inscribed "Great Britain and Ireland." I first saw this in the big American standard catalogue, and it would be laughable, were it not almost pitiful, to see the lamb-like way in which the publishers of our last-fledged home-made catalogue copied this, even pricing it at the humble 9d. Of course, I wanted that card badly, so sent my order, along with a dozen other tempting lines in English entires, and I received, as might be expected, the small ½d. card on which any mention of the sister isle is conspicuously absent. I also wanted that penny wrapper on *blue*, at 6d., but within a week of appearance of the quotation I found it unobtainable; out of my 13 selections I got *two* at the prices asked, showing that in matter of stock and prices much in the world of postal stationery wants mending.

But let us away from the low level of 1d. lilacs and ½d. postcards, to the astral regions of philately wherein some of the paper gems of bonny England appear as stars of the first magnitude. The high value postals are always a fascinating subject. The £5, of course, has long held sway as the chief desideratum, but it is now run neck and neck for value by the £1 "anchor," even when the former stamp is on the bluish paper: Of course I mean *used* in both cases. These two stamps *unused* are now getting almost too sacred to speak of. The £1 value has an interest peculiarly its own, having run through several editions. It is instructive to compare the present market value of the current 20/- *green* with the prices asked for the same type when current in *brown*. Then it was catalogued at 2/-, and the stamp was easy to obtain for some years. But as for the *green*, though it would be thought that a stamp gets commoner the longer it is in use, we find it at 4/- in Gibbons' 9th, and *advanced* 1/- in their 10th edition.

It is just possible that the high values do not now so easily escape from the realms of officialdom as formerly, though as many or more must still be used: of this I cannot speak with certainty, not being acquainted with the points of contact between the said realm and that of philately. My own theory is, that the number of collectors of English has increased enormously since the brown £1 became obsolete in 1890, and that the supply of the current stamp, used, is therefore a long way astern of the demand. This also would account for the present boom in nearly all good English stamps. Fine copies of the £1 *green* easily fetch catalogue rates, and when it becomes obsolete its value will go up by jumps.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

I KNOW you all take an interest in my movements —I know this by the kindly manner in which you write me anent my "unspeakable drivell," "tommy-rot," "foolery," *et id genus omne*—and so I will tell you where I've been if only to worry those kindly friends who tell me "my twaddle is not philately," which I know very well—still, who wants philately this weather?—I don't! I've been on a little bicycle tour—slowly and steadily through Worcestershire, Herefordshire, South and Mid Wales, and back by Montgomery and Shrewsbury. Lovely weather, magnificent scenery, and a beautiful, quiet, lazy journey—stopping when I like and going on when I like. Lounging on river brink or mountain-side by day—listening to the nightingale by night and altogether thoroughly enjoying myself—a minimum of cost and a maximum of pleasure. If any reader—philatelist or non-philatelist wants a fine outing let him beg, borrow, buy or steal a bicycle and get to Worcester, thence to Bromyard, Leominster and New Radnor, and then where and when he please. Put up at little country places and the cost is infinitesimal—they don't fleece you like they do in North Wales (where I've paid half-a-crown for bread and cheese before now), and, with favourable weather, you will have the most enjoyable trip of your life. But enough, stern duty calls me back to the present, so here goes:

Firstly, I found awaiting my return a dainty little card, "With Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wood's Compliments, The Grange, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, 28th May, 1896." Dear, dear,—we never know what Fate has in store for us! Still, I wish Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wood complete happiness in the wedded estate—but it is sad to think that while you are out enjoying yourself, a fellow philatelist should take a desperate plunge into the unknown abyss of matrimony.

Just another personal item—this time of a business nature: Mr. G. H. Coleby writes me that his future

permanent address will be "The Philatelic Depot, 4, Rue Halévy, Nice, France," where all communications requiring his personal care will receive prompt attention.

No doubt, like myself, you have noticed the delightfully vague manner in which catalogues refer to the "variety" 1c. U.S., 1851, and "variety" 5c. Beaver, Canada. I never yet met with the man who knew wherein the "variety" consisted, but I read the other day that the Canadian "variety" is distinguishable by the word CANADA being printed double (whatever that may be) and by the fact that there is a double line on the oval to the left of the stamp. This information may be useful to someone.

W. SMITH: In 1857.—P. A. (London): We cannot guarantee it.—S. FORTIGN: The stamp is probably a forgery—send it on and we will examine it.

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

By PERCY T. DEAKIN.

THE Adhesive Stamps of Greece may be classified under two headings.

I.—The Early or French Type which existed with slight modifications from October, 1861, till April, 1866.

II.—The later or Belgian Type issued on April 1st, 1866, and still continues in use.

The stamps of the early type were designed and the first supply printed by M. Barré in Paris, and were a close imitation of those of France, excepting that the head of Liberty gave place to that of a somewhat feminine head of Mercury, the old Greek messenger god.

For the systematic studying of the stamps I have found no better method of dividing them than that adopted by Lieut. Napier, who divides group I. into five sections, as follows:—

a.—The set printed in Paris, together with the second printing of the 2 lepta, all excepting the 10 lepta having no numerals printed on the back of the stamp.

b.—The *Early Athens* prints of 1862, which contain only one variety of shade in each value, and mark the general introduction of the printing of the numerals at the back of the stamps, except in the case of the 1 and 2 lepta (which were never so marked).

c.—The *Later Athens* prints of 1862-76 on tinted papers, which contain a great variety of shades of the 40 lepta, a change of plate of the 1 lepton and other minor varieties.

d.—The stamps from Jan., 1876, when the *white wove paper* was introduced, up till October, 1878, when

the system of printing the numerals of value on the backs was discontinued.

e.—The issue *without numerals*, which remained in use till the newer design of the Belgian head of Mercury came out in 1886.

1861. PARIS PRINTS.

The die of the French type was engraved on steel in relief, and from this a number of copper "*clichés*" were struck off, one for each of the seven values, and each plate contained 150 stamps. The first supplies printed from these plates (in Paris) in 1861 are called *Paris prints*, and are pretty easily distinguishable from all subsequent printings by the excellence of the impressions and clearness of the engraving on the cheek and neck. The shading lines vary in thickness and end near the high lights of the cheek and chin in rows of five dots. The paper is tinted, and there are no figures of value on the backs except in the 10 lepta, which has a large shaded 10 printed in the same colour as the stamp. The figures are much larger than those on subsequent issues locally printed.

Now the local or Athens prints are much rougher printed (the earlier papers being tinted the same as the Paris prints), but before the Greeks printed from the plates they were retouched, and the lines of shading on the cheek and neck no longer end in the minute dots which gave such a beautiful modelling to the face in the Paris prints, but the shading lines consist of *line only*; those at the back of the neck are slightly varied in thickness, but those of the side of the face are of almost uniform thickness throughout. These details are, I think, sufficient to distinguish between the two.

The Paris prints were issued in October, 1861, and the issue consisted of seven values, viz.:—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 lepta.

The 1 lepton is found in two varieties of shade, the first a rich dark chocolate brown, and the second a dark red brown, both printed on cream coloured paper.

2 lepta, olive brown on pale straw coloured paper.

5 lepta, rather pale emerald green on green tinted paper.

10l. rich bright orange red on greenish blue paper, with shaded numerals 10 on the back, of the same colour as the stamp (a variety exists without the numerals).

20l. deep clear blue on chalky blue paper.

40l. rather a reddish shade of violet on deep greenish blue paper.

80l. bright rose red and carmine rose on cream paper, slightly surface tinted from the plate.

In 1862 a second supply of the 2 lepta was printed (from the same plate) in reddish ochre on a more deeply tinted straw coloured paper.

1862. EARLY ATHENS PRINTS.

The early Athens prints of 1862 are, as I remarked before, distinguished from the Paris prints by the

shading of the cheeks being in line only without any dots and by the figures of value on the back (except 1 and 2); in other respects they resemble them rather closely. The paper is tinted nearly the same (probably supplied along with the plates), the colours of the inks are similar and the impressions are, as a rule, very clear. I find the easiest way to distinguish them from the later Athens prints is to carefully examine the spandrels which are filled in with a basket-like pattern. This should come out quite sharp and clear, but if the lines are broken up by white patches due to insufficient inking, or clogged up with too much ink or wearing of the plate, it is in all probability a later issue.

There was but a single variety of each value in the early Athens prints, and these consisted of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80l., as in the previous issue. Figures of value were printed on the backs (except 1 and 2 lepta) of the same colour as the stamps. The colours were: 1 lepton, dark chocolate-brown, similar to the Paris print in colour, but darker than any subsequent issue of the Athens prints. It is very uncommon. 2 lepta, dull green on greenish paper, with a shaded figure 5 on the back.

10l., dull orange on pale blue.

20l., pale washy blue on chalky blue paper.

40l., pale violet on greenish blue.

80l., darkish rose on cream paper surface tinted, with numerals on the back in *rose*.

80l., similar, with numerals in *brick red*, or, as some term it, *vermilion*.

The obliterating was usually done by means of a diamond-shaped series of rows of rounded dots, with a numeral or numerals denoting the post town in the centre—or by a smallish circle (about the width of a stamp) enclosing the name of the towns above and a number in parenthesis below—an inner circle containing the day, month and year in three lines. About 1860 a larger obliterating stamp came into use—consisting of a single circle only, but the year is usually missing, the 18 only being shown.

1862-76.—LATER ATHENS PRINTS.

After the fine printed Athens set of 1862, we come to a series of what are termed the *rough Athens* prints of 1862-76. Here we have numerous shades of papers, still more numerous shades of printing, and the plates show signs of wear.

I do not know whether the Greeks printed from electrotypes of the original plates, but if they did the softness of the metal would account for many little variations that are found during this and later periods. The metal would soon get worn down, especially at the edges, and we find numerous specimens, especially later ones, that have all the detail missing on one or two sides of the stamp—always the outside ones of the sheet. The softness of the metal would also permit of little retouchings when the detail became too much worn out.

The issues of 1862-76 consist of the usual seven values and about twenty-five to thirty, or perhaps more, well-marked varieties, either of printing, plate or paper, for during this period a new plate of the 1 lepton was made which differed somewhat from the usual one, also the original plate of the 20l. Paris print was brought into use and printed from.

The paper in these issues (1862-76) varies very much in depth of tint, especially that on which we find the 10 and 40l. values printed; a paper of a decided sea green was used for the 10 and 20 lepta for a short time and in the 5 lepta there was, in addition to the one used in the previous issue, a second type of figure 5 printed on the back, which continued in use and quite superseded the first type of figure.

The best way of studying this issue is to take each value by itself, working gradually through every variety of shade, paper, state of the plate and re-touching, only separating those of which the dates of issue are known, but keeping each value separate from the others as, owing to the extreme scarcity of information concerning the issue of some of these varieties, anything like chronological order is next to an impossibility.

VARIETIES OF 1 LEPTON (1862-76.)

The first stamp to take notice of is a rather finely printed stamp of the 1 lepton in grey-brown on cream coloured paper. It cannot be called a common one as I have only come across a single specimen. The stamp is printed very clearly and the lines are sharply defined.

Then there is an ochre yellow, 1 lepton on cream, which I have not yet come across.

Then several printings of the 1 lepton in reddish-brown, which used to be, a few years ago, common and cheap. These stamps vary from beautifully clear impressions to deep squashy ones in which the lines under the jaw become merged together into a solid mass of colour and the plates show unmistakable signs of wear. I have noticed some minor variations in the lines of shading on the cheek in these stamps, but have not yet been able to come to any satisfactory conclusion concerning them. The same thing occurs also in the next variety, which is printed in various shades of brown. Lieut. Napier enumerates six printings of these stamps, mostly distinguished by the tint of the ink and by the heaviness of the printing and general indistinctness of the impressions—they are all on cream paper.

Next we come to the new plate of the 1 lepton, which was made or used in 1864. The distinguishing mark of this plate is in the line of shading on the jaw, which is very soft in outline and is circular instead of straight, and gives the face a more rounded appearance. It is described by Napier as follows:—“The difference lies in the shading of the cheek and neck. The contour of shading towards the face is more hollowed out, and the lines immediately below

the ear are shorter than in the other plates. Besides this the shading at the point of the jaw is rounded off, while in the ordinary plate there is an angle in the same spot." He further states, "I have never been able to get a pair of these stamps, or to find one with the original gum." The colour is of one shade only, a pale pinkish tinge of red brown. There is another 1 lepton of a black brown on cream coloured paper, and this finishes the series of the 1 lepton value.
(To be continued.)

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Rd., B'ham.

May 7th. Paper—"The Stamps of Greece"—Mr. P. T. Deakin.

Mr. Deakin's elaborately and scientifically arranged collection, together with autotype enlargements of the chief varieties formed capital illustrations to one of the most carefully prepared papers ever given to the Society. There is no doubt that it is one of the most difficult countries to properly arrange, although at the same time one of the most interesting, and Mr. Deakin admirably succeeded in his work of distinguishing the numerous printings and varieties of the various issues. He afterwards presented the series of mounted autotypes to the Society.

Messrs. W. B. Avery (Birmingham), E. Shorthouse (Birmingham), R. H. Ridout (London), C. Forbes (London), H. N. Flewker (Wolverhampton), G. Samarakoon (Ceylon), were unanimously elected members.

A vote of thanks was accorded Messrs J. Tchakidji and Co. for a copy of their catalogue.

Extraordinary General Meeting decided that from October 1st next, all subscriptions to the Society shall be 5/- per annum, thus placing all members on an equal footing. In the case of those who formerly paid 2/6, less than the fair share of expenses was left after paying for the official journal, but this slight alteration will enable the committee to make such arrangements as will cope with the steadily increasing roll of membership and the consequent increase in the exchange packets. The rules as altered were ordered to be printed in the Annual Report, published on October 1st, and which will also contain lists of members, balance sheets, *résumé*, programme, with advertisements of members and the trade.

May 21st. A Philatelic Display, by W. B. Avery, Esq.—M. P. Castle, Esq. (Brighton) was unanimously elected a member.

Mr. Avery commenced the display by first showing his collection of "New South Wales"—a page of

picked specimens of each variety of early issue, used or unused—pairs and blocks in various stages of the plates—then the more recent issues, including all catalogued and many uncatalogued varieties in splendid condition, and, finally, his complete reconstructed sheets of every variety of Sydney View and laureated, the sheets of the various retouches being all shewn, together with occasional duplicate sheets for shades of paper and printing. The sheets are for the most part made up of overlapping blocks, strips and pairs, these, in turn, frequently covering up singles.

Passing on to "Switzerland," he showed a grand collection of the Cantonals—all types—used and unused, including many fine blocks, besides a very large number of reconstructed sheets of the Federal stamps, with a complete collection of postmarks used on the Cantonal and Federal issues. All the later issues were of course shown complete in all shades, threads, papers, perforations, etc.

"Italy and Italian States" followed next, with all the rarities, used and unused, many on originals. A grand block of 8 half-tornese, blue on original being perhaps the most unusual. All the values of the 1858 issue of Sicily were shown in complete sheets.

These were succeeded by "West Indies," which were, perhaps, admired more than some of the preceding, as almost every member present collected them and more fully appreciated the difficulty of getting together such a fine lot in such grand condition. Every island was shown complete, but, unlike most collections, the rarer the stamp, in many cases, the more were shown. Every variety of Nevis, except 1/- on laid, was shown in uncut sheets, and in the case of those printed from plates, in reconstructed sheets; also, no less than three complete sheets of the rare 6d. litho were shown, used and unused.

Although the evening was now getting late, all were anxious for even a hasty look at "West Australia," with its grand pages of early issues in superb condition, inverted errors and other such varieties.

Throughout the evening Mr. Avery interspersed the display with amusing anecdotes, and a running commentary of prices given in good old days for some of his choicest specimens. At the close a very hearty vote of thanks was given to him for the great amount of trouble he had taken and the pleasure it had given all the members present. It was not known till afterwards that he had made a special journey from the Continent to fulfil his part on the programme.

The next meeting will be the Annual General Business Meeting, for election of officers, etc., on Thursday, October 1st, not October 2nd, as stated on the programme.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—President:—Capt. G. H. W. Stockdale, R.E.; Vice-Pres.:—R. Tyeth Stevens; Exchange Secretary:—H. Tucker, Jun.; Treasurer and Hon. Secretary:—W. J. W. Miller; Committee:—E. Millman, W. E. Harvey, F. A. Cocks, R.N. The Sixth Annual Meeting was held

at 9A, Princess Square on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7.30 p.m. There were 10 members present, the Vice-President (Mr. R. T. Stevens) being in the chair. Several alterations were made in the rules of the Exchange Branch. In the absence of the Exchange Secretary, his assistant (Mr. Millman) then read his report of the transactions of the Exchange Branch during the past year, which were very satisfactory. The Hon. Secretary then read his report, which showed that, during the past session, there had been, inclusive of the present meeting, 15 ordinary, 4 special, and 3 committee meetings. With one exception, to avoid New Year's day, the meetings had been held regularly once a fortnight—a thing which had never before been accomplished by the Society—and with two exceptions an instructive paper had been read at each of the ordinary meetings. The average attendance at the meetings during the year was 8.6, thus showing an improvement on the two previous years. The increased philatelic interest of the members was also exhibited by the fact that the number of books and papers borrowed from the library was double that of any previous year. Although there had been many extra expenses during the year, including the buying and fitting up of incandescent lights in the Society's rooms, the deficit of last year had been considerably reduced, and it was resolved to wipe it out entirely by means of a small whip round. The election of officers committee for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. A letter was read from the President (Mr. A. R. Barrett) regretting that his removal from the district would not allow of his again becoming President, but expressing his desire to remain an ordinary member. The meeting then passed a resolution expressing its feeling of appreciation for the valuable services he had rendered the Society and much regretting he could not retain his office. The Vice-President having declined to accept the post of President it was, on his motion, resolved that Capt. Stockdale, R.E., be elected the President of the Society. The Vice-President was re-elected, as also were the Exchange Secretary and the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and hearty votes of thanks were accorded to these officers for the services they had rendered. Mr. E. Millman, Mr. W. E. Harvey, and Mr. F. A. Cocks, R.N., were elected members of the Committee, the latter taking the place of Mr. Milton, who retired. W. J. W. Miller, Hon. Sec., 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The June packets are very full and of excellent quality. The following new members are proposed: Messrs. P. P. Higgins (Dublin), S. Barrett (London), F. J. Durrant (Romford). There are still vacancies for a few members. Buying members will find great use in the club. New members have no subscription to pay until next January, so the present is a good time to give the exchange a trial. Good references are necessary, and

particulars will be sent on application to W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CITY OF LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.—The thirteenth meeting of the season was held at Kennan's Hotel, Crown Court, 64, Cheapside, E.C., on Monday, 18th May, when a philatelic treat was in store for the members who attended, as Mr. Carr (one of our committee members) kindly brought his collection for the members to look over, which gave general satisfaction owing to the great care shown in mounting the stamps. The collection is especially rich in old Europeans, United States and British Colonials, and at the close of a very pleasant evening a vote of thanks to Mr. Carr was proposed by Mr. Warden and seconded by Mr. Forbes. Our next meeting will be held on June 1st, when our sixth auction sale will be held. Members will greatly oblige by attending as early as possible, so that the sale can commence promptly at 8 p.m. The following new members were elected during April and May:—G. Cardinale (Rome), E. Buhl (London), J. Swinburne (Guernsey), F. Vandembrouque (Beckenham), Chas. Ratton (Macon), Chas. de Grave Sells (Cornigliano Ligure), F. W. Ayer (Bangor, Maine), A. Pulin (Sevilla), T. J. Wise (Crouch Hill, N.), F. Curtis (Camberwell), Dave Thompson (Stoke Newington, N.), H. Chetwin (Finsbury Park, N.), G. R. Francis (Woodford), C. H. Grell (Dominica), Dr. J. M. Barbour (Earl's Court, S.W.). Will publishers of books and papers on Philately kindly send a copy to the hon. librarian, Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, E., who will be pleased to acknowledge same. All books and papers received are laid on the table for the use of members at our meetings.—Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E.


THE PHILATELIC CLUB AND EXCHANGE, LIMITED.—At the general meeting of the members of this club, held on Tuesday evening, 19th inst. (Mr. John Macfarlane in the chair), the undernamed gentlemen were unanimously elected to serve as a provisional committee of management, namely: Samuel Rawson, Esq. (chairman), R. Raikes Bromage, Esq., M.A., Cantab.; W. R. Umfreville Ridout, Esq.; H. Houston Ball, Esq.; The Rev. Bruce Cornford, M.A., Cantab.; W. J. Willett, Esq.; Francis A. Dod, Esq.—H. Lawrence Harris, Secretary, 40, Jermyn Street, London, S.W.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Four very good packets were made up and despatched in May, the stamps being valued in the aggregate at £1,041 14s. 11d.—a respectable total considering the lateness of the season. Old Europeans (German States, Swiss, etc.) were specially conspicuous, Australians also being well represented. Members leaving home during the holiday season are requested to notify their absence, otherwise delay may occur in the circulation of packets. Advanced and other collectors can obtain full information as to working of the club from the Secretary, H. A. Sladc, Tudor House, St. Albans.


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" 5d. red-brown	0 0	5 0	
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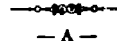
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Many of our readers are members of one

or other society, and, should they have the power and wish to vote upon any point brought forward we would say that our representative, Mr. L. T. BRODSTONE, will be present at all the sessions, and will faithfully execute any proxies entrusted to him, and will welcome any *Chronicle* readers who may be present. Mr. BRODSTONE's address will be, Hotel Lafayette, Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota, U. S. A. The PHILATELIC CHRONICLE will be present there in the body as well, for Mr. BRODSTONE will have a big supply of *Chronicles* and *Advertisers* to distribute in likely quarters, and we look for a large increase in our American supporters who already number many hundreds.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Owing to all communication being stopped between Buluwayo and Salisbury the inhabitants of the former town could not obtain supplies of B. S. A. stamps, and had to telegraph to Cape Town for the values under 1/-, which had all run out. They were supplied as follows:—

Fifty sheets of *three pence* surcharged on 5/- Cape. These were not sold over the counter but affixed and defaced by the P.O. officials, but the supply ran out in a fortnight. On May 21st they received a supply of Cape stamps, surcharged **BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA** in three lines.

100 sheets of	3d. Cape surch. in 3 lines
150	" 1d. " " "
75	" 2d. " " "
11	" 3d. " " "
37½	" 4d. " " "
16½	" 6d. " " "

No errors on sheets, but one broken A, one broken K, one long T, one broken H.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The colour of the 5/- and 1/- stamps have been changed.

5/- orange brown.
1/- yellow.

CEYLON.—The 1r. 12c. rose has been surcharged *On Service*.

1r. 12c. black on rose.

LORETO.—The department Del Amazonas of Peru has declared its independence under the title of the Estado de Loreto, and, providing the tender shoot is not nipped in the bud, we may shortly expect stamps therefrom. Loreto is contiguous to Peru, Brazil, Columbia and Ecuador, and The Amazon provides a navigable highway for its commerce.

MADAGASCAR.—An universal series for "Madagascar and its dependencies" has superseded the stamps of Diego Suarez, S. Marie and Nossi Be.

MOZAMBIQUE COMPANY.—New surcharges.

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We have received copies of the above on letters.

ROUMANIA.—The current set of adhesive stamps was augmented on July 1st by a 1 bani value. The new stamp is of similar appearance to the remainder of the set. We are indebted to Mr. Const Buzdugan for early information.

1 bani, pale brown, perf. 13.

TRINIDAD.—It is said that a complete issue in two colours will soon be effected.

POSTCARDS, &c.

ARGENTINA.—On May 25th the postal authorities of Argentina adopted a new type of stamp for their entires in lieu of the bust of Rivadavia. The new stamp is circular with the head of Liberty to the left on a plain ground with **REPUBLICA ARGENTINA** above and the value below.

Postcards, 3c. orange.
4c. green grey.
6c. claret.
6c. + 6c. claret.

Letter cards, 3c. orange.
4c. green grey.

Envelope, 5c. carmine.

Wrappers, ½c. greenish blue.
1c. brown.
2c. green.
4c. green grey.

SAMOA.—This enterprising community has now a postcard of its very own, usual tree type.

1 penny, blue on greenish.

1+1 penny, carmine on greenish.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

IT is becoming very necessary to beware of the surcharges "I.R. OFFICIAL" and "GOVERNMENT PARCELS" forged; and besides imitations of the existing varieties, I have seen such bogus productions

as the 2½d. blue, with "I.R. Official," and the 3d. lilac (1884), with "GOVT. PARCELS," both of which might easily deceive the tyro who is not aware that these two stamps were never officially overprinted. Some years since I saw a whole unused sheet of the current 1/-, surcharged "GOVT. PARCELS," and that, too, some months before this stamp had been brought into use officially so surcharged. (Query—Where are they now?) The place and circumstances tended to confirm my suspicion that they had been surreptitiously operated upon. Only a few weeks since, I saw upon an exchange club sheet,—(not in the "M.C.S.E.")—one of the pseudo "I.R. OFFICIAL" 2½d. blue, which was priced 2/- nett! If I am mistaken, and this stamp was ever authentic, surely it would be worth nearer £2, as in fifteen years of interest in English stamps, I never saw but one before, and that was on the occasion when I saw the sheet of faked shillings. It is a pretty safe inference that the makers of such goods (?) have not neglected to imitate such increasingly good things as the 1½d. lilac, and 6d. and 9d. green "GOVT. PARCELS."

Now I have a real, live, new curiosity,—almost a monstrosity,—to report. While poking my inquisitive nose into a Suffolk R.S.O. the other day, I came across a pair of errors which are probably unique—to wit, a current 1d. envelope, size "A," with a second and perfect impression, in full colour, near the lower left-hand corner, evidently purely accidental, as the head is in a "recumbent position," with "TA" of "POSTAGE" uppermost; then, in the same packet, the next envelope below this has the same second impression, but in *albino*. Both have the normal stamp in its proper position. I suppose all our postal stationery is turned out now by more or less automatic machinery, but that particular machine which counted and banded this packet didn't happen to notice the errors.

Was that change in the letter-cards ever chronicled? Oh, didn't you know that more than one variety exists? Well, if you are lucky enough to have the same one in your album now that you put there the first week they were on sale, pray don't use it when you run short of stationery, thinking you can replace it from the Post Office to-morrow, for you couldn't. A very few weeks after its introduction, the card assumed a darker tint, as well as thicker material, it having been pointed out to the authorities that heavy writing could be perused by holding up the unopened card to a strong light. Another point of difference is, that the inscription at foot "TO OPEN," &c., was near the top of perforated strip, and now it is half-way between perf. and outer edge.

In the April "Notes," it was stated that the writer had never seen a single 2d. envelope with the

"florets" of five dots only. I have just found such an one, used on October 5th, 1894, and it is curious that the 3d. had nine dots at that time, and is now more often seen with only five. The same difference exists in the scarce 6d. value with "florets." Among the few copies of this short-lived issue which I have seen, I notice that when the stamp is in compound with 2d. or 2½d., it has the five dots; but I possess a 6d. + 6d., with both stamps having the nine-dot florets. Has anyone seen the 6d. telegraph form with this type of stamp having five dots? I have only seen it with the "nines."

Take my advice and don't neglect telegraph forms. They should be as admissible to a collection of entires as are "certificates of posting" and registered envelopes; and perhaps a stronger reason is that they are coming into fashion. No varieties of the 1/- forms are now obtainable, except at high premiums, and the obsolete varieties of the 6d. will soon be alongside them. Probably the "florete" type will prove scarcer than the *dated* 6d. issues, which latter are found in shades varying from reddish-lilac in 1885, to deep purple in 1890, in which shade the stamp appeared until dating was discontinued in 1893. So a nice variety of stamps can be got together on these forms,—including 10d. blue (don't you wish you had one?), and 10d. brown,—without going in for all varieties of type and setting.

We actually haven't had a change in registered envelopes to chronicle for more than six months. Is Mr. Henniker Heaton taking a long vacation, or has this branch at last arrived at unimprovable perfection? Perhaps it has, for the stages thereto have been numerous. Not to go into numerous changes while the stamp was *dated*, the successive varieties of insurance tables on back of the envelopes are highly interesting, tracing as they do the range of progression from "no compensation," a dozen years back, to the present insurance limit of £50. The first of these tables (about 1887) was—£2 on payment of reg. fee only; £5 on payment of 1d. in addition, and £10 on 2d. in addition. This is probably also the scarcest of the tables, as it was so soon superseded by the arrangement for £5 on payment of reg. fees only, and £10 on 2d. extra. The adhesive labels to replace obsolete formulas, should, in my opinion, be ignored, because, by interchanging them, varieties may be multiplied *ad lib.* For my part, when I get any old registered envelopes with labels on, I always remove them to see of what issue the envelope is—but please yourself.

Now, at the risk of tiring you for ever of that "florete" business, I have one more curious discovery to report. Bear with me, and I will be brief. I see that on registered envelopes, size "H," the florets

always had five dots, whilst on corresponding issues of size "H2" they all have nine!!! But, as to why and wherefore, well, I'm quite at sea.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

SOME weeks ago I saw an advertisement offering Jamaica stamps in *The Advertiser*. I wrote Mr. Geo. Goubalt for the same (in my private capacity, of course), and in due time received them. Now, I'm not a selfish youth by any means, and I will put you all on a good thing. Mr. Goubalt offers 28 Jamaica stamps, including 2/- and 5/- unused, Crown and C. C. for 12/-, and a little bird tells me that the 5/- stamp will be worth the money before long, while the others alone are good value for the amount invested.

Captain Norris Newman's friends will be pleased to know that he is coming over on a four months' leave of absence and will arrive in England at the beginning of August.

A singularly ghastly murder has come to light in France. It recalls Louis Stevenson's story of "The Aratoga Trunk," and that is hardly more striking to the imagination. On the 15th of May a young man named Delahaef, an ardent philatelist and a Parisian, disappeared from Paris after a business appointment, and nothing more was heard of him until his dead body, stripped of clothing, was found doubled up in a trunk, at Courville railway station, near Cherbourg. The report does not say how death was caused, but that a man in custody has confessed to killing Delahaef with a hatchet. This man, Aubert Castel, and his wife, deposited the trunk at Courville on Thursday last, and on Saturday the railway officials opened it and discovered its frightful enclosure. Whether with the intention of further secreting it or from simple fascination, the man and his wife returned on Saturday to the station and asked for the trunk. Their previous anxiety must have been nothing to the horror of finding that the trunk was open, the naked body in view, and that the gallows threatened them with death. It is shown that Castel met Delahaef with £300 worth of stamps upon him, and it is supposed he murdered him for their value. But during the week that he had the dead body in his possession, how often did he realise that murder will outweigh any amount of fine gold?

The London Philatelic Club and Exchange seems to be progressing well. The committee of management contains Mr. W. Ridout, Mr. W. T. Willett, and other well-known philatelists whose names should be a guarantee for the good working of the club. Besides ranking as a philatelic centre, the new institution offers all the advantages of a social club, and the subscription is very modest, being two guineas for London

members, and one guinea for lady, country or foreign members. Another successful conversazione was held on Thursday, July 2nd.

There is considerable feeling among collectors and dealers in the metropolis in favour of another general philatelic exhibition. The last one, held at Whitsuntide, 1890, was a decided success from every point of view, except expense—and there is little doubt that if as much of business acumen as of enthusiastic ardour had been expended, even this drawback would have been absent. If a well-advertised exhibition were held anywhere in London, under proper business-like management, it could not fail to be successful.

The following paragraph is from our excellent Russian contemporary, *Les Timbres*, the new journal of Mr. S. D. Solemkin, of Kiev:—"The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* informs us that M. Stambouloff, the famous Bulgarian minister, was a great collector of stamps. He possessed nearly 40,000 varieties. His collection has been bought for 3,000 florins by a Bulgarian dealer. The same journal quotes other political celebrities who do not disdain to devote their leisure to the philatelic pursuit, notably: Lord Salisbury, who is a specialist in the stamps of the Transvaal, Mr. Balfour, who is a generalist, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, who is an ardent philatelist and has energetically opposed the idea of a tax on stamp albums, and Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who has lately sold his beautiful collection of orchids to Mr. Whitfield King, and has taken in payment a number of rare stamps, after which his philatelic spirit has longed for a great time."

Philatelists must in future content themselves with real specimens of stamps, the law having declared that it is illegal for anyone to possess a die for counterfeiting them, even though the intention be the most innocent in the world. Mr. Upcott Gill had one of these articles for imitating a Cape of Good Hope stamp, but when the Government officials summoned him to the Bow Street Court, Sir John Bridge held that they had no case, as the die was not to be used for an unlawful purpose. The Court of Queen's Bench has decided otherwise, and sent Mr. Gill back to the magistrate to be fined. In Mr. Gill's case there was, of course, no insinuation that his motive was anything except the laudable one of instructing the public, but this is a kind of education at which the law, in the interests of the national revenue, looks askance.

B.K.: We shall have a representative there.—ERNEST SMITH: "K.K. POST STEMPSEL" means "Imperial and Royal Postage Stamp."—PHILA.: Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., or Clarke & Co. would give you satisfaction. You will find advertisements from both

in this issue.—E. FRANCE: Yes, the same 6d. pays for postage of *The Advertiser*, for subscription to twelve issues and for an advertisement of 24 words. Of course we lose on every subscriber, but, like the old woman's eggs, "it's the quantity that pays."

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

BY PERCY T. DEAKIN.

1862-76 Issue continued.

THE 2 LEPTA.

THE 2 lepta are more or less coarse impressions, and the first is a yellow ochre on cream paper slightly tinted with the colour of the stamp. I have them postmarked variously from 1862 to 1888, and the 1862 is by far the worst printed; it is evidently from the edge of the sheet and is a blotchy printing, although the plate does not show wearing. The 1888 dated stamp, on the contrary, is remarkably clearly printed and is sharp in detail. The shades vary a little in colour as there was more than one printing of this value.

In 1864 was a printing in ochre brown, very heavily and carelessly printed and more or less blotched all over.

THE 5 LEPTA.

The 5 lepta was first printed with the early type of figure at the back, the closed shaded variety, similar to that of the Early Athens prints, but the colour of the stamp is darker green more carelessly printed, and signs of wear begin to show in the spandrels where the basket pattern occurs. The paper on which they are printed is of a decided green tint.

A printing in a slightly paler and yellower green occurs with the same type 5 on the back, also on the green paper.

In 1863 a new type of figure 5 (at the back) came into use, the body of which is circular instead of lengthened, and the side lines are not thickened or shaded as in the old type. The printings with this numeral are more or less coarse, usually more, as far as I can make out, one especially being so heavily printed as to smash out almost all detail, and the gum in use was of such a kind as to render the paper semi-transparent or greasy looking. Of the others the earliest postmarked specimen I possess is 1867, and is from rather a worn plate, but some of the unused ones and those with undecipherable postmarks are fairly clearly printed and range in tint from yellow green to almost emerald. The paper in all cases being rather deeply tinted greenish.

THE 10 LEPTA.

The 10 lepta stamps are found on two principal kinds of paper—*pale* and *dark* greenish blue. The pale paper varieties include those on pale sea-green,

greenish blue and greyish blue, and the colour of the impressions vary from decided orange to deep orange red. Those on the sea-green paper are of a decided bright orange colour, and are by far the best printed ones of the series and the plate shows the least signs of wear. From the specimens I have come across I should imagine they came out rather early.

The deep blue paper varieties I find are not quite so commonly met with, but they seem to vary in about the same degree as those on the paler papers. Stamps postmarked Athens, Nov., 1864, and Feb., 1865, are of a decided pale orange tint, whilst another, postmarked Athens, Nov., 1865, is of a deep scarlet orange colour with signs of wear of the plate. The deeper coloured stamps are generally the worst impressions.

THE 20 LEPTA.

The 20 lepta stamps are by far the commonest met with of any of the issue. The varieties of colour are but few—only four or five printings at most, I should think. One is a clear blue on chalky or greyish blue paper; another, similar in colour on sea-green, and another of a deep dull blue on grey blue, and yet another of a rather washy but decided pale blue on grey blue with deep dull blue numerals at the back, and the same stamp with numerals the colour of the face.

In 1866, or thereabouts, there occurred a printing from the Paris plates in a pale delicate blue of almost cobalt colour on grey blue paper with figures on the backs. The plates show bad signs of wear in the corners, and in some specimens the detail is quite lost and a white patch is all that remains. The cheeks are more or less dotted as in the original Paris print; some show lines of retouching and the dots are drawn through by lines. The colour of the stamp is enough to distinguish it from any other Athens printed 20 lepta, while the numerals on the back and the wear of the plate would identify it among the Paris prints proper.

THE 40 LEPTA.

We now come to a series of stamps, which are certainly some of the most interesting of any issued by this country.

To begin with, the stamps which seem to have been first in use are hardly distinguishable from those of the early Athens prints, except that they are not so carefully printed, and little bits of blurred colour appear on the basket pattern in the corners and the lines on the cheek often run together. Occasional stamps may be found with lines of retouching on the side of the face, the shading lines having been crossed two or three times with a graver or sharp instrument, but as this was lightly done and is only noticeable in the light impressions, it soon disappears when more ink and heavier pressure is used, as is the case with the stamps appearing next.

The colour gradually changes from the pale violet to deeper violet, with more red in it, till a regular red violet appears in both pale and dark shades.

From 1865 to 1868 the colours were changed from the violet to a claret colour, first appearing on a pale bluish paper. The stamps vary from a rosy to brownish claret with intermediate shades, the impressions varying in a like degree, some of them being very blurred ones, with the cheek and neck solid masses of colour. Later on the claret-coloured impressions appear on the deep blue paper, both with and without the greasy gum.

In 1872 was issued a well-printed stamp on the pale sea-green paper with numerals at the back in claret, the colour of the stamp itself being in a pale rosy lake, which chemically changes into a yellow or orange tint, as man be seen on examining the edges of some of these stamps. This variety is termed the "solferino," and only stayed in use for a short time, being replaced by the violet on deep blue, which again appeared in something like its old colours but rather paler, and, if anything, worse printed. The stamps vary from reddish violet and brownish violet with intermediate shades to almost olive colour, this last being about the worst printed of any in the series; I have one specimen, in which almost all detail is absent except the circle of pearls and the light parts of the face and neck; it is gummed with the greasy penetrating gum and, looks quite a curiosity. The date is illegible, but I have some specimens of the brown violet used as late as the 12th Sept., 1883.

The colours of the numerals on the back of these last described varieties may be either in the colour of the stamps, or in the shades of brown violet and olive, the latter on red violet stamps being not at all uncommon.

THE 80 LEPTA.

The 80 lepta (1862-76) are on cream coloured paper and are printed in several shades of carmine, from dark to pale. There do not seem so many badly printed stamps as in the 40 lepta, and the plates do not show so much signs of wear. The figures of value on back are of the same colours as the stamps, although I have some pale stamps with dark figures and vice-versa.

(To be continued.)

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ZULULAND.

1888 current British stamps, overprinted "Zululand" in black.

	Present Market Value.	
	Unused.	Used.
	s. d.	s. d.
½d. vermilion	0 6	1 0
1d. lilac	1 0	1 0
2d. green and carmine ..	1 0	3 0
3d. brown on yellow ..	1 3	4 0
4d. green and brown ..	1 6	4 0
6d. purple on rose red ..	3 6	5 0
1888 current Natal stamp, overprinted "Zululand" in black, with and without full stop in about equal proportions.		
½d. green	0 6	2 6
1891 current Natal fiscal stamp, overprinted "Zululand" in black.		
1d. lilac	0 6	1 0
1891-92 current British stamps, overprinted "Zululand" in black.		
2½d. purple on blue ..	1 0	4 0
5d. lilac and blue ..	7 6	10 0
9d. purple and blue ..	10 0	20 0
1/- green	7 6	20 0
5/- carmine	60 0	100 0
1894 current Natal fiscal stamp, overprinted "Zululand" in black		
6d. mauve	5 0	10 0
1894 permanent issue.		
½d. lilac, green label ..	0 1	0 2
1d. " red " ..	0 2	0 3
2½d. " blue " ..	0 4	0 5
3d. " bronze " ..	0 5	0 9
6d. " black " ..	0 9	1 6
1/- green	1 6	2 6
4/- " red " ..	5 6	7 6
£1 lilac on red ..	25 0	25 0
£5 " on black ..	£6	£6
1896.		
2,6 green and black ..	3 6	5 0

NOTE.—The £1 and £5 are intended for issue as fiscals, but may be used for postal purposes if required.

SEYCHELLES.

All stamps are watermarked Crown C.A., and perforated 14. The second colour mentioned relates to the label containing value.

1890 issue.

2 cents, green and carmine ..	0 1	0 3
4 " carmine and green ..	0 2	0 6
8 " brown and blue ..	0 3	0 9
10 " blue and brown ..	0 4	0 9
13 " grey and black ..	0 6	1 6
16 " orange and blue ..	0 7	1 6

48	yellow and green	..	1	9	3	0
96	violet and carmine	..	5	0	10	0
1893 provisional issue.						
3	cents, black overprint on	4	cents	0	6	1
12	"	"	16	"	0	9
15	"	"	16	"	0	9
45	"	"	48	"	2	6
90	"	"	96	"	5	6

NOTE.—The three and forty-five cents are known with inverted overprint.

3	cents brown and orange	..	0	1	0	3
12	" grey and green..	..	0	3	0	6
15	" olive and lilac ..	..	0	4	0	7
45	" brown and carmine	..	1	0	1	6

NOTE.—The 1893 issues were genuine postal wants caused by change of postal rates, to make up such a value as 45 cents would have required at least three stamps of the previous issue.

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Exchange Packets. The sales from the January packet (£1,422 6s. 6d.) amounted to £449 14s. 1d., or nearly 32% of the total value.

From February packet (£1,093 18s. 3d.) £234 17s. 9d. was purchased.

Will members endeavour to send their sheets promptly by the 25th during the next two months as the Hon. Sec. will arrange his holidays between the despatch of the July and August packets. A nice lot of sheets has been received from foreign members.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The June packets totalled £480, and the July ones are nearly as good, a satisfactory state of things considering the time of year. New members proposed this month are Miss Mary F. Douglas (Edinburgh), J. R. Neve (Chipping

Campden), W. Matthews (London), R. Schomberg (Birmingham). If no objection is made in the meantime the above may become members on Aug. 18th. New members are entitled to the use of the club free until Dec. 31st. Good references required. Rules, &c., from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CITY OF LONDON PHILATELIC CLUB.—*An Up-River Trip for Club Members.* It is proposed to organise this summer an Up-River Excursion under the auspices of the Club, and on the lines of the very enjoyable outing of two years ago. August is thought to be the most suitable month, and Saturday, August 22nd, has been suggested as a good date for the trip. At an informal gathering of some of the Committee Members of the Club, the programme was to some extent outlined—tentatively of course. It was suggested that members and others participating in the outing should meet at Waterloo Station at 8.30 a.m., proceed by train to Windsor, and thence by steam or electric launch up-river. Lunch would be taken on board, and tea either at Marlow or on the return journey. The cost of the trip, including railway fare, steam launch, luncheon and tea, would be 12/6 per head, or for double ticket (lady and gentleman), £1 1s. As it is desirable to know at once how many would like to take part in this excursion, applications to that effect (which would not be in any way binding at this stage), should at once be made to the Hon. Secretary, Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, E. Any philatelist, member of the Club, or otherwise, will be cordially welcome. The fourteenth meeting of the season was held on Monday, 1st June, at Kennan's Hotel, Crown Court, 64, Cheapside, E.C., when the fifth of our Auction Sales was held. Although many good stamps were put up for auction, sales were not up to the usual average—the fine weather no doubt being responsible for the absence of many of the best buyers. Members will kindly note that during June, July and August the meetings will be held once a month only, the next meeting being on the 29th inst., when our Sixth Auction Sale will be held. Mr. Wall has also kindly promised to exhibit the Tintometer, so as to allow interested members to personally examine it. Hon. Sec., Mr. C. Forbes, 42, Strahan Road, Bow, London, E.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—In consequence of several members sending exceptionally good selections, the June packets have maintained their high standard in point of value, their total amounting to upwards of £1,100. Following the fashion, old Europeans and West Africans were specially noticeable, many superb specimens being included. During the holiday season, members who do not contribute sheets will not be included in the lists in order that no delay in the circulation of packets may take place. Intending members should apply to Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

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" 1d. blue	0	0	0	10
" 2d. green	0	0	2	0
" 5d. chocolate	0	0	12	0
" 6d. brown	0	0	9	0
" 9d. brown violet	0	0	80	0
" 10d. vermilion	0	0	22	6
" 1/- slate	0	0	12	6
1861 No wmk. imperf.	...	...	18	0
" 4d. lilac on bluish	0	0	10	0
" 4d. lilac on white	0	0	10	0
1861-63 Wmk. star, perf.	...	...	...	...
" 1d. blue	0	0	1	0
" 2d. green	0	0	6	6
" 4d. carmine	0	0	20	0
" 5d. red-brown	0	0	5	0
" 6d. brown	0	0	7	0
" 8d. red-brown (superb)	0	0	100	0
" 9d. dark brown	0	0	14	0
" 9d. ochre brown	0	0	18	6
" 10d. vermilion	0	0	3	6
" 1/- violet	0	0	2	6
" 10d. vermilion, perf. 12½, '63	0	0	2	6
1863 No wmk., perf.	...	...	...	...
" 1d. blue	0	0	3	6
" 5d. red-brown	0	0	32	0
" 6d. brown	0	0	10	0
" 9d. brown	0	0	28	0
" 1/- violet	0	0	20	0
1864-67 Wmk. Crown & C.C., perf.	...	...	...	...
" 4d. lilac	0	0	3	0
" 1d. blue	0	0	0	4
" 2d. green	0	0	4	0
" 2d. yellow	0	0	1	6
" 2d. maize	0	0	2	0
" 5d. purple-brown	0	0	28	0
" 5d. yellow-green	0	0	3	6
" 6d. brown	0	0	1	9
" 10d. orange-red	0	0	2	6
" 1/- violet	0	0	2	6
" 4d. rose, octagonal	0	0	3	0
" 8d. brown, "	0	0	7	0
" 9d. brown, "	0	0	4	0
" 2/- blue	0	0	3	6
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1860-63 1ct. brown	0	0	4	6
" 1ct. mauve...	0	0	1	3
" 2cts. orange	0	0	1	6
" 5cts. green...	0	0	0	6
" 5cts. dark green	0	0	0	9
" 10cts. vermilion	0	0	2	0
" 12½cts. blue	0	0	2	6
" 17cts. black	0	0	5	0

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1857 1d. red-brown (unused)	0	0	6	0
" 3d. green, triangular (unused)	0	0	5	0
" 5d. violet-brown (unused)	0	0	4	0
" 5d. red-brown	0	0	3	0
" 2d. scarlet-vermilion	60	0	Fair	100
" 4d. "	80	0	"	130
" 6d. "	120	0	"	150
" 8d. "	30	0	"	40
" 10d. "	0	0	"	20
" 12d. "	0	0	"	30
" 14d. "	40	0	Fair	70
" 16d. "	40	0	"	60
" 18d. "	£14	"	"	£20
1860 2d. orange (unused)	0	0	30	0
" 4d. "	40	0	Fair	70
" 6d. "	40	0	"	60
" 1/- "	0	0	"	25
1861 2d. lake (unused)	0	0	2	0
" 4d. "	0	0	10	0
" 6d. "	0	0	2	0
" 8d. "	0	0	9	0
" 1/- "	30	0	Fair	35
" 1/- "	0	0	"	3
1886 Perforated 12	0	0	2	0
" 2cts. green (unused)	0	0	30	0
" 5cts. brown (unused)	0	0	35	0
" 10cts. black	0	0	3	0
" 12cts. brown	0	0	2	0
" 13cts. orange	0	0	3	9
" 24cts. blue	0	0	1	9
1868-73 Perforated 12	...	...	...	...
" 1ct. brown...	0	0	3	0
" 1ct. violet (unused)	0	0	3	0
" 3cts. blue	0	0	1	9
" 3cts. vermilion (used or unused)	0	0	10	0
" 3cts. black	0	0	14	0
" 6cts. rose	0	0	0	8
1876-79 Rouletted
" 1ct. mauve...	0	0	4	0
" 2cts. green...	0	0	2	9
" 3cts. blue	0	0	2	0
" 5cts. blue	0	0	1	3

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1851-53 1d. red-brown	0	0	28	0
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	2d. green	...	0 0	12	0
	5d. chocolate	...	0 0	9	0
	6d. brown	...	0 0	80	0
	9d. brown violet	...	0 0	22	6
	10d. vermilion	...	0 0	12	6
	1/- slate	...	0 0
1861	No wmk. imperf.	18	0
	1d. lilac on bluish	...	0 0	10	0
	1d. lilac on white	...	0 0
1861-63	Wmk. star, perf.	1	0
	1d. blue	...	0 0	6	6
	2d. green	...	0 0	20	0
	4d. c. ruine	...	0 0	5	0
	5d. red-brown	...	0 0	7	0
	6d. brown	...	0 0	100	0
	8d. red-brown (superb)	...	0 0	14	0
	9d. dark brown	...	0 0	18	6
	9d. ochre brown	...	0 0	3	6
	10d. vermilion	...	0 0	2	6
	1/- violet	...	0 0	2	6
	10d. vermilion, perf. 12½, '63	...	0 0
1861	No wmk., perf.	3	6
	1d. blue	...	0 0	32	0
	3d. red-brown	...	0 0	10	0
	6d. brown	...	0 0	28	0
	9d. brown	...	0 0	20	0
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	2d. green	...	0 0	1	6
	2d. yellow	...	0 0	2	0
	2d. maize	...	0 0	28	0
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	8d. brown,	...	0 0	3	6
	9d. brown,	...	0 0
	2/- blue	...	0 0	0	6
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	5cts. dark green	...	0 0	0	9
	10cts. vermilion	...	0 0	2	0
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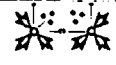

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THE philatelic silly season is now rapidly drawing to a close, and the time of stamps is approaching with startling rapidity. True, there will be no great excitement in the philatelic world for several months, but as the days shorten stamp dealers will become more busy. After Christmas the philatelic pulse beats rapidly and more rapidly, cooling down a little only for Easter and Whitsuntide. May finds the maximum point—June the steady decline in intensity, and with July the fever collapses like a bladder pricked by a pin. Thence, until September, philately lies in a death-like sleep, to awake with fresh vigour and fiercer enthusiasm, ready and willing to renew the fray.

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THE philatelic silly season is now rapidly drawing to a close, and the time of stamps is approaching with startling rapidity. True, there will be no great excitement in the philatelic world for several months, but as the days shorten stamp dealers will become more busy. After Christmas the philatelic pulse beats rapidly and more rapidly, cooling down a little only for Easter and Whitsuntide. May finds the maximum point—June the steady decline in intensity, and with July the fever collapses like a bladder pricked by a pin. Thence, until September, philately lies in a death-like sleep, to awake with fresh vigour and fiercer enthusiasm, ready and willing to renew the fray.

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Philately is sleeping—let it sleep. Why cannot our Continental friends allow a natural breathing time for recuperation? What can be more out of place than the exhibitions held at Geneva, The Hague and elsewhere? There is far more sense in the American conventions than in the European exhibitions—in July or August. Who wants to wander all day amid cases of stamps with the thermometer at goodness knows how many degrees in the shade? The time for exhibitions is May or early June, and any held later are unlikely, as they are undeserving, to achieve success. Like everything else stamp-collecting wants, and must have, a rest. We have done *our* best to set an example which, although all insufficient, is something—we published our July issue early and our August one late, thus gaining a breathing time by which we have benefitted in several ways already. We are now awaking—like a giant refreshed—ready to repeat our last year's unqualified success. On October 10th

appears the first big issue of *The Advertiser*, when we circulate several thousand extra copies, and we hope for the continuance of the loyal support we received last year from the philatelic public.

CHRONICLE.

CANADA.—It is said that the $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black has undergone slight alterations.

FERNANDO PO.—The 10c. has changed colour.
10c. grey violet.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Stamps with the surcharge **ARMY—OFFICIAL** are to be issued on Sept. 1st.

GWALIOR.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas India has been surcharged for use in this state.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ a. black and green.

HOLLAND.—A 5 gulden stamp has been issued.
5g. bronze green and red brown.

JAPAN.—The printing of the new postage stamps bearing the portraits of the late Princes Arisugawa and Kitashirakawa has been completed. Mr. Shirane, Minister for Communications, and other high officials of the same department, visited the Printing Bureau June 12th and inspected the new stamps. They are to be issued on September 12th next, the anniversary of the day on which H.M. the Emperor left Tokyo for Hiroshima in 1894.

MADAGASCAR.—British Inland Mail; a series of stamps was in use from Antananarivo to the Coast on Sept., 1895, all values of one type. In an archway are two natives, above "British Inland Mail" below value in the Hova language, and in labels in two top corners value in figures. We have the following, lithographed, perf. 12:—

- 2/- brown and white.
- 6d. green und white.
- 2d. light blue and white.
- 1/- dark blue and white.
- 4/- purple and white.

PORTUGAL.—The 500r. of the new type is out.
500r. black, red numerals, on blue.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The two shilling stamp has been surcharged with the narrow O.S.
2/- black and carmine.

TONGA.—The postmaster (sic) of this state is still playing pretty with the stamps. The latest is $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in violet and black on $7\frac{1}{2}$ d. in carmine on 2d. blue.

TRANSVAAL.—The 5/- in new colours is issued. The 10/- will probably follow soon.
5/- yellow and green.

URUGUAY.—On July 18th three new stamps were issued by this republic in honour of Joaquin Suárez, to whom a statue was inaugurated upon that date in Montevideo. The stamps were on sale concurrently with the current issue from July 18th to August 25th, and are as follows:—

- 1c. portrait of Suárez, black on violet.
- 5c. statue of same, black on blue.
- 10c. general view of monument, black on carmine.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The *Timbre Poste* chronicles the postcards without the words "Protectorate," "internal" and "external," and with the letters of the words **POST CARD** shaded.

- 1d. black and black.
- 2d. " " stamp yellow.

CEYLON.—The following changes of colour are announced.

- Envelope, 2c. green on green.
- Postcard, 2c. brown yellow on white.

ECUADOR.—The *Timbre Poste* notes envelope of 1894 with date added "1895-1896" below the stamp,
5c. green and black.

MEXICO.—New postcards have been issued for both interior and Postal Union service.

- 2c. rose on buff, interior.
- 3c. brown on buff " "
- 2c. rose and green on buff, Postal Union.
- 3c. brown and green on buff " "
- Official, black on grey.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

A FEW days after publication last month, I was challenged by a prominent dealer, as to what I meant by questioning the authenticity of $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue stamps, surcharged "I. R. OFFICIAL." I was puzzled at first, until I found that he imagined my remarks to refer to the *current* $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp, which is, of course, getting fairly common with that overprint. I replied to him that I certainly should *not* describe the current stamp as a "blue" one. In case anyone else misunderstood, let me state that my note had reference to the *first* type of the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. value, plate Nos. 17 to 23, but I don't remember now what Nos. were on the particular stamps mentioned.

What a healthy development of philately the study of English plate numbers seems to me to be. Once interested in its details, the student wonders how those small figures, &c., could have been neglected as they were for so many years. I must confess to the

fact that until very few years ago, I recognised only one variety of 4d. with small letters. Now, this stamp deserves close attention, as every collector of English now knows, its plate numbers are 3 and 4; the former being indicated by a *single* vertical stroke of white at each end of the strip of solid colour forming lower border of design, close to the letter-blocks on each side. Plate 4 has two strokes on each side, and is further distinguished by white hair-lines drawn diagonally across the corners, outside the letters. Plate 3 is, as a rule, found in a duller shade of red than plate 4, the latter being generally in a very vivid scarlet-*vermilion*. I have seen very few of plate 3 in this shade, and "when found" they should be "noted," being decidedly scarce; in fact, plate 3 in any shade is much scarcer than 4, though the catalogues don't price them far apart, except in one publication, where plate 4 stands at the absurd figure of 2/6! Before many years, plate 3 should be fully worth that.

Now a few points with regard to the next issue 4d. (1865) with large white letters, and the plates indicated by numerals in circles—7 to 14 inclusive. Nos. 7 and 8 generally show a shade of their own, more pinkish than the later numbers, being very nearly a salmon tint. 9 to 14 are in shades varying from pale orange-red to very deep rich *vermilion*. The catalogues generally indicate 7, 10 and 14 to be the scarcer numbers, but I have found 8 and 9 to be but thinly represented on looking through a quantity, although 7's were much in evidence.

I am indebted to Mr. Walter Morley for kindly furnishing descriptions of four varieties of "Certificates of Posting." We have been accustomed to see but two sorts listed—the first issue, 1877, and that for Glasgow, 1880. I now learn that the printing of 15,000, dated "10/77," is found divided between two sorts of paper, *thick* and *thin*, both pale buff or creamy in tint, and that the "Glasgow" variety (so called, because this printing was issued exclusively to that office), dated 12/80 (15,000) is on *thick* buff paper. Between these two issues came a hitherto unchronicled variety dated 1/78, on *thin white* paper. This bears 20,000 as the number printed, but as very few seem to have been found, I should infer that only a small proportion of that number was issued. The design and wording of all the certificates are identical, with the exception of the dates, &c., these figures are on the front, except in the case of the Glasgow issue, which has them at back.

I have heard of objections to including certificates of posting in a collection of postal entires, because "they would not go through the post." Now, I have recently seen one that has been postally used as a 4d. stamp, and if collectors would rather have them so, I know of no regulations prohibiting their use as

4d. adhesives, provided that the whole thing is stuck on, with or without ordinary adhesives to make up to value required. The address can be written on the lines provided, and the inscriptions not applying, lightly crossed with the pen.

For the benefit of some readers, who may not yet be quite clear on the subject of types of arms to be found on our past and present postcards, I should like to briefly summarise them. "Arms, type I.," are those always found on the 4d. *bordered* cards, both thin and thick (I don't say "thick and thin," because they were not issued in *that* order), the stamp having the value at bottom. There is a tiny but curious error of engraving in this type in the inscription encircling the shield, the letter N in "PENSE" is reversed. In "Arms type II.," the design is slightly altered in shape and arrangement, and differs chiefly from type III. (for which see current cards), in measuring only 14½ m.m. in width, whereas type III. measures 16 m.m. Type II. first appeared when the bordered cards were discarded, and the stamp of present type adopted. The thin cards were for a time of similar material to the bordered ones, but after a time, three or four years perhaps, they assumed a paler tint, which has varied but little to this day. Arms type II still appeared on the paler card for some time. It would be fitting here to give the dates when the changes of shade and arms occurred, but being at present away from home, I have not the opportunity of examining a number of used cards which would approximately show them. I hope to be able to satisfy any curiosity I may have awakened on these points in next month's notes.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

WE all admire the Post Office, and we all smile at its anomalies and curiosities. A lady has just made an interesting discovery. If a postcard has a mourning border double postage is charged on delivery. Why this should be we do not know. Is the mourning border an additional weight for the postman to carry? There is something ludicrously inconsequential about the regulation, but the Post Office would scarcely be fulfilling its mission if it failed to give us these delightful surprises now and then.

Mr Frederick Ginn has been "going it" lately. He was always a bit enterprising, but his most recent venture "takes the biscuit" as our office boy puts it. He has bought, for some three thousand of the very best, the Henderson collection containing upwards of 40,000 stamps. Mr. D. Henderson was not one of the ephemeral, modern-day collectors—he was one of the good old sort who took everything that came during

the past 25 or 30 years, and hence the collection is rich—very rich, in fact—in old issues. Mr. Ginn has sent us a copy of his new catalogue of over 300 pages, which he sends for 1/-, so if you want any further information about the Henderson collection send to him and include 1/- for the catalogue at the same time.

Why he bought no stamps.—"Mr. Scribble," said the old millionaire. "Yes, sir," answered his private secretary. "Here are 150 begging letters received yesterday." "Yes, sir." "And you will observe that every one has a two-cent stamp enclosed for a reply." "Yes, sir." "Well, answer them all evasively on postal cards, and encourage them to write again."

A friend of mine had three sheets the other day from a dealer. I never worry about approval sheets myself, but my friend does and he showed me this lot. There were two points that drew my attention. First, the stamps were not the usual cheap and Seebeckish kind, but real good substantial stamps—not Post Office Mauritius, of course, but still what an auctioneer would describe as "desirable property"—nice to have in the house, so to speak. Secondly, the average price was about one-third of Stanley Gibbon's. Doesn't this point a moral somehow? One-third catalogue and good stamps! Why on earth can't the big firms sell at this rate—or, do they? If you don't believe what I have stated above, write to Mr. W. S. Webb, Walpole, Halesworth, for confirmation.

Many of my readers collect postcards. All such I would recommend to get Messrs. Alfred Smith's little book containing a detailed account of the new Rowland Hill packet of unused post cards which will cost you only a halfpenny card. Don't make any mistake but send at once.

RALPH A. THOMAS: We think your complaint is general.—A. EVERITT: We are sorry, but we cannot do it. We know the party is a rascal, but the law of libel is too stringent.—PHIL: The inscription ESCUELAS means "Schools." The proceeds of these stamps are devoted to the maintenance of the national schools.—COLLECTOR: Send to either Mr. Ewen or Mr. Morley—you can't do better, and one is as good as the other.

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

By PERCY T. DEAKIN.

1876 ISSUE.

THE stamps that were issued in January, 1876, were printed at Athens from the same plates as those of 1862-76 issue but differ by being upon toned paper varying from creamish white to

yellowish white wove, with the numerals at the back as in the last issue, and the impressions are about as coarse.

The 1 lepton is found in about two shades of bright red brown on toned paper, heavily printed from rather worn plates, the cheek of Mercury being generally a blur of ink, and the neck often indistinguishable from the background. Stamps on the edges of the sheet have all detail on the outside edge lost in a mass of ink from the wearing of the plates.

The 2 lepta was not issued.

The 5 lepta is in brighter shades of green on toned paper with the second type of 5 at the back, and the stamps are found in two or three shades, all much better printed than the 1 lepton, some of the deeper green colour being rather good impressions.

The 10 lepta vary a little in depth of colour. The earliest I have with legible obliterations are dated 1877—these being in pale orange red on toned paper, and are nice clean impressions; they deepen in colour later on, and the stamps appear worse printed until towards 1879 (dated), they are of a deep orange red and as badly printed as the 1 lepton. The pale orange red stamps are also found on bright yellowish buff paper and postmarked 1878. All these have the numeral 10 at the back.

The 20 lepta is printed in a greater variety of shades on paper varying from coarse to fine, whitish to yellowish-white wove. The commonest stamp of this issue is the dark ultramarine, which is printed in all states, from rather clearly to very smudgy. The other varieties to be found are in deep bright blue (dated 1877), deep dull blue (dated 1878), indigo blue (dated 1879), and a pale purplish blue, all with figures at the back in the same colour as the stamp, and, with the exception of the indigo shade, fair impressions.

The 40 lepta is in a peculiar colour, called flesh in most catalogues, and varies from pale yellowish to pale pinkish, neither of them being extra well printed. The numerals at the back are in the same colour as the stamp. I have them dated variously in 1876 and 1877, the yellower ones coming first.

The 80 lepta is on white wove, rather poorly printed in a bright carmine rose colour. It is rather uncommon, I should think, as I have only come across this one specimen (dated 1876) and another doubtful one. The paper will distinguish it from the 1862-76 issue as it is not so fine in texture or *surfaced* like the paper on which the 80 lepta of that issue were printed.

Owing to alterations in the postal rates two new values were introduced in this year (1876). These consisted of the 30 and 60 lepta, and the plates were made and first supply printed from them in Paris. The engraving of the stamp and shading of the face of Mercury is identical with those of the First Paris Prints of 1861, and are likewise on tinted papers.

The 30 lepta is olive brown on pale straw-coloured paper *without* the numerals at the back.

The 60 lepta is dark green on paler green paper, also without numerals at the back.

The plates were then retouched and the dotted lines on the cheek and neck drawn through, and from these rough impressions were made at Athens in the same year (1876).

The 30 lepta Athens print is found in four distinct varieties, of which I think the earliest was the grey brown on bright buff paper, some being rather clearly printed, and I have them postmarked March, 1877. Then probably came, on the same kind of paper, a middling impression in red brown, then a black brown on toned paper (dated 1878, &c.), and, lastly, a bright red brown on toned paper, which is the commonest of the lot, and ranges from fair to very coarse impressions—postmarked 1878, '79, '80 and '81. All without numerals at the back.

The 60 lepta Athens print is in several shades of dark green on buff paper of rather a coarse texture, and like the preceding has no numerals at the back. The printing is not particularly good, although I have not met with any blurred impressions.

In 1877 there was a printing of the 20 lepta on very dark blue paper, the impression being in indigo, they are heavily and somewhat coarsely printed, and have the numerals at the back, mostly with the 0 smaller than the 2, but in the same type of figures as in the previous issues, and in 1878 the 10 lepta orange red, coarse impressions, were printed without numerals at the back. I have them postmarked as late as 1881, but they are identical in colour with the deep orange red stamps of 1876 excepting in the omission of the numerals.

1879, without numerals.

We now come to the fifth section, those *without numerals at the back* in all values. The papers are not tinted, excepting the 1 lepton, which are on yellow or yellowish, the majority of the other values being on white wove paper. This issue and the next, that of 1881-86 close the series of the imperforate Greek stamps of the French type.

Taking the 1879 issue we have—

The 1 lepton in a dark red brown on yellow buff paper, which varies to almost a bright yellow.

1 lepton grey brown on less decidedly tinted paper.

Both of these varieties are badly printed, the red brown being perhaps the worse of the two, and the plates show wearing about the face.

There is a 2 lepta on yellow buff reported to have been printed.

The 5 lepta is printed in five shades of green varying from pale yellow green to deep green—all fair impressions. The plate of this stamp has a slight defect in the figure of value in the lower label of one stamp, which is replaced by a white patch—in other respects the impressions from it are well nigh perfect. I have only seen it in the pale yellow green colour, and have it (one of a pair) postmarked 1884.

The 10 lepta are variously printed, some well, some badly, but all are in shades of *orange*, from golden orange to deep orange—not *orange red* as in 1878.

The 20 lepta is heavily printed in deep ultramarine on white wove, and is hardly distinguishable from that of 1876 excepting in the absence of the numerals at the back.

The 40 lepta is in shades of pale to dark violet on toned paper—all fair impressions.

80 lepta carmine. A doubtful issue, and may only be an accidental omission of figures at the back.

A few varieties occur in the 1879 issue. In the 5 lepta there was a retouching of some of the stamps by cross-cutting the lines of shading on the cheek, making them into a series of *square* dots, not *rounded* dots like the Paris prints. I have a very fine, clear copy showing the cutting very sharply defined. The ordinary 5 lepta occurs on thin glazed paper, and is also reported on yellow paper.

The 10 lepta has the figure 1 of the 10 to the right missing, and the 20 lepta is said to be found on bluish, but I have not seen it.

The 20 blue was also forged and used postally (in 1881). These are pretty easily distinguished, as the drawing of the head is different and in the circle round it the pearls are less numerous. There are also lithographed forgeries similar, of which I have seen the 1, 2, 10, 20, 40 and 80 values all *with* numerals at the back.

1881-86, without numerals.

The 1 lepta is printed on toned paper similar to that of 1876, *not* yellow as in the previous issue. The colours are bright red brown and grey brown, and Napier states (*Stamp News Annual, 1894*): "They may be met with pin-perforated unofficially and thus identified." These stamps are not so heavily inked as previously, and in the red brown especially there does not seem to have been a sufficient quantity used, as little white patches appear all about the stamp, more particularly noticeable in the background of the head.

The 2 lepta is on a slightly toned paper and printed in reddish ochre and pale drab or stone colour, very faint and blurred impressions. The 5 and 10 lepta are wanting in this issue.

The 20 is changed in colour from blue to deep carmine and carmine red on toned paper, mostly printed fairly well. I possess a fair number of these and all (the legible ones at any rate) are postmarked from April to September, 1882. The most numerous varieties of the 20 lepta are, however, later printings and are in bright carmine and rose pink, and look suspiciously like aniline colours. They are carelessly printed, often only a smudge of colour with just the white parts of the face and neck and sometimes the value showing. The rose pink are a little better, but the ink is very pale. Both of these varieties are on white wove paper.

The 30 lepta is also changed in colour to blue in three shades, deep bright blue, and pale and deep dull blue, the pale ones being the best printed, on white or very slightly toned wove paper.

(To be continued.)

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

By R. HOLLICK, Vice-President Birmingham Philatelic Society.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

1890 issue, English stamps, overprinted "British East Africa," and value.

	Present Market Value.	
	Unused.	Used.
	s. d.	s. d.
½ anna, black overprint on 1d. lilac..	12 6	20 0
1 " " " on 2d. green and carmine ..	40 0	30 0
4 " " " on 5d. lilac and blue ..	30 0	30 0
1890, permanent type, perf. 14, wmk. Arms.		
½ anna brown ..	0 2	0 3
1 " green ..	0 3	0 3
2 " red ..	0 5	0 6
4 " brown..	0 8	0 9
8 " blue ..	1 6	1 6
1 rupee carmine ..	2 0	2 6
2 " brown red ..	3 6	4 6
3 " slate violet ..	4 6	7 0
4 " light blue ..	6 0	9 0
5 " sap green ..	7 6	11 6

NOTE.—The sheets were imperforate on the four outer margins, the corner stamps being imperforate on two sides. All but the 2, 3, 4 and 5 rupees are met with imperforate, and nearly all partially perforate—i.e., imperforate vertically or horizontally.

4 annas grey, imperforate only ..	45 0	45 0
8 " " perf. 14 ..	10 0	10 0
1 rupee " " ..	20 0	20 0

NOTE.—These three were intended for fiscal, but are available for postal, purposes.

1891 provisional issue.

½ anna, overprinted in black on 2a... ..	30 0	35 0
1 " " written in black on 4a. ..	50 0	50 0

1891 permanent issue, perf. 14.		
2½ annas black on yellow ..	1 0	1 0
3 " " red ..	0 7	1 0
4½ " lilac ..	0 9	1 6

NOTE.—These three stamps were issued and used in an imperforate state.

1894 provisionals.

5 annas black overprint on 8 annas..	10 0	17 6
7½ " " " " 1 rupee ..	10 0	25 0

1894 permanent issue, perf. 14.		
5 annas black and grey ..	0 9	1 6
7½ " " white..	1 0	2 6
1895 provisional.		
½ anna, written on 3 annas ..	20 0	20 0
1895 provisional issue, being stamps of preceding issues overprinted "British East Africa" in three lines.		
½ anna, black overprint on brown ..	20 0	20 0
1 " " " on green ..	20 0	20 0
2 " " " red ..	20 0	20 0
2½ " " " blk. and yel. 30 0	30 0	30 0
3 " " " brn. and red 6 6	6 6	12 6
4 " " " brown ..	5 6	12 6
4½ " " " lilac ..	20 0	20 0
5 " " " blk. & green 20 0	20 0	20 0
7½ " " " black ..	17 6	20 0
8 " " " blue ..	15 0	15 0
1 rupee " " carmine ..	10 0	17 6
2 " " " brown red..	35 0	35 0
3 " " " slate violet 30 0	30 0	35 0
4 " " " bright blue 35 0	35 0	50 0
5 " " " sap green ..	60 0	75 0

1896 provisional.

2½ rupees red overprint on 4½ annas, black and lilac ..

NOTE.—The overprint being formed with crude apparatus, many misprints and double printings are met with.

1896 Indian stamps overprinted in black "British East Africa" in three lines.

½ anna black overprint on green ..	0 9	1 0
1 " " " plum ..	1 0	2 0
1½ " " " brown ..	1 3	3 0
2 " " " blue ..	1 9	3 0
2½ " " " green ..	2 3	4 0
2½ " " overprint in red on 1½ annas black and brown ..	40 0	20 0
3 " " black overprint on orange ..	5 0	10 0
4 " " " olive ..	2 0	4 0
6 " " " bistre ..	2 6	5 0
8 " " " purple ..	3 0	4 6
12 " " " brown and red 4 0	4 0	10 0
1 rupee " " slate ..	36 0	50 0
2 " " " carmine & brn. 6 0	6 0	10 0
3 " " " brown & green 9 6	9 6	15 0
5 " " " blue & violet ..	14 6	25 0
1 " " " carm. & green 12 6	12 6	20 0

1896 permanent issue for British East Africa Protectorate.

½ anna yellow green ..	0 2	—
1 " carmine rose ..	0 3	—
2 " chocolate ..	0 5	—
2½ " deep blue ..	0 6	—
3 " grey ..	0 6	—
4 " dark green ..	0 8	—
4½ " orange ..	0 9	—
5 " bistre ..	1 0	—

7½ annas, lilac	..	..	1	3	—
8 „ stone	..	..	1	4	—
1 rupee blue	..	..	2	6	—
2 „ red	..	..	4	6	—
3 „ violet	..	..	6	6	—
4 „ carmine	..	..	9	0	—
5 „ dark brown	..	..	12	0	—
1896 provisional issue for Zanzibar Protectorate,					
Indian stamps overprinted "Zanzibar."					
½ anna black overprint on green	..	0	6	—	—
1 „ „ plum	..	0	9	—	—
1½ „ „ brown	..	0	9	—	—
2 „ „ blue	..	1	0	—	—
2½ „ „ green	..	1	3	—	—
2½ „ „ 1 anna plum	..	—	—	—	—
2½ „ red	..	1½ „ blk. and	—	—	—
		brown	..	20	0
3 „ black	..	orange	..	1	6
4 „ „	..	olive	..	3	6
6 „ „	..	bistre	..	4	6
8 „ „	..	purple	..	10	0
12 „ „	..	brown and red	5	0	—
1 rupee	..	slate	..	50	0
1 „ „	..	carm. & green	12	6	—
2 „ „	..	„ brown	6	6	—
3 „ „	..	brown & green	10	0	—
5 „ „	..	blue & violet	16	0	—
					30 0

NOTE.—Varieties of all the small stamps may be found with the second Z of much smaller type, with R inverted on several values; also with errors Zanzibar and Zanzibar.

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THE Philatelic Club gave their Third Monthly "At Home" on Thursday evening, Aug. 6th, when their spacious rooms at 40, Jermyn Street, were filled by a large and distinguished company. The concert was under the direction of the Secretary, Mr. H. Lawrence Harris, and the programme contained no less than forty items, and with only two exceptions, all the artistes announced appeared. Miss Yvette Violette, from the Empire Theatre, sang two songs, and artisti-

cally imitated Yvette Guilbert; the Comtesse de Bressant gave two new songs of her own composition, accompanied on the pianoforte by Signor Romili; Miss Susetta Fenn, Miss Miss Helen St. John, Mr. Sinclair Dunn, Mr. Arthur Barry, and Mr. Lynan Knight were the principal vocalists; Miss Emma Barnet, Miss Buffin and Signa Angelo Mascheioni contributed piano solos; Mr. Jack Davids a violin solo; Miss Florence Glamoye, Miss Norah Hastings, Miss Hilda Trevelyan, Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Stanville recited, and Mrs. Albert Barker gave her clear imitation of birds. Light refreshments were served in the Board Room, and wines and spirits were served in the smoking and card rooms. These soirees are given on the first Thursday in every month.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The packets for the last two months have not maintained the excellence of the early summer ones, but, no doubt, they will improve now that the stamp season is again upon us. There are vacancies for one or two good members still, rules on application to the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. Members who join now have no subscription to pay until January.

THE NORTH LONDON STAMP EXCHANGE.—This exchange has been formed and first packet will start 1st October, sheets for which should be sent in by 25th September to the secretary, J. R. Leresche, 2, Mapesbury Road, Brondesbury, London, who will also forward copy of rules on application.

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Br. Bechuana on English $\frac{3}{4}$, 1, 2, 4, 6 and 1/- sets ...	7	6	—	—
British East Africa, 1895, sur. 4an....	6	0	—	—
Canada, 2c., 1859, unused ...	6	0	—	—
" 3c. black (2/4 per 100) ...	0	1	0	3
Egypt, 20 on spi., inverted surcharge	2	3	—	—
Great Britain, 1d. Mulready Wrapper, unused, fine ...	15	0	—	—
Ditto, 1d. Mulready Caricatures, six different, the lot ...	15	0	—	—
Madagascar, " Brit. Vice Consulate," 1d. red and black ...	15	0	—	—
Ditto ditto 2d. ditto ...	16	0	—	—
Ditto, "Brit. Consular Mail," 1d. ditto	15	0	—	—
Ditto ditto 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. ditto	14	0	—	—
Ditto ditto 2d. ditto	16	0	—	—
New Brunswick, 1c. brown... ..	4	0	—	—
" 1c. mauve	0	9	—	—
" 2c. orange	0	3	—	—
" 5c. green	0	2	—	—
" 5c. dark green	0	3	—	—
" 10c. red	1	3	—	—
" 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue	1	3	—	—
" 17c. black	0	8	—	0
Newfoundland 13c. orange	4	0	—	—
" 24c. blue	1	9	—	—
" 3c. black	1	—	5	—
" 2c. green (roul.)	2	6	—	—
" 3c. slate	0	2	1	8
Niger Coast, <i>Provl.</i> , $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1/- (cat. 15/9) set	10	6	—	—
" 1, 2, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5d., 1/- set	7	6	—	—
" 1894, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1/- set	3	3	—	—
North Borneo, 1c. to 24c. (sets) sur. on 1 dol. (set of 4)	3	6	—	—
" 5	0	—	—	—
Oil Rivers, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1/- set	7	6	—	—
Peru, the rare 25c., Arequipa, 1882, (cat. 15 marks)	2	6	—	—
Do., error 25 (only one on a sheet of 50)	45	0	—	—
Queensland 1d. with <i>bureld</i>	2	6	—	—
" $\frac{1}{2}$ d., with <i>bureld</i>	0	8	6	0
" $\frac{1}{2}$ d., <i>secret mark</i>	0	4	3	3
" $\frac{1}{2}$ d., thick paper	1	0	—	—
Sarawak (new issue), sets 2, 4, 6 & 8 cents	1	4	12	6
Spain (1864), 4 cuartos	0	5	4	0
Straits, 1 on 12, purple, (scarce)	1	6	15	0
Straits, 1 on 8 yellow (6/6 per 100)	1	—	9	—
St. Vincent, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1/-, set	11	0	—	—
Sungei Ujong, 1c. on 5c. <i>provisional</i>	0	2	1	6
Tobago, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 4, 6d., 1/- sets	3	6	—	—
Tonga $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 4d.	5	—	3	0
" 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1/-	6	—	4	6
U.S.A. (Columbus iss.) 1c. to 30c. (sets)	5	0	—	—
" 1c. to 30c. (sets)	8	0	—	—
Victoria, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rose	0	1	0	7

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	1		10	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Argentina 40c.	—	3	—	9
Bosnia, 20 n., <i>scarce</i>	0	2	1	6
" $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, set	0	8	—	—
Br. Bechuana, 1888, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black and scarlet	0	2	—	—
" " 1d. black and lilac	0	4	—	—
" " 2d. " " "	0	3	—	—
" " 4d. " " "	1	3	—	—
" " 6d. " " "	0	9	—	—
" " 1/- black and green	1	0	—	—
" " 1d. with numeral ...	0	8	—	—
" " 2d. " " "	0	6	—	—
" " 1891, 1d. black and carmine	2	0	—	—
" " 2d. black and brown	1	6	—	—
" " 1892, 1d. on English ...	0	2	1	10
" " 2d. " " "	0	3	2	4
" " 4d. " " "	1	0	—	—
" " 6d. " " "	1	0	—	—
" " Prot. 1888, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black and scarlet	1	0	—	—
" " 2d. black and lilac	0	10	—	—
" " 4d. black and scarlet	2	6	—	—
" " 1/- black and green	1	6	—	—
Bulgaria, 30st., 1889	—	2	1	8
" 25st., <i>unpaid</i> , perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$	—	3	2	6
Canada, 1868, 2c., poor copy, wmkd M...	3	6	—	—
Canada, 5c. blue	1	3	—	—
Cape, 1d. on 2d.	0	2	1	6
Columbia (Garzon), '94, 1c., blue <i>quadrill</i>	4	0	—	—
" " 1 peso,	6	6	—	—
" " June '94, 1c. used on env.	12	6	—	—
Great Britain, 2 1 (crowns)	12	6	—	—
Greece, 1869, 20 l. imperf.	—	1	—	4
Holland (King) 1 gulden	0	8	—	—
" 2gul, 50c.	1	3	—	—
Hong Kong 20c. on 30c.	—	2	1	5
Hungary, 1 florin, red and silver	2	—	1	0
" 3 florins, red and bronze ...	6	—	4	0
India $\frac{1}{2}$ a. no wmk., 27/- per 100	—	4	3	0
Japan, 1 yen. (cat. 6/-)	3	0	—	—
Newfoundland, 3c. rouf. (cat. 2/6)	1	3	11	0
" 2c. green (rouf.)	3	0	—	—
" 2c. green (perf.)	2	6	—	—
" 3c. blue (rouf.)	2	3	—	—
" 24c. blue	2	0	—	—
Nova Scotia, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black	4	0	—	—
Servia (1880) 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, paras 1 dinar	0	6	—	—
" (1890) 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50p. 1 dinar	1	0	—	—
Servia (1880) 50p.	0	2	1	0
South Australia (1870), 1d., perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10	2	6	—	—
Spain, 1885, official (on orig. paper) 4on	0	4	3	3
" 1on	0	4	3	3
Turkey (1892 <i>Imprimt</i>) sets 10, 20, and 1 and 2 piastres	0	10	7	9
U.S.A. Columbian 10c.	3	—	2	6
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Canada, 2c., 1859, unused ...	6 0	—
" " ½c. black (2/4 per 100) ...	0 1	0 3
Egypt, 20 on 5pl., inverted surcharge ...	2 3	—
Great Britain, 1d. Mulready Wrapper, unused, fine ...	15 0	—
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" " 2c. orange ...	0 3	—
" " 5c. green ...	0 2	—
" " 5c. dark green ...	0 3	—
" " 10c. red ...	1 3	—
" " 12½c. blue ...	1 3	—
" " 17c. black ...	0 8	0
Newfoundland 13c. orange ...	4 0	—
" " 24c. blue ...	1 9	—
" " ½c. black ...	1 1	5
" " 2c. green (roul.) ...	2 6	—
" " 3c. slate ...	0 2	1 8
Niger Coast, <i>Provl.</i> , ½d. to 1/- (cat. 15/9) set ...	10 6	—
" " ½, 1, 2½, 5d., 1/- set ...	7 6	—
" " 1894, ½d. to 1/- set ...	3 3	—
North Borneo, 1c. to 24c. (sets) ...	3 6	—
" " sur. on 1 dol. (set of 4) ...	5 0	—
Oil Rivers, ½d. to 1/- set ...	7 6	—
Peru, the rare 25c., Arequipa, 1882, (cat. 15 marks) ...	2 6	—
Do. error 25 (only one on a sheet of 50) ...	45 0	—
Queensland 1d. with <i>bureld</i> ...	2 6	—
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" " ½d., secret mark ...	0 4	3 3
" " ½d., thick paper ...	1 0	—
Sarawak (new issue), sets 2, 4, 6 & 8 cents ...	1 4	12 6
Spain (1864), 4 cuartos ...	0 5	4 0
Straits, 1 on 12, purple, (scarce) ...	1 6	15 0
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" " " " 1d. black and lilac ...	0 2	—
" " " " 2d. " " " ...	0 4	—
" " " " 3d. " " " ...	0 3	—
" " " " 4d. " " " ...	1 3	—
" " " " 6d. " " " ...	0 9	—
" " " " 1/- black and green ...	1 0	—
" " " " 1d. with numeral ...	0 8	—
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" " " " 1891, 1d. black and carmine ...	2 0	—
" " " " 2d. black and brown ...	1 6	—
" " " " 1892, 1d. on English ...	0 2	1 10
" " " " 2d. " " " ...	0 3	2 4
" " " " 4d. " " " ...	1 0	—
" " " " 6d. " " " ...	1 0	—
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" " " " 2d. black and lilac ...	0 10	—
" " " " 4d. black and scarlet ...	2 6	—
" " " " 1/- black and green ...	1 6	—
Bulgaria, 30st., 1889 ...	2	1 8
" " 25st., unpaid, perf. 11½ ...	3	2 6
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Canada, 50c. blue ...	1 3	—
Cape, 1d. on 2d. ...	0 2	1 6
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" " " " 1 peso, " " " ...	6 6	—
" " " " June '94, 1c. used on env. ...	12 6	—
Great Britain, £ 1 (crowns) ...	12 6	—
Greece, 1889, 20 l. imperf. ...	1	—
Holland (King) 1 gulden ...	0 8	4
" " " " 2gul. 50c. ...	1 3	—
Hong Kong 20c. on 30c. ...	2	1 5
Hungary, 1 florin, red and silver ...	2	1 0
" " " " 3 florins, red and bronze ...	6	4 0
India ½a. no wmk., 27/- per 100 ...	4	3 0
Japan, 1 yen. (cat. 6/-) ...	3 0	—
Newfoundland, 3c. rouf (cat. 2/6) ...	1 3	11 0
" " " " 2c. green (roul.) ...	3 0	—
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Nova Scotia, 12½c. black ...	4 0	—
Servia (1880) 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, paras 1 dinar ...	0 6	—
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benefit all round. We shall endeavour to send to all our regular supporters one or two extra copies with a request that they will hand them to friends who are likely to appreciate our little paper. When we say that at this moment we have a list of over forty persons, in every quarter of the globe, who have, within the last two or three weeks, asked us to send them copies for this purpose, our readers will agree that we have a right to expect good and substantial results from the enterprise. We do not pretend to purely philanthropic motives—it is business with us and we hope to have a lot of extra support for this issue in order that we may present the best appearance possible to our new friends. We feel confident that no one will regret having an advertisement in our fiftieth issue, and already we have a lot of space taken up. Advertisements *must* reach us by October 3rd to ensure insertion. *Verb. sap.* Will those of our friends who are subscribers to the *Chronicle* only please take notice that they will not have the fiftieth *Advertiser*. To anyone who sends us a request to that purport we shall be only too pleased to send one, but the free copies will be despatched, as a rule, only to those who are at present not in touch with either of our publications. If any subscriber to the *Chronicle* wishes to receive the intermediate issues of *The Advertiser* regularly, viz., those published about the 5th of the month, it is necessary to send sixpence to pay for the postage of them.

CHRONICLE.

MNTIQUA.—A new set, similar to the 1892 issue, but with numerals at the bottom of the band round the arms, has been issued. White paper, perf. 14.

2c. lilac grey.	10c. lilac.
2½c. red brown.	20c. orange brown.
3c. pale red.	50c. grey brown.
5c. green.	

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—New surcharges.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ of 2d. used as 1 penny.
 1d in black on 2d. green.

NIGER COAST.—We read that the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 5d. have been printed in fresh shades.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. H. A. Young informs us that the 3d. brown will come out with the white ground shortly. The same correspondent tells us of a variety of the 2d., but does not give particulars.

SANTANDER.—The current 5c. has changed colour.

5c. yellow green.

TRINIDAD.—The new stamps bear a design of Britannia seated.

¼d. lilac and green.	5d. lilac and lilac.
1d. „ rose.	6d. „ black.
2½d. „ blue.	1/- green and red.
4d. „ orange.	

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

MS promised last month, I have looked into the matter of dates, with reference to the changes in types of rms on postcards. The earliest date on which I can find a card of type III. used, is Jan. 24th, 1888. I find type II. on *pale* buff cards used in March, 1886, but as I have few used cards of the necessary period to examine, I cannot fix the date of this change to a year, though I think it was in 1884 or 1885, as I have a *dark* buff card which I remember to have been current in 1883. The 3d. card, which was in use from July, 1889, to Dec., 1890, always bears arms of type II., though type III. had appeared on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. cards for at least 18 months previous to its issue.

The foregoing remarks apply only to “official” cards, i.e., those printed for and sold by the post office. The “printed-to-order” cards, impressed for persons supplying their own material, form another series with a separate history, having never corresponded in detail with their official contemporaries. The first type of this series is of course the well-known oval stamp, embossed in pink, and on those cards the public had to print the words “post card” themselves. Arms of type III. have never been used for the private series, and the regulations have never allowed anything but *white* cardboard of certain limits as to thickness to be printed upon. The main

distinction from the white post office card at the present time is, that arms of *type II.* are always used. While this type was on the official cards, the private ones had no arms at all, and the earliest date I find such a card used is June 13th, 1884, so that the square impressed stamp, accompanied by the words "post card" in same colour, probably superseded the embossed oval about the beginning of that year; and I expect that when the present type appeared on post office cards, *type II.* was immediately employed to remedy the unfinished appearance which the arms-less issue had hitherto presented.

The material of the private cards coming from thousands of different sources has necessarily varied, and the close resemblance some of it bears to that used by the contractors to the post office makes it almost impossible to be sure as to which class some white cards belong, of those used about the time of the last change of arms.

About a year ago a decided change in the colour employed for printing private cards took place, which since that time have continued to show a shade quite distinct from that of the official cards. This also applies to wrappers stamped to order, the change of colour on both cards and wrappers being, roughly speaking, from a pinkish to a yellowish brown.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. adhesives, overprint "ARMY OFFICIAL," came into use on the 1st of this month; and by the courtesy of Mr. H. Ewen, I have seen a used specimen of the 1d. value. The type on this and the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is identical with that used for the lower values of I.R. OFFICIAL, and the inscription is in two lines, 12mm. apart. Mr. Ewen kindly informs me that the $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. value is surcharged in thicker type, and that the space between only measures $9\frac{1}{2}$ mm.

I wonder what the next official overprint is to be. Are we going to have as many "departmentals" as Brother Jonathan with his nine sets? We already have four.

A Canadian reader of the *P. C. & A.* has, since last month, reported that he had found a specimen of 1d. red, plate 126! I wrote and congratulated him, asking to be allowed to see the stamp, as the publicity we could give his discovery would not do him any harm should he wish to realize. He has therefore kindly sent me the stamp, and at first sight it does look more like 126 than anything else; the postmark only leaves the number visible on one side, but on closer inspection it turns out to be 123, the 3 being slightly imperfect, and to complete the illusion there is a tiny accidental white speck just to the left of centre of figure, almost joining the ends of the arms. But it does not make a 6 to correspond in type with that figure on other numbers, which are all alike, whilst the 3 corresponds perfectly in outline. We are sorry to disappoint the owner, but have returned him the stamp, and can give him the consolation of knowing

that no one else can ever discover 126 on the 1d., as that plate, it is known for certain, was *never* printed from; unlike Nos. 70 and 77, which did produce a very few impressions. By the way, plate 120 of the 1d. has been known to play the same trick on the eyesight, pretending to be 126.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

NOW, indeed, are the mighty fallen. Three months ago the 8½c. Nova Scotia was bought readily at twenty-five shillings—now it is dear at ten. The biggest London firm then offered their whole stock, some 300 in number, to a buyer at 25/- each taking the lot, now they hold a great stock of remainders, probably amounting to thousands, and the price is under a half-sovereign. By Mr. Hilckes' auction summary we see that the average price—used or unused—last season, was about 24/-.

The ever-enterprising Mr. Gray is issuing a new edition of his well-known "Waterloo" packet. Every purchaser gets 100 different stamps, including a surcharged Siam, Queensland one shilling, surcharged St. Vincent, U.S.A. 1863, sets of Japan and Portugal, Luxemburg, &c., &c. In addition to these every purchaser gets two sets of stamps as an extra—5 used Honduras and 5 Portuguese Colonies. I am sending for one and you had better do the same.

The new Philatelic Club and Exchange had another very successful conversation on Sept. 3rd at their rooms, 40, Jermyn Street, London, and a most pleasant evening was spent by the numerous company present. The next soiree is on Thursday, Oct. 1st. The committee have arranged with Mr. W. Hadlow to hold auctions at various dates. It has been decided to allow non-members to join the postal exchange, particulars from the secretary.

At the beginning of a season many dealers require a stock of approval sheets, approval books, and packet envelopes. To all such we would recommend the Northern Stamp Co., of Great Horton, Bradford. This old-established firm is offering all requisites for dealers at very cheap prices. For further particulars see advertisement in this issue.

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

BY PERCY T. DEAKIN.

SECTION II. BELGIAN TYPE.

ON April 1st, 1886, a new design came into use, manufactured in Brussels, and the stamps typographed on white wove paper. They are

of a slightly larger size and are very carefully printed: the values consist of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 lepta and 1 drachma. The 25 and 50 lepta and 1 drachma were issued in 1886, and the remainder in February, 1888.

1886-88. BELGIAN PRINTS.
(Imperforate)

- 1 lepton, yellow brown.
- 2 lepta, pale ochre.
- 5 " yellow green.
- 10 " orange of rather a golden shade.
- 20 " rose.
- 25 " pale blue and dark blue.
- 40 " lilac.
- 50 " dull green.
- 1 drachma, grey.

These stamps vary in tint very little, except the 10 lepta value, in which may be found about three slight variations.

On the 25th of May, 1889, the Belgian stamps were perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$ on the following values:—1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 40 lepta.

1889-91. ATHENS PRINTS.

The Athens prints were made from the Belgian plates without any alteration or retouching being made to the design, and the impressions vary very much in colour and printing. The colours of the inks in the earlier prints are very similar to those of the Belgians, especially in some specimens of the 10 lepta, which is the most troublesome to separate. I have divided my Athens prints into two sections, those on *yellowish and brownish* papers and those on *ordinary white wove*. The Athens prints are watermarked in the sheet, in Greek letters, signifying "paper of public service," and the watermark runs horizontally across three panes of stamps only (270×35mm.), so that many stamps are found unwatermarked. They were first issued imperforate, and the colours are as follows:—

1 lepton, pale brown, dark brown, red brown in several shades, and olive brown.

5 lepta, pale and dark yellow green in about five tints: some of the impressions being very bad.

10 lepta, golden orange, deep orange (reddish and yellowish), deep dull orange and deep bright orange. There are a good number of colour variations, and, as usual, many are very poorly printed, those of the golden shade being the best. The paper will usually distinguish them from the Belgians, if the stamp is in fine condition, as the Belgian paper is slightly smoother and finer on the surface.

20 lepta, pale carmine and deep carmine in about three or four shades, pale rose, brownish rose, and lilac rose, rather deep. There are some very pretty tints in the rose coloured stamps.

25 lepta, pale blue in about three shades of colour, deep blue, deep dull blue, the latter sometimes of a purplish tinge when deeply printed, and ultramarine, dark and light.

40 lepta, lilac in several shades, all redder in tint than the Belgian prints and generally rather deeply printed.

1889-91. *Perforated Series.*

On May 25th, 1889, the 1 lepton brown and 20l. rose and 20l. carmine were issued, perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$, and in March and May, 1891, the Belgian prints were issued, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$ in the 50 lepta and 1 drachma values. I have also come across the 1 lepton Belgian print unofficially pin perf. horizontally, and no doubt others exist or can be made to order.

Some sheets of remainders of type I. issue of 1876-1878 of the 1, 2 and 10 lepta values were also issued with the same perforation. In 1891 the Athens prints, type II., were regularly issued perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$, but as far as I have already noticed the colours are not quite so varied as in the imperforate stamps.

1 lepton, red brown, yellow brown, and olive brown.

5 lepta, green, yellowish to bluish in about four shades.

10 lepta, orange, yellowish orange, golden orange of a deeper colour, about six different printings in all.

20 lepta, carmine, pale to deep, in about three tints, and rose in about two tints.

25 lepta, blue, in two or three tints, varying but slightly from one another. I have not come across the ultramarine, perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.

40 lepta, lilac, heavily printed.

The 2 lepton was perforated $13\frac{1}{2}$, and is found in pale yellowish ochre, brownish ochre, and dark brownish ochre.

The 40 lepta was also issued later perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$ in pale lilac.

JANUARY, 1892. ATHENS PRINTS.

The 2 lepta was issued imperf. in pale ochre of rather a washed-out appearance, and also in reddish brown ochre, rather deeper printed, both on the watermarked paper and in the same year, also perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ in both shades of colour.

1893. ATHENS PRINTS.

(Colour changes.)

The colours of the 25 and 40 lepta were reversed, the 25 lepta appearing in lilac and the 40 lepta in deep blue. They do not vary much in colour, and were both issued imperforate and perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$. In 1895 the colour of the 40 was slightly altered to a more purplish blue (indigo in the catalogues), both imperforate and perf. $11\frac{1}{2}$.

1895. ATHENS PRINTS.

In this year we get the high values of 50 lepta and 1 drachma printed in Athens. They are from the same plates as the Belgian issue, and are without any retouching or distinguishing mark, but can be readily picked out as they are of the usual smudgy character. The colours are the same as before, 50 lepta, dull green, 1 drachma, grey, and are both perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ and imperf.

(To be continued.)

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Rd., B'ham.

The packets for August are remarkably good for the holiday season, and total £2,460 17s. 8½d. The separate packets being—

(A) Foreign and Colonial ..	£981	1	5½
(B) British Colonials only ..	1,238	10	1
(C) Foreign only ..	341	6	2

Many members being away on their holidays have not sent in sheets, but the quality of those sent in is very good.

The sales are also keeping very satisfactory and vary from 25% to 32% of the total value according to the length of circuit. Everything that is really fine and scarce is selling at a very high rate.

The membership of the Society has exactly doubled in the past ten months, the total now being 154. This number is likely to be very largely increased, especially after October 1st, as we have a very large number of applications from prominent philatelists to consider.

The first meeting of the next session will be the Annual General Business Meeting for election of officers, passing accounts, revision of Rules, etc., on Thursday, Oct. 1st, at 8 p.m.

All subscriptions commence from Oct. 1st.

Anyone having for sale good unused Europeans, and old Colonials will find a ready market at very remunerative prices. Although it has been said that Australians have been selling badly, we have particularly noted that sheets of these sent in by our Australian and other members, although marked at dealers' own prices, have been cleared as well as any, excepting perhaps very fine sheets of unused West Indies.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—In spite of the warm weather the July and August packets showed little signs of falling off in point of quality or quantity. Now that the holiday season is drawing to a close it is anticipated that contributions will again reach their high level, and that no delay will occur in circulation of packets. 263 members are now enrolled, and four packets (two containing none but sheets valued at £5 and upwards) are sent out every month. Fresh supplies of stationery now ready for distribution. Medium and advanced collectors welcomed, rules and full information on

application from the Secretary: H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

THE INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXCHANGE.—This Society is advancing by leaps and bounds and every collector who wants a sound and reliable exchange club cannot do better than send to Mr. A. E. C. Lyall, 78, Loanhead Terrace, Aberdeen, for particulars, which are embodied in a neat little book of twelve pages, sent post free on application.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

BY E. R. ALDRICH.

THE Convention of the American Philatelic Association, held at Minnetonka Beach, August 11th, 12th and 13th, will go down in the history of the society as the most harmonious that the convention has ever held. The only thing to mar the pleasures of the occasion was the absence of President Tiffany, owing to the advice of his physicians. For ten years he has held the helm which has guided the grand American philatelic ship, both through the raging billows of disaster and internal strife and through the placid seas of harmony and prosperity, and it seems to be mete and right, that, when declining a re-election, of which he was practically assured, that he should have been present to give a valedictory address. Fate ordained otherwise, and the only consolation in this regard was that the illness was not fatal.

Treasurer Chandler called the association to order, and presided at the first two sessions, after which H. G. Smith, of Winona, Minn., was chosen chairman pro tem.

Nothing of importance occurred at the first two sessions save the reference of reports to committees. The chairmen of the various committees being:—Constitution, H. G. Smith; Rules, H. S. Swensen; Library, E. R. Aldrich; Official Organ, H. C. Beardsley; Branch Societies, F. C. Michaels; Finance, Geo. Gregory; Purchasing and Exchange Department, Jos. Beard. At the second session D. J. McDermott withdrew the name of Clifford W. Kissinger as candidate for director.

The third session was called to order at 10.30, Aug. 12th. The report of Credential Committee showed 674 proxies held, while 34 members answered to roll call. The secretary's report showed 1,046 members in good standing. The treasurer's report showed a deficit in the treasury in the general funds, although nearly \$1,300 was in stock fund and over \$100 in entertainment fund. A letter from Vice-President Davison, relative to the insurance feature in the exchange department, which scheme was later

on, by change in bye-laws, made compulsory on members consigning stamps to this department

Geo. S. Carion, of San Francisco, was expelled, not having made the defence promised at last year's session.

At 12.15 adjournment was taken until the call of the gavel, and the 1.30 train taken for Minneapolis, where as guests of the St. Paul and Minneapolis societies the members enjoyed a trolley-car ride to the various points of interest in the two cities. Lunch was served at the rooms of the Commercial Club in Minneapolis, with Mr. W. R. Young acting as toastmaster. The following responded to toast:—Mr. N. W. Chandler, H. C. Beardsley, Hy. Gremmell, C. H. Mekeel, A. W. Batchelder, J. F. Beard, and E. R. Aldrich.

On Thursday morning (Aug. 18th) the delegates boarded the steamer, *Acte*, for a trip around the lakes, and a picnic dinner at the Hermitage. At the latter point, at 1.30, the fourth session was called to order, and the Committee on Credentials tendered a final report, making 700 proxies held, while at various times 37 had been present in person. The new board of directors, as announced by the committee, are F. P. Alney (President), Willard C. Van Derlip, Geo. L. Toppen, and J. L. Kilbon (Vice-Presidents), N. W. Chandler (Treasurer), Jos. F. Beard (Secretary), N. W. Phillips (Assistant Secretary), E. Doebliu (International Secretary), and Geo. H. Mekeel (Superintendent of Sales and Purchasing Department). Mr. C. W. Kissinger, who had withdrawn in the interest of harmony, received the second highest poll, 871 votes, and deserved much credit for sacrificing his personal ambition for the best interests of the society.

The changes in bye-laws of importance are (1) dues \$1.80; (2) Minors becoming members to furnish bond instead of guarantee; (3) *American Philatelist*, the year book, to be published in November; (4) Insurance of stamps in Exchange Department at 1% made compulsory upon owners; (5) Indebtedness to this department for thirty days after notification renders members liable to expulsion.

Mekeel's *Weekly* will act as official organ during ensuing year, and reports will be printed weekly.

After the return to the hotel the final session was held, and Boston was chosen as next convention seat, and the date to be within 30 days of Sept. 1st, 1897.

The PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA held their annual convention at Minnetonka Beach, Minnesota, on August 19th and the following days. The dues were fixed at 50c. per year, and Atlantic City, N.J., was chosen for next year's meeting. O. K. Carstarphen was elected President; R. W. Ashoroff, Vice-President; C. Beamish, Secretary; G. W. Kissinger, Treasurer; and L. T. Brodstone, Advertising and Subscription Agent.

At the fifth annual convention of the SONS OF PHILATELIA, at Gettysburg, Pa., Benjamin P. Thomas was chosen President; J. E. Zahn, Vice-President; R. M. Miller, Secretary; P. L. Messer, Treasurer; and Leon G. Lambert, Purchasing Agent. The convention seat for 1897 is Nashville, Tenn.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS.

CIRCULAR No. 6. 391, Strand, London, W. C.

THE Society, in conjunction with the Special Committee appointed by the London Philatelic Society, having taken into consideration the Stamps mentioned below, are of opinion that they are not worth the attention of the Philatelists, and appeal to all Collectors and Dealers to discountenance collecting or dealing in the same.

25. Uruguay. From the *Monte Video Times*, of July 14th, and also from an Official Circular received from the DIRECCION GENERAL of Posts and Telegraphs, we learn that it was proposed to issue a set of stamps to commemorate the inauguration of the statue of Don Joaquin Suarez. The set consists of the following values:—

1 Centesimo (portrait of Suarez) black and violet.
5 " (statue of Suarez) " and sky blue.
10 " (the Suarez monument) black and carmine.

This set was to be concurrent with the regular issue, from the 18th July to the 25th August. The following extract from the newspaper above named expresses very pertinently what business people think of such an issue:—"After August 26th they will no longer be valid for postal purposes, but may be changed for similar values of the current emission until Sept. 30th. This issue will not affect the present emission, which remains valid and may be used concurrently. This is all very well, but instead of attending to these 'celebration' emissions—which have been so grossly abused by many countries of late years that they have lost all value with genuine stamp collectors, and are shunned by the more respectable dealers—we think it would be far better if the Post Office endeavoured to supply the present painful deficiency of postcards, stamped envelopes and wrappers, the want of which is a serious detriment to commerce. As we said recently, it is a monstrous thing that a note or acknowledgment of two or three lines cannot be sent abroad except in a letter costing 10 cents, instead of on a postcard of 2 or 3 cents. It is some two years now that we have been without postcards, and the Post Office is seriously to blame, besides being a loser,

for not paying more attention to the ordinary wants of the public."

26. Venezuela. A commemoration set has lately been issued, consisting of the following values:—5c., 10c., 25c., 50c., and 1 bolivar, but we have at present no further information concerning them.

GORDON SMITH,
Sec. S.S.S.S.

HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,

Hon Sec. to Special Committee, London Philatelic Society.
29th August, 1896.

NOTICES.

MR. HARRY HILCKES has issued No. 2 *Auction Summary*, being an epitome of the auction prices realised during the period from Sept. 1st, 1895, to July 31st, 1896. The book is as neat in appearance and as reliable in information as that of last year, and this issaying a great deal. While perfectly understanding that the many fortuitous circumstances which attend auction sales render the results anything but infallible it is certain that the average amount which a stamp fetches in three or four sales cannot be far off its actual value—hence the necessity for a book of easy reference like Mr. Hilckes' Summary. The prices are as before, 2/6 with finger index, and 1/6 without.

We have received the following from Messrs. Butler Bros. :—

"We much regret that in consequence of family ill-health, owing to the relaxing nature of the climate of Oxford, we have been compelled to leave, and have removed to Clevedon. Our full postal address now is BUTLER BROS., CLEVEDON. We beg to thank you for your past favours which we have greatly esteemed, and we trust our pleasant connections with you may long continue. We have secured large and commodious premises for our new offices, and our efficient staff of assistants is still retained, so that all orders with which you may favour us will have the same careful and prompt attention as hitherto."

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IMPORTANT!!!

Read what customers say of "Waterloo" Packet No. 1, offered for sale during November, 1895:—

Mr. C. JAMES, Holly House, Boughton, Kettering, writing 9th November, says:—"Your 'Waterloo' Packet is very much better than any 1/- packet I have seen, and is worth 4/- or 5/-"

Mr. J. H. BROWN, 28, Arboretum Avenue, Lincoln, writing 23rd November, says:—"I was very pleased with 'Waterloo' Packet, which is the best one I have ever had. The approval sheets were very good."

Mr. A. C. SMART, Fairlight, Woodside Avenue, N. Finchley, London, N., writing 6th November, says:—"I was very pleased with 'Waterloo' Packet; I shall look out for more"

Mr. J. LOMAX, 103, Westbrooke St., Bolton-le-Moors, writing 17th November, says:—"I received 'Waterloo' Packet all right, and am very much pleased with it. The quality and condition of the stamps were excellent."

Mr. C. WALLIS, Clifton Lodge, Victoria Park, Rusholme, Manchester, writing 17th November, says:—"I think your 'Waterloo' Packet a marvel for the price, and it is quite worth double the money."

Mr. H. PRIESTLY, Charney Hall, Grange-over-Lands, writing 11th November, says:—"Your 'Waterloo' Packet and approval sheets gave me great satisfaction"

Mr. JAMES L. MARTEL, Belmont Place, King's Road, Guernsey, writing 10th November, says:—"Your 1/- 'Waterloo' Packet was the best 1/- packet that I ever bought."

Mr. A. G. WOODGATE, 64, Church Street, Stoke Newington, N., writing 8th November, says:—"I hope that you will soon bring out another packet like your 'Waterloo' one."

Mr. HARRY LONG, 10, High Street, Deal, writing 8th November, says:—"As for the 'Waterloo' Packet, I was never more pleased than when I received it. It was by far the best I have ever had from any firm. It excels all in every way."

Sets and Contents of "Waterloo" Packet No. 2 are quite different from last year's Packet.

ROBERT S. GRAY, 53, Waterloo Street, GLASGOW.

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
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3/- " " " C " 12 ...	—	—	20 0
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1d. lilac and carmine, 15 x 15½ ...	15 0	—	2 6
1d. lilac, white paper, anchor & cable, 15 x 15½ ...	2 6	2 6	0 2
1d. lilac, blue, ditto ...	2 6	2 6	0 2
3d. " blue, ditto ...	—	—	25 0
6d. " anchor and cable, 15 x 15½ ...	20 0	10 0	1 6
1d. lilac, white paper, anchor, 16 mms, 15 x 15½ ...	2 6	—	0 4
1d. lilac, blue ditto ...	4 0	—	0 4
3d. " white ditto ...	15 0	—	—
6d. " " ditto ...	25 0	—	1 0
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1d. lilac, blue paper, ditto ...	3 6	—	2 0
1d. " white paper, ditto ...	10 0	—	4 0
6d. " " ditto ...	5 0	—	0 6
6d. " " ditto perf. 14 ...	100 0	—	10 0
3d. " blue paper, anchor, 20 mms, perf. 14 ...	40 0	—	1 0
6d. lilac, ditto ...	20 0	—	1 0
1d. " network corners, perf. 14 ...	5 0	5 0	0 2
1d. " small corner ornaments, wmk anchor ...	0 9	0 6	0 1
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